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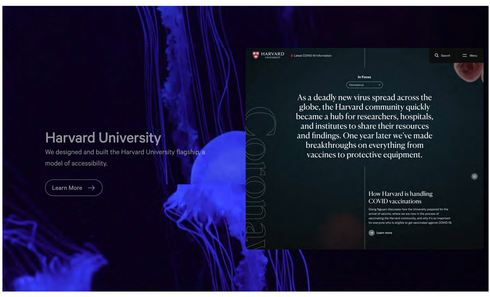

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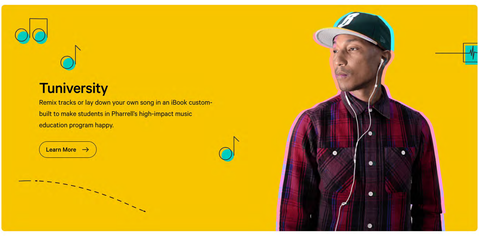

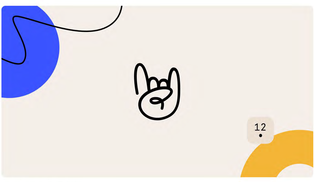

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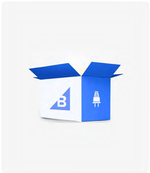

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Meet Sarah Gless

CULTURE

Principal Designer Sarah Gless worked at Hot Topic during its heyday in the 2000s. This has prompted some gentle ribbing in Slack, but, honestly, we're grateful for that mall job. It put her on a path that eventually led to Modern Tribe.

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WHO WE WORK WITH

We're for people who want to make their world braver, brighter, and better connected.

From Fortune 50 companies and Ivy League institutions to global retailers and world-changing non-profits, our clients have a couple things in common: big aspirations and big challenges.

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Connect the dots across your entire digital ecosystem.

EXPLORE OUR SERVICES

- Strategy
- Content
- Design
- Engineering

Think of us as an extension of your team.

We love a challenge, and our multidisciplinary teams have the range of expertise necessary to uncover big opportunities, define your vision, and make it real. We'll set you up with a team that complements your strengths and a plan that maps specifically to your needs. No Band-Aids, no one-size-fits-most approach.

Strategy

Successful strategy is all about balance. We offset business goals with user needs, comprehensive scope with edge case realities, and data-informed best practices with innovation-inspired creativity. We frame challenges within the context of your organization, defining the vision to ensure that we build the right tools, right from the start. And we like to check our work once it's out in the wild.

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OUR EXPERTISE

1. Product Strategy
2. Requirements Definition
3. User Research
4. Data Analytics
5. Information Architecture
6. Platform Roadmaps

BIGCOMMERCE | Steelcase | Promoter

Content

We navigate complex user journeys and deep libraries of information, so you present the ideal content—accessible and available to those who need it. Each piece of content is a customer connection point. Should it inspire or inform? Both? We define the goals of every element and then find smart ways to connect it all, so you can control your content and maximize its potential.

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OUR EXPERTISE

1. Content Inventory
2. Content Gap Analysis
3. Taxonomy & Categorization
4. Content Governance
5. Content Creation

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Design

We craft solutions that work as great as they look. We design for real outcomes, putting our customers' customers first. Our combination of visual exploration, user flows, prototyping, and testing ensures that we're solving problems effectively. Results come from iteration and improvement. We blend user behavior and brand expression to craft well-designed tools for your content creators and consumers. No paint by numbers, no surprises.

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OUR EXPERTISE

1. Branding
2. User Experience
3. User Interfaces
4. Prototypes
5. Visual Design
6. Design Systems

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Engineering

Stitching together a digital ecosystem takes expertise and care. Whether it's crafting new interfaces, shifting data, or connecting systems, we make sure that data and users are moving through it all in a way that maximizes value. How you build is almost as important as what you build. We make sure to set you up for the long haul.

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1. WordPress
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Content

OUR APPROACH

We help you tell your story.

With intention

Great content starts with the why. The how comes later. We dig deep to understand your audience, brand positioning, and ideal results. Those insights inform the strategy we use to craft the amount of content that makes the biggest possible impact.

In collaboration

Your content creators are key. We work closely with them to understand what's in the way and develop thoughtful governance documentation, with consideration for user roles and publishing procedures, to help your team unlock answers and unblock workflows.

Through connection

We focus on defining the goals of every element and then find smart ways to connect it all, so you can control your content and maximize its potential.

For longevity

There's no product if there's no content. We build messaging frameworks and guidelines alongside your team to ensure they have the tools and training to continue making that content as compelling as it can be.

RANGE OF CAPABILITIES

Content Audits

Assess and organize complex content libraries and user journeys early in the project to inform future decisions.

Content Gap Analysis

Identify content that clients still need to connect with their communities and drive engagement.

Taxonomy & Categorization

Define content types and build filter, syndication, and automated systems to use content more effectively.

Content Governance

Clarify roles, permissions, and workflows to support teams in keeping the product functional long term.

Content Creation

Work with subject matter experts to craft meaningful content, value propositions, messaging strategy, and copy.

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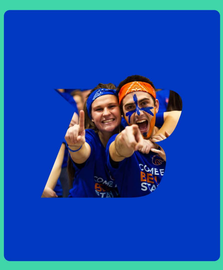

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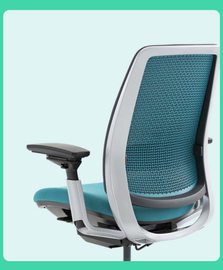

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A comprehensive look at examples to learn from, next-phase practices to put in place and proof points to use with leadership.

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Straightforward communication during the discovery process often leads to more desirable outcomes.

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In collaboration

An opinion is as valuable as an open mind. We prioritize humility because ego closes us off to opportunity. We offer up bold ideas and let your team's expertise inform how we mold it all into something that's useful, with room to grow.

Through connection

Design is how we make empathy tangible. We create visual impact that inspires action. By connecting with your audience on an emotional level, we make each interaction meaningful.

For longevity

Systems scale, deliverables don't. We build holistic design systems and patterns that work across environments, channels, and contexts. What works for your website will work for your mobile app will work for your next awesome thing.

RANGE OF CAPABILITIES

Branding

Elevate, create or completely redesign a client's branding with powerful and strategic modular elements.

User Interface Design

Construct the layout that achieves the perfect balance of functionality and delight.

User Experience Design

Design a holistic experience that fits into the larger ecosystem, with a focus on user needs, layout, flow, and conversion.

Prototyping

Pressure test and validate complex functions and user experience flows through a low-fidelity working model.

Visual Design

Elevate a brand through color, type, graphics and imagery, applying brand guidelines or starting from scratch.

Design Systems

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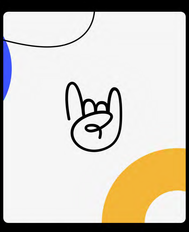

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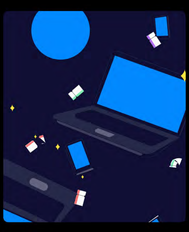

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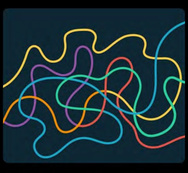

Design for Content-Heavy Sites

DESIGN

We live in a culture of instant gratification. If a website doesn't load fully in seconds, we express frustration (or maybe occasionally rage) at the speed of the connection. Once the page is loaded, we expect to be able to find information or complete a transaction just as instantaneously.

Cultivating a culture of design

BUSINESS

Your culture is a reflection of your values. If you want a culture of design, you must value it internally first. We're a digital agency. Most people know that to mean a company that both designs and builds websites, applications, and other digital tools, and that's accurate.

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Engineering

OUR APPROACH

We build the optimal solution, every time.

With intention

The bigger the challenge, the better. We're a team of international experts focused on solving problems. Our pragmatic approach ensures that you get the tech platform you need, and nothing you don't. Whether you need a Tesla or a Honda Civic, we'll build you a solution that achieves your outcomes.

In collaboration

See under the hood the whole time. We're transparent in process, code, standards, semantics, and documentation. We collaborate with clients from start to finish, not just when it's go time. By getting you involved early on, we build the right solution in a scalable way.

Through connection

Stitching together a digital ecosystem takes expertise and care. Whether it's crafting new interfaces, moving data, or connecting systems, we make sure that data and users are moving through it all in a way that maximizes value.

For longevity

Open source, open book. Our pragmatic approach and modular systems allow a digital platform to extend into multiple channels without additional overhead. Clients own their code so they can stay adaptable and creative as needs change.

RANGE OF CAPABILITIES

WordPress

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PHP/Laravel

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React & JavaScript

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Elasticsearch

Pressure test and validate complex functions and user experience flows through a low-fidelity working model.

Mobile & Native App

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QA

Create a library of reusable components that any team can deploy and expand as the platform evolves.

DevOps

Combine software development and IT operations through the entire service lifecycle.

Accessibility Audits

Ensure your site or app is usable by all people—that's not just ADA compliance, that's good business.

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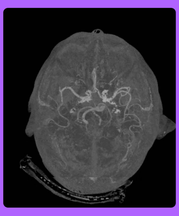

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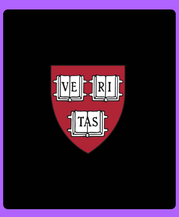

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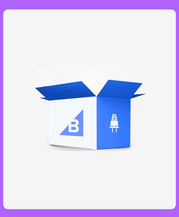

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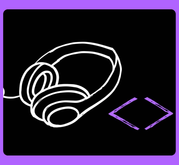

Learning By Ear: Our Engineering Team's Favorite Podcasts

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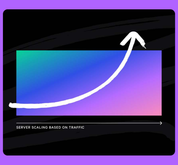

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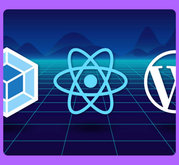

Webpack, React & WordPress: A Modern Development Stack

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We need a new website. We hear these words from our clients a lot. And while it's most often very true—they do, in fact, need a new website—it's only part of the truth. Because websites don't exist in isolation. They're part of a digital ecosystem of interrelated tools that, designed properly, work together to solve [...]

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We strategize for deliverables that can actually get made with the resources available and achieve measurable results with the KPIs our clients help us set early on. We work transparently and cooperatively toward a common goal.

Through connection

Empowered customers are happy ones. We take a CMS-driven approach that values the backend and frontend experience, performing content modeling so admins in back can automatically connect data and content and provide ideal interactions for users up front.

For longevity

Create living websites that clients can evolve long term. Sites are things to nurture and grow, and we equip clients with the metrics, training, and tools for continuous feedback and iteration. So they can keep every valuable piece of a digital landscape going strong.

RANGE OF CAPABILITIES

Product Strategy

Shape the vision for a product, plan the path forward, and bring it to market in a way that provides value.

Requirements Definition

Transform client wish lists into a budgeted project scope, definable success metrics, and clear deliverables.

Research

Interpret existing research and fill any gaps through focus groups, interviews, competitive audits, or user testing

Analytics/Funnel Analysis

Study current user behavior, develop meaningful KPIs, and provide tools to measure the new product's success.

Information Architecture

Organize content and data with every user in mind to improve usability across the entire website or platform.

Platform Roadmaps

Determine the ideal toolset, rollout plan, and long-term maintenance consultations for large investment projects.

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BUSINESS

Right now, in virtual conference calls everywhere, exhausted higher education professionals are working their tails off. College and universities were royally slammed, to put it nicely, by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemicu2019s sudden shutdown of daily life.

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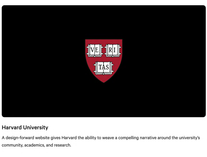

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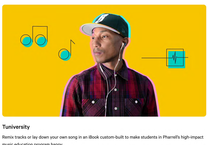

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An easy-to-use, easy-to-train tool helps the Spring Accelerator manage applications from budding entrepreneurs.

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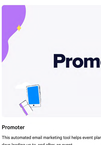

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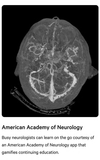

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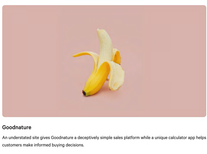

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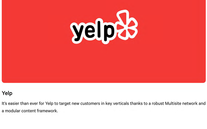
A Multisite network paired with a robust modular content tool allows Kids 'R' Kids to manage content for more than 180 franchisees in one place.

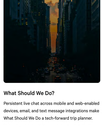
Harvard Law School

After a massive content migration project and a complete site overhaul, Harvard Law School has a content creator-friendly web platform.



Yelp

It's easier than ever for Yelp to target new customers in key verticals thanks to a robust Multisite network and a modular content framework.



What Should We Do?

Persistent live chat across mobile and web-enabled devices, email, and text message integrations make What Should We Do a tech-forward trip planner.

Renovation Network

An updated website and custom learning platform for TV star Cherie Barber has helped Renovation Network reach an even larger audience.

AAA

A custom vendor communication and management framework helps AAA/CAA clubs provide A+ roadside assistance in the U.S. and Canada.

Yakima Valley

Geolocation technology helps Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic provide targeted on-demand, mobile-first content to patients in Washington and Oregon.

Columbia Law Review

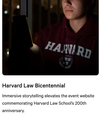
A typography-forward design system helps one acclaimed publication provide a pleasurable reading experience.

The Irish News

A new design system takes Northern Ireland's largest newspaper into the realm of digital-first media.

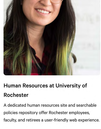
eBay Motors & Mobile

Carefully crafted apps allow millions of people to buy and sell cars right from their phones.



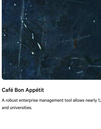
Harvard Law Bicentennial

Immersive storytelling elevates the event website commemorating Harvard Law School's 200th anniversary.



Human Resources at University of Rochester

A dedicated human resources site and searchable policies repository offer Rochester employees, faculty, and retirees a user-friendly web experience.



Café Bon Appétit

A robust enterprise management tool allows nearly 1,200 restaurants to curate menus for major employers and universities.

British Columbia Institue of Technology

An enterprise WordPress framework helps the internal IT team at British Columbia Institute of Technology manage a website that supports 50K+ students.

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Digital creatives driven by curiosity and ingenuity

We design and engineer each touchpoint across your ecosystem, from websites and applications to plugins and publishing platforms.

2019 team trip with our dear friends from The Events Calendar

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Driven by purpose—and results

Whatever we're working on, we push what's possible to accomplish ambitious goals, to serve our communities, and to build a braver, brighter, better connected world. Here's how we make it happen.

1 Create with intention.

We design and build beautiful solutions. Not more stuff. Our approach is focused on outcomes. We architect solutions that provide measurable impact and move the needle. We take an ambitious vision and then break it down into the specific features and functionalities that will bring it to life—with a reasonable roadmap to ensure those solutions can be realized.

2 Collaborate early and often.

We foster a culture of open communication and no surprises. Despite being remote since day one, everything from our communication tools to our dev infrastructure is designed for close collaboration—among our distributed teams and with our clients. We don't believe in big "ta-da" moments. We work transparently and cooperatively toward a common goal.

3 Build connections.

We believe your tech, tools, and teams work better together. Every "thing" we build is designed to link people and platforms. From websites and mobile apps to CRM campaigns and shopping carts, people interact with brands across a number of touchpoints that make up a digital ecosystem. We connect the dots ... and occasionally color outside the lines.

4 Make it last.

We rely on systems thinking to craft solutions that extend and evolve. The internet is always changing, so the tools and tech the world uses need to as well. Siloed platforms and proprietary systems create a tech stack that closely resembles a house of cards. When one piece shifts, the whole structure crumbles. Our solution? Crafted sustainable platforms based on design systems, portable code, and extensible technologies. With the flexibility to adapt to shifting priorities, solutions can grow gracefully over time.

MEET THE FACES BEHIND THE SLACK MESSAGES

Our tools and methods are top-notch, but it's the people that really make this place work.

Agencies are rife with rockstars and big egos. We're not interested in all that. Our teams are full of thoughtful, considerate, and brilliant folks who know a 10X team can produce so much more than any 10X individual.

Since Modern Tribe isn't bound to a physical location, we're able to hire top talent from across the globe. And our work is shaped by the unique vision and experiences these folks bring to our team.

Shane Pearlman
CEO, CFO, Partner

Belen Montoya
Frontend Engineer

Špela Majer
Designer

Rob La Gatta
Operations Manager

Lucia Fraile
Frontend Engineer

Carly Strelzik
Agency Director

Mehul Kaklotar
Backend Engineer

Paul Yuen
Product Owner

Meet The Whole Team → Careers →

REMOTE SINCE DAY ONE

We're not everywhere, but we can be anywhere.

Modern Tribe is a fully remote agency built to collaborate beyond the walls of a traditional studio. From our communication tools to our development infrastructure, we've spent more than a decade building an agency that's purposely designed to engage deeply with distributed teams—including yours.

14
Years Building Digital Solutions of All Kinds

75
Team Members Across Agency and Operations

12
Countries Spanning 6 Continents (We've got our eyes on you, Antarctica.)

4.5 mil
Average Number of Slack Messages Sent Every Day (Okay, not really. But it feels like it somedays.)

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