Who is Kai?

I have worked for 20 years in the tech industry (first as a software engineer, and later as an engineering manager) at heavy weight tech companies such as LinkedIn, Uber, and Google (📄 Resume 2025 , https://www.linkedin.com/in/kaiwei). I was getting bored with the daily repetitive grind, until the arrival of LLM / Generative AI rekindled my passion for building software. I believe this new technology is unlocking a new paradigm of problem solving, and I am looking for opportunities to contribute to this revolutionary journey and have fun with it.

📄 The Kai user manual

What is Kai looking for?

I'm looking for a software engineer role on a product team building LLM-powered applications or a team promoting AI education.

As of May 2025 my favorite problem domains for LLM-powered applications are customer service (because I think the most customer services in this country are horrendous) and personalized assistants.

I'm also very interested in promoting AI education. I believe LLM / Generative AI is going to have a profound impact on the next generation, and it's going to bring unprecedented changes to how they learn, and how they contribute to the economy and the society. As a father of two children, this is a deeply personal area of concern to me. Since I love learning and teaching, this aligns with my interest well.

After working as an engineering manager for 10 years, I much value simpler interpersonal dynamics. So yeah, I look forward to going back to an individual contributor role.

To prepare myself for a career in LLM applications, I have: 1) taken Coursera courses, 2) studied the OpenAI and Gemini APIs, 3) started a YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/@KaisdancewithAI) with AI-generated podcasts, 4) created and custom Gemini Gem and GPT, and 5) built an LLM-powered Q&A app about myself using the Gemini API (https://whoiskai.onrender.com/).

I value curiosity, authenticity, freedom, humility, and contribution. I believe in work-to-live rather than live-to-work. After many battle scars from two decades of high intensity work, I prefer a hard-work, but low-stress work environment, if such things exist. I wouldn't mind down leveling if that lands me the tradeoffs I'm looking for. At this stage of my career, I'm no longer looking to climb the corporate ladder through promotions. What matters to me is the opportunity to learn, contribute, and have fun.