

To Whom It May Concern At Patch,

I am reaching out to apply to your job advertisement for **Software Engineer** as it sounds perfectly suited for my skill set and interests. Further, I admire the mission of Patch as a climate tech company and I am impressed with the characteristics the company has chosen to emphasize in this posting.

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...

- You have significant years of software engineering experience
- You have experience in or are willing and able to learn Ruby on Rails

I Supply...

- I am a passionate, educated engineer with high standards cultivated through over 10 years of experience.
- I have been writing Ruby code on a near daily basis since 2006. I have over 10 years of direct engineering experience on production-grade Ruby on Rails commercial applications.
- I am both absolutely passionate about making progress in climate technology and deeply concerned about the looming implications of climate change. I would be thrilled to have a job that directly contributed to efforts to combat climate change.
- I have worked from home remotely for over 10 years for several different companies running the gamut from tiny to sizable. Over the past five years in particular, I have collaborated frequently across different teams and within domains with cross-cutting concerns. I have mentored more junior engineers, and I deeply value collaboration and warm, positive working relationships.
- I have experience working for a tiny startup at eBackpack.com for over 5 years where three engineers had to address all aspects of development and operation. I am comfortable with small fast-paced startup environments.
- I maintain high standards in my coding work, as well as across the associated responsibilities of senior and staff engineers. I am also pragmatic and I am experienced enough to be able to make smart decisions that balance speed, quality, and maintainability given the requirements and goals of a feature project.
- I take deep 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.

You are eager to contribute to Patch's carbon removal mission

You have a passion for collaboration and a history of establishing great relationships with design and product management teams across time zones.

You are curious about constantly learning new things in a fast-paced startup environment.

You have a commitment to technical excellence, raising the bar, and delivering results.

You are an excellent oral and written communicator.

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