About

Welcome to hrpr.com... We've been out here on the Internet in one form or another since 1997. As a result, we have a lot of stuff scattered around here at hrpr.com, some of which is in no particular order or subject matter grouping. As R. W. Emerson [1] once said: "*Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds!*"

If you really have a burning desire to learn something about me (i.e., the **hr** in hrpr.com), there is more than you ever wanted to know here [2].

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FAQs

Here are a few factoids about HR's Portal...if you want to know more, just ask [5] and maybe we will give you an answer!

How long has the hrpr.com domain been around?

> HR's Portal has been on the Internet since 1997 in one form or another. It started out as a one-page site and has evolved over time to what you see here today.

The site has a plain vanilla look to it. What's up with that?

> Makes for faster loading since it has low graphics content (I hope) and is also easier to maintain. I guess it reflects my "simple is better" approach to things!

Why do you do this?

> Certainly not for profit...It is a hobby. When I'm not working, or doing something more interesting, I fool around with stuff like HR's Portal

Do you have any other web sites?

> Yes I do. You can link to them via the Odds & Ends entry on the top horizontal menu bar.

Where is hrpr.com?

> The server is somewhere in Southern California. All the updates and maintenance for HR's Portal and my other web sites are done over the Internet from Vienna, Virginia, which is about 20 miles due west of Washington, DC.

What can I expect to see here in the future?

Don't know...guess it will be whatever I'm interested in at the moment.

What's with the links to the weather reports?

- I live in Vienna, VA
- My youngest brother lives in Charleroi, PA
- My middle brother lives in Howland, OH
- My friend Pat lives Morgantown, WV, home of the WVU Mountaineers

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HR's homenet

All of the stuff you see here at hrpr.com is produced and maintained by the "*massive*" array of distributed computing power interconnected via our Intranet [6]:

Network Configuration:

- Local Area Network (LAN)
  - Wired – CAT5 Switched 10/100BaseT
  - Wireless – Switched 802.11b/g/n
- Personal Area Network (PAN) – Bluetooth Wireless
- Gateway Router – Actiontec [7] MI424WR
- Distribution Switch – Zonet [8] ZFS301BP (8-port, 10/100Mbps)
- Wireless Access Point 1 – Actiontec [7] MI424WR (802.11n)
- Wireless Access Point 2 – D-Link [9] DIR-615 (802.11n)
- Wireless Access Point 3 – Linksys [10] WAP54G (802.11b/g)
- Internet Access – Verizon [11] FiOS, 35Mbps Uplink, 35Mbps downlink

Gunston is an HP [12] Pavilion 9340 - online since 11 August 2008.

- Windows 8 Pro [13]
- Core 2 Quad CPU Q6700 2.66GHz
- 6GB RAM
- LCD Monitor (22-inch) with HDMI, DXI, VGA Video Ports, 2 USB Ports, Analog Audio Input Port
- 750GB Hard Drive (SATA)
- 80GB Hard Drive (USB)
- 1GB USB Flash Memory Drive
- 1GB MicroSD Flash Memory Drive
- 4MB CompactFlash Drive
- 6 USB Ports
- 1 IEEE 1394 (Firewire) Port
- 1 Infrared Port

- 802.11b/g/n Wireless Adapter
- 10/100/1000BaseT Port
- Digital/Analog TV Tuner
- Universal Flash Memory Card Reader
- DVD/CD-RW Drive
- 56Kbps Data/Fax Modem
- 7-Port Powered USB Hub
- HP Deskjet 952C Printer
- HP Deskjet F4280 Printer/Scanner/Copier
- Standard Keyboard and Optical Mouse.

Jake is a Dell [14] Dimension 8300 - online since April 2004.

- Wndows XP Professional SP3 [15]
- 3Ghz Pentium 4 CPU
- 1GB RAM
- 56Kbps Data/Fax Modem
- 120GB Hard Drive
- 60GB Hard Drive (USB)
- DVD Drive
- DVD-RW Drive
- Analog TV Tuner w/USB Interface
- 8 Internal USB Ports
- 4-Port External USB Hub
- 4 IEEE 1394 (Firewire) Ports
- Bluetooth USB Adapter
- 802.11n Wireless Adapter
- Epson CX3810 Printer/Scanner/Copier
- 17-inch LCD Monitor
- Webcam (USB)
- Standard Keyboard and Optical Mouse.

Roadie II is an Acer [16]Aspire M5-481PT Laptop - on the net since November 2012.

- Windows 8 [17]
- 14" HD widescreen CineCrystal™ LED-backlit multi-touch display (1366 x 768)
- 10-point multi-touch control - Intel® HD Graphics 4000 w/ 128MB
- 500GB Hard Drive
- 20GB Solid State Drive
- Intel® Core™ i5-3337U processor (1.8GHz/2.7GHz w/ Turbo Boost)
- 6GB RAM
- Webcam
- 802.11n, Bluetooth, HDMI, USB 3.0
- Touchpad

Roadie is a Dell [14] Inspiron 8500 Laptop - has been a road warrior since April 2003.

- Dual Boot
  - Windows XP Professional SP3 [15]
  - Ubuntu Linux 10.04 [18]
- 2Ghz Pentium 4 CPU
- 512MB RAM

- 15.4 inch WSXGA+ Screen
- 56Kbps Data/Fax Modem
- 1.44MB Floppy with USB Interface
- 60GB Hard Drive
    - 30GB WinXP Partition
    - 30GB Linux Partition
- 64MB USB Flash Memory Drive
- DVD/CD-RW Drive
- 10/100BaseT Port
- 2 USB Ports
- IEEE 1394 (Firewire) Port
- 802.11b/802.11g Wireless Adapter

Piggy is a HP [19] Pavilion 1357c - online as a Linux Server since March 2012.

- Ubuntu Linux 11.10 [18]
- AMD Althon(tm) 64x2 Dual Core Processor 4200+ x2
- 1GB RAM
- 250GB Hard Drive
- DVD Drive
- CD-RW Drive
- 6 USB Ports
- 17-inch Monitor
- Standard Keyboard and Optical Mouse.

Doofus is a Dell [14] Dimension XPS T500 - online since April 1999.

- Ubuntu Linux 9.10 [20]
- 500Mhz Pentium III
- 256MB RAM
- 1.44MB Floppy Drive
- 8GB Hard Drive
- 4GB Hard Drive
- 100MB Zip Drive
- CD-ROM
- 2 USB Ports
- Standard Keyboard and Mouse
- 15-inch Monitor.

Really old stuff...

And, I still have a working KayPro II "Portable" that uses the CP/M Operating System. It has a Z80 CPU, 9-inch Screen, 64KB RAM, and two 5.25-inch Floppy drives. And it weighs about 25 pounds! I also have a set of vintage Analog Modems ranging in speed from 300bps to 9.6Kbps.

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Server hardware

The site resides on a shared web server [21] and communicates with a shared database server via the LAN. For dynamic CMS's such as Drupal that have a heavy dependence on the database during their normal course of operations, this is a non-optimal environment. All DB queries and response must traverse the LAN, thereby adding transmission latency to that normally encountered when accessing disk storage. In addition, both the web server and the database server are shared , with a number of users contending for resources at any one point in time.

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Server software

The site is running a typical **LAMP** [22] environment. The software versions noted below were installed on the servers at the time this was written. So, I guess one could call this the "baseline."

- Operating System – **Debian Linux** [23] with 2.4.29 kernel
- Web Server – **Apache** [24] 2.0.54
- Database Server – **Mysql** [25] 4.1.16
- Script Processor – **PHP** [26] 5.2.3
- Application – **Drupal** [27] 6.x CMS

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Site name

What does the "hrpr" in hrpr.com mean?

> hrpr is the combination of the first and last initials of the webmaster and his spouse. Not very original, but it does make everyone ask.

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Site theme

Where did you get this theme? Is it a custom-built theme?

> There's nothing much new or original about the site's theme. It is the well-known **Tarski** [28] theme which has been customized for use here at hrpr.com.

The theme looks a bit dated. Why haven't you upgraded it to have a more contemporary look with bright colors and flashy graphics?

I prefer to think that it has a "*classic*" look rather than being outdated! And we've implemented some HTML5 and CSS3 features in our current theme.

The site does not display correctly on my screen. What's up with that?

Can't really say for sure..but if you are using an older browser that does not support current HTML and CSS standards (e.g., Internet Explorer 6 or below), that may be the reason. All of my testing is done using the current versions of Chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer. The testing is done with screen resolutions of 1024X768, 1280x1024 and 1680x1050. If you are using another operating system (Mac OS/X, etc.) or browser (Safari , Opera, etc.), that may be it. Or maybe you've found a bug in the theme's xHTML and/or CSS stuff!

What is the "optimal" window size for viewing the site?

The theme is optimized for display in browser windows that are between 1024 pixels (px) and 1200px wide. I prefer a 1200x800 browser window. But the "standard" 1024x768 browser window is fine too, as is 800x600 if you don't mind a horizontal scroll bar. For browser windows greater than 1200px, the display will be centered in the window.

Where can I download a copy of this theme?

The short answer is that the customized version of the Tarski theme used here at hrpr.com is not available for downloading at this time. But you can download the original...

Drupal [27] is the engine that powers hrpr.com. **Follow this link** [28] to download the Drupal version of the Tarski theme.

To download the Wordpress version of Tarski **follow this link** [29].

At this time, I do not know if there is a **Joomla** [30]! version of Tarski available.

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[5] http://www.hrpr.com/contact
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