# Cover Letter

## General

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my interest in the WordPress developer position at your company. As a skilled web developer with a passion for creating and building digital solutions, I am confident that my skills and experience align with the requirements of this role.

I have 8 years of experience in web development, with a focus on WordPress development. I am proficient in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP, and have experience with custom theme and plugin development, performance optimization, and security best practices. I also have experience with other web development tools and technologies, such as Git, SEO, and responsive design.

I am particularly excited about the opportunity to work with WordPress and to be a part of your team. I am passionate about delivering high-quality work and am committed to staying current with the latest developments in web technologies.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this position further with you. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Eugene

## \*professional

Dear hiring manager!

I am writing to express my interest in the WordPress Developer position at your company. I am a highly skilled and experienced WordPress developer with over 8 years of experience in developing and maintaining complex WordPress websites. I am confident that my technical skills and passion for delivering high-quality solutions make me an excellent fit for this role.

In my recent role at Forte Group, I have been responsible for leading the development of several large-scale WordPress projects, including the launch of a complex e-commerce website for a large retail company. I have also developed custom plugins for clients in various industries, streamlining their workflows and automating manual processes.

I have a deep understanding of the WordPress platform and its capabilities and am proficient in PHP, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. I have experience with various tools and technologies, including WooCommerce, REST APIs, and custom plugin development. I am also committed to writing clean, maintainable code and ensuring that my projects meet the needs of my clients.

Here’s my highlights that aligned to your company’s need:

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In addition to my technical skills, I have excellent communication and collaboration skills. I have a proven track record of working effectively with cross-functional teams and am able to effectively communicate technical concepts to non-technical stakeholders. I am also actively involved in the WordPress community and have a strong network of peers and mentors.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring my skills and experience to the team at your company. I am confident that I can make a valuable contribution to your organization and help to deliver high-quality solutions for your clients.

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Here’s my past work:

✔ https://audioplugin.deals/ ( Fully customized theme )

✔ https://beta.udigstudio.com/ ( ACF & CPT )

✔ https://onecity.com.hk ( Marketplace WCFM )

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# Q & A

## Describe in a few words your experience with WordPress Development.

I have been developing sites with WordPress since 2015. I specialize in designing and developing custom WordPress themes and plugins. My process begins with research and discovery to gain an understanding of the project, then I create a design plan and wireframe the layout.

I develop custom plugins and themes that are tailored to the client’s needs. My development workflow includes creating the theme files and customizing them to support advanced functionalities, adding custom meta boxes, creating widgets, and customizing existing plugins. I am always open to using and integrating existing plugins to speed up development.

I have experience in setting up WordPress installations and customizing them for optimal performance. I have also implemented a few caching plugins to speed up the site performance. I am experienced in creating custom forms and integrating them into the WordPress theme. I have also worked on several WordPress eCommerce projects, creating custom templates for a WooCommerce shop.

I am always researching and exploring new WordPress features, tools, and libraries and experimenting with them to keep up with the latest trends and technologies.

## Why are you a good match for this position?

I am a good match for this position because I have a proven track record of success in similar roles. I have a strong understanding of the industry, and I have the necessary technical skills and experience to excel in this position. Additionally, I have a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard in order to drive positive results.

## What's your experience with WordPress specifically

I have been using WordPress for a few years now and I have developed a wide range of sites using them. I have worked with a variety of plugins and themes, and have also developed custom themes and plugins for many of the sites I have built. I am comfortable with core functions, custom post types and taxonomies, and setting up themes and plugins to meet the client's needs. I also have experience with WooCommerce, WP Multi-site and the REST API.

## What do you like most about web development in the WordPress ecosystem

I really appreciate how WordPress makes it easy to create a website without any coding knowledge. With the help of different plugins and themes, you can create a website in no time with the features you need. What's more, the WordPress ecosystem has a great network of helpful and experienced professionals who offer valuable advice, tutorials and solutions to questions and concerns in the WordPress community.

## How did you get involved with WordPress?

I have always been interested in website development and have been working with various technologies for quite some time. I came across WordPress while searching for a platform that would allow me to easily create and manage websites. I found it to be very user-friendly and versatile, and I was drawn to its open-source nature. I started experimenting with it, and soon found that I had a knack for it. So, I decided to further develop my skills in WordPress by studying its code, experimenting with different themes and plugins, and participating in online communities where WordPress developers share their knowledge. Over time, I became proficient with WordPress and decided to make it my primary focus as a developer.

## What is your approach to building a custom website?

1. Planning: This includes gathering requirements from the client, creating a sitemap and wireframes, and determining the overall design and layout of the website.

2. Design: This involves creating mockups and visual elements for the website, such as the logo, color scheme, and typography.

3. Development: This is where the website is built using HTML, CSS, JavaScript and PHP. The development stage also involves creating a custom WordPress theme or modifying an existing one to match the design of the website. This theme will then be used to control the layout and design of the website.

4. Content Creation: This is where the website's content is created and added to the website.

5. Installation and Configuration: This is where WordPress is installed on the web server, and various settings and configurations are made to ensure that the website functions as intended.

6. Testing and Deployment: This is where the website is tested on various devices and browsers to ensure it is fully functional. Once the website is deemed ready for launch, it is deployed to a web server and made live for the public.

7. Plugin Development: This is where custom plugins are developed, to add specific functionality to the website that is not available in pre-existing plugins.

8. Maintenance: After the website is launched, regular maintenance is required to ensure that the website remains secure, up-to-date and error-free.

## What experience do you have coding custom plugins?

The process of creating a custom plugin typically involves the following steps:

1. Planning: This includes determining the specific functionality that the plugin will provide, and how it will integrate with the website.

2. Development: This is where the plugin is built using the programming languages mentioned above. This includes creating the plugin's main PHP file, as well as any additional files that may be required.

3. Testing: This is where the plugin is tested to ensure that it functions as intended, and that it does not cause any conflicts with other plugins or the theme.

4. Deployment: Once the plugin is tested and deemed ready, it can be deployed to the website and made available for use.

5. Maintenance: After the plugin is deployed, regular maintenance is required to ensure that it remains compatible with the latest version of WordPress and that it continues to function as intended.

## What plugins are you most familiar with?

- Akismet: a plugin that helps prevent spam comments on a website

- WooCommerce: an e-commerce plugin that allows users to sell products and services through their website

- Gravity Forms: a plugin that allows users to create and manage forms on their website

- WP Super Cache: a caching plugin that helps speed up a website by caching pages and posts

- Contact Form 7: a plugin that allows users to easily add contact forms to their website

- WPForms: a plugin that allows users to easily create and manage forms on their website

- Yoast SEO: a plugin that helps improve a website's search engine optimization

- WP Smush: a plugin that optimizes images on a website to reduce page load times

- Google Analytics for WordPress: a plugin that allows users to easily add Google Analytics tracking code to their website.

These are some of the most popular and widely used WordPress plugins, but there are many others available depending on the specific needs of a website.

## Have you ever developed a WordPress plugin from scratch and if so, please give details.

- Create a new folder and name it after your plugin in the wp-content/plugins directory.

- Create a new PHP file and name it the same as the folder.

- Add the plugin header to the top of the PHP file, this includes the plugin name, description, and other metadata.

- Write the plugin code. This includes creating functions, hooks, and filters that will be used to add functionality to your plugin.

- Test plugin. Make sure it works as expected and that there are no errors.

- Submit plugins to the WordPress plugin repository.

When developing a plugin from scratch, it's important to follow best practices and use the WordPress codex and API to ensure that your plugin is built correctly and follows WordPress's standards.

It's also important to consider the security of your plugin. WordPress has a lot of resources for learning about plugin security, like the Plugin Handbook and the Plugin Security Team, you should make sure to follow the best practices and guidelines to ensure your plugin is secure.

Finally, It's also crucial to keep your plugin updated and maintained. With each new version of WordPress, it's important to check for compatibility and make any necessary updates to your plugin to ensure it continues to function properly.

## Have you ever developed or converted an entire photoshop web design into a WordPress Theme? (if so please give details on the design concept, purpose, and type of conversion. For example, an Auction website design, was designed and converted by myself, and was developed as a sellable theme.)

Here are the basic steps to convert a Photoshop web design into a WordPress theme:

- Created a new folder in the wp-content/themes directory and name it after your theme.

- Created the necessary theme files, such as index.php, header.php, and footer.php.

- Used the design from Photoshop to create the necessary CSS and HTML for the theme.

- Used WordPress template tags and functions to create the necessary PHP for the theme.

- Used the WordPress Customizer API to create options for customizing the theme.

- Tested the theme to make sure it works as expected and that there are no errors.

- Submitted the theme to the WordPress theme repository.

The concept, purpose, and type of conversion depend on the design that you are working on. For example, if I am designing an auction website, the theme would need to include functionality for creating and managing auctions, as well as displaying them on the website.

It's also important to consider the user experience when converting a design into a WordPress theme, and make sure that the theme is easy to use and navigate.

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## What's your experience working with WordPress and WooCommerce sites?

As a senior WordPress developer, I have extensive experience working with WordPress and WooCommerce sites. Over the years, I have built, maintained, and optimized various types of WordPress websites, including e-commerce sites built with WooCommerce.

My experience with WordPress and WooCommerce includes:

Custom Theme Development: I have extensive experience building custom WordPress themes from scratch and modifying existing themes to meet clients' needs. I am well-versed in WordPress development best practices, including the use of action and filter hooks, custom post types, and custom fields.

Plugin Development: I have experience creating custom WordPress plugins to extend the functionality of websites. I am skilled in writing clean, efficient, and secure code that integrates with existing WordPress plugins and themes.

WooCommerce Development: I have extensive experience developing e-commerce websites using WooCommerce. I have a strong understanding of the WooCommerce platform and am experienced in customizing and integrating it with other plugins and systems to create a seamless e-commerce experience for clients.

Website Maintenance and Optimization: I have experience maintaining, debugging, and optimizing WordPress websites, ensuring they are running smoothly and efficiently. I also have experience securing WordPress websites and ensuring they are up-to-date with the latest security updates and releases.

Integration with Third-Party Systems: I have experience integrating WordPress websites with third-party systems, including payment gateways, shipping systems, and marketing platforms.

In summary, I have a deep understanding of WordPress and WooCommerce and am confident in my ability to build and maintain high-quality, user-friendly, and reliable WordPress websites that meet clients' needs.

## Describe your experience with WordPress troubleshooting and technical problem solving.

As a senior WordPress developer, I have extensive experience in troubleshooting and solving technical problems in WordPress. This includes issues related to themes, plugins, custom code, database corruption, security breaches, and more.

I approach each problem by first gathering all relevant information, such as the versions of WordPress and plugins, error logs, and the steps taken before the issue arose. Then, I utilize my knowledge of WordPress core functions, APIs, and best practices to diagnose the problem and determine the best course of action.

In many cases, I am able to resolve the issue by reviewing and updating plugin and theme code, reconfiguring settings, and optimizing the database. When necessary, I also have experience in writing custom code to resolve compatibility issues and implement new features.

I have a deep understanding of WordPress security and am able to troubleshoot and remediate security breaches, as well as implement measures to prevent future breaches. I also have experience in performance optimization, such as using caching, optimizing images, and implementing load-balanced server configurations.

In summary, my experience with WordPress troubleshooting and technical problem-solving has equipped me with the ability to quickly and effectively diagnose and resolve a wide range of issues in WordPress websites.

## What experience do you have building/writing custom WordPress or WooCommerce plugins? Describe what you have built or how you've worked with custom plugins.

Through custom WordPress plugins, I used to add new functionality or extended existing functionality to any existing WordPress site. These plugins can be simple or complex and can involve creating custom post types, custom taxonomies, custom fields, or interacting with APIs.

In terms of working with WooCommerce plugins, I worked on some Custom WooCommerce plugins for adding new functionality to any existing WooCommerce site or extending existing functionality.

Some examples of custom plugins for WordPress and WooCommerce I’ve developed:

- Adding new payment gateways

- Integrating with external systems (e.g. CRM, shipping, or accounting software)

- Customizing checkout fields

- Creating custom reports and dashboards

- Customizing email notifications

When building custom plugins, it is important to consider security, compatibility, and performance. This may involve using best practices for coding, testing, and deployment, as well as ensuring compatibility with the latest version of WordPress and WooCommerce.

1. Tell us briefly about your background - how’d you learn the ins and outs of the skills required for this position?

My name is Eugene, and I am a Senior WordPress engineer with over 8 years of experience in the field. I have extensive expertise in developing and maintaining custom wordpress websites, as well as integrating various plugins and themes. I have a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and a solid understanding of all aspects of the web development process.

2. How do you rate yourself as a WordPress developer from 1 to 10 where 1 is Novice and 10 is Expert?

I rate myself like 7 or 8 as I always think there’s still room for improvement in technology I have to learn.

3. Tell us about your development workflow - what IDE do you use? Do you use Windows or Linux?

VS Code, Linux

4. What JavaScript frameworks do you have experience with? How long have you been working w/ JS?

ReactJS, NextJS, VueJS, AngularJS, NodeJS

I’ve been working w/JS for 8 years.

5. What JavaScript framework does the WordPress admin use?

React

6. Have you developed any custom WordPress Plugins or Widgets? If so, what are some links that demonstrate them? What was the purpose of the plugins/widgets?

<https://github.com/EXPPAL/multi-woo-checkout>

<https://sanvah.com/en/offer/checkout-layla-2-in-1-all-movement-dress/>

As this link shows, the plugin provides an extended custom checkout function to customers.

7. Do you find that having someone else doing Quality Control on your work is necessary? Beneficial?

Having someone else perform Quality Control (QC) on your work can be seen as both necessary and beneficial, depending on the context and the goals of the project.

On one hand, having an independent party review your work can help ensure that the quality of the final product meets the required standards. This can help catch mistakes or issues that you may have missed, and can also provide fresh perspectives and ideas for improvement.

On the other hand, having QC can slow down the development process, add extra steps and make it more difficult to get your work out the door. It can also introduce new challenges if the QC person and the developer have different opinions on what constitutes "quality."

Overall, the benefits of having someone else perform QC on your work can outweigh the costs, especially for larger and more complex projects where ensuring quality is essential. However, for smaller projects or projects with tight timelines, it may not be necessary to have a separate QC process.

It ultimately depends on the goals and requirements of the project, and it's important to weigh the costs and benefits of QC when making a decision.

8. What are some of the positives and negatives of WordPress?

Positives:

User-friendly: WordPress is known for being user-friendly and easy to use, even for those with limited technical knowledge. The interface is intuitive and there is a wealth of resources and tutorials available to help users get started.

Customizable: WordPress has a vast ecosystem of plugins and themes that allow users to easily customize the look and functionality of their website. This makes it possible to create unique and customized websites without the need for extensive coding knowledge.

SEO-friendly: WordPress is optimized for search engines and has a range of SEO-friendly features built-in, including customizable permalinks and the ability to add metadata.

Responsive design: Many WordPress themes are designed with responsive design in mind, ensuring that websites look great on any device, whether it's a desktop, tablet, or mobile phone.

Large community: WordPress has a large and active community of users, developers, and experts, making it easy to find help and support when needed.

Negatives:

Vulnerability: As a popular CMS, WordPress is a target for hackers and can be vulnerable to security threats. Regular updates and the use of secure plugins and themes can help mitigate these risks.

Performance: Depending on the theme and plugins used, WordPress-based websites can become slow and resource-intensive, which can negatively impact the user experience.

Complexity: While WordPress is user-friendly, it can also become complex as the number of plugins and customizations increase. This can make it difficult for non-technical users to make changes to their website.

Limited design options: While there are many customizable themes available for WordPress, the design options can be limited, especially for users who don't have the skills or resources to create custom designs.

Overall, WordPress is a versatile and powerful CMS with many advantages, but it also has its challenges and limitations. When choosing a CMS, it's important to consider the specific needs and goals of your website to determine whether WordPress is the right fit for you.

9. Have you run into any limitations using WordPress? If so, what were they and how did you overcome them?

As a senior WordPress developer, you're likely to have encountered a number of limitations while working with WordPress. Some common limitations include:

Performance: WordPress websites can become slow and resource-intensive, especially as the number of plugins and customizations increase. This can negatively impact the user experience and make it difficult to meet performance goals.

Design restrictions: While there are many customizable themes available for WordPress, the design options can be limited, especially for users who don't have the skills or resources to create custom designs.

Custom post types: WordPress provides a limited set of post types out of the box, and creating custom post types can be challenging for some developers.

Custom taxonomies: Custom taxonomies can be challenging to implement and integrate with other parts of the website, especially for those who are not familiar with WordPress taxonomy architecture.

Limitations of plugins: WordPress plugins can also introduce limitations and compatibility issues with the theme and other plugins.

To overcome these limitations, senior WordPress developers often employ a variety of techniques, including:

Performance optimization: Implementing performance optimization techniques such as caching, minification, and compression can help improve website performance and speed.

Custom development: Creating custom themes and plugins can provide more flexibility and control over the design and functionality of a WordPress website.

Choosing the right plugins: Selecting plugins that are well-maintained and have a strong track record of compatibility can help reduce the risk of compatibility issues.

Debugging and troubleshooting: Debugging and troubleshooting issues with plugins, themes, and custom code can help resolve problems and overcome limitations.

Staying up-to-date: Keeping up-to-date with the latest WordPress developments and best practices can help ensure that websites remain functional and efficient.

In conclusion, senior WordPress developers are likely to encounter a number of limitations while working with WordPress, but they can overcome these limitations by employing a variety of techniques and best practices.

10. What is your experience using WordPress hooks?

I used to use hooks to customize the appearance and functionality of a WordPress website, add custom functionality, modify data before it is displayed, and implement security measures.

11. What is the difference between a WordPress Action hook and Filter hook and how are they related (if at all)?

WordPress hooks are a key tool for WordPress development. I allowed them to modify and extend the functionality of WordPress websites. There are two main types of hooks in WordPress: actions and filters.

Actions hooks allow developers to add custom code to specific events in the WordPress processing cycle. For example, an action hook could be used to add custom code to the "wp\_head" action, which is triggered just before the closing tag in the head section of a WordPress website.

Filter hooks, on the other hand, allow developers to modify data before it is processed and displayed. For example, a filter hook could be used to modify the output of a specific shortcode before it is displayed on a page.

12. What do you value in an employer? The team you’re working with? What are you looking for in your next role?

As a senior WordPress developer, there are several factors that you might value in an employer, and look for in your next role. Here are some of the most common factors:

Professional growth: You might be looking for an employer who values professional growth and provides opportunities for you to learn new skills, work on challenging projects, and advance in your career.

Work-life balance: Many senior WordPress developers value a good work-life balance and an employer who recognizes the importance of time off and flexible working arrangements.

A positive work environment: You might be looking for an employer who values a positive, collaborative work environment, where you feel supported and valued as a team member.

Competitive compensation and benefits: You might be looking for an employer who offers competitive compensation and benefits, such as health insurance, paid time off, and retirement benefits.

A dynamic and challenging work environment: Many senior WordPress developers enjoy working on dynamic, challenging projects that push the limits of their skills and abilities.

Collaboration and teamwork: You might value the ability to work closely with other team members, collaborate on projects, and learn from others.

In conclusion, the factors that a senior WordPress developer values in an employer and looks for in their next role will vary based on individual preferences and career goals. However, many senior WordPress developers are looking for an employer who values professional growth, work-life balance, a positive work environment, competitive compensation, and a dynamic and challenging work environment where they can collaborate with others.

13. What are the biggest challenges with your current role?

Here are some of challenges I faced before:

Keeping up with the latest technologies and best practices: The technology and best practices for WordPress development are constantly evolving, and it can be challenging for me to stay current and up-to-date with these changes.

Managing conflicting priorities and tight deadlines: I often work on multiple projects simultaneously and need to prioritize and manage conflicting demands in order to meet tight deadlines.

Maintaining backwards compatibility: When developing new WordPress websites, I often need to consider and maintain backwards compatibility with older versions of WordPress and other plugins and themes.

Managing project scope and budget: I am often responsible for managing the scope and budget of a project, and ensuring that the project is delivered on time and within budget while also meeting the needs of the client.

Ensuring website security: With the increasing threat of cyber attacks, I need to ensure that the websites they develop are secure and protected against hacking and other security threats.

Balancing creativity and practicality: I often need to balance their creativity and innovative ideas with the practical requirements and limitations of a project.

In conclusion, the challenges I faced will vary depending on the specific role and context, but many challenges are related to keeping up with the latest technologies and best practices, managing conflicting priorities and tight deadlines, maintaining backwards compatibility, managing project scope and budget, ensuring website security, and balancing creativity and practicality.

14. What is your current salary?

$80,000

15. What is your salary expectation?

$90,000 ~ $120,000

1. Tell us about a WordPress plugin / theme you have developed (or participated in development), why did you develop it, what were the challenges, how did you solve them, and what lessons did you learn?

Plugin

I worked on a sports booking plugin that allowed users to book events, classes, and tickets directly from their website.

I wanted to make the process as seamless as possible, so I focused on creating an intuitive and user-friendly interface. I also implemented various payment gateway integrations, so that users could easily pay for their bookings.

Challenges I faced included ensuring compatibility with several different payment gateways, ensuring the interface was user-friendly, and ensuring the system was secure. Ultimately, I was successful in creating a reliable and secure system, which I continue to maintain and improve.

Some of the lessons I learned during development include the importance of properly testing systems for security and compatibility, and that user experience should always be kept in mind when developing a plugin.

WordPress

I recently participated in developing a WordPress theme called Riode.

This theme was developed with the aim of providing customers with a lightweight and fast-loading website design.

The most challenging part of this project was to create an Optimize Wizard that would help reduce the size of DOM nodes, CSS, JS and thus increase Google Page Speed. To solve this challenge, I applied Regular Expressions which allowed me to reduce each file size and keep the website lightweight without compromising on performance.

From this project, I learnt about the importance of optimizing a website for performance. I was able to implement various optimization techniques that increased the website’s speed and I am confident that I can now apply these techniques in other projects. Additionally, I learnt how to work with regular expressions which proved to be a valuable skill. Overall, this project was a great learning experience and a good addition to my portfolio.

2. What are the greatest security challenges facing WordPress websites and how do you mitigate them in your work?

The main security challenges with WordPress are vulnerabilities in plugins, themes and weak passwords. It's important to regularly update plugins/themes to keep them secure. I make sure passwords are strong and not reused, use two-factor authentication when possible and use security plugins like Wordfence, iThemes Security, Sucuri, and All In One WP Security & Firewall to monitor activity.

3. What are the best and worst parts of working in a remote team as a developer?

The Best:

- Increased flexibility - Working remotely offers far more freedom in terms of when and where you work. I manage my time and tasks to maximize productivity.

- Communication improvement - Remote teams often use cloud-based collaboration tools such as Skype, Slack, or Trello to provide face-to-face communication with team members regardless of their geographical location.

- More autonomy - Working remotely gives developers a greater sense of autonomy and control in how they manage their workload. This can be a great motivational boost.

The Worst:

- Social isolation - Working from home can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation, especially if the job doesn't include regular team meetings and opportunities for social contact.

- Lack of physical presence - Working in a remote team can make it harder for developers to build relationships and for leadership to keep a close eye on progress. For this reason, remote teams often have more difficulty in fostering trust and collaboration.

4. Have you worked in a remote team? What were the advantages? What were the disadvantages?

Yes, I have experience working in a remote team. The main advantages of this type of team environment are the flexibility it offers with scheduling and the ability to reach out to people regardless of their location. Additionally, remote teams often lead to increased collaboration since team members can provide more input and communicate more easily than in a traditional office setting.

The main disadvantage of working in a remote team is the difficulty it can present in maintaining an effective team dynamic. Many remote teams rely heavily on technology such as video conferencing, but it can be difficult for team members to get to know each other on a deeper level when only communicating virtually. Additionally, it can be difficult to keep everyone on the same page when it comes to tasks and goals without regular face-to-face interaction.

5. Are you familiar with Object Oriented Programming in WordPress development? Tell us more about it in comparison to functional programming.

I have extensive experience working with Object Oriented Programming (OOP) in WordPress development. OOP helps me create complex applications with structure, making development faster and more efficient. I can easily debug, read, use, and modify WordPress code using OOP. It also helps me create better organization and maintainability when creating WordPress solutions.

In terms of WordPress development,

- OOP is the most widely used choice, since it allows the creation of modular, reusable code. This makes the development process faster and more efficient, while also allowing developers to easily debug and modify code in the future.

- FP is more limited in this context, as it is not as intuitive for building complex applications.

\*Object Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm based on the concept of objects. It allows developers to clearly define the structure of a program, create objects, classes and data within those classes, and precisely control the data within those classes. OOP encourages the reuse of code, making it easier to use, read, and modify code, and ultimately making it more efficient.

Functional Programming (FP) is a programming paradigm that takes input and produces an output, without any side-effects. FP is based on functions that are pure and do not mutate any shared state or data. The advantage of FP is that it is easier to maintain consistency and predict output, since functions remain unaltered and lack side-effects.

6. Describe your perfect git commit message and pull request description.

My ideal git commit message and pull request description would be detailed, yet concise. It should provide clarity on the changes made, including both the technical and functional implications. The message should explain why the changes were necessary and what they do. The pull request description should include any related tickets, instructions, or notes on how to test it. Adding a screenshot of the proposed changes can also be helpful.

Here's a sample git commit message and pull request description I might use:

"Fixing issue #123: Fixed styling issue in the admin pages. Changes made include adjusting padding for better readability and improved UI. Screenshot included in pull request for reference. #TestingInstructions - Test admin pages for overall style and readability."

And for the pull request description: "This PR fixes issue #123 and updates the styling of the admin pages. Screenshot included for reference. Please test to ensure the styling changes are working."

7. Tell us about WordPress hooks in WordPress and how you have used them in the past.

WordPress hooks are essentially functions used to modify the behavior of WordPress. They are used to add extra functionality to existing actions and filters without having to modify core code.

I've used WordPress hooks to add custom functionality to my themes, such as custom post types, custom taxonomies, custom fields, and other custom code. I've also used hooks to add code that connects my WordPress sites to external services.

For example, using hooks to add custom functionality is through creating a custom post type. Utilizing the register\_post\_type() function and the appropriate hooks, I can create custom post types to fit their needs. I've used this method to add custom post types to themes, such as a portfolio post type, which includes custom fields and custom taxonomies specific to that post type. Another example is adding code to connect WordPress to external services, such as social media APIs or payment gateways. I've used the admin\_init hook to add code that connects my WordPress sites to various external APIs.

8. Tell us about your process of backing up a WordPress website, also tell us about the process of restoring Wordpress from a backup.

Backing up a WordPress website typically involves making a copy of the database, media files, plugins, and themes stored on the server. This can be done manually by downloading all of the files via FTP, or by using a backup plugin. Once the backup is created, it should be stored securely in a remote location.

Restoring WordPress from a backup also involves manual processes and plugin usage depending on the desired outcome. If restoring a subset of the website is required, I use a plugin to restore the database from a backup file. If restoring the entire website is required, I upload the backed up files via FTP, and then restore the database from the backup file. If I install a new theme or plugin, the database can be restored from the backup to keep the database up to date.

9. What frontend frameworks have you used in your career? Tell us more about them.

I've used a variety of frontend frameworks in my career, some of the most popular being React, Vue, and Angular.

React is a JavaScript library that helps developers create interactive user interfaces. It's considered one of the best options for creating complex and performant user experiences.

Vue is a JavaScript framework that provides structure for developing user interfaces. It's versatile and highly customizable, allowing developers to create unique solutions.

Angular is another JavaScript framework that uses components and services to create applications. It's feature-rich and provides a great amount of flexibility.

10. What is MySQL injection and how do you protect against it in your code?

MySQL injection is a type of attack used to manipulate databases through malicious SQL statements inserted into forms and URLs. It can give attackers access to sensitive data stored in the database, or even enable them to delete data or add malicious content.

To protect against MySQL injection,

- I use parameterized queries and careful input filtering. This ensures that user data is checked before it's sent to the database, ensuring that malicious data won't be accepted.

- I also use prepared statements and limit user privileges, which help mitigate the risk of SQL injection.

1. If selected, are you available to start right away?

If so, can you commit full-time (40 hours per week) to the work?

Yes, I am available to start immediately.

And I can commit full-time ( 40 hours / week ).

1. How many years of experience do you have building with WordPress?

Please, share your two favorite previous work examples, and tell us why they are your favorites.

I have 8 years of experience.

Here’s my past work:

✔ https://audioplugin.deals/ ( Fully customized theme )

✔ https://beta.udigstudio.com/ ( ACF & CPT )

✔ https://onecity.com.hk ( Marketplace WCFM )

1. What has been your experience with using PHP?

PHP is a server-side programming language that is widely used for web development, and it is the language on which WordPress is built. As a WordPress developer, I have a lot of experience using PHP since it is the backbone of WordPress.

Some of the advantages of using PHP in WordPress development include its speed, flexibility, and ease of use. PHP allows for the creation of dynamic websites and web applications that can interact with databases and other web services.

In my experience, using PHP in WordPress development has been a reliable and efficient way to build robust and scalable web applications. It also provides a large community of developers and resources to help solve any issues or challenges that may arise during the development process.

However, as with any programming language, there are also potential challenges that come with using PHP. For example, maintaining code quality, ensuring security, and managing server resources can be more challenging in larger and more complex projects.

Overall, my experience with using PHP as a WordPress developer has been positive, and I find it to be a powerful and reliable language for building web applications.

1. How good are you using WooCommerce and Stripe? Rate yourself 1 to 10, 10 being the highest in skill.

How much experience do you have using each?

I can rate 8 or 9 myself as there is always room for improvement.

1. How do you differentiate between synchronic callback, and asynchronous callback?

In which scenarios will you use each of them?

Callback functions are functions that are passed as arguments to other functions and are executed when certain events occur. Callbacks can be used in both synchronous and asynchronous contexts.

In synchronous callbacks, the callback function is executed immediately after the function that calls it. The function that calls the callback will not continue until the callback is completed. This means that synchronous callbacks block the execution of the calling function until the callback is completed. Synchronous callbacks are useful in situations where the calling function needs the results of the callback before it can continue executing.

In contrast, asynchronous callbacks are executed after the calling function has completed. This means that the calling function does not wait for the callback to complete before it continues executing. Asynchronous callbacks are useful in situations where the calling function does not need the results of the callback to continue executing. This allows the calling function to continue executing while the callback is running in the background. Examples of asynchronous callbacks include event listeners, AJAX requests, and setTimeout().

In general, synchronous callbacks are used when the calling function needs the results of the callback before it can continue executing, and the calling function is not time-sensitive. Asynchronous callbacks are used when the calling function does not need the results of the callback to continue executing, and the calling function is time-sensitive.

For example, if you need to read a file from disk and process its contents, you may use a synchronous callback function because you need to wait for the file to be read and processed before you can continue executing. On the other hand, if you need to make an API call to a third-party service to fetch some data, you may use an asynchronous callback function because the API call may take some time to complete, and you do not want to block the execution of your code while waiting for the API call to complete.

In summary, the main difference between synchronous and asynchronous callbacks is that synchronous callbacks block the calling function until the callback is completed, while asynchronous callbacks allow the calling function to continue executing while the callback is running in the background. The choice between synchronous and asynchronous callbacks depends on the specific requirements of the task at hand.

# Video introduction

Hello! I am Eugene, a WordPress developer, currently working remotely and I'm excited to share my ideas with you all today.

As a WordPress developer, my main focus is to create functional, visually appealing, and user-friendly websites using the WordPress platform. My expertise lies in customizing the look and feel of websites, as well as developing custom plugins and themes that provide users with a unique online experience.

One of the things I love about WordPress development is its versatility. WordPress is a powerful content management system that can be used for a variety of websites, ranging from simple personal blogs to complex e-commerce sites. This means that no matter what the project, I always have the tools and resources I need to deliver a high-quality end product.

Working remotely has its own challenges, but it has also allowed me to broaden my skill set and work with teams from all over the world. With the help of modern tools and technologies, I am able to collaborate with my team effectively, no matter where we are located. This has given me a unique perspective on the importance of clear communication and efficient project management in delivering high-quality work.

As the web continues to evolve and new technologies emerge, it's important for WordPress developers to stay up-to-date with the latest advancements. That's why I always make an effort to continue learning and exploring new technologies, so I can bring new and innovative ideas to my projects.

In conclusion, I am passionate about WordPress development and always strive to create exceptional websites that are both functional and visually appealing. Whether I'm working remotely or in an office, I am dedicated to delivering the best possible results for my clients and users.

Thank you for taking the time to watch my video. I hope you have a better understanding of who I am and what I do as a WordPress developer.