

Mobile Artisan

Thoora is going mobile! (Then again, who isn't?) We've got these portable gadgets coming out of our ears and we're pretty sure that they're not going away anytime soon. So what do we do and how can we put our kick-ass technology to its best use while we're out on the town? Those are some heavy questions. Are you prepared to answer them?

What's a Mobile Artisan and what kind of things will I be doing?

As our go-to dude (or dudette), you'll be the one on the hook for taking our products and transforming them into mobile sweetness. You'll work with our Product Whisperer (yeah, we have one of those) to figure out all the elements of creating galaxy-class mobile user experiences. World-class just ain't enough here.

You'll be involved in everything from navigation, organization, interaction design and process engineering. Not only that, but you'll use your skills in user-centered design to translate our users' need, Thoora's business objectives and the capabilities of our technology into mobile applications across a whole range of devices. Sounds kind of like a dream job to us!

Who are you?!

According to Google, Artisan was an English vocal harmony trio, who sang a cappella from 1985 to 2005. We're definitely not looking to hire them. They kind of sucked. The good old dictionary, on the other hand, says an artisan is a skilled worker who uses tools and machinery with great dexterity. That sounds more like it!

So as our Mobile Artisan, you're someone with a solid background in leading project-oriented work, working across all functions of the company to bring a mobile perspective to everything we do, and have a keen eye toward the end-user experience. You're passionate about being mobile, so you probably have a few devices in your bag at any time. Sure, you probably have a favourite, but you're always looking for the next gadget to try out.

Not corporate-y enough for you yet?

Your accountabilities will include...

- Design, architect and develop different mobile products across whatever mobile platform is best for our users. Could be the iPhone, iPad, Android OS, BlackBerry...the list never ends.



- Work closely across all functions of the company – Product, Marketing and User Interface Design – to deliver the best user experience for our mobile products.
- Work to architect and re-factor code and design for optimal maintainability, extensibility and re-usability across our mobile products.

What you must have...

- BSc degree in Computer Science or related technical field.
- Direct professional experience with iPhone, Blackberry, J2ME, or Android.
- Published at least one application in the Android Market, Apple Store, or Blackberry App World.
- Three to five years of professional programming experience in an object oriented language such as Java, C#, Ruby, or C++.
- At least two years of work experience as a software engineer on a mobile platform.
- Wicked understanding of web technologies (Javascript, HTML, CSS, Ajax, HTTP, Apache) and familiarity with Unix/Linux.
- Strong technical and design skills and the ability to learn new technologies quickly.
- Understanding of XML/JSON based RESTful APIs
- Ability to participate in a fast-paced, cross-functional team environment.
- Use of Test-Driven development methodologies with strong understanding of OOD and OOP (desired).

One more thing to push you over the top...

- Savvy.

All ready to apply?

- Send your cover letter and CV to jobs@thoora.com!

About Thoora

Thoora is a new and unique service that helps people discover the news attracting the most attention within social and traditional media. Thoora identifies the most interesting stories by exploring the entire blogosphere, Twitter and traditional media sources in real-time to determine the stories attracting the most attention. Thoora was one of the 2009 TechCrunch50 finalists and was recently selected as one of the Branham Group Top 25 Canadian ICT Up and Comers.