



Summary

Creating a custom theme for WordPress can be a daunting task, especially if you have limited PHP skills. There are a few base themes that strip out all but the essential mark-up to give you a starting place, but you still have to add every bell and whistle you want back into the theme. You can pick one of the thousands of contributed themes out there, but only a handful are any good, and those are being used by every Joe Blogger on the internet. There is a third way, and that way is K2.

K2 is a theme framework, that makes designing a custom theme as easy as clicking a few buttons. Advanced users can go much farther, by changing the entire layout, with pure CSS, giving you a clean upgrade path and a solid, semantic foundation on which to build your online presence.

Intended Audience

- ▶ New WordPress Users, who are computer savvy
- ▶ Intermediate WordPress Users with a working knowledge of CSS
- ▶ Advanced WordPress Users with a working knowledge of PHP

Overview

- ▶ History of K2, and the benefits of using it
- ▶ Obtaining, Installing, and Configuring the K2 Theme
- ▶ Custom Header Image and K2 Sidebar Manager
- ▶ Plugin Compatibility
- ▶ In-Depth review of K2's XHTML Mark-Up
- ▶ In-Depth review of the K2 Style Sheet
- ▶ Tips and Tricks: which styles to override to achieve your layout
- ▶ Extending K2 with Custom Plugins

About The Presenter

Eric Marden is an innovative, standards-aware Web Developer with a Less is More approach to software engineering. He is a seasoned professional with 12 years experience crafting custom solutions from open source technologies, including WordPress and Drupal.