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To the KatChat team:

In 2020 community and connection are clearly taking center stage as two of the biggest values in modern society. Not so much because we have them, but because of a sense of loss. The internet in many ways has centered us in the idea of a network, but then inherently, the hierarchy of this network does not actually include everyone. It does not always build intentional community and its connections are mostly literal, without the human spirit needed to approach the biggest hurdles facing people. And at the same time, the collective internet as most consumers know it—in its myriad applications and user groups—is a singular entity: young, uniquely adaptable, and learning all the time. Not since Gutenberg and the printing press in the early 1400's have we had such a rapid reconditioning of communication on a global scale. I, being a product of this supposed Internet Generation, am equally as eager to learn and adapt. That's why after ten years in the music industry building skills in professional communications and creative strategy I decided that I needed to know more about how to create the products I am using to connect with my community everyday. As a publicist, event producer, and brand specialist I learned the importance of team building and interpersonal collaboration. As a project manager and community activist, I've had to adapt my skills and connections to the needs of the audience throughout entire development lifecycles.

In May 2020 I entered an intensive six month education in software development at Epicodus in Portland, Oregon. From day one I started building applications out of the command line, eventually creating projects like a home Garden Planner that uses a cutting edge API stocked with data on all known plants in the world to help turn the horticulturally hopeless into a chic green thumb. Over more than one thousand hours, I consumed myself with the likes of C#, .NET, and React and dove deeper into my proficiency in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. I gained Agile experience with tools like GitHub, TDD testing with Jest, and SQL database migrations with Entity. All of these mechanisms taught me the importance of version control, reusable code, and best practices for descriptive team-based programming.

KatChat's influence on millions of people is remarkable. It's commitment to truly bringing people closer together with that kind of reach is even more admirable. As your new junior full stack developer, I'd be extremely honored to contribute to the development of an exciting new product for the company. I can't wait to get together and discuss how my years of experience with community projects and the digital landscape inform this new journey as a full stack developer. In any role, I am especially suited to rise to the challenges of the day, completing projects on time and on budget with the entire organization in mind. I'm confident I can contribute to the KatChat team on my first day and I'd love the opportunity to tell you how and why in person.

Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Kevin Davis