

## Who is Kai?

I have 20 years of professional experience (first as a software engineer, and later as an engineering manager) at tech companies including LinkedIn, Uber, and Google. I was getting bored with the repetitive grind in tech, 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 while **having fun** with it.

You can learn more about me at <https://whoiskai.onrender.com/>.

## What is Kai looking for?

I'm looking for opportunities to contribute to a product team building LLM-powered applications, be it as an engineering manager, a TLM, or a SWE IC if that's what's needed of me.

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 school-age children, this is a deeply personal area of concern and passion to me. Since I love learning and teaching, this aligns with my interest well.

To prepare myself for a career in Gen AI products, I have: 1) taken Coursera courses on this topic, 2) studied the OpenAI and Gemini APIs, 3) started a YouTube [channel](https://www.youtube.com/@KaisdancewithAI) (<https://www.youtube.com/@KaisdancewithAI>) with AI-generated podcasts, 4) created a custom Gemini Gem and [GPT](#), 5) built an LLM-powered Q&A app about myself using the Gemini API (<https://whoiskai.onrender.com/>), and 6) currently building an AI agent using LangGraph.

I value curiosity, authenticity, freedom, humility, and contribution. Promotions and climbing corporate ladders was never a priority for me. What matters to me is the opportunity to learn, contribute, and have fun.