

Dear Hiring Manager,

I believe you will find that my skills and experience are a great fit for this position. Please feel free to contact me to arrange an interview. I look forward to learning more about this opportunity. I have extensive experience in leadership, hands-on IT, & InfoSec. This exceptional breadth and depth over a wide range of knowledge domains enables me to excel at understanding how all the components & systems of an environment work most effectively together to help employers, clients, & partners achieve stakeholder goals.

I have worked with diverse technology systems since 1979, began paid programming work in 1981 at age 11, and significant Information Technology & Security independent, hands-on, team, design, and management experience.

In 2002 I acquired the SANS Institute's GCIH (Global Information Assurance Certified Incident Handler) Information Security certification. My research on the vulnerabilities of some specific VPN technologies, published by the SANS Institute in 2003 and continues on their FAQs page as the most comprehensive research on the topic. Google's ChromeOS developers cited my research multiple times in making technology decisions, even as recently as 2014.

In 2003 I rebuilt 2600's core IRC infrastructure, which had been offline for over a year after a massive DDoS eliminated their ability to provide IRC services. I have since been an honorary lifetime member.

In 2004 I reached a level of success in my career that I was able to semi-retire so I could focus on raising my 3 children as a single parent, they are now adults. During that time I never stopped my involvement with technology and information security, only slowed it down a little. I also hosted a terrestrial & Internet radio talk show, "Tech Talk With Hawke" at KYRS FM for several years, covering the latest information on technology, privacy, and security.

Since 2004 I have organized and facilitated a number of community groups including Java and Python software development, 2600, American Sign Language (ASL), Tolkien Society, science fiction & fantasy conventions, and more.

I have periodically continued to provide consulting services to select companies and individuals, and have been an occasional guest speaker at various schools, professional conferences, and conventions, on various topics ranging from Information technology, information security, and best practices for implementation of open source, and content management systems, to recreation therapy, music therapy, and RPG therapy.

I am now ready to ramp back up into the industry, and I especially wish to increase my focus in the Information Security sector, especially in the areas of security audits, incident handling, and penetration testing. I have continued with the occasional part-time and short-term projects, and am hoping to increase this frequency.