Building a Teaching Portfolio with WordPress

How one website shaped my journey as a teacher, and how yours can too

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My story: it started with a missing textbook

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2008

A name is born

"Sharebility" coined in a shared dorm at Busitema University, Nagongera Campus

2010

The problem

School practice at Rock High School Tororo: no Computer Studies reference books

2011

Digitising notes

At Jinja College I digitised S1–S4 Computer Studies notes and wrote textbooks

2013

Sharing online

Notes shared free on a blog; teachers I had never met found them on Google

2015

Crowdsourcing

A Facebook group and shared Dropbox let many teachers contribute

2016

A real platform

Makerere final-year project: a PHP-based Sharebility system, live online

The pattern: every step began with a real classroom problem and a decision to share my work openly.

2020: WordPress turned Sharebility into a national platform

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When COVID-19 closed schools in March 2020, files shared on WhatsApp by teachers kept disappearing. We rebuilt Sharebility on open-source WordPress for better management and SEO.

10,000+

teaching resources published on sharebility.net

6M+

learners reached


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Transformative potential of Covid-19 P.12

Mukalele provides free reading materials for all schools for free

The continued closure of all education institutions due to the Covid-19 pandemic has greatly affected all stakeholders in the education sector. The most affected are learners, whose access to reading material has been greatly curtailed. However, ROGERS MUKALELE has offered a silver lining on the Covid-19 cloud through his innovative online portal called Sharebility. It allows

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Education

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Doors it opened

2017

ACIA finalist (2nd runner-up), Young ICT Visionaries, UCC

2017–18

Incubated at Makerere Innovation & Incubation Centre

2020

Featured in The Observer and New Vision; company registered

2021

Nominee, Startup Uganda Awards (Education)

Visitor figures: Google Analytics, as reported in "A look back at the inception of Sharebility Uganda" (ictteachersug.net).

What one website did for my career

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> **I never set out to build a portfolio. But sharing my teaching work online became one.**
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> *Your website is the CV that works while you sleep.*

Visibility

Teachers and schools I had never met found my work through Google search.

Credibility

Awards, incubation and media features gave my work a public, checkable record.

Opportunities and Community

Invitations to train teachers and to speak at ICT Teachers Workshops and contributing to buiding communities like ITAU, WordPress Jinja Meetup, UPSTU, ETN.

Business & enterprise

Founding Sharebility Uganda Ltd and its web services and EdTech programs.

WordPress as an EdTech tool

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Born as a blogging tool, WordPress now supports a whole learning ecosystem: free, open source, no code needed.

Sharebility climbed this ladder. You can too.

▼ Start here today

Personal teaching blog / portfolio

School website

Innovation Projects

Startup and Job Creation

What is a teaching portfolio?

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A curated online home for your professional story: who you are, what and how you teach, and evidence of the difference you make.

Paper file in a folder

- ✗ One copy, seen by one interview panel
- ✗ Hard to update
- ✗ Text and photocopies only
- ✗ Invisible outside the staffroom
- ✗ Gets lost, damaged or outdated

WordPress portfolio

- ✓ One link you can share anywhere
- ✓ Update it from your phone, any time
- ✓ Photos, video, downloads and quizzes
- ✓ Found on Google by schools and partners
- ✓ Grows with you across your whole career

What to put in your portfolio

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Home photo, name, subject and a one-line tagline

About & teaching philosophy

Your story, values and how you teach

Teaching resources

Notes, lesson plans, schemes of work, past papers

Learners' work

Projects and class activities, shared with consent

Professional growth

Certificates, workshops and a CPD log

Blog & reflections

Lesson reflections, innovations and class news

CV & contact

A downloadable CV and a contact form

Protect your learners: get consent before posting their names, photos or work (Data Protection and Privacy Act, 2019).

Sample portfolio - restlessteacher.com (Stephen Dumba)

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https://restlessteacher.com

RESTLESS TEACHER

HOME MY PHILOSOPHY WHAT I DO INITIATIVES FEATURES BLOG GET IN TOUCH

Hi, I'm The Restless Teacher

I am Stephen Dumba, a teacher of ICT from Uganda. For nearly two decades, I have empowered thousands of students, fellow teachers, and schools with practical digital skills that extend far beyond the classroom. I believe that technology should not simply be taught – it should be used to solve real problems, create opportunities, and transform communities. My work sits at the intersection of education, technology, and community. Whether I'm training teachers, mentoring students or speaking at a meetup or WordCamp, my goal remains the same: to make technology meaningful, accessible, and impactful.



Get started in 7 steps

The same 7 steps from my WordCamp Mukono workshop, now applied to your portfolio

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1

Install WordPress

Practise locally with WordPress Studio, or one-click install with your host

2

Log in to the dashboard

Go to yoursite/wp-admin with the username and password you set

3

Create pages

Home, About, Resources, Learners' Work, Blog, Contact

4

Choose & customise a theme

Appearance › Themes: pick a well-rated block theme, then add your colours and logo

5

Set up the menu

In the Site Editor, add your pages to the header Navigation block

6

Create posts

Share reflections, resources and class news; organise them by subject

7

Add plugins as needed

Forms, downloads, galleries, even an LMS, from the official directory

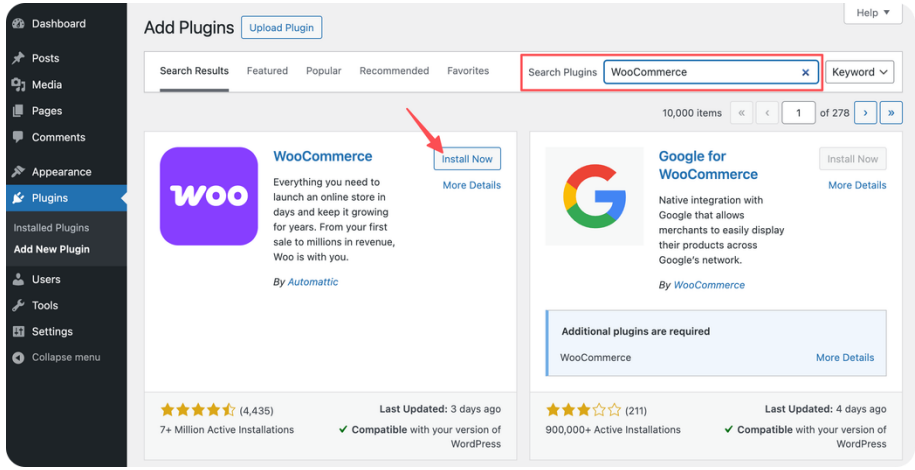
Keep learning

Free beginner lessons at learn.wordpress.org

Plugins that make a portfolio work

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I want to…	Try
Be contacted by schools	WPForms Lite or Contact Form 7
Share notes & past papers	Download Manager
Sell digital e-resources	WooCommerce
Run online lessons & quizzes	Tutor LMS or LearnPress
Track visits, stay secure	Jetpack
Be found on Google	Yoast SEO



Plugins › Add New: search, install, activate

Less is more

Install only what you need, from wordpress.org/plugins, and keep WordPress, themes and plugins updated.

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- cPanel webmail

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Thank you!

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Learn more: learn.wordpress.org, meetups, wordcamps

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