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Nationality: German (Australian permanent resident)

Current residence: Canberra, Australia

I'M PASCAL — A FRONT-END DESIGNER & WRITER, with a penchant for accessibility and typography.

TL;DR?

Both in form & content, I build beautiful and usable interfaces.

Skills overview

writing, research, policy advice

Rooted in the open source & web community.

accessibility, documentation, teaching, open source, gender, …

front-end web development & accessibility

Semantic, standards-based, accessible, and responsive web development.

HTML, CSS, SVG; WCAG2; Drupal, Jekyll, WordPress, …; terminal, git, …

design & media curation

Content & media curation; design direction; podcasting, pedantic copy editing.

the GIMP, Photoshop; Inkscape, Illustrator; audio editing, Markdown, …

Experience

2013

Senior Policy Advisor & web specialist — ACT Government

Reporting to the CTO, I worked for the *Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate* in a policy and research role as a web technologies and accessibility specialist.

Work also included web development on internal prototyping projects that underpinned Open Government and Open Data mandates.

I also launched the first Australian government GitHub account, for the ACT.

2011

Managing Editor, podcast host & producer — SitePoint

Lead editor & manager for SitePoint's then new DesignFestival.com. I launched the site's podcast, producing 15 episodes (hitting 30,000 downloads before leaving this position). Additionally I authored original articles for SitePoint.

I also freelanced during this time.

2007–09	**Concept Designer** — Looking Glass Solutions

Graphic & interface designer, embedded within the development team.

LGS was a former web development studio that serviced primarily the Australian Government and Engineers Australia.

I also freelanced in this time.

ongoing	**Open source & community projects**

I have participated in open source and community not-for-profit projects, contributing translations, design, bug hunting, and more. Some of these include:

· the Ubuntu distribution, working on the art team

· the OpenClipArt Project, the Tango Desktop Project and the GNOME icon theme

· BarCampCanberra — as an 'un-organiser' of Canberra's 1st and 2nd BarCamp

· Co-founder & staff member of AG-AUS, an Australian LGBTQI gaming group

  — http://ag-aus.org/

Tertiary education

2009–2012 (incomplete)	Undergraduate studies, *Australian National University* (ANU).

Focus: gender, sexuality, political philosophy, ethics

Other

Notable presentations

· "Drupal, Web Typography, and You" at **Drupal Down Under Melbourne** (JAN. 2012)

· "Beautiful Web Typography" at — **BootUpCamp Sydney**, Australian Technology Park (JUL. 2009); **Web Standards Group**, Australian National Library (JUL. 2009); **Edge of the Web conference**, University of Western Australia (NOV. 2009), **Web Directions South**, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre (OCT. 2009)

· "The Tango Desktop Project" at **LUGRadio Live** (2008), UK.

Miscellany

· Winner of the Linux Australia *People's Community Member of the Year Award*, 2006, receiving sponsored flight and entry to Linux.conf.au, 2006

· Co-founder and panelist of the web and tech podcast *A Capital Duo Talk Tech*

· Panel judge of the Australian Web Awards, 2011

· Technical editor for *Typographic Web Design* (Franz, L., 2012, Wiley Publishing)

Referees

Andy White

Former **Director** — Looking Glass Solutions;
Platform Engineer — Bugcrowd

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Private consultant & developer

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