# WP Themes

sound strategies for your next custom project

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Been working with WordPress since (about) 2005.

Published 1 Professional Theme before realizing I don't like designing Professional Themes

Me.

Co-creator of Pixelmine a premium plugin for creating collections of just about anything

# You're just about to start your next client project



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# ...after a day of digging, you've found the perfect Theme

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Sherwin-Williams: Ice Cream Lucky color of the day.



Bathroom Shark Want to shower with a shark?

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Choosing an effective Theme Strategy when building a custom designed website can mean the difference between smooth sailing or weeks of headaches and hacking.



# Theme Building Options

- Buy/download a Theme and modify it
- Use a Theme Framework
- Use a Starter Theme



# Using Pre-Built Themes



# PRE-BUILT THEMES PROS

Inexpensive or free

Perfect for minimal customization projects

Sometimes easier to customize for non-coders

Niche themes: themes for ecommerce, BuddyPress, industry verticals, etc.

Countless paid and free Themes to choose from

# Cons

Can be difficult to modify via code

Beautiful but sometimes a mess under the hood

Clients change their minds

A little too much client control

Countless paid and free Themes to choose from



## **PRE-BUILT THEMES**

# Considerations...

- Does it support Child Themes? Do you need it to?
- Is it dependent on PHP Classes?
- Is it easily customizable?
- Are customizations (best) done visually or via coding?
- How responsive and thorough is the author support?



PRE-BUILT THEMES

Be transparent: your client should know you're using a pre-built theme. It's just a blueprint. The value you bring is bringing it to life.



# Theme Frameworks



Theme Frameworks are (typically) Themes with advanced functionality that leverage customizable **Child Themes** to create WP driven sites





## FROM THE CODEX

A WordPress child theme is a theme that inherits the functionality of another theme, called the parent theme, and allows you to modify, or add to, the functionality of that parent theme.





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# THEME FRAMEWORKS Top (Paid)Frameworks

PageLines Thesis Genesis WooThemes Headway Themes

Catalyst Theme

Elegant Themes Dev4Press xScape iThemes Builder MySiteMyWay Ultimatum YOOtheme



# THEME FRAMEWORKS Pros

Both free and paid Child Themes usually available

Plenty of great frameworks to choose from

Include a plethora of pre-built components

Visual design and drag-n-drop

Typically well documented and supported

# Cons

Typically fee based

Can bring a learning curve

Some frameworks are difficult to customize for non-coders

Proprietary functionality not always following WP best practices





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### The Genesis Framework empowers you to quickly and easily build incredible websites with WordPress.

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Whether you're a novice or advanced developer, Genesis provides the secure and search-engine-optimized foundation that takes WordPress to places you never thought it could go.



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# The WooFramework

The turbo charged engine behind all our WordPress themes.

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# THEME FRAMEWORKS Considerations...

- How are your coding skills?
- Commit to a framework then learn it inside and out
- Great if your livelihood is building custom WP sites



# Using a Starter Theme

(my personal fav)





# A "Starter Theme" is a barebones Theme designed specifically as a starting point to build a custom-tailored WP Site.



# why use a starter theme vs. pre-built themes and/or frameworks?



# Power & Control!

# **ROOTS THEME**

DEMO DOCS DOWNLOAD & CONTRIBUTE

# Roots is a starting WordPress theme based on HTML5 Boilerplate & Bootstrap from Twitter.

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# Write Less Code With the Theme Wrapper

Template markup is handled by base.php instead of being scattered across all template files like typical themes.

Learn more about the theme wrapper

## Cleaner WordPress Code Output

We clean up lots of code that you're used to seeing in WordPress themes (see for yourself).

Learn more about Roots clean up

## Theme Activation Amazingness

Stop wasting time messing around with WordPress settings and get straight to coding your theme.

Learn more about Roots activation

## What Else?

 Multilingual ready and WPML compatible. Roots already includes translations for: English, Spanish, French, Italian. Recommended Plugins

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## built with Roots

Featured 2012 Speakers

Our 2012 committee has been educate, inspire, and motivate. our speaker archive.







### Featured 2012 Speakers

Our 2012 committee has been hard at work curating a list of speakers that we think will educate, inspire, and motivate. Take a peek at our 2012 speaker lineup to date. *View our speaker archive.* 





## also built with Roots!

Creamy Herb Ranch

Savory Rich Blue Cheese

Roasted Garlic Italian

Parmesan Garlic Caesar





Tarragon Shallot French





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## you guessed it...Roots.

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### Bones is a WordPress Theme for Developers

Built around the HTML5 Boilerplate, Bones is a rock solid foundation to start any WordPress project. Keep what you need, remove what you don't. It's totally up to you.

#### Bones is not a Framework

Frameworks are great, but sometimes they make things more complicated than they need to be. Bones is bare and as minimalistic as possible. It's meant to be used as a per-project template, this means no Child Themes. Hooray!

### **Bones is Mobile-First & Responsive**

Taking the Mobile-First approach is the way to go when building a responsive project. So Bones comes ready to roll with a unique LESS/Sass setup that serves minimal resources to smaller screens and scales up depending on your viewport. As anyone who's ever browsed on a 3G connection will tell you, it's a difference maker.

#### Bones comes loaded with LESS / Sass

Get started working with the future of CSS today. Using LESS or Sass can speed up your development time when used properly. Bones gets you started by giving you a great starting point.

### Custom Post Types & Custom Dashboard Functions

### Preloaded

Bones makes it easy to add Custom Post Types by giving you a well documented example. It also includes functions to customize the admin area for your clients. These are totally optional though, so if you don't need them, delete them. No big deal.

### Bones is totally Free

Yup. What's more, if you want to use Bones to create your own themes and sell them, go ahead. Bones is under the WTFPL. So download it and create something beautiful...or ugly. It's up to you really.

#### **Download Bones**

git Looking to contribute? Fork Bones on Github and submit Pull Requests.

I can't really offer Support for Bones, but bugs & issues can be reported in the <u>repo on Github</u>.



Check out this great tutorial on working with Bones on <u>Tuts Plus</u>.

Bones for Wordpress is meticulously documented. Can't get over how good it is. Go get it!



Dan Eden Animate.css

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# Responsive HTML5 / CSS3

## The Boiler is a free responsive WordPress Theme

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### **JavaScript in Bootstrap**

### Individual or compiled

Plugins can be included individually (though some have required dependencies), or all at once. Both **bootstrap.js** and **bootstrap.min.js** contain all plugins in a single file.

### **Data attributes**

You can use all Bootstrap plugins purely through the markup API without writing a single line of JavaScript. This is Bootstrap's first class API and should be your first consideration when using a plugin.

That said, in some situations it may be desirable to turn this functionality off. Therefore, we also provide the ability to disable the data attribute API by unbinding all events on the body namespaced with `'data-api'`. This looks like this:

1. \$('body').off('.data-api')

Alternatively, to target a specific plugin, just include the plugin's name as a namespace along with the data-api namespace like this:

1. \$('body').off('.alert.data-api')

### **Programmatic API**

We also believe you should be able to use all Bootstrap plugins purely through the JavaScript API. All public APIs are single, chainable methods, and return the collection acted upon.

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    $(".btn.danger").button("toggle").addClass("fat")
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All methods should accept an optional options object, a string which targets a particular method, or nothing (which initiates a plugin with default behavior):

JavaScript

## **Customize and download**

Download Bootstrap or customize variables, components, JavaScript plugins, and more.



**Twitter Bootstrap** and **HTML5 Boilerplate** are fast becoming de facto standards for building (Responsive) websites and web apps. Both **Roots** (starter theme) and **PageLines** (theme framework) are built around (both) these frameworks.



seems like a lot of work...and my client wants control!



### STARTER THEMES Adding Theme Options (Appearance)

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 Additional plugins and frameworks allow you to extend starter themes for visual customization by non-coders



# Simple, easy to use, very extendable Options View project on GitHub framework for WP themes.

(v1.0.5)



### **Options Framework Plugin**

The Options Framework Plugin makes it easy to include a full featured options panel in any WordPress theme.

I built this plugin so theme developers can concentrate on making the actual theme rather than spending a ton of time on building an options panel from scratch. It's free to use in both commercial and personal projects, just like WordPress itself.

There's also a theme version if that better fits your project.

#### Video Demo



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### **Options Kit**

The Options Kit is a collection of example themes for developers using the Options Framework plugin. Each theme has example code for a different set of issues- such as using Google fonts, adding custom styling to the options panel, or hooking in javascript for color palettes.

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#### **Included Themes**

Options Check - Example theme with all the option types

Options Palettes - Hook in custom javascript to create an color palette option





Content Elements Buy Visual Compos

### **Must Have Plugin for WordPress**

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### Custom Content? No problem.

Like almost anything WP, there's a plugin for that...

### Powerful fields for WordPress developers.



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### **Custom Post Type UI**

The Custom Post Type UI plugin adds easy to use control over post types and custom taxonomies in WordPress.

- New WordPress 3.1 features
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- Create and edit custom taxonomies
- Attach Built-in and custom taxonomies to post types
- Advanced labeling for post types

Below is a slightly outdated example video showing Custom Post Type UI in action!



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### STARTER THEMES Custom is where it's at...



- Custom Post Types and WP Page Templates via ACF, & Custom Post Type UI plugins facilitate creating any content you can imagine
- Options Framework & WPBakery's Visual Composer bring visual design control to clients (and non-coders)



# So what's the best choice?



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# Thank You! Questions?

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