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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...	I Supply...
10+ years of experience writing & architecting highly scalable code, based upon the maturity of the product offering.	Over 10 years of engineering experience on highly effective, scalable, production application environments
1+ year of experience directly managing or mentoring engineers (with performance goals & outcomes)	Mentored and lead multiple junior and mid-level engineerings over the past 5 years of senior engineering roles
Experience driving incredible product experience in collaboration with product & design, with a strong voice an active seat at the table	Deep experience working directly with stakeholders and product managers throughout the entire development process
Strong communication skills with engineers and non-technical colleagues, both written and verbal	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.
Prior experience developing growing technical teams in a startup environment	Experience working in a small start-up environment (eBackpack), as well as small-to-mid size tech companies (TaskRabbit, Wonolo)
Ruby on Rails / GraphQL / React development background	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