Kevin L. McComas

Product Designer

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SUMMARY

Product designer who makes new technology feel like something people already know how to use. Three years leading design on Uplink, a desktop and mobile messenger, from early problem definition through a Figma design system and shipped, production UI. Builds high-fidelity prototypes with agentic tools like Claude Code, stays with the work through implementation, and cares about the small interaction details that make an app easy to come back to.

SKILLS

Product & UI Design: End-to-end product design, interaction design, user flows, wireframing, high-fidelity prototyping, visual design (typography, color, layout, hierarchy), information design, motion, responsive web and mobile, social and messaging UX, design discovery, consumer web and mobile

Systems & Collaboration: Design systems, components, variants, design tokens, design-to-code alignment, accessibility, usability testing, UX heuristics, design critique, presenting and aligning cross-functional teams, remote collaboration

Tools & Technical: Figma (components, variants, Auto Layout), Claude Code and agentic prototyping, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, GitHub, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator)

PRODUCT DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Independent Product Designer

2025 – Present

Self-employed | Columbus, OH | Client work and own products

- UIForma (uiforma.com): designed and built a free design-system toolkit that turns color and type rules into a working UI kit with tokens and components, presented on 3D device mockups in its companion app, Studio.
- AI Without the Chat Box (Clio & Occasion): designed and prototyped two working AI products that replace the prompt box with context people already have, like a calendar or an event invitation.
- Hired to redesign the voice-to-note feature of Ghost.md, a Markdown notes app: designed the multi-step flow that sorts a spoken transcript into commands and clean notes using small on-device LLMs, then built it.

Lead UI/UX Designer

Feb 2022 – Feb 2025

Satellite IM Inc. | Remote | Owned design on a 10–25 person startup team

- Designed nearly all of the interface and visual assets for Uplink, an open-source messenger (225 GitHub stars, 26 releases, 3,800+ downloads) across desktop and mobile: friends and requests, profiles, direct and group chat, notifications, file sharing, and settings.
- Built and maintained Uplink's Figma design system of reusable components, variants, and interaction patterns, keeping every surface consistent as features overlapped and giving design and engineering one shared foundation.
- With no analytics by design (a privacy-first product), ran usability testing with first-time users after each major change; it showed people didn't understand seed-phrase recovery, which drove an onboarding redesign.
- Proposed the Satellite.im to Uplink rebrand and designed the investor deck that introduced it. Managed a three-person creative team early on, then owned design hands-on as the team got leaner.
- Turned feedback from a community of 15,000+ users into prioritized fixes and accessibility features, including OpenDyslexic support, custom fonts, and high-contrast themes.
- Worked directly in the code: contributed UI commits to the Uplink app and rebuilt and maintained the animated uplink.satellite.im marketing site, keeping design and implementation aligned.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Service Technician

Nov 2025 – Jun 2026

Startec Security | Columbus, OH

- Provided field research and domain expertise for planned inspection software, identifying technician pain points and opportunities to simplify documentation and inspection workflows.

Fire & Security Alarm Technician / Site Supervisor

Feb 2019 – Feb 2022

Southeastern Electronic Security and Alarm Systems | Marietta, OH

- Progressed from technician to site supervisor, coordinating technicians, contractors, customers, and field work across fire alarm, security, access-control, and low-voltage systems.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Associate of Applied Science, Computer Information Technology | West Virginia University at Parkersburg | 2018

Ohio Fire License | Kantech System Training