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 5 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

Education

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