

Brett Schneider

Founding Software Engineer

PROFILE

Entrepreneurial software engineer with years of experience shipping production systems and leading lean teams at venture-backed startups. Proven ability to turn ambiguous concepts into scalable products, raise capital through compelling demos, and hire and mentor engineers. Passionate about developer experience and product design.

EXPERIENCE

Founding Software Engineer, MeritFirst; Austin, TX — 2025-Present

Founding Software Engineer, Concentro; New York, NY — 2024-2025

- Built and launched a tax-credit trading platform on Nextjs, Postgres, and AWS Lambda, enabling the company to close multimillion-dollar transactions.
- Created an automated underwriting pipeline that ingests more than thirty document types, runs extraction logic, and returns a diligence package in a fraction of the previous review time
- Formalized engineering hiring, rolled out continuous integration, codified code-review guidelines, and onboarded the first cohort of engineers.
- Helped founders secure a three million dollar seed round by refining the pitch narrative and giving real-time product walkthroughs that demonstrated market fit.

Founding Software Engineer, Gladiate; Austin, TX — 2022-2024

- Partnered with founders to architect and ship a green-field full stack web application, guiding the project from whiteboard sketches to a production launch with paying users.
- Led development of key features that drove early user acquisition and directly influenced product-market traction.
- Owned end-of-sprint releases, coordinating QA and infrastructure changes to guarantee zero-downtime deployments.
- Interviewed and onboarded new engineers, expanding the team and establishing a culture of code quality and fast feedback.

Software Engineer, Cervello; Austin, TX — 2021-2022

- Delivered analytics dashboards in Vuejs and Nuxtjs that turned raw client data into actionable insights.
- Enhanced React and Nextjs applications with new functionality that improved usability and lifted customer satisfaction scores.
- Worked in two-week Agile sprints, consistently hitting milestone dates and demoing work to stakeholders.
- Took ownership of projects end-to-end, from requirements gathering through production rollout and monitoring.

Software Engineer, Dogsilly; Los Angeles, CA — 2020-2021

- Re-platformed a legacy ecommerce site to a React and TypeScript stack backed by a serverless API, unlocking faster page loads and simpler maintenance.
- Built a custom order-fulfillment workflow and integrated key third-party services, streamlining operations and reducing manual steps for the team.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder — Computer Science, 2021

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