# **Kevin Chavez**

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## Experience \_

### Scout AI · Founding Engineer

(March '23 - acquired Oct '23)

Stealth. Built AI tools for sales teams.

- \* Built, and kept the web-app's performance and reliability in check.
- \* Acquired by Scale IA, October 2023.

### One More Multiverse · Technology Lead

(March '21 - Oct '22)

OMM is bringing table-top role playing games online. The WebGL and React web application features real-time collaborative play and level editing.

- \* Lead **decision-making** around software design and **architecture**. Ran regular meetings, retrospectives and 1:1s for the engineering team.
- \* Defined the **engineering hiring process** with the CEO. Was involved in every SWE, Eng. Manager hire.
- \* Reduced web application **memory usage by 50%**. Repeatedly reduced site TTI when it hovered above 7s back to **under 3.5s**. Improved level travel time from **over 10s to be immediate**.
- \* Improved codebase build time by **over 50%** in spite of +2x LOC growth. **Code-modded codebase** (over 400k LOC at the time) to strict TypeScript.
- Various other high-impact projects to ensure scalability and reliability, feature additions and fixes.

Facebook, Inc. · Software Engineer - Web Platform Insights Team, Web Speed Team

(Feb '18 - March '21)

- \* Drove a **cross-team project** to improve text input on web products. Developed a **typing responsiveness** metric to be used across the org. Through a series of optimizations, improved responsiveness for millions of users.
- \* Lead maintainer of <u>Draft.js</u>, the **open source text input library** used by Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, and other sites. It is the **seventh most starred open-source project** on Facebook's Github organization.
- \* Refactored core parts of text input for **reliability and performance**. Fixed bugs reported to Facebook, Apple and Mozilla, present in Facebook, Twitter, and other sites using Draft.js.
- \* Designed and built Facebook Browser Tools (FBBT); a **client-side web tooling platform**. After initial success with Facebook, ported to Workplace, Ads Manager and Messenger.
- \* Extended FBBT with 12 different tools and utilities. Helped 4 other teams extend it with specialized tools. Use-cases today include product experimentation, various performance inspectors, page configuration for internationalization, SSR, resource delivery, device-class overrides amongst others.
- \* FBBT saw an average of **400+ connections** a day and **200+ distinct users** per month, with an average satisfaction score of **4.5/5**.
- \* Implemented various other internal tools and systems.

**Facebook, Inc** · Software Engineering Intern - *People Products Team* 

(Summer '17)

\* Built a **full stack web tool** to manage intern/mentor pairing.

**Square, Inc** · Software Engineering Intern - *Production Engineering Team* 

(Summer '16)

\* Wrote CLI tools to image and validate server configuration across the thousands of servers in the fleet.

**Tumblr** · Software Engineering Intern - API Engineering Team

(Summer '15)

\* Built pipeline for instant-message notifications. It delivered 9+ million notifications the first 2 days live.

#### **Education**

### Cornell University, College of Engineering

Master of Engineering in Computer Science.

(Grad. Dec '17)

# Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences

• Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science · *Minor: Computing in the Arts.* 

(Grad. May '17)

- Jonathan E. Marx Senior Prize, Cornell Computer and Information Science.
- Teaching Assistant: Functional Programming, Introduction and Practicum in Operating Systems

# Leadership, Mentorship, D&I

**Under-Represented Minorities in Computing** · Co-Founder, Co-President, Graduate Advisor (Spring '16 - Dec '17)

- \* Founded and led the organization. It is now one of the <u>largest undergrad CS student groups</u> in Cornell.
- \* Landed the organization's first sponsors. Built its first branding image, website. **Defined the mission, values**. Recruited members. Organized **mentorship, community and career events**

Open Source Cornell · Officer

(2014 - 2017) (2015 - 2017)