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I'm a **Senior/Staff Software Engineer** passionate about open source and developer tooling. I'm an expert in full-stack web development, international conference speaker, and WordPress Core Team member. In my spare time you'll find me reading or surfing!

## WORK

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### Motmotalk

05/2025 - present

**Founder & CEO**

[motmotalk.com](http://motmotalk.com)

Building the next generation AI-powered language learning app.

### Automattic

09/2021 - 04/2025

**Staff Software Engineer**

- Co-architected the Interactivity API - the official JavaScript framework of WordPress
- Shipped multiple features of the WordPress block editor like Image block Lightbox and Block Bindings
- Spoke at international conferences: *WordCamp Europe 2024* and *WordPress Day for Developers 2024*
- Became a WordPress Core committer

### Frontity

12/2018 - 09/2021

**Senior Software Engineer**

- Developed the Frontity Framework until acquisition by Automattic
- Created tutorials and documentation on how to use the Frontity Framework

### Envisioning.io

10/2017 - 12/2018

**Senior Software Engineer**

- Created a company-wide design system
- Created a CMS used for making custom data visualisations
- Built the company website: [envisioning.io](http://envisioning.io)

### Uberchord Engineering

08/2016 - 09/2017

**Senior Software Engineer**

- Built APIs used by the Uberchord iOS app
- Created a custom content management platform for internal use
- Created an SPA for discovering guitar chords

# GxP Brain GmbH

10/2014 - 06/2016

## Junior Software Engineer

- Ported a server-side-only codebase to a JavaScript SPA
- Introduced fully automated integration tests

# Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen

05/2013 - 04/2014

## System Administrator

I was responsible for co-managing a 70TB data archive on over 200 of world's languages and developed a python library for working with XML-based metadata.

## EDUCATION

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### University of Glasgow

2008 - 2012

M.A. Psychology

### University of California, Santa Barbara

2010 - 2011

Education Abroad Programme

### Radboud University Nijmegen

2012 - 2014

Graduate coursework in cognitive neuroscience

## BEYOND WORK

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### conference talks

- WordCamp Europe 2025, Torino, Italy
- WordPress Day for Developers 2025, Lisbon Portugal

### languages

In order of proficiency:

- Polish - **native**
- English - **native**
- Spanish - **fluent**
- Portuguese - **fluent**
- German - **B2 level**

### hypermark

I built a WYSIWYG markdown note-taking application with a unique UX:

<https://hypermark.app>