

How To Convert Any Website To WordPress

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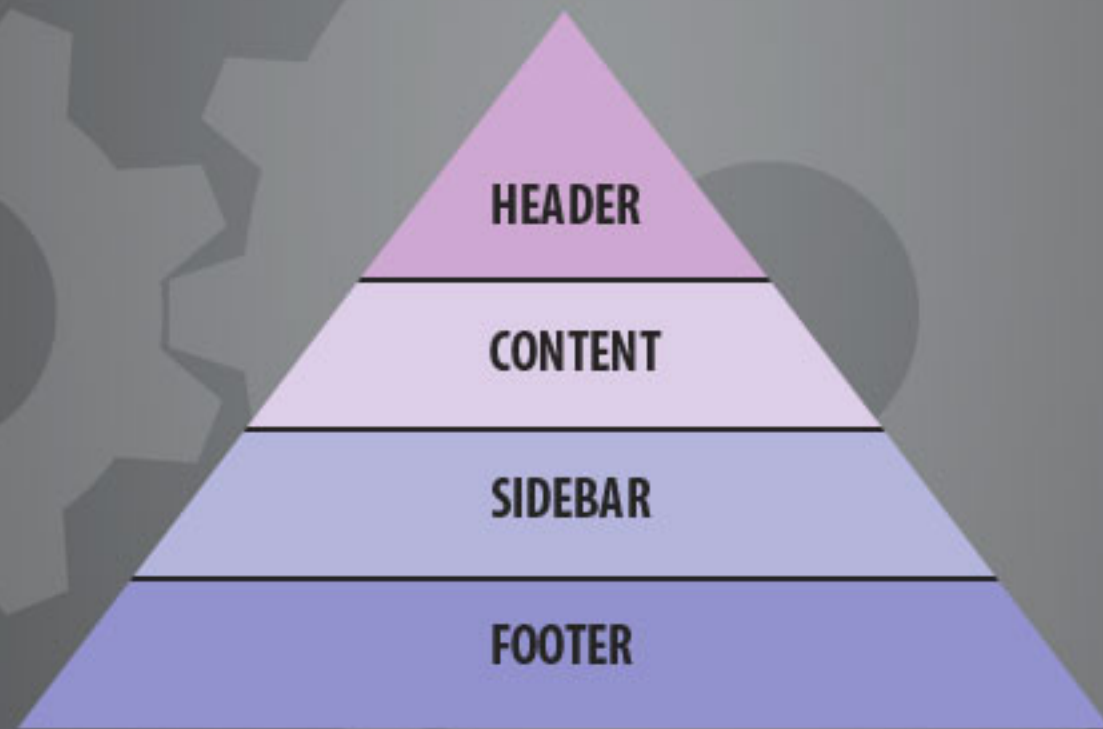


How WordPress works

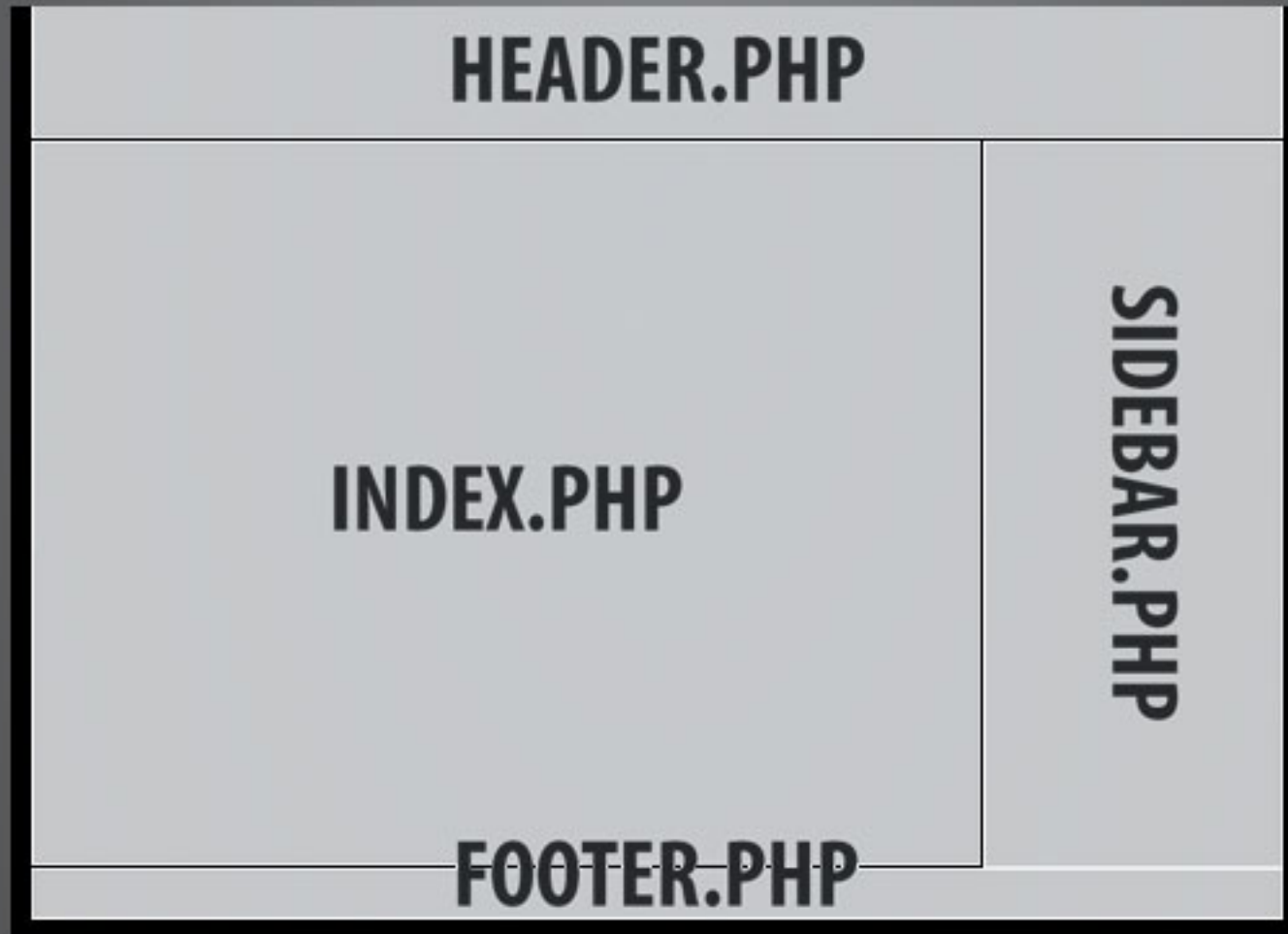
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**At the most basic level, WordPress consist
of about four basic parts:**



Each one of these parts form together to make the website.





Preparing your theme

STEP 1

The theme folder



**Create a new folder
and name it, e.g.
myTheme .**

Folder Location

myTheme folder is located in [wp-content/themes/myTheme/](#)

STEP 2

The style sheet



**Make a file named
style.css inside
myTheme .**

File Location

style.css is located in [wp-content/themes/myTheme/style.css](#)

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CSS {

...

}

Preparing the style sheet

Open style.css and add the following:

```
/*  
Theme Name: Give Your Theme A Name.  
Theme URI: Your Theme URI  
Description: Say Something About Your Theme.  
Version: 1.0  
Author: You  
Author URI: Your Website.  
*/
```

The heart of the theme is style.css, not only because the style sheet contains the actual design, but because it starts with the **theme declaration**.

That little snippet will tell WordPress that this is your theme, what your theme is called etc.

That done, take moment to examine your original website, find your style sheet, then copy and paste your style rules into your style.css **after your theme declaration** info.



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STEP 1



- ✓ Make four new files, index.php, header.php, sidebar.php, footer.php and place them in your theme directory.
- ✓ Now open your header.php file and copy and paste the code bellow into it.

```
<head>
<meta charset="<?php bloginfo( 'charset' );?>" />
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width" />
<title><?php wp_title( '|', true, 'right' );?></title>
<link rel="profile" href="http://gmpg.org/xfn/11" />
<link rel="pingback" href="<?php bloginfo( 'pingback_url' );?>" />
<?php // Loads Your Style Sheet ?>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="<?php bloginfo( 'stylesheet_url' );?>" type="text/css" media="screen, projection" />
<?php wp_head();?>
</head>
```

STEP 2



- Go through your original HTML, find the 4 portions of HTML that make up your header, sidebar, content, footer and place some markers there so that you can come back and begin to extract each section into a separate file.
- That done, take out the section that you marked off as your header and paste it into your header.php file right bellow the closing head tag. Save your file and exit.
- Follow the same instructions for both your sidebar.php and footer.php files.

Heading towards the home stretch

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Open your footer.php file and add the following line, right at the end:

```
<?php wp_footer();?>
```

Then, open your index.php file and add this line at the top:

```
<?php get_header();?>
```

Now go to the bottom of the file and add these two lines.

```
<?php get_sidebar();?>
```

```
<?php get_footer();?>
```





Next open your original HTML document again, copy the original section of HTML that contains the tags that wrap around your content and paste it into your index.php file, right below the php call to header function.

```
<?php get_header();?>
```



```
<!--BEGIN #content -->  
<div id="content"
```





YEAH! We're almost there.

If you made it this far, you're only ONE final step away from converting your website to WordPress!

Now all that is left to do is to add the content via The Loop. The WordPress Loop is the PHP function that WordPress uses to call and display your posts from the database they are saved in.





Copy and paste the following snippet in between the two HTML tags that will display your content.

```
<?php if ( have_posts() ) ?>  
<?php while (have_posts() ) ?>  
<?php the_post(); ?>  
<?php the_content(); ?>  
<?php endwhile; ?>  
<?php endif; ?>
```

The Loop





End of presentation

This presentation taught you how to convert any static website to WordPress. Converting an outdated website to WordPress is one of the most beneficial and cost reducing initiative that you can take for your company and for your business website.

If you liked this slideshare, or need assistance converting your website to WordPress, leave me a comment or send me a message on www.foamers.net

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