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Dear Recruiting Team,

How the son of a Professor of Anatomy and a Federal Prison Librarian came to think hitting things might make a good profession is unclear. And yet I spent 10 years in higher education studying percussion performance and pedagogy. Go figure. But it is time now for this musician to get out of the world of academic politics and under-motivated college students, and put energy into making more tangible contributions to the wider world. (At least as far as software can be considered a tangible object...) The Android Developer position at Search Solutions, CA would be an amazing first step in this direction. I have attached my resume through the online application, and links to my website/portfolio and Github are included there. Though currently living in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, I am willing to relocate.

I am a self-taught Android developer. Through my extensive experience as a professional educator, I have cultivated the exceedingly valuable skills to learn new things. Teaching and performing music, as a soloist, chamber player, and orchestra member, I have developed the aptitude and attitude necessary to work in groups and teams of all sizes and composition. My self-directed learning has introduced me to a variety of coding languages and platforms. I recently completed the online Object Oriented Java Programming Specialization offered through the University of California San Diego on Coursera, and an introduction to the Agile development process through a University of Virginia Coursera class. My work in these classes, as well as several personal projects, have utilized a variety of IDE's, including Android Studio, IntelliJ, and Eclipse. I have learned to access RESTful, JSON, HTTP and XML data by building a number of Android apps as part of my studies on Coursera, Treehouse, and Udemy, and several text books.

I invite you to examine some of my recent coding projects on Github to ascertain my skills with Java and Android. In particular, I recommend you look at:

Look Ma! No Hands (<https://github.com/michaeloverman/LookMaNoHands> OR <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=tech.michaeloverman.android.mywatch>),

StickIt! (<https://github.com/michaeloverman/StickIt>),

and my Earthquake Map (<https://github.com/michaeloverman/recentearthquakes>).

The ReadMe files associated with each project on Github provide a brief overview.

If you have any questions about my background or experience, please don't hesitate to contact me in whatever way is most convenient for you. I am available for a conversation or meeting at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Michael Overman