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To

Tailwind Labs

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Dear Sir,

I'm writing to express my interest in the Staff Software Engineer position that I saw posted on Dynamite Jobs.

When I saw the name of the company on the job listing, I felt I had to apply. Tailwind Labs are renowned for what they do and I feel this position aligns closely to what I'm doing in my current position; I think I could both make impactful contributions and achieve a lot if given the opportunity in this role.

As for what excites me, simply put: it's building clean and friendly tools and components for other developers. I love readable code, doc comments (you'll never hear me say "code should be self-documenting"), getting stuck into interesting problems, and creating/admiring concise solutions. Reading over the job listing, a few of your upcoming projects stood out to me: the Tooltip component is a parallel of the work I'm currently doing with Qualio; the bundler plugin for Next.js looks like a great opportunity really get into the weeds and do some lower-level work and collaborate across boundaries; and the JS library for running Tailwind CSS v4 in the browser looks interesting given its size constraint.

By this point, you might be wondering why I feel this aligns closely with my current position. At Qualio, I currently own the shared component library used by all our microfrontends (and the new host frontend due for release soon). My mission is to root out and squash UI/UX inconsistencies across our microfrontends, lift development and maintenance burdens off of other teams, and implement our design team's Figma dreams as performant and reusable components. Pulling this off requires a mountain of intentional communication, a keen and inquisitive eye on designs, the ability to prioritize my limited man-hours, and last but not least: the coding chops to get it done cleanly.

Outside the corporate world, I do have some more interesting open-source projects and contributions I can share. I'll list a couple of interesting ones rather than rattle off my entire repo collection. The funniest is certainly moneytime: a joke CLI app which calculates salary earned in real time; I wrote it for friend who complained about the number of Zoom meetings when the Covid lock-downs began. Other than than, there's tcgui, a web-gui for controlling network traffic on linux; I added and adjusted some features while I built a physical network to demo/prove our game's network performance at Yakuto.

Regarding previous experience, I won't bore you by regurgitating my resumé here. I was CTO of a 4-man startup which made it through the Antler accelerator program but ultimately failed to secure traction from NCAA college athletes. Between Senior and Staff, I held an Engineering Manager title at Qualio: while my heart doesn't lie purely in people management, I won't shy away from opportunities to lead by example and ensure things stay unblocked.

Having read the "*Who you are*" section of the job listing, I honestly believe that I'm the man for the job. While I'm confident I have all the qualities that you're looking for, I doubt listing them will be very convincing; I'd love the opportunity to speak with you so that we can learn more about each other.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Faithfully,
Alexander Meuer