



Dear Consensys Academy,

I have overseen the careers of grammy winning artists who have sold platinum records – taking me every corner of the globe. But these things meant nothing when it came to me printing my first ‘Hello, world!’ back in September 2016.

I don’t mean to show off with these things – the ‘success’ never really resonated with me – mainly because it wasn’t me creating the value myself – simply coaching others through their own journeys. I could have continued, but every time I had a spare moment I would scribble down sketches of ideas of things I could build when I had some free time. The nature of being an artist manager means that there is not much room for your own ideas when you’re so busy helping others achieve theirs.

At the same time as this I would look around my industry – music – and see so much inefficiency and wasted energy. Whilst I tried to put these realisations to the back of my mind they would only come back stronger and more frequently. I had to do something about them. So later in 2015 I slowly but surely offloaded all of my clients and responsibilities and embraced the unknown.

After taking a long sabbatical to sit and reflect at what had been 8 intense years, I started to get to work on how the future might look and work on bringing that into existence. I spent months looking into peer to peer technologies and after searching high and low for a developer whom I could partner with to start building things – I finally realised something.

The developer I was looking for was somewhere inside me.

Since that realisation I haven’t stopped. Starting with online courses, books and on-campus intensives I have been working hard to bring my abilities up to my own high standards. I am fascinated with the journey and am spending every waking minute absorbing as much information as possible.

In a lucky position where I can devote my whole working week to learning, having saved from my music days, this is just what I’m doing.

It is for this reason I think I would be a fantastic fit for the course you have offered. I am passionate and driven, and having experienced so many failings of our existing system, and given up everything in pursuit of the future – I will give everything I have to this course – and beyond – to build systems of exquisite design and function that cater to real human needs. I am by no means the finished article – simply a passionate apprentice, but you can be sure, I will not give up on this path to mastery.

Kind regards,

Charlie Gavins.  
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