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## Early life[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

Fischbach was born on an [air force base](/wiki/Air_force_base) stationed in [O'ahu, Hawaii](/wiki/O'ahu,_Hawaii). His father served in the military where he met his mother of [Korean](/wiki/Korea) origin.[[1]](#cite_note-1) His family moved to [Cincinnati, Ohio](/wiki/Cincinnati,_Ohio).[[1]](#cite_note-1) Originally, Fischbach studied to become a [biomedical engineer](/wiki/Biomedical_engineering) at the [University of Cincinnati](/wiki/University_of_Cincinnati),[[6]](#cite_note-6) but dropped out of college to pursue his YouTube career. He has one brother, Thomas, who is an artist and author of the webcomic *Twokinds*.[[1]](#cite_note-1)[[7]](#cite_note-7)

## YouTube career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

### Style[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Fischbach is known for his overactive style which causes him to yell, scream, curse and even cry during games. In his series, In his [Five Nights At Freddy's](/wiki/Five_Nights_At_Freddy's), [Amnesia: The Dark Descent](/wiki/Amnesia:_The_Dark_Descent) and [its sequel](/wiki/Amnesia:_A_Machine_for_Pigs), he is known for reacting to the slightest thing. Markiplier often subtitles his curses as 'duck' and 'itch' even though he does not censor his profanity. He is known for branding his channel with a pink mustache (a reference to his alter ego, Wilford Warfstache) and has since dyed his hair red.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

### Channel format[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

Fischbach is primarily known for his playthroughs of indie and horror games, including the [Five Nights at Freddy's](/wiki/Five_Nights_at_Freddy's) series, [Amnesia: The Dark Descent](/wiki/Amnesia:_The_Dark_Descent) and [it's sequel](/wiki/Amnesia:_A_Machine_for_Pigs), [Garry's Mod](/wiki/Garry's_Mod), [Happy Wheels](/wiki/Happy_Wheels), [Surgeon Simulator 2013](/wiki/Surgeon_Simulator_2013), [Minecraft](/wiki/Minecraft), and [Slender: The Eight Pages](/wiki/Slender:_The_Eight_Pages), among others. He also creates sketch comedy videos, including "[Impossible Challenges](/wiki/List_of_Internet_phenomena#Challenges)" and collaboration videos with other sketch comedy channels.

Fischbach had collaborated with a number of fellow [YouTubers](/wiki/List_of_YouTubers), including [Jacksepticeye](/wiki/Jacksepticeye), LordMinion777, Muyskerm, [PewDiePie](/wiki/PewDiePie), Matthias, [*Game Grumps*](/wiki/Game_Grumps), Cyndago, Yamimash, [Jacksfilms](/wiki/Jacksfilms), [CaptainSparklez](/wiki/Jordan_Maron), [Egoraptor](/wiki/Egoraptor) and LixianTV. He has also collaborated with celebrities such as [Jack Black](/wiki/Jack_Black)[[8]](#cite_note-8) and [Jimmy Kimmel](/wiki/Jimmy_Kimmel). He has had acting appearances in [TomSka's](/wiki/TomSka) *asdfmovie* series, [*Smosh: The Movie*](/wiki/Smosh:_The_Movie),[[9]](#cite_note-9) [Disney XD's](/wiki/Disney_XD) [*Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*](/wiki/Gamer's_Guide_to_Pretty_Much_Everything),[[10]](#cite_note-10) and [YouTube Rewind 2015](/wiki/YouTube_Rewind#YouTube_Rewind:_Now_Watch_Me_2015).

A recurring staple of Fischbach's channel are charity [livestreams](/wiki/Streaming_media), during which he plays games while campaigning for and collecting donations for various charities, including [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center](/wiki/Cincinnati_Children's_Hospital_Medical_Center), the [Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance](/wiki/Depression_and_Bipolar_Support_Alliance), and [Best Friends Animal Society](/wiki/Best_Friends_Animal_Society).[[11]](#cite_note-11)[[12]](#cite_note-12) According to Fischbach, he and his viewers have raised a total of over $900,000 as of March 2016.[[3]](#cite_note-3)

### History[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

#### Early years and switch to MarkiplierGAME[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

Fischbach first joined YouTube on May 26, 2012, creating a channel under the username "Markiplier". Fischbach's first series was a playthrough of the video game [*Amnesia: The Dark Descent*](/wiki/Amnesia:_The_Dark_Descent). After playing several other game series, including [*Penumbra*](/wiki/Penumbra_(video_game_series)) and [*Dead Space*](/wiki/Dead_Space_(2008_video_game)), YouTube banned Fischbach's [AdSense](/wiki/AdSense) account. Though he appealed to YouTube as a last effort, the appeal was ultimately lost.[[13]](#cite_note-13) Because of this, a new and current channel was created and dubbed MarkiplierGAME.

#### Growth and move to Los Angeles[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

In 2014, the MarkiplierGAME channel was listed on [New Media Rockstars](/wiki/New_Media_Rockstars) Top 100 Channels, ranked at #61.[[14]](#cite_note-14) That year, Fischbach announced he was planning to move to Los Angeles, California, to be able to be closer to other resources for his channel, such as the YouTube Space and other content creators.[[15]](#cite_note-15) Fischbach and fellow Youtuber Jenna Mae appeared on [Jimmy Kimmel Live!](/wiki/Jimmy_Kimmel_Live!) in September 2014 following backlash that Kimmel received regarding jokes he had made about YouTube and [Let's Play videos](/wiki/Let's_Play_(video_gaming)).[[5]](#cite_note-5) In 2015, he was rated sixth in a list of the twenty most influential celebrities among teenagers in the United States.[[16]](#cite_note-16)

#### Hiatus and breaking 10 million subscribers[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

Beginning in 2015, Fischbach lived with fellow YouTubers Daniel Kyre and Ryan Magee, who created and ran the YouTube [sketch comedy](/wiki/Sketch_comedy) and music channel Cyndago. Matt Watson from [Maker Studios](/wiki/Maker_Studios) later joined Cyndago after they moved to [Los Angeles](/wiki/Los_Angeles). Their work was noted for having unexpected endings and dark, often disturbing, humor.[[17]](#cite_note-17)[[18]](#cite_note-18) Kyre attempted suicide on September 16, 2015, and died in the hospital two days later. In the wake of Kyres death, Cyndago was disbanded.[[19]](#cite_note-19) At the time of their disbandment, the group had done forty sketches and fourteen original songs, many of them featuring Fischbach.[[17]](#cite_note-17) After the death of Daniel Kyre and disbandment of Cyndago, Fischbach temporarily halted uploads and went on hiatus from September 17 to October 5, 2015.[[20]](#cite_note-20) His return was shortly followed by the channel reaching 10 million subscribers on October 15.[[21]](#cite_note-21) In late 2015, Fischbach announced in a video that he had chosen to abstain from alcohol because of a [deficient enzyme](/wiki/Alcohol_flush_reaction) important to the process of breaking down alcohol. The decision came after an incident where he had a minor heart attack and had to be taken to the hospital, and was advised by the doctors to do so. He said that, because of this, a popular series of his, *Drunk Minecraft*, would no longer be produced.[[22]](#cite_note-22) Fischbach co-hosted the 2015 South By Southwest (SXSW) Gaming Awards with [*The Legend of Korra*](/wiki/The_Legend_of_Korra) voice actor [Janet Varney](/wiki/Janet_Varney),[[23]](#cite_note-23) and was featured prominently in YouTubes year-end special [Youtube Rewind](/wiki/YouTube_Rewind).

## Other ventures[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

Fischbach joined the board of comic book publisher [Red Giant Entertainment](/wiki/Red_Giant_Entertainment) in November 2014.[[24]](#cite_note-24) In June of that year at the [San Diego Comic-Con](/wiki/San_Diego_Comic-Con), he had cohosted a panel with figures from the company including CEO [Benny R. Powell](/wiki/Benny_R._Powell), and writers [David Campiti](/wiki/David_Campiti), [Mort Castle](/wiki/Mort_Castle), [David Lawrence](/wiki/David_Lawrence_(writer)), and [Brian Augustyn](/wiki/Brian_Augustyn).[[25]](#cite_note-25) In 2016, it was announced that he would appear in his own line of comics.[[26]](#cite_note-26)

## Filmography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

### Film[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

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| 2015 | [*Smosh: The Movie*](/wiki/Smosh:_The_Movie) | Himself |  | [[9]](#cite_note-9) |

### Television and web series[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

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| **Year** | **Title** | **Role** | **Notes** | [**Template:Abbr**](/wiki/Template:Abbr) |
| 2013 | [*Table Flip*](/wiki/Table_Flip) | Himself | 1 episode |  |
| 2014 | [*Table Flip*](/wiki/Table_Flip) | Himself | 2 episodes |  |
| 2014 | [*Jimmy Kimmel Live!*](/wiki/Jimmy_Kimmel_Live!) | Himself | 1 episode | [[5]](#cite_note-5) |
| 2015 | [*Grumpcade*](/wiki/Grumpcade) | Himself | 20 episodes |  |
| 2016 | [*Scare PewDiePie*](/wiki/Scare_PewDiePie) | Himself | 1 episode |  |
| 2016 | [*Gamer's Guide to Pretty Much Everything*](/wiki/Gamer's_Guide_to_Pretty_Much_Everything) | Himself | 6 episodes | [[10]](#cite_note-10) |

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