Bio: Stuart Byrom

My wife and I moved to Chapel Hill in 1995 when I transferred from an IBM site in the Washington DC area to another in RTP. My wife is a lifelong Francophile, so when we retired in 2008, we sold our Chapel Hill home and moved to France. There we are having the times of our lives. We return to the States twice a year to visit family (Roanoke VA) and friends (Washington area and Chapel Hill).

I have a BS in Engineering (1971) and an MS in Computer Science (1973) from the University of Tennessee. My 33 year career at IBM was in SW development. But at this time of my life, I have no interest in learning new programming languages, frameworks, cross platform compatibility, etc. I'd rather spend my time learning to play the piano or doing any of my other retirement duties: furniture making, cycling, eating well, travelling,

I have had no significant training or experience in music, although I love Jazz and the Blues. Seeing our grandkids learn to read music and play, I was a little embarrassed that I didn't know more about it. So they inspired me to read some beginners' books and online web sites about basic music theory. I was astonished to see how complicated it is. And after a bit of study it seemed to me to be unnecessarily so. The notation, that is to say the sheet music, is often illogical and not intuitive at all in my beginner's view. So as a retired engineer with some time on my hands as well as some experience in human factors design of user interfaces, I of course decided to try to redesign it. After seeing my design, some might say I have too much time.

Should my project be selected for implementation, I would look forward to not only working with a young and enthusiastic team but also to learning something about modern software development. As a retiree, I am generally available for meetings and questions as long as the six hour time zone difference is taken into consideration.