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Re: Petition for an O1 visa on behalf of Sergei Golitsyn
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I am a Senior Software Engineer at OHM. My experience in the technology field amounts to >8 years. I work a lot with Java and my interest in this programming language inspired me to create my own podcast Javaswag, where I invite prominent developers and architects who share their experience and talk about everything related to Java and software development: microservices, frameworks, ML and more.

I also founded a group that brings together IT specialists to team up and prepare for job interviews at big international corporations. In this group, I met Sergei Golitsyn in 2020. We exchanged a lot of brilliant ideas related to interviews and test tasks and solved problems on Leetcode and within the group together. Sergei's ability to constantly generate absolutely amazing ideas and breakthrough solutions perfectly proved that he is a really talented and rare technology specialist of extraordinary abilities.

Having seen Sergei's pronounced technical faculties and a range of fruitful accomplishments at work, I thought that more people should be aware of his mastery and expertise, so I invited him to my podcast Javaswag. In this podcast, he talked about getting into software development after completing online courses, as well as paid attention to game development and gRPC microservices. The podcast record #23 with Sergei as an invited expert is available on SoundCloud: https://soundcloud.com/javaswag/e23.

I am also familiar with Sergei's online publications on the Habr platform about choosing between gRPC vs REST for a new server, gRPC from scratch and gRPC client. I believe that the programming and development experience that Sergei shares is of great service to both young and experienced developers. I also read the opinions of Sergei in the press and I agree with his point of view expressed in the article on Digital Report about popular and demanded programming languages. Indeed, the knowledge of Java will always be a great advantage, since it is a very flexible language able to adjust to changes, and such languages as C# and C++ are important too because they are closely related to mobile development and AR - the industries that keep growing and getting even more popular. Also, I am impressed by his commentary in the article on Habr, where he shared tips for successfully passing technical interviews.

Sergei always demonstrates an unwavering commitment to excellence and outstanding results, bringing significant benefits to the entire development industry. His unique combination of personal qualities and talent not only in applying technologies, but also in developing ingenious solutions of his own and improving existing ones, will be an invaluable asset for any enterprise that uses Sergei's expertise as one of the few in their field who have achieved recognition among the largest national and world projects.

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