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FRONT-END DEVELOPER · GLASGOW

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PROFILE ■

Front-end developer with over 15 years of experience building custom, standards-compliant WordPress websites for agency and studio clients across the UK and internationally. Skilled in custom WordPress theme development, using HTML5, CSS3, Sass/SCSS, Bootstrap 5, JavaScript and jQuery to turn designs into responsive, cross-browser sites that are user-friendly, effective and visually appealing.

Comfortable taking a lead role through the full project lifecycle — from client requirements and design implementation through to testing, deployment and ongoing maintenance — while keeping project managers and stakeholders updated to agreed timeframes.

EXPERIENCE ■

Mar 2026 – Jul 2026

Co Head of Front End Development — Zap

- Led the front-end function for a WordPress-based competitions and e-commerce platform, setting coding standards and supporting the wider development team.
- Directed custom WordPress theme builds using Bootstrap 5 and a modular SCSS architecture, keeping code standards-compliant and cross-browser tested.
- Worked closely with project managers, designers and clients to prioritise features and hit agreed delivery timeframes.

May 2023 – Mar 2026

Senior Front End Developer — Zap

- Built and maintained custom, responsive WordPress themes using Bootstrap 5 and a well-organised SCSS codebase.
- Created flexible, content-managed layouts with Advanced Custom Fields (ACF), enabling non-technical editors to manage rich page content.
- Developed reusable page templates and interactive UI components — buttons, forms, toggles — with tailored hover, active, loading and error styling.
- Delivered responsive, cross-browser layouts, testing and resolving styling and compatibility issues across devices and browsers.
- Supported site migrations and deployments between development and production environments.

Oct 2020 – May 2023

Owner / Director / Developer — Hover State Limited

- Ran an independent web development studio, taking the lead role on custom WordPress builds for a diverse client base.
- Built standards-compliant themes using the WordPress template hierarchy, with responsive design and cross-browser testing throughout.

- Managed the full project lifecycle — client consultation, requirements, wireframes and mock-ups, development, deployment and ongoing support — keeping clients updated to agreed timeframes.
- Partnered with a graphic designer to deliver combined branding and WordPress development, translating brand identity into user-friendly, fully responsive websites.

Mar 2012 – Oct 2020

Partner / Developer — Kin

- Delivered custom WordPress theme development and maintenance for a range of client projects, taking a lead development role within a small partnership.
- Built responsive, cross-browser websites from design through to deployment, working directly with clients and designers to agreed timeframes.
- Maintained and supported live WordPress sites, managing uploads, updates and ongoing maintenance.

Jun 2006 – Feb 2012

Freelance Flash Animator — Raw Nerve

- Produced Flash animation and interactive content within a freelance collective, working with clients including Apple, The Prince's Trust, Nokia and the Natural History Museum, before moving into WordPress development.

SKILLS ■

- **WordPress:** Bespoke and child themes built from designers' files; Sage 10 (Blade components, layouts); ACF Pro (options pages, repeaters, flexible content blocks); custom post types, taxonomies and archives; AJAX-loaded content (infinite scroll, map data); PHP
- **WooCommerce:** Hook- and template-level customisation of product, cart, checkout and My Account (custom endpoints)
- **Platform work:** Extending proprietary plugins through hooks, filters and template overrides; multi-brand white-label theming from a shared parent theme
- **Integrations:** The Events Calendar Pro & Event Tickets, Search & Filter Pro, Ninja Forms (incl. front-end submissions), Mailchimp, social feeds
- **Front-end:** HTML, Sass/SCSS design systems, Bootstrap 5, JavaScript (ES6+), jQuery; interactive UI and motion: ScrollMagic, Swiper/Flickity, pointer-event interactions
- **Workflow:** Git feature branches on GitHub, versioning a shared parent theme, staging-to-production releases, Vercel deployments
- **AI-assisted development:** Uses AI coding tools as part of the development workflow to accelerate implementation, investigate technical solutions and support learning. Reviews, refines and validates generated code and retains responsibility for architecture, implementation and final code quality.
- **Current development:** Building practical experience with React, Next.js and headless WordPress, including the development of my portfolio site at christianpaton.co.uk.

EDUCATION ■

Trinity and All Saints University — BA (Hons) Digital Media