

My First WordPress.org Site

How I fared building my first WordPress site after taking Girl Develop It! Introduction to WordPress course.

The challenge

I am working with a podcast client, and she asked for a website that could do the following:

- Generate new pages and posts easily.
- Allow for easy integrations with Soundcloud and iTunes.
- Be robust enough to handle a blog and seamless archiving system.

Influences

Radiolab

Nerdette Podcast

We're Alive - A
Story of Survival

Spark with Nora
Young

What are the key steps?

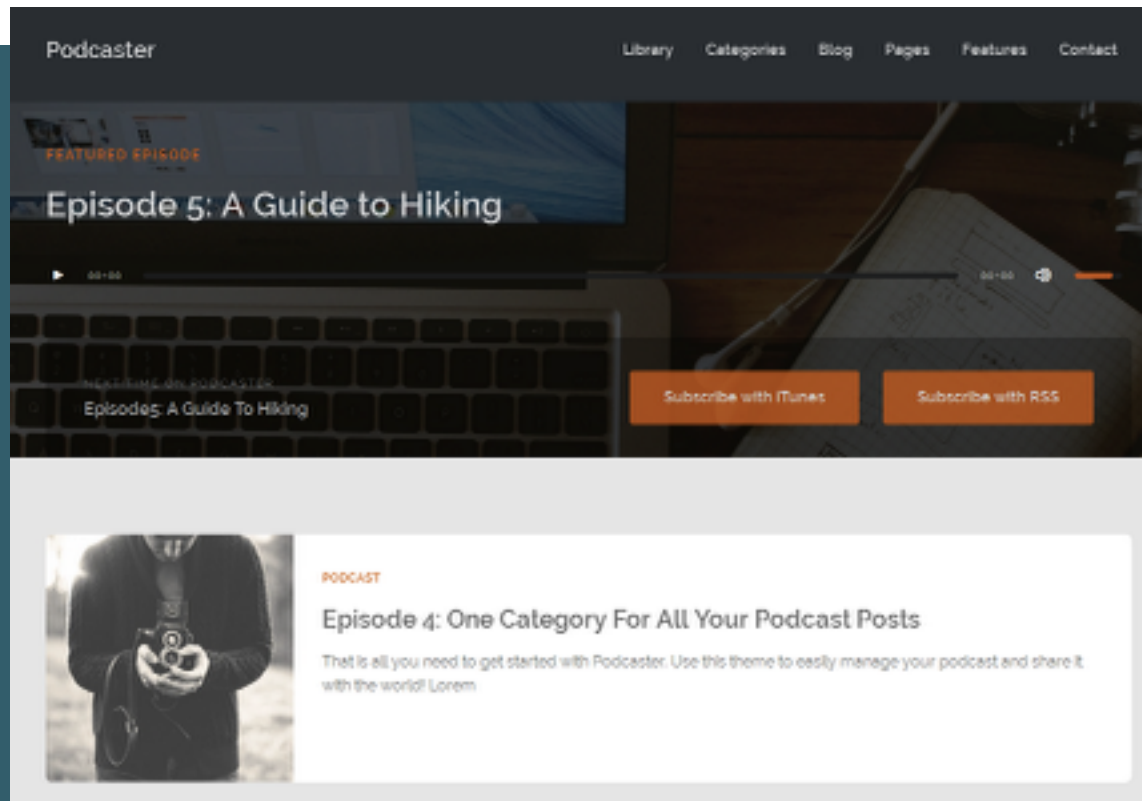
Step 1 - Picking a template. I needed a template that would provide a responsive solution to presenting a podcast. After all, many people tune into podcasts in their car

Step 2 - Redesign the template using CSS. What would be the best way to keep track of changes?

Step 3 - Research and implement integrations, plug-ins and tools to further market the podcast.

Step 4 - Develop everything locally on a MAMP environment

Podcaster Template Before/After



I primarily used a Google Fonts plug-in for my font choices. Photoshop was my go to tool for image production, and I relied heavily on CSS edits to achieve the look and feel I wanted.

How I made changes to CSS

- I decided to implement the Custom CSS Manager plug-in to manage my visual design changes. This worked best for me because this overrides the ID and Class tags within the developer's code.

Custom CSS Manager Plugin Settings

Got some ideas on how to improve your podcasting experience? [Click here](#) to take a quick Seriously Simple Podcasting user survey.
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The following recommended plugin is currently inactive: *Theme Station Podcasting Feed*.

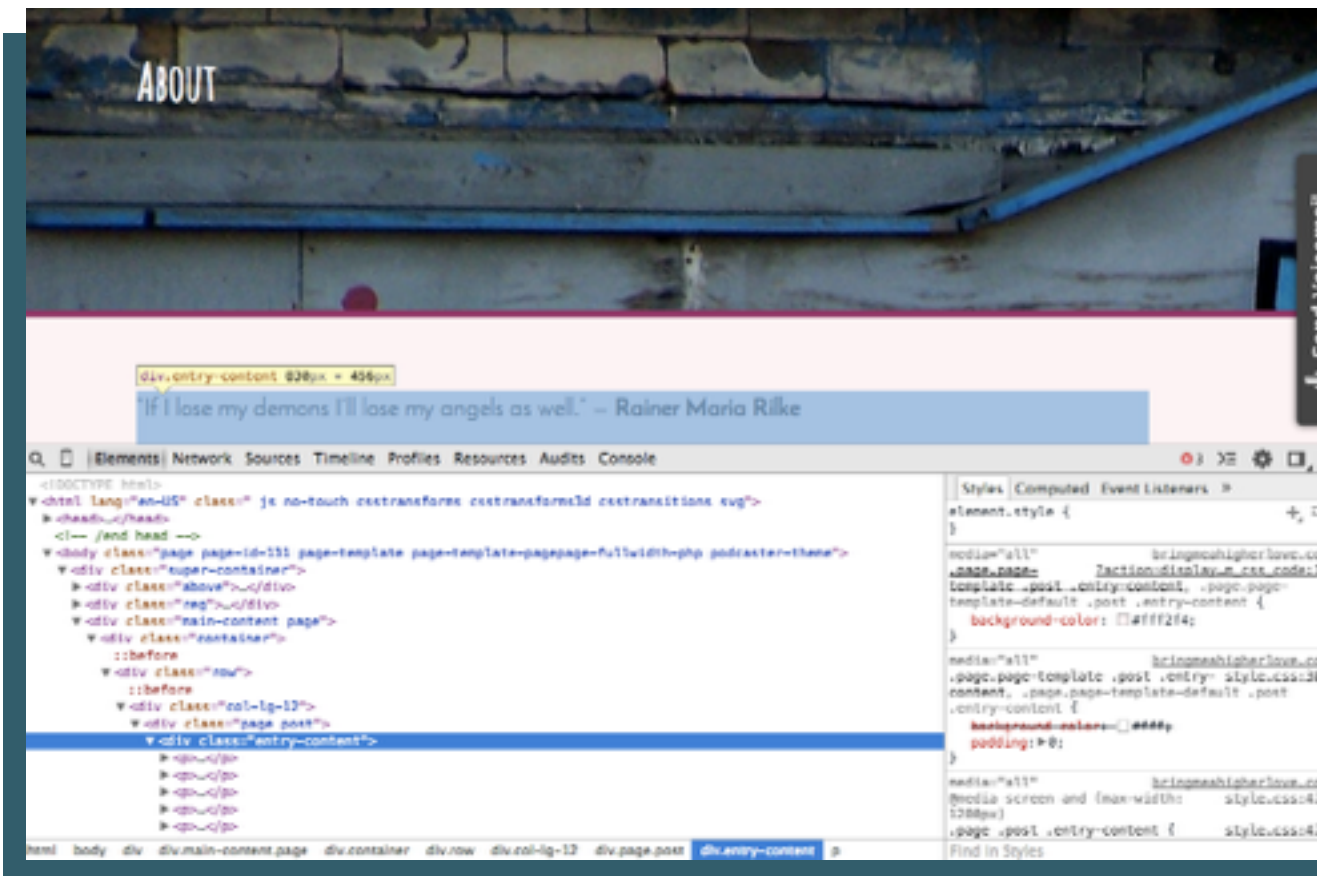
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Cascading Style Sheet

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CSS Code

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1 .above {
2     height: 140px;
3     background-color: #b8dce8;
4     color: #9elf63;
5     border-bottom: 6px solid #9elf63;
6 }
7 header .main-title a:link,
8 header .main-title a:visited {
9     padding: 20px 0;
10    display: block;
11    font-size: 48px;
12    font-weight: 600;
13    color: #9elf63;
14    opacity: 1;
15 }
16 .col-lg-2
17 {
18     width: 25%;
```



What I learned in the process

- Documentation is key! Keeping a running log of passwords and plug-ins makes the whole development process smoother.
- Google Inspector Element is a lifesaver through the WordPress development process.
- Save and back-up often.
- Learn the architecture of your template early in the development process.
- Stick with templates that have solid documentation and a good community of people. This helps with troubleshooting any potential issues with the theme!