Using WordPress With Static Site Generators



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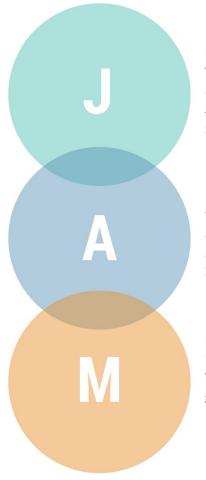
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JAMstack





JavaScript

Any dynamic programming during the request/response cycle is handled by JavaScript, running entirely on the client. This could be any frontend framework, library, or even vanilla JavaScript.

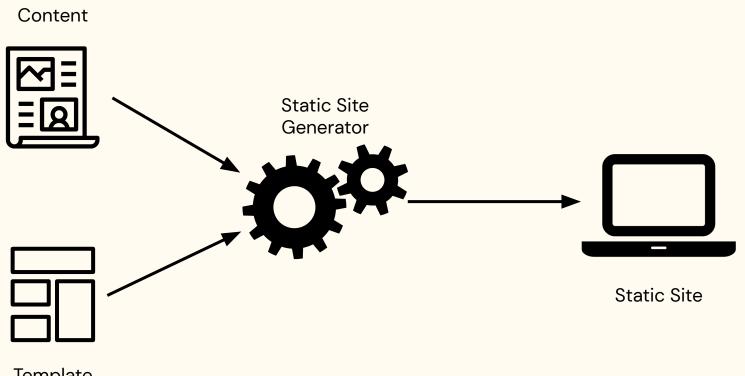
APIs

All server–side processes or database actions are abstracted into reusable APIs, accessed over HTTPS with JavaScript. These can be custom–built or leverage third–party services.

Markup

Templated markup should be prebuilt at deploy time, usually using a site generator for content sites, or a build tool for web apps.

Static Site Generators



Template





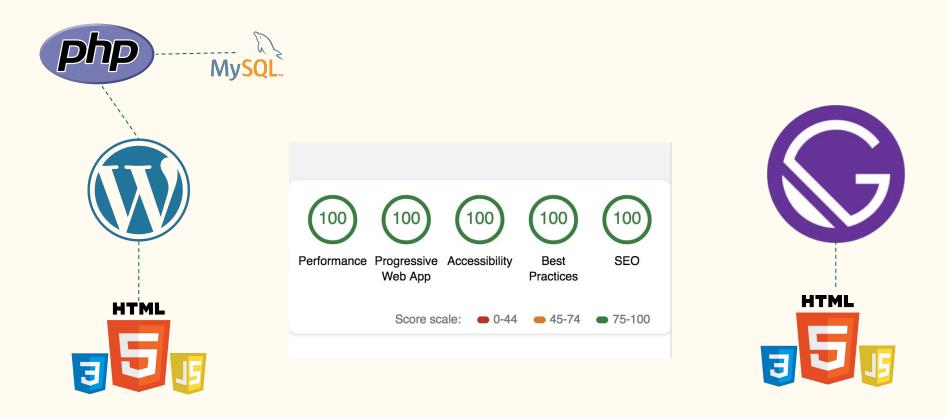








Why Gatsby?



Blazing Fast 🔶



"Help! my blazing fast @gatsbyjs site just got hacked"

- said no one, ever

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See Jason Bahl's other Tweets



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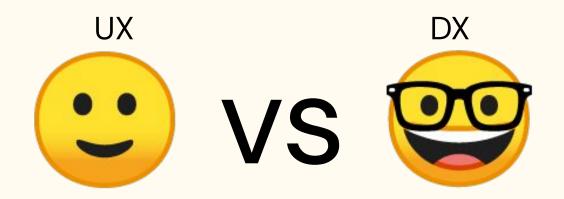
Bay Area adoptee. Gatsby co-founder. Programmer, econ nerd, startup enthusiast 3 min read · June 21st 2018

Escalade Sports: From \$5000 to \$5/month in Hosting With Gatsby

Escalade Sports is a sports equipment company with a portfolio of 40 brands across a wide variety of sports—from Goalrilla basketball hoops to Bear Archery bows to Onix pickleball paddles.

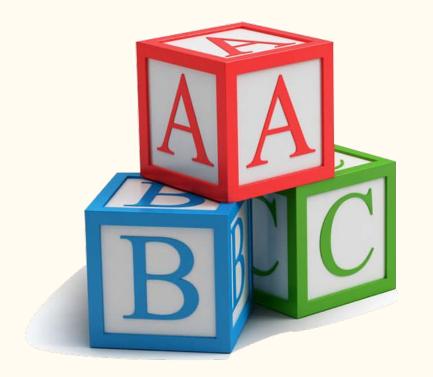
https://www.gatsbyjs.org/blog/2018-06-14-escalade-sports-from-5000-to-5-in-hosting/





Gatsby has great UX too!

Awesome Developer Experience (DX) 🛠



Great Docs!

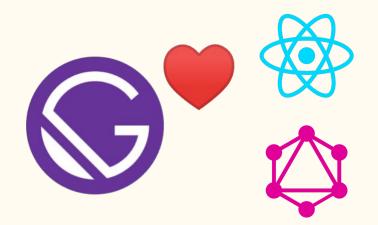
Awesome Tutorials!

Many first-timers!

Easy to get started 🚀

"Gatsby helped me get started with React & GraphQL"





https://youtu.be/y73pFmTIR9Q

Learn React and GraphQL on the go 🚛

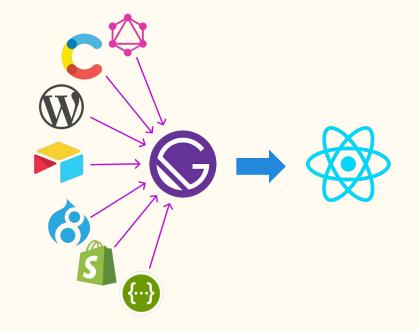


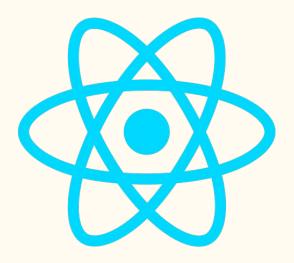


So, what really is Gatsby?

What Is Gatsby?

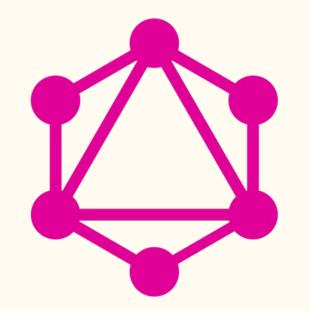
- A blazing fast React-based static site generator
- An application framework
- Connects to multiple APIs
- Build JAMstack sites
- Hydrates to a React app





React

- Replaces the view layer of your application
- Declarative, Composable and Reusable Components
- Write HTML (JSX) within JavaScript
- Virtual DOM



GraphQL

- Ask for what you need, get exactly that
- An alternative to REST API
- Single endpoint
- Get many resources in a single request
- Created by Facebook, now open source



2 Ways

1. Using WordPress REST API



2. Using WPGraphQL





Using WPGraphQL

- Install <u>gatsby-source-graphql</u> plugin
- Fetches from GraphQL and stitches the schema
- Needs <u>WPGraphQL</u> plugin
- Faster
- More scalable



WPGraphQL

- Exposes WordPress data as GraphQL schema
- Open source project
- Created by Jason Bahl
- Install a WordPress plugin
- Has add-ons for ACF and more...

Starting a Gatsby Project

npm install --global gatsby-cli

gatsby new my-project

gatsby develop

cd my-project

Enter Gatsby Themes

Gatsby Themes

- Abstract away code into a separate package
- Let end user focus on content
- Use multiple themes on the same project
- Child theme support



Gatsby WP Themes

- Porting WordPress themes to Gatsby
- Initiated by Zac Gordon
- <u>Twenty Nineteen Gatsby Theme</u>
- <u>Tabor Gatsby Theme</u>
- Check out <u>GatsbyWPThemes.com</u>

Lessons

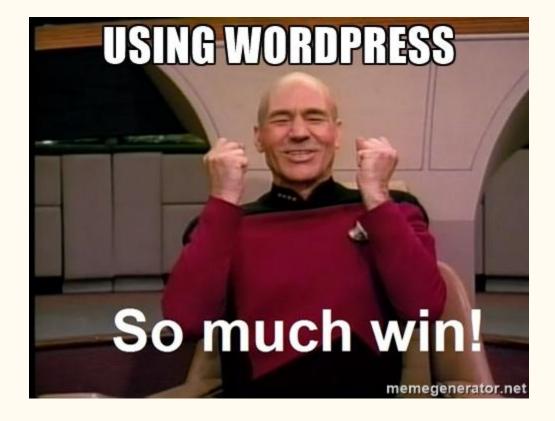
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const createPosts = require(`./utils/createPosts`)
const createPages = require(`./utils/createPages`)
const createUsers = require(`./utils/createUsers`)
const createCategories = require(`./utils/createCategories`)
const createTags = require(`./utils/createTags`)
```

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exports.createPages = async ({ actions, graphql }) => {
   await createPosts({ actions, graphql })
   await createPages({ actions, graphql })
   await createUsers({ actions, graphql })
   await createCategories({ actions, graphql })
   await createTags({ actions, graphql })
```

Don't put everything in one place.





You may not need a SSG!

Why not Gatsby?

- Content not available immediately
- No incremental builds (yet) for WordPress
- Most WP Plugins may not work out of the box

What we covered

- JAMstack & SSGs
- Gatsby
- WordPress + Gatsby
- gatsby-source-graphql
- WPGraphQL
- Gatsby Themes

Next steps!

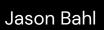
- <u>Gatsby and WordPress best friends or foes?</u>
- <u>Tutorial on creating a Gatsby Theme based on Twenty</u> <u>Nineteen WordPress Theme</u>
- <u>Gatsby + WordPress with WPGraphQL (with Jason Bahl)</u>

<u>– Learn With Jason</u>

• Watch Jason's talk on Gatsby + WPGraphQL







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Credits - Image Sources

- <u>JAMstack</u>
- JAMstack website
- Static Site Generators: <u>Content Laptop Gears</u>
- Easy to get started
- What Is Gatsby?
- <u>Be a part of the growing community!</u>