

Kai Xie

 [GITHUB.COM/HULLOITSKAI](https://github.com/HULLOITSKAI)

I'm a generalist software engineer, amateur systems designer, a creative and a tinkerer/hacker.
I like to build things that make people smile!

Experience

Playces [PLAYCES.IN](https://playces.in)

Chief Technology Officer 2019-04 → 2022-10

- Designed and built flexible tools to modernize independent tourism businesses, enabling them to take bookings and payments online, automate manual processes, and reach more customers.
- Provided technology services that gave partner businesses more efficient processes, observability into under-utilized resources, and the operational agility to really grow; our customer champion increased bookings by 250%, tripled the number of experiences offered, and increased revenue per booking by 40% after switching from AirBnB & Fare Harbor to Playces.
- Configured and maintained critical infrastructure, including our Kubernetes cluster, databases, continuous integration systems, error reporting tools, performance monitoring tools, analytics, authentication services, and search clusters.

Universe [UNIVERSE.COM](https://universe.com)

Software Developer Intern 2019-01 → 2019-04

- Developed & maintained tooling for managing the infrastructure of a microservices-based system.
- Wrote an internal tool (designed to be open-sourced later) for orchestrating on-demand staging environments on Kubernetes, as a part of our code review and quality assurance process.
- Researched and implemented optimizations to half the amount of time it took to launch a staging stack, reducing wait times in our quality assurance workflow and cloud computing bills.

ConsenSys [CONSENSYS.NET](https://consensys.net)

Software Developer Intern 2018-04 → 2018-08

- Developed a team management webapp using React, MongoDB, and Neo4J to support the operation of decentralized organizations like ConsenSys.
- Worked with relationship-heavy data sets using graph databases, and architected a scalable data-heavy applications using Redux and websockets.

Skills

Front-End Web Development

HTML CSS JAVASCRIPT REACT GRAPHQL JSON MAPBOX SSR SEO PWA REALTIME, LIVE

Back-End Web Development

GOLANG NODEJS NEXTJS RUBY ON RAILS SQL, NOSQL, GRAPH DATABASES ETL CACHING PERFORMANCE
PARALLELISM APIS, INTEGRATIONS WEBHOOKS TEXT & GEO SEARCH SECURITY, PERMISSIONS, XSS PREVENTION

DevOps, Infra

GOLANG KUBERNETES, CRDS, OPERATORS, GITOPS DOCKER CONTAINERIZATION CI & CD TERRAFORM AWS GCP
DIGITALOCEAN ELASTICSEARCH POSTGRES REDIS SITE RELIABILITY SECURITY & HARDENING

Mobile

REACT NATIVE EXPO FLUTTER SWIFT JAVA & KOTLIN XCODE ANDROID STUDIO

Design, UX, UI

FIGMA SKETCH DESIGN SYSTEMS ANIMATIONS HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN USER INTERVIEWING

Education

University of Waterloo [UWATERLOO.CA](https://uwaterloo.ca)

Bachelor of Computer Science (*incomplete)

2017-09 → 2019-04

Wilfrid Laurier University [WLU.CA](https://wlu.ca)

Bachelor of Business Administration (*incomplete)

2017-09 → 2018-04

*I dropped out of school to build a startup halfway through my second year 🙌