

Work Experience:

Metronet AS, 2012 to present

Currently employed as a senior developer at Metronet AS. The job involves working within a team environment to build custom WordPress plugins and themes for client use.

WP Paintbrush, 2011

I was co-owner of this business. WP Paintbrush is a powerful front-end development tool for WordPress. 99% of the code-base was written by myself. It makes use of jQuery/AJAX for the front-end editor and features a powerful templating layer built in for adding ability to edit raw HTML on WordPress multi-site networks (the plugin for this will be available soon). This project also involved creating a code generator for dynamically generating WordPress CSS files on the fly.

PixoPoint web development, 2008-2010

PixoPoint was the brand for my own freelance consultancy business. I decided that running a consultancy business was not my area of expertise and so am not intending to take on more clients in future. During my time as a consultant, I created custom WordPress themes and plugins to clients specifications. I often worked in concert with freelance graphic designers who prepared PSD based designs for me to convert into high quality WordPress themes. I also provided technical support for web consultancy companies who had difficulty fixing bugs in WordPress themes they had developed I used the creation of free plugins, themes and services to promote the business. The first such service was a CSS generator for creating dropdown menus (http://pixopoint.com/suckerfish_css/). This led to custom work involving the creation of dropdown menus for various websites, including that of the official website for Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson (<http://nancycartwright.com/>).

Instinct Entertainment, 2011

I was contracted to assist with the development of the WP eCommerce plugin for WordPress. I worked within their existing team to help improve their default e-commerce theme.

DeveloperTutorials staff, 2008

Employed part-time to help forum users with technical questions relating to WordPress and HTML/CSS. I resigned due to the owner employing spammers/sploggers to help drive traffic to the site.

ChemTutorials business, 2006-2007

I built the web front-end for a small tutorials business which allowed students to sign up for group tutorials via an easy to use interface.

Chemistry Research, 2003-2009

I completed a Master of Science degree in chemistry at the University of Otago before gaining employment at the University of Calgary. I eventually realised my true passion was WordPress and haven't looked back. Detailed information about my chemistry background can be found on my personal website ... <http://ryanhellyer.net/about#chemistry>