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WordPress started in 2003 with a single bit of code to enhance the typography of everyday writing and with fewer users than you can count on your fingers and toes. Since then it has grown to be the largest self-hosted blogging tool in the world, used on millions of sites and seen by tens of millions of people every day.

Everything you see here, from the documentation to the code itself, was created **by and for the community**. WordPress is an Open Source project, which means there are hundreds of people all over the world working on it. (More than most commercial platforms.) It also means you are free to use it for anything from your cat's home page to a Fortune 500 web site without paying anyone a license fee and a number of other important freedoms.

About WordPress.org

On this site you can download and install a software script called WordPress. To do this you need a [web host](#) who meets the [minimum requirements](#) and a little time. WordPress is completely customizable and can be used for almost anything. There is also a [service](#) called WordPress.com which lets you get started with a new and free WordPress-based blog in seconds, but varies in several ways and is less flexible than the WordPress you download and install yourself.

What You Can Use WordPress For

WordPress started as just a blogging system, but has evolved to be used as full content management system and so much more through the thousands of [plugins](#) and [widgets](#) and [themes](#). WordPress is limited only by your imagination. (And tech chops.)

Connect with the Community

In addition to online resources like the [forums](#) and [mailing lists](#) a great way to get involved with WordPress is to attend or volunteer at a [WordCamp](#), which are free or low-cost events that happen all around the world to gather and educate WordPress users, organized by WordPress users. [Check out the website](#), there might be a WordCamp near you.

A Little History

Lead Developers

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- Andrew Nacin
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