



# Brian Shimkus

Senior Front-End Developer

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## Featured Skills

*Design Systems / Next / React / State Management / Testing / TypeScript / UI/UX*

## Experience

**OCC (Contract): Senior Front-End Developer / JUL 2024 - JUN 2025**

- Met with stakeholders weekly to establish goals and address questions
- Used Figma every week to collaborate with team members on potential design solutions
- Independently developed solutions featuring React, Typescript, SCSS, and Tailwind
- Wrote unit tests for new components using Jest
- Used BrowserStack for automated mobile testing
- Participated in code reviews, proactively identifying and mitigating potential issues and defects
- Helped implement Mock Service Worker to be able to source data without a backend
- Provided SDLC support to software in test, QA, and production environments
- Helped identify and fix bugs across all solutions

**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
- Completely revamped the front-end ecosystem to use React and digitalized all manual processes, including the onboarding process for brokers and traders
- Implemented the DocuSign API to digitalize handling signatures across documents
- Used Figma to wireframe a consistent UI/UX experience across all of our products
- Implemented design tokens, creating seamless communication between designers and engineers
- 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
- Used BrowserStack for automated mobile testing
- 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

**Walker & Dunlop (Contract): 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

## Experience Continued

### **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

### **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 (Contract):** *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

## Education

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

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

## Hobbies

*Guitar playing and songwriting*

*Blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu*

*Reef aquariums*