



# Brian Shimkus

Senior Front-End Developer

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## Experience

### **Freelance:** *Full Stack Developer / JUN 2008 - Present*

- Create full-stack digital solutions for clients from marketing websites to e-commerce platforms
- Build front-end using NextJS, Typescript, ShadcnUI, and Tailwind hosted on Vercel
- Use Zustand for scalable state-management
- Implement authentication using either Clerk or Kinde
- Build back-end using NodeJS and ExpressJS that connects to MongoDB
- Implement a custom CMS for clients to manage content using Strapi
- Use GitHub to manage version control and automate deployments

**Featured Tech:** [NextJS](#) / [TypeScript](#) / [NodeJS](#) / [Express](#) / [Zustand](#) / [GitHub](#)

**Featured Clients:** *Manchester United / NYU / United Health Care / Chicago Wolves*

### **Marex:** *Lead Front-End Developer / OCT 2020 - JAN 2024*

- Led a team of five in building front-end solutions for stakeholders in an agile environment
- Used Miro to wireframe UI/UX solutions to then be built on the front-end using React
- Built a starter template in React to be utilized by all team members for rapid prototyping
- Used Kendo as the UI library and Tailwind for custom styling
- Implemented TypeScript for defining types and Redux for global state management
- Set up automated E2E testing using Playwright across all applications
- Worked in two week sprints where goals for each sprint were clearly defined and communicated
- Developed an internship program where I mentored and established a clear roadmap for each intern

**Featured Tech:** [React](#) / [TypeScript](#) / [Redux](#) / [Playwright](#) / [Kendo](#)

### **Walker & Dunlop:** *Senior Front-End Developer / MAR 2020 - OCT 2020*

- Building of platform components in VueJS using Storybook
- Connecting of front-end components to the API
- Creation of wireframes and designs to improve platform UX
- Work in fast-paced environment utilizing two week sprints

### **ICF:** *Senior Front-End Developer / JAN 2019 - MAR 2020*

- Led the front-end development lifecycle
- Mentorship of team members on technical design approaches
- Led the standardization of web accessibility across projects
- Managed staging and production environment

## Experience Continued

### **TransUnion:** *Front-End Developer / JAN 2018 - JAN 2019*

- Build websites, landing pages, and featured components in a fast-paced environment
- Work with Contentful's API to build a CMS for our project owners and team to manage content
- Build prototypes with Angular 6
- Use of Webpack to bundle and compile assets
- Deployment of projects to AWS
- Build animations with JavaScript to be used on landing pages, infographics, and features
- Daily communication with stakeholders in establishing deadlines, expectations, and progress

### **R1 RCM:** *UX Architect/Front-End Developer / APR 2016 - JAN 2018*

- Provided leadership in the design and development of user experience deliverables
- Worked with directors and stakeholders in identifying weaknesses within the application
- Created wireframes to explore ideas with business stakeholders using InDesign and Balsamiq
- Built working prototypes on the Front-End to demonstrate new concepts and features using AngularJS

### **Time Zone One:** *Front-End Developer / AUG 2015 - APR 2016*

- Front-End Development writing HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP
- Execution of cross-browser compatibility and responsive development
- Management of multiple projects
- Development of new custom WordPress themes
- Modify current WordPress templates and themes for existing sites
- Database Administration (MySQL)
- Website maintenance of existing and legacy websites/code
- Troubleshoot code (HTML/CSS/JavaScript and PHP) and provide solutions

### **Kohactive:** *Junior Front-End Developer / AUG 2013 - AUG 2015*

- Developed responsive websites per approved client designs
- Pair programmed with Senior Developers to learn and enhance my skill set in front-end technologies such as • HAML, SASS, Javascript, Ruby, Rails, Git, and Wordpress
- Conducted meetings with clients to discuss project progress
- Participated in monthly developer meetups

## Education

**Art Institute - Chicago:** *BFA Graphic Design 2013 / 3.9 GPA Dean's List*

**Western Illinois University:** *Bachelors, Instructional Design & Technology / 2008 - 2010*