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- make gatsby really beginner-friendly with onboarding like squarespace has
- give people an easy way to see starters and themes and search for them
- make a searchable plugin library (he suggested this w/o me telling him) that uses github info (stars, forks, number of downloads, etc.) as part of the filtering process. also, if there is a way to show which sites are using which plugin, that'd be great...
- make set of plugins that automatically is included

5a7e0ed50e: with gatsby for beginners      2017-11-15T give people a

ne s building nis company s marketing site with gatsby. he currently wouldn't use gatsby for their web app because the dashboard is personalized and it all renders in the browser (i think...) and so he wondered if it is possible to render all the common elements beforehand and then only render the personalized stuff in the browser?

he's noticed a 1-1.5 second lag in page loading at times, wonders if this is on netlify's side. he might install a plugin that shows that the page is "loading".

he wants to write a plugin for fullstory (a service that records user visits to a site)

he wonders if there could be starters for a blog or docs page

he wondered if gatsby could provide netlify-esque services (maybe a total stretch haha)

is there a way to take all the lessons from static sites and apply them to web apps so that the web apps run fast? he said nextjs is trying to do this but there are some specific things about react that slowed down development enough that he dropped nextjs. it required that every react component be written very specifically

5a7e0ed50e: is there a way to do what reactstorybook does with      2017-10-30T he wonders i

he thinks docs and tutorials should be written in simpler terms for true beginners. for example, he didn't know what 'front matter' meant. the docs/tutorials seem to assume that you already have built on other static site generators he thinks the readme files for starters need to be improved. he has installed several starters that were disappointingly ugly, and he wishes the documentation was more thorough so he knew

5a7e0ed50e: what he was getting into.

2018-01-08T he thinks the

starters--some are outdated

he didn't understand some errors. could be better error messages. when there is an error, the hidden configuration is a disadvantage.

tried to build work project. react. rules to redirect user when some properties change. lots happens behind the scenes. the site is interactive with a dashboard. wanted to implement SSR, wanted to configure things that weren't possible to configure. had lots of errors that he didn't understand.

modifying gatsby-node.js is complicated for a newcomer. they will copy paste the code and won't understand what's in it. the api doesn't need to change. the docs just need to explain what's going on.

gatsby is still using react 15, and react 16 offers a lot of improvements and optimizations. it would nice to get this update a week after the update is available. maybe the internal apis make it difficult

5a7e0ed50e: to change.

2018-01-18T starters--son

I'm new to react, and while in recent years I've become much more comfortable in javascript I still wouldn't call myself a full javascript developer. Most things I was able to sort out through trial and error. What I'm still having issues with is dynamic content in terms of a blog or pages. The Gatsby starter blog has blog posts, with a markdown folder. But it has no pages that come out of a markdown folder. I started working with a different starter that has a markdown folder for blog posts and a separate folder for pages, but I can't get a "normal" .js page to work in this set-up. It's not yet clear to me how and where this folder structure is defined. The other thing I'm running into is including a js function. I'm trying to include one but it doesn't seem to get loaded. Probably because react doesn't work in the way I expect it to. In any case this is a more advanced issue, and it might also relate to this particular js script.

For me, specific features, like: - how to add a list of markdown blog posts - how to add markdown pages - how to add tags/categories to blog posts (and tag/category listing pages) these things I had to distill from open source Gatsby

5a7e0ed50e: repo's or starters. rather than a tutorial which

2017-09-20T how to add a

got confused in part 3 of tutorial about the layout component and why he didn't have to add anything to the config file. He expected to have to add it there, and was surprised that it worked even without adding it.

got confused in part 1 of the tutorial when he added page-2 and got a react error. He restarted the dev process and it fixed it. He's not sure if this was a necessary step and should be in the tutorial.

didn't know there was a documentation starter. I emailed the link to him to see if he could ever see

5a7e0ed50e: himself using this for work.

2018-01-16T didn't know t

- graphql had a learning curve for him. as soon as he made one successful query, he was fine. he figured it out by going to a meetup where they talked a bit about graphql and then found a gatsby starter and looked at the src code. he would just consistently forget to query for the data before he tried to use it, because other cms's he's used to always have the data there. the kind of data he's using is blog content, titles, dates, description of posts, project titles, project descriptions, etc.

- it took him some time to figure out how the internals of gatsby work.

- his "only complaint" is to see more documentation (all the stub docs are ones he really wants and needs), so that's good validation that we're on the right track.

- he would love 1st party tutorials on how to integrate gatsby and drupal, and page transitions. a

5a7e0ed50e: blog post about drupal + gatsby would be cool. 2017-12-01T [to learn gra]

5a7e0ed50e: missing or limited info on plugins, especially showcas 2018-01-09T wants showc

to go far afield:

i'd say that a noteworthy percentage of new gatsby users is not only new to gatsby but also to react itself, me including. therefore the users not only have troubles at some point with gatsby but also with react and the whole ecosystem (webpack etc.). so i think a "part zero" at the tutorial would be something like: places to learn react, common react errors, places to ask for react/webpack questions. because i think i googled more about react (as i'm still learning it) than really had a "big" roadblock with gatsby.

coming back to the tutorial:

i personally think that part two should be split up and the styling have its own part. if you have no idea what the styling in react looks like (and your background is plain css/scss) this can be a bit overwhelming. i also re-read it multiple times to get the gist of every possibility.

i can't remember to actually have big issues with gatsby itself but rather with external packages and stuff. that could also be something for "part zero": how to debug/check your external packages or something like that.

ah, and i'd propose to also create video tutorials at

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