

## Lukas Kelsey-Friedemann

Software Engineer (Full-Stack), Founder  
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Full-Stack Engineer with 6 years of web development experience, specializing in AI/ML products and developer tools.  
YC Founder building scalable apps using React, Next.js, Python, Machine Learning, and Large Language Models.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Y Combinator**, San Francisco Nov 2022 - Present  
**Founder/CEO**

- Designed, architected, and shipped three AI-powered products from 0 to 1 as solo technical founder: handling all aspects from system design and development to sales.
- Managed a team designers, engineers, and sales from 0 to 3 (1 FTE, 2 contractors) while maintaining rapid product iteration cycles

**Cherry**, Managed Semantic Search Platform for Developers

- A developer platform enabling teams to add production-ready semantic search to their applications with just a few lines of code
- Built with Next.js/React frontend, Python/Flask backend, multi-tenant Elasticsearch infrastructure, and large language models to power document processing pipeline
- Early adoption from technical teams at YC startups and enterprise interest from companies like Dribbble.

**Well**, Immigration Document Automation Platform

- An AI-powered platform that automatically extracts, and client immigration documents, enabling law firms to automate client document workflows
- Built with Next.js, Python/Flask, Express, combining LLMs with traditional ML models for document processing and a RAG pipeline for information extraction
- Developed novel hybrid OCR system achieving exceptional accuracy on complex immigration documents, completely eliminating manual data entry for law firms

**Readlet**, Cross-Platform Document Reading Assistant

- A mobile application that converts documents to natural-sounding audio, enabling users to read along while listening to their documents
- Built with React Native, Swift, and Next.js utilizing AWS services (S3, Textract) for document processing and implementing real-time text-speech synchronization
- Engineered text highlighting system synchronized with audio playback, handling hundreds of daily users and thousands of documents

**Roboflow**, Remote (in-person satellite office) Nov 2021 - Nov 2022  
**Full-Stack Engineer**

- Led development of Roboflow Universe, a community platform for computer vision models and datasets, driving 10x traffic growth through improved discovery and interaction features, and programmatic search engine optimization
- Collaborated with engineering and design teams to architect and implement core product features, focusing on user experience, technical scalability, and key business KPIs
- Developed interactive model demonstration platform with real-time inference capabilities, significantly improving sales team demos and driving user adoption of deployment APIs.
- Tech stack: HTML, CSS, JQuery, React, Express, TensorFlow.js, Docker, AWS

**Terrier Tech**, Minneapolis Dec 2020 - Nov 2021  
**Full-Stack Engineer**

- Led development of Lyncensed, a compliance platform for pest control companies, from MVP to onboarding a Fortune 500 customer with ten of thousands of users within two months.
- Managed weekly feedback cycles and feature deployments with Fortune 500 customer, maintaining six-figure contract through rapid iteration and reliable delivery
- Contributed to internal Ruby on Rails developer tools, developing and open-sourcing automation utilities for improved team productivity
- Tech stack: Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

## EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota**, B.S. Computer Science

2017 - 2020