

# Chris Sparshott

PHP Web Developer & Frontend Developer

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## Profile

A highly competent and attentive frontend focused PHP developer, with over 10 years experience.

I have always sought to push myself and learn new skills, and I am now looking for a new opportunity and a new challenge. As a frontend developer that has transitioned into frontend PHP development, I am looking to get more involved with backend development, database design & management.

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## Technical

- HTML / CSS
- HTML Emails
- HTML5 Animated Banners
- JS / jQuery
- PHP / MySQL
- GIT
- Photoshop

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## Experience

### 21Six

Frontend & PHP Web Developer

Aug 2018 - Current

Fair Oak, Southampton

### Chalkstring - Wordpress

[Chalkstring](#) is a wordpress website built using the [Lumberjack](#) framework (developed by the team at [RareLoop](#)).

Lumberjack allows for an Object Oriented approach to wordpress theme development, with Twig used for templating the HTML, implementing the BEM methodology for styling components, and the fantastic ACF (Advanced Custom Fields) plugin is used for creating flexible, customisable and re-usable modules.

One of my aims for this project was to build components in such a way that they can be used in future projects, minimising development time.

## HTML Email Development

Being a digital agency, there is a steady stream of HTML emails that need developing.

With this in mind, and knowing that we also have freelance developers that build emails for us from time to time, I decided to take it upon myself to create and document a workflow which incorporates a task manager (Grunt) to automate a bunch of the repetitive tasks, including:

- Optimising images.
- Compiling CSS and HTML through Pre-mailer API.
- BrowserSync to auto-reload changes.
- Create screenshot of email.

This workflow can be refined over time, but it has provided a solid starting point in reducing the time taken to develop quite dramatically.

All emails are tested in Litmus, ensuring the design met an acceptable consistency across all email clients.

## Animated HTML5 Banner Development - Google Web Designer

The development of HTML5 animated banners was another regular task I undertook.

With experience of Adobe Flash at the start of my career, this helped me and my learning curve using Google Web Designer as an application when building the banners.

### **Additional Tasks;**

- Collaborate with internal teams to ensure we provide optimal solutions to the clients problems.
- Performance optimisations and some refactoring of code for new feature implementations.
- Client websites functional updates and bug fixes.

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## Fortifi

PHP Web Developer

*Nov 2014 - Aug 2018*

*Whiteley, Fareham*

Front-end focused PHP developer, creating reusable components and pages using PHP, HTML, CSS and jQuery for an all encompassing cloud based business solution, including: marketing, CRM, support, billing and email services.

### **Additional projects;**

- With illustrator files provided, I built the [Fortifi website](#) based on Google Material framework, [MDL](#).
- Josh, from [AnalysisPro](#), required a new website to be built on WordPress. I developed the theme from designs that were created in-house at Fortifi, and the website was launched in June, 2018.
- Mark, from [Enjoy Fitness](#), wanted to amalgamate the 2 websites he was currently hosting/managing into one, and the new website was to be built on WordPress. I developed the theme from designs that were created in-house at Fortifi, and the website was launched in August, 2018.

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## Seemly (Personal Project)

Full Stack

*June 2015 - Current*

What started out as a website portfolio and somewhat of a coding playground, seemly has turned into the home of 13,000+ MySQL rows containing historical UK domain name sales since 2006. The records are searchable by keyword, and many filters are provided to refine search results.

Harvesting domain sales records is updated on a mostly daily basis, and is a fully automated process using IFTTT applets and CRON jobs.

The reason behind such a project was an interest in the UK domain name space itself, and the intrigue as to any statistical trends over time, including:

- Total sales by month
- Total sales by year
- Sales by month avg. price
- Sales by year avg. price

- Domains sold this month, 'x' years ago
- Sales by domain character length

The project also contains a UK specific Bulk Whois checker with CSV export.

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## Abacus E-media

*May 2014 - Nov 2014*

Frontend Developer

*Gun Wharf, Portsmouth*

Building and maintaining customer websites using the HTML, CSS, and in-house JS plugins of the proprietary B2B media publishing SaaS platform; WebVision.

Using WebVision, I built the responsive, cross platform and cross browser compliant company website.

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## Just Develop It

*Oct 2012 - May 2014*

Frontend Developer

*Whiteley, Fareham*

A solo frontend developer building and maintaining 6 customer facing, marketing focused websites with unique themes per brand, for a cloud based backup application.

Each brand had their own customer control panel for file management, built upon Bootstrap, providing a responsive, cross-platform, cross-browser UI.

A support suite was also developed per brand, with reusable components, allowing the development team to build pages as required in a modular fashion.

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## Mad Productions

*Mar 2010 - Oct 2012*

E-commerce Frontend Developer

*North Baddesley, Southampton*

Part of a 3-man front-end development team, building and maintaining multiple e-commerce websites using an in-house proprietary .NET store management application, including;

- onlinegolf.co.uk
- americangolf.co.uk

- rigbyandpeller.co.uk
  - lights4fun.co.uk
  - zeeandco.co.uk
  - dephoto.biz
  - jakss.co.uk
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## One2create

*Sep 2008 - Mar 2010*

Junior Frontend Developer

*Droxford, Southampton*

Frontend development and maintenance for new and existing intranets and extranets for Inchcape Fleet Solutions.

For the most part, this consisted of taking a default .NET template, and matching PSD designs provided by the design team, ensuring that browser support was consistent and included IE6.

I also headed up the SEO for clients with public facing websites, creating monthly reports and statistics displayed in a client specific custom-themed micro-site.

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## V&F Sheet Metal

*Sep 1998 - Sep 2008*

Sheet Metal Fabricator

*Whiteley, Fareham*

Machine setter / operator

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## *Interests*

1. Since Summer 2016 I have been a keen runner. In December of 2017 I ran my first marathon in Portsmouth.
2. As a member of my local running club - Gosport Road Runners - in March 2018 I created a club mascot called 'Hugh' using Adobe Illustrator. It is currently going through the process of member introduction, ready for printing on club attire and for media use.
3. I genuinely enjoy learning new skills, so I subscribe to Lynda.com and watch video courses related to my industry including; JS, PHP, Online Marketing and Illustrator.

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## *Links*

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