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WORDPRESS CORE AI - OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

ai-provider-for-codex - Author | shipped tagged releases

github.com/henryperkins/ai-provider-for-codex | latest release: v2.0, published June 22, 2026

- Built a sidecar provider architecture routing WordPress AI workloads through Codex, including text and image generation support through a local runtime.
- Added Codex text and image requests to the WordPress AI plugin's Request Log, including non-fatal success and error details without generated image payloads.
- Published tagged releases with Composer validation, PHPStan, Plugin Check, release packaging, and WordPress-backed project verification recorded in release notes.

WordPress/ai - Contributor

github.com/WordPress/ai

- PR #501 - authored Content Resizing and Title Generation experiment documentation; merged May 18, 2026 and credited in the WordPress AI Plugin 1.0.0 release notes.
- Issue #529 - reported a confirmed Guidelines content-type defect; fixed by a core maintainer in PR #593 and shipped in WordPress AI Plugin 1.0.1.
- Issue #732 / PR #757 - reported AI Request Logging gap for sidecar and custom-transport providers; upstream fix is open to capture successful custom-transport generations.

WordPress/agent-skills - PR #49 (open)

github.com/WordPress/agent-skills/pull/49

- Authored policy proposal and reference implementation adding WordPress 7.0+ AI Client, AI Connectors, and canonical AI Plugin skills.
- Extended Abilities API and MCP guidance, router decision-tree coverage, compatibility policy, and evaluation scenarios for WordPress AI development tasks.

SELECTED PROJECT

Flavor Agent - AI governance plugin for WordPress

Release candidate: v0.1.0-rc.1 | github.com/henryperkins/flavor-agent

- Governed agentic loop for WordPress AI actions: bounded operations, review-gated mutation, server-side attribution, and drift-safe rollback. "AI proposes; WordPress approves."
- Treats AI changes as change control: every proposed mutation renders verifiable server-side state and routes through a review-before-apply gate with a provable undo path.
- Defines WordPress Ability contracts across recommendation, helper/read, docs-search, preview, external-apply, style, pattern, template, navigation, and infrastructure categories.

SKILLS

WordPress: Plugin development, Gutenberg, block editor workflows, WordPress AI Client, Abilities API, REST API, WP-CLI

Languages and frontend: PHP, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, HTML, CSS

AI and integrations: AI workflow prototyping, provider integrations, prompt design, request logging, sidecar/custom transport debugging

Engineering workflow: Git, GitHub, GitHub Actions, code review, release packaging, Plugin Check, PHPStan, documentation

Delivery: Technical support, escalation triage, customer onboarding, stakeholder communication, process improvement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Technology Consultant

Lakefront Digital | Greater Chicago Area, IL | Oct 2022 - Present

- Deliver customer-facing implementation projects across WordPress builds, API integrations, documentation, and AI-assisted workflow prototypes from discovery through launch and post-launch support.
- Build reusable documentation and API-connected automation that reduce manual handoffs and improve maintainability across client engagements.
- Ship WordPress, WooCommerce, and Cloudflare-backed web experiences with structured content models, smoke-check automation, and release workflows.
- Translate ambiguous technical requirements into bounded implementation plans, visible proof artifacts, and handoff documentation for customers and collaborators.

Shift Supervisor

Starbucks | Greater Chicago Area, IL | Apr 2019 - Sep 2022

- Coordinated frontline teams across high-volume shifts, handling escalations and maintaining service, safety, and workflow standards during peak periods.
- Coached baristas on repeatable operating routines so staffing changes and rush windows did not break service consistency.

Starbucks Manager

Sodexo | Illinois | 2018 - 2019

- Ran daily operations for a Starbucks unit with accountability for food safety, service quality, staffing, and inventory.

Freelance Artist / Consultant

Clinique | Illinois | 2015 - 2017

- Provided customer-facing product consulting and education that helped shoppers choose appropriate skincare and cosmetics solutions.

Happiness Engineer

Automattic, Inc. (WordPress.com) | Remote | Oct 2012 - Nov 2012

- Resolved customer issues across WordPress.com publishing, site configuration, billing, and domain/DNS workflows, turning recurring problems into documentation, bug reports, and reproducible details for product and engineering.
- Reduced confusion around account and site configuration by delivering clear written troubleshooting that addressed root causes, not just symptoms.

Developer Community Manager

PageLines, Inc. | Remote | May 2012 - Oct 2012

- Supported a developer community around the PageLines ecosystem through onboarding content, tutorials, and day-to-day relationship management.
- Translated community questions and feedback into clearer product priorities and developer guidance.

Customer Service Representative / Sales Associate

Micro Center | Illinois | 2009 - 2012

- Supported customers in a fast-paced retail technology environment through troubleshooting, consultative product guidance, and service recovery.

CREDENTIAL

AI Leaders Micro-Credential - Inaugural Cohort (2026)

University of Illinois Chicago and the WordPress Foundation, supported by Automattic

- Finalist; portfolio listed on the official program showcase (aileaderswp.blog).
- Employer-verifiable credential earned by shipping the open-source WordPress AI contributions above - merged core/ai work, a maintainer-fixed defect report, and tagged provider releases.

EDUCATION

A.S., Business Administration and Management, College of DuPage, 2013

Studies in Journalism and Mass Communications, Columbia College Chicago, 2007 - 2008