

# Michael Overman

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Hello,

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 instead put energy into making more tangible contributions to the wider world. (At least as far as software can be considered a tangible object...) As a small step toward one of these contributions, I hope that you will accept this letter of application for the Android Engineer position. I have attached my resume through the online application, and links to my website/portfolio and github are listed below. Though currently living in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, I am willing to relocate.

My technical education is informal, but my background and extensive experience as a professional educator has applications to this position. Working as a musician and teaching aspiring musicians, as a soloist, chamber player, and orchestra member, I have learned the different skills and attitudes required to fit into and work in teams of all sizes and combinations of discipline. My self-directed coursework 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. I am currently studying the Agile development process through another Coursera class. My work in these classes, as well as several personal projects, have utilized several IDE's, including Android Studio, IntelliJ, and Eclipse. I have learned to access RESTful, JSON, HTTP and XML data through building a number of Android apps, as part of my studies on Coursera, Treehouse, and Udemy, and through a few 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.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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