

Hello.

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With over 12 years of professional experience in PHP and JavaScript, I specialize in developing and managing WordPress powered websites. I'm proud to have created the first proper WordPress theme generator, predecessor to the modern WordPress page builder.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 — 2023** **Elementor | Static Hosting Specialist.** Leveraged PHP and JavaScript to support the conversion of WordPress sites to static hosting, focusing primarily on Elementor sites.
- 2018 — 2022** **Strattic | WordPress Specialist.** Developed infrastructure for converting WordPress sites to static hosting, with over half of the websites I worked on running on Elementor.
- 2016 — 2017** **Crowd Favorite Europe | Senior WordPress engineer.** Created WordPress plugins and themes for large scale corporate websites, implemented API connections between WordPress sites and external corporate services.
- 2014 — 2015** **Forsite Media | WordPress Specialist.** Developed security tools for the banking sector, commercial plugins for WordPress, and built large scale corporate websites.
- 2013 — 2014** **10up | WordPress Engineer.** Conducted security auditing for various Fortune 500 companies and implemented high-performance versions of corporate sites with high traffic volume.
- 2012 — 2013** **Metronet | Senior Developer.** Developed open-source WordPress plugins, created corporate websites, and presented at industry conferences.
- 2012** **WP Paintbrush | Co-owner.** Collaborated with Instinct Entertainment to develop WP Paintbrush, an enhanced version of my earlier theme generator for WordPress.
- 2011** **Pixopoint | Owner operator.** Created the first full-scale page/theme design editor for WordPress which later became the base for WP Paintbrush.
- 2003 — 2011** **University of Otago / University of Calgary | Research scientist.** Applied computer modeling (Density Functional Theory) to predict novel coordination complex structures and analyze plant material extraction methods.

OPEN SOURCE WORK

WordPress plugins I've created 41 publicly released WordPress plugins, with sixteen actively maintained on wordpress.org. Most popular ones include Disable Emoji's (70,000+ active sites), Unique Headers (20,000+ active sites), and Spam Destroyer (9000+ active sites).

WordPress themes I've developed eight publicly released WordPress themes.

Code snippets and services I actively maintain 11 code snippets/code libraries used for software development, mostly for WordPress.

EDUCATION

2001 — 2002

Master of Science

Conducted research using computer modeling (Density Functional Theory) to predict the structures and stability of new coordination complexes. Published multiple research papers on the synthesis of new coordination complexes.

1998 — 2000

Bachelor of Science

PERSONAL LIFE

Originally from New Zealand, I now call Berlin, Germany my home, adding to my international living experience that includes stays in Canada and Norway. My travel log also includes frequent visits to Israel, with a notable recent visit to the Elementor office.

In my personal time, I stay engaged with my passion for technology by contributing to open source code. Balancing my digital interests, I lead and participate in outdoor activities such as cycling and hiking events. I enjoy participating in simracing competitions.