

I was a **shy guy** and I **didn't speak English**, but then I discovered **WordCamps!**

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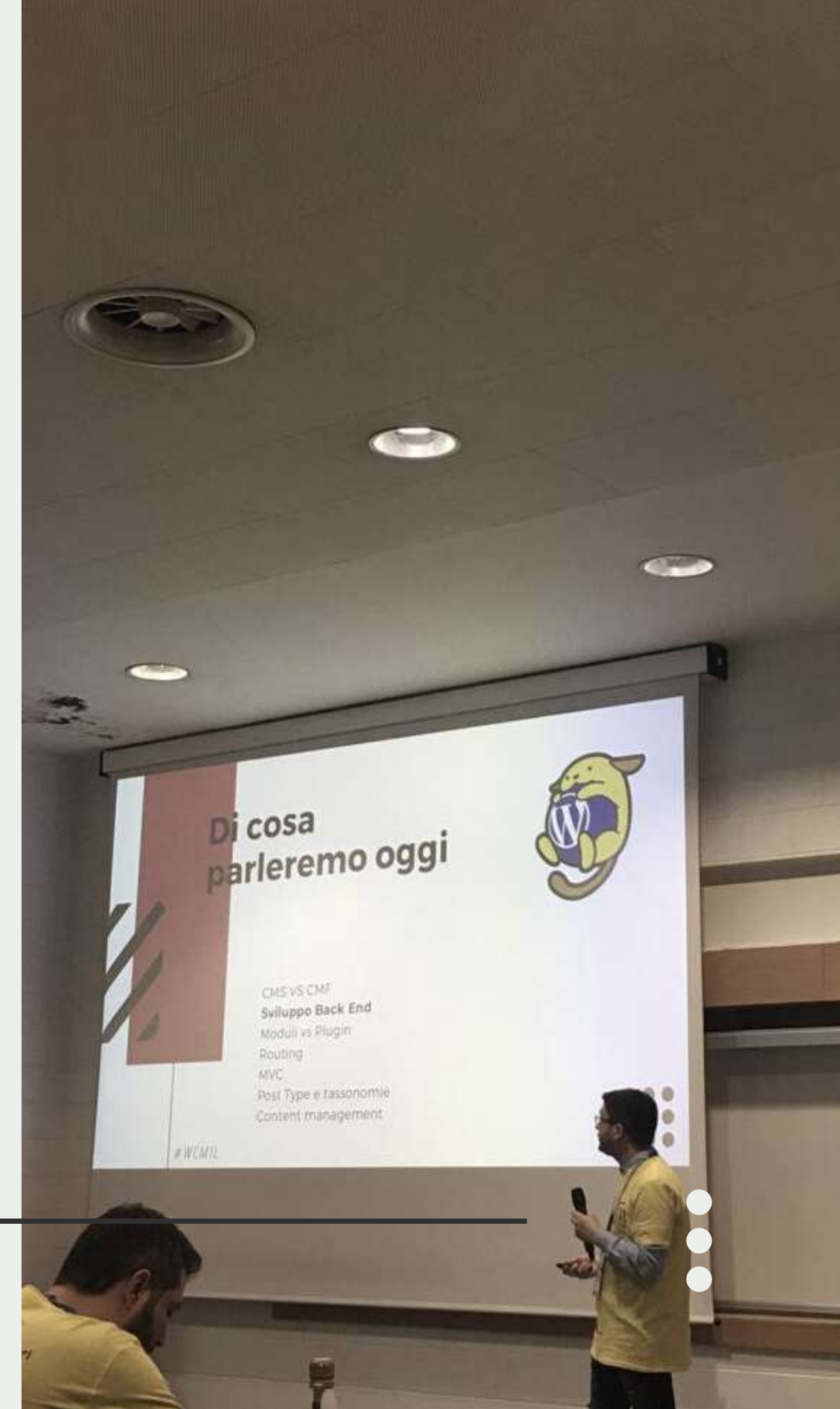
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TOPICS TODAY

JUST A LITTLE EXPERIMENT...

Are we trying to apply the four freedoms of Free Software in different fields of information technology?

What do you think if we try with shyness or the English language?



In each of my speeches this can never be missing

USE

Freedom 0

CHANGE

Freedom 1

STUDY

Freedom 2

SHARE

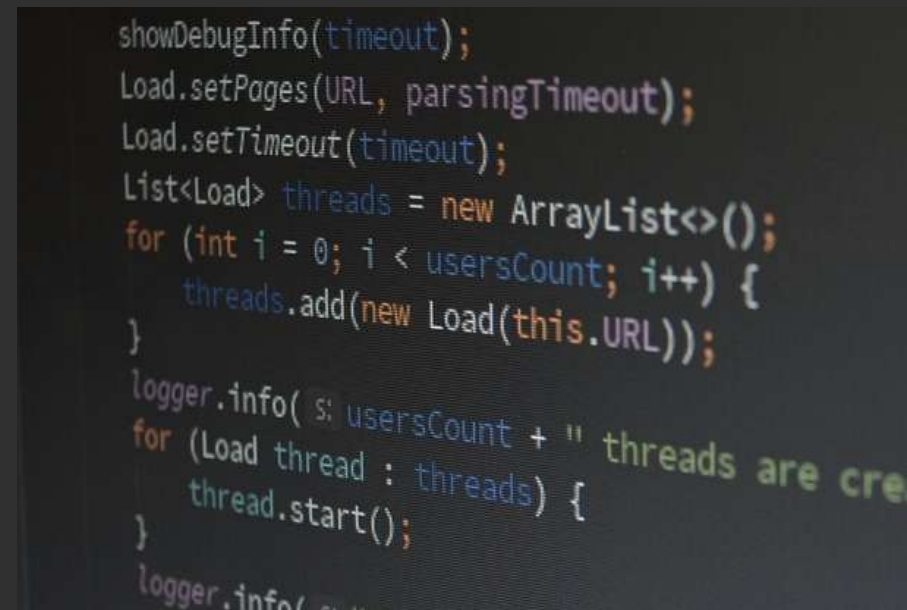
Freedom 3



This talk is really special for me: there are three of my first times



FIRST TALK
OUTSIDE ITALY



FIRST NON-
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FIRST TALK IN
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oops! It was the slide from two years ago, the correct one is this



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ABOUT ME

- WEB DEVELOPER AT TANNICO
- OPEN SOURCE EVANGELIST
- I FROM ABBASANTA - SARDINIA - ITALY
- I FOUNDER OF WORDPRESS MEETUP CAGLIARI
- I'M SHY
- MY ENGLISH IS NOT VERY GOOD



CONTEXT

Beginning of the story

A LONG TIME AGO

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I COME FROM THE PROVINCE OF ORISTANO

Far from Italy, very far from Europe



DEPARTURE FOR MILAN

In 2017 I started working remotely for a Milan StartUp. At the beginning of 2018 I moved there



How I met WordCamp

About 3 years ago...

On the WordPress admin page I
saw a two-day event

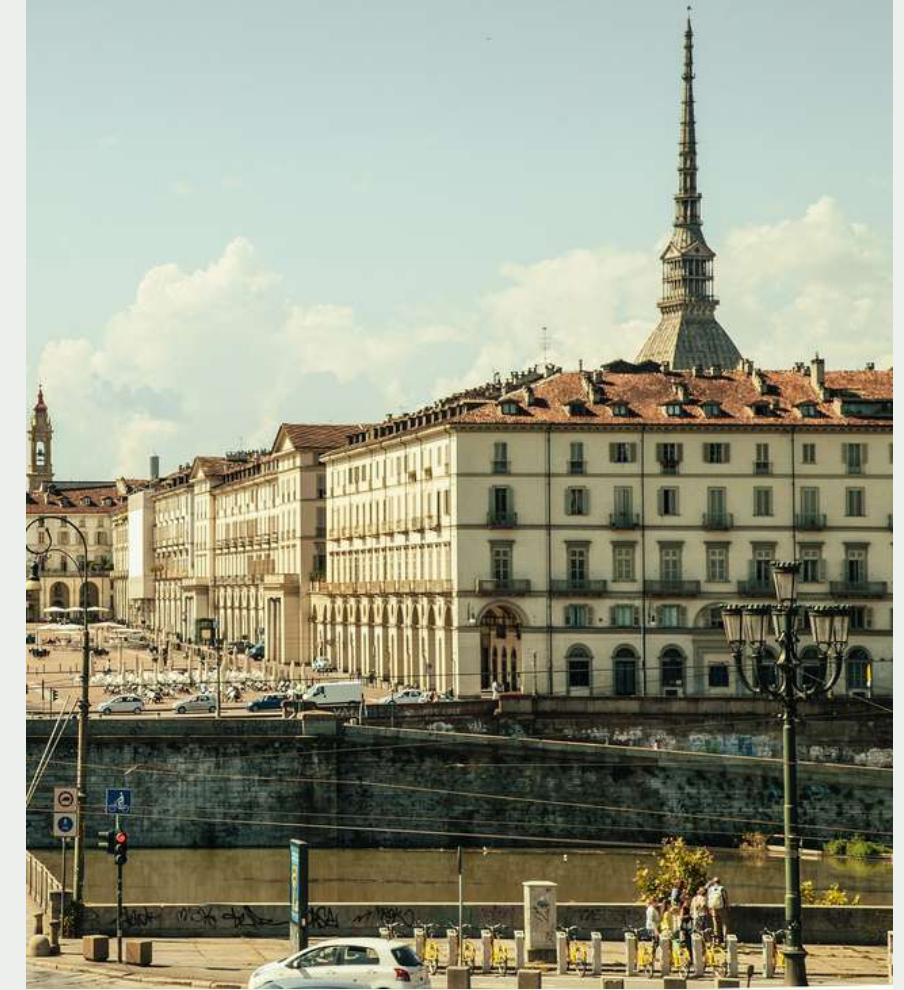
And... I got the ticket for
WordCamp Torino 2019



WordCamp Turin

MY FIRST WORDCAMP

It has been two intense days. The first of contribution days and the second with talks. Lots of sheets of notes



AFTER THE FIRST WORDCAMP

THE BIG COMMUNITY

Developer, writers, designers, marketers and many others, all WordPress lovers

DO YOU LIKE PACMAN?

Is when you leave a space for those who want to join the conversation

MORE AWARENESS OF WHAT I USE

Meeting other web developers helped me understand my strengths and weaknesses. Very useful against shyness



AJO IN SWITZERLAND

MY FIRST ENGLISH WORDCAMP: WORDCAMP ZURICH

Many emotions

Solo travel

Experience in English

Such a beautiful trip that on the return trip I covered the tickets for two more WordCamps and the proposal for a talk

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VERONA

After WordCamp Turin and a few MeetUps, going to a WordPress event in Italy is like a meeting between friends



DUBLIN

After reviewing some English I found myself facing a great challenge and a really big community. Here, the contribution day was very significant for me

CONTRIBUTION DAY OR NOT

SHYNESS AND ACCENTS

Accents are very important for beginners. Some words are not understood and others are confused. In similar situations, shyness often pushes you to listen to a talk because it is easier than participating in the contribution day.

You have to learn to know yourself and never give up.

Everything works out, I sat down at the support table and did the contribution day in English



RETURN TO ITALY

LET'S TALK ABOUT SHYNESS

Speaking in front of so many people is a huge problem for us timid.

But I got inspired by Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler.

The title of the film "Anger Management" didn't have a nice sound in Italian, so it was renamed "Terapia D'urto" then "shock therapy".

My shock therapy took place between Milan and Cagliari





MILANO

The WordCamp Milan audience welcomes many people. I tested my shyness by being a speaker and a volunteer.



CAGLIARI

In Sardinia, my island, it didn't have a WordPress community. I became organizer of the Cagliari WordPress MeetUP

GLASGOW

DOUBLE CHALLENGE: SHYNESS AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

During the Christmas holidays I found the announcement of this WordCamp. So, two months later, I was flying to volunteer in Scotland





NOW!

AND NOW WITH YOU, I PUT MY FEARS
AND ANXIETIES BACK INTO PLAY,
HOPING THAT THOSE WHO HAVE THE
SAME PROBLEMS AS MINE WILL BE ABLE
TO OVERCOME THEM. BECAUSE
WORDCAMP'S HELP WITH THIS TOO!

MY PERSONAL RETROSPECTIVE

STUDY YOURSELF

I think it is really important to know and study yourself, only in this way can you learn to overcome your limits.

PARTICIPATE

Being a speaker is not the only way to participate. Being a volunteer or participating in the Contributor Day is also a wonderful experience!

DON'T FORGET THE AFTER PARTY

Never miss the After Party, it is one of the most special moments of WordCamps. I met a lot of WordCamp friends there.



Inspirations

**WORDCAMPS ARE ALL
NODES ON THE SAME
NETWORK**

WordCamp Zurich 2019

Simona Simionato:

Public speaking: dispel the myths and tips for success

WordCamp Verona 2019

Valentina Azzi:

Come ho sconfitto la timidezza grazie alla Community di WordPress



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Who stays at the After Party?



Thank you! Grazie! Merci!

On the left some of my
contacts

