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Dear Kickstarter,

I am a thoroughly experienced software engineer who strives to retain a growth mindset. Having worked in technology since 2006, I have learned to value quality, thoughtfulness, collaboration, and relationships with humans. My career spans many industries, including telecommunications, education tech, and gig economy markets.

I am a polyglot developer, able to write and understand many different programming languages and paradigms. I do my most substantial development in Ruby, JavaScript/TypeScript, and Python, with Ruby being my top expertise. I have written and maintained a wide gamut of code: quick-and-dirty scripts, polished command-line utilities, Linux packages, browser extensions, complex libraries, daemons, cron jobs, headless APIs, mobile apps, and production-grade web servers. I have successfully debugged, fixed, and prevented countless elusive bugs and obstacles.

For most of last year, I was a senior lead engineer at gig economy company Wonolo on its “Integrations and Internal Tools” team. Unfortunately, the recent unpredictable nature of the economy brought consequences for the business. In mid-April, Wonolo cut my team as part of a necessary reduction in force, and now I am back on the job market. I treasure the experience, growth, and friendship I acquired at Wonolo, and now I am eager to move into the next exciting career phase.

I am currently seeking a staff or senior-level software engineering position at a small to mid-sized company where I may pursue some of the highest-quality engineering work of my career. Below I have outlined the exact reasons I fulfill each of the qualifications for this job as described in its posting:

Position Requirement

What I Provide

You have experience building applications or services with either/both of Ruby on Rails and/or building web applications with Typescript & React. Bonus: Experience in other expressive languages such as Elixir, Python, Elm, or similar.

Over 10 years of writing Ruby on Rails applications with a variety of frontend frameworks including React and Angular. Also fully fluent in Python

You have experience across full-stack web applications (or, if you focus on either frontend or backend, are willing to learn the rest of the stack).

Over 10 years in production environments

You enjoy working collaboratively, participating in team discussions, planning and software design.

Passionate about mentorship, knowledge-sharing, pair programming, as well as technical discussion and policy-making

You have experience coordinating engineering specific work or work across multiple teams.

Has worked on both large and small engineering teams, often cross-collaboratively between different teams and product owners

You have excellent communication and time management skills.

Articulate, detail-oriented, expressive writer and communicator. Years of experience managing and estimating project time costs

You have experience mentoring other engineers, including pair programming and knowledge sharing.

Performed extensive mentoring in recent senior engineering roles at Wonolo and TaskRabbit

You have experience designing and building performant and scalable systems which balance user needs, business requirements, and resource constraints.

Performance and scaling have been major factors in recent senior engineering positions

You have experience working iteratively and maintaining live products.

Over 10 years in production environments

You have experience maintaining subject matter expertise for relevant areas of your team's ownership.

Subject matter expert over multiple domains in each role over my career

You have a pragmatic approach to writing well-tested, maintainable code.

Deeply value readability, organization, and simplicity in code to maximize maintainability

You love writing tests to ensure you deliver high-quality software and experiences.

Passionate about the importance of tests and coverage in a Rails codebase

You consider the broader impacts of your work through; building accessible UI, quality & testing patterns, code

The target user experience has consistently been my ultimate concern through my career

readability, documentation and considering security, performance and data integrity concerns.

You value sharing knowledge, personal growth, positive feedback, and continuously improving engineering and team practices.	Passionate about team morale and comradery among coworkers. Actively calls out and celebrates successes of team members
You empathize with creators, the challenges of the creative process and bringing projects to life.	Absolutely would love to become involved with Kickstarter's company mission and help improve the options available to creators

Please review my attached resume and application. If you agree that I fit the profile and skills for the position, please get in touch with me and schedule a conversation. I am excited to explore my fit for this role with you.

Warmly,

Kyle Yetter