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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 many successful open source projects, the most popular of which has over 70,000 active users.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 — 2023**      **Elementor | Static Hosting Specialist.** Leveraged PHP and JavaScript to support the conversion of WordPress sites to static hosting.
- 2018 — 2022**      **Strattic | WordPress Specialist.** Developed infrastructure for converting WordPress sites to static hosting.
- 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.