Mozilla

Why I want to join

I used Netscape as my main browser in the 90's, and Mozilla was my first exposure to a true open-source company. I have always found Mozilla to be "doing the right thing," and I admire the quality of software that you release.

I have used many of the Mozilla products over the years: I think I've used all of the browsers and Thunderbird; my current default browser on my phone is Firefox Focus, which is amazing; and I have been using Pocket for a long time. I also have a deep respect for the MDN docs, which I rely on heavily; and Rust, which I have only ever heard good things about.

I also firmly believe in the mission of Mozilla and the impact it has.

Why I might be of value

Going by the criteria listed in the job description, I believe I have compatible experience that I can leverage and build upon at my time there:

- I don't have a degree since I left University shortly before completing it (to start my own business), but I have a lot of direct industry experience that I can lean on - building a marketing platform for Nestle that scales to handle spikes from contests, leading the work on Search at Rogers Communications, building out the personalized mortgage rates platform at TD bank; I have learned a lot through these and other experiences that I think shape my approaches to solving problems.

- I actively participate in code reviews and mentor very strong developers regularly. I think this has come to become my core strength over the years, and I have received great feedback and have helped many engineers grow over the years.

- I work well with Product teams and end-users to define the work that needs to be done. I have worked at a few companies where this was important and which had a good process, and also many that didn't, so I think I have a sense of what can be beneficial when it comes to breaking down the work that needs to be done.

- I have built out foundational architecture and patterns to follow at most of the organizations that I've worked at since about 2015. I enjoy this type of work and enjoy discussing these with other developers to land on something that is embraced by the majority of folks at the organization.

- I have worked with typescript and javascript for a long time now and really love the tooling around them that's available now.

What I am looking for

I've made the journey from a new developer to a seasoned architect, and along the way I've been thrust into a people-management role. Where I initially thought I would be terrible at it, it ended up giving me some of my most rewarding moments of my career.

I am looking to work at a place where I believe in their vision and where I am exposed to strong developers and interesting challenges. I would love to do more work with mentoring individuals and teams, but I am also looking to leverage and grow my skills in software architecture.