

To Whom It May Concern At Reforge,

I am reaching out to apply to your job advertisement for **Senior Staff Engineer** as it sounds perfectly suited for my skill set and interests.

Review of Qualifications

I have held high seniority in my last three engineering positions. I have the depth of experience, discipline, cross-domain knowledge, and technical leadership required to succeed in both senior-level and staff-level engineering capacities.

Before I get into the minutiae of my employment history and current career search, I want to visit each bullet point in the position requirements to give a quick explanation of the way I satisfy it:

You Want...

10+ years of experience writing & architecting highly scalable code, based upon the maturity of the product offering.

1+ year of experience directly managing or mentoring engineers (with performance goals & outcomes)

Experience driving incredible product experience in collaboration with product & design, with a strong voice an active seat at the table

Strong communication skills with engineers and non-technical colleagues, both written and verbal

Prior experience developing growing technical teams in a startup environment

Ruby on Rails / GraphQL / React development background

I Supply...

Over 10 years of engineering experience on highly effective, scalable, production application environments

Mentored and lead multiple junior and mid-level engineerings over the past 5 years of senior engineering roles

Deep experience working directly with stakeholders and product managers throughout the entire development process

Distinct pride in my ability to speak articulately and communicate complex, nuanced concerns with knowledge and confidence. Further, I thoroughly understand the fundamental importance of strong written communication skills between engineers. I always to write with my audience in mind, fleshing out the appropriate level of detail needed for the reader.

Experience working in a small start-up environment (eBackpack), as well as small-to-mid size tech companies (TaskRabbit, Wonolo)

Over 10 years of experience on production Rails applications. Extensive work with GraphQL over past 3 years. Strong knowledge of React and JavaScript.

My Background

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-level software engineering position at a small company where I may pursue some of the highest-quality engineering work of my career. 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