

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 tech companies including LinkedIn, Uber, and Google. 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.

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 value simpler interpersonal dynamics. So yeah, I look forward to going back to an individual contributor role. I'm open to TL (tech lead) roles, but not people management.

To prepare myself for a career in LLM applications, 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 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. Promotions and climbing corporate ladders was never a priority for me. What matters to me is the opportunity to learn, contribute, and have fun. I believe in work-to-live rather than live-to-work, and wouldn't mind down leveling if that lands me the tradeoffs I'm looking for.