

New Look and Feel: Site Redesign

My website has undergone a redesign! After approximately five years of the black-and-yellow grunge theme - I've opted for a full on revamp, technologically and visually. On the backend, the old CodeIgniter codebase was tossed in favor of Wordpress. On the frontend, the design I commissioned from my friend [Dan Housch](#) is gone, in favor of a generic Wordpress theme - Nisarg.

The new theme in this redesign is much lighter, incorporating a ton of white space and dynamic imagery. It is far easier on the eyes to read text, which is especially important as I would like to expand my blog posting and integrate my cooking activities. I mean, look at this Beef Provençale I made for New Years 2015-2016 - can you blame me?

I realize now, I never shared this dish - from our New Years dinner: slow braised Beef Provençale

with mushrooms and thick cut bacon. #beefprovencale #beef #provençale #mushrooms #bacon

#food #foodporn #dinner #foodstagram #homemade #braised

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I digress - the redesign is not purely visual and tech - but content will change as well, though, not

drastically so. I'll more than likely post a ton of programming related content - as well as food, random life blogs, thoughts, etc. Whatever floats my boat, hopefully floats yours too - hopefully we don't end up stranded somewhere not-fun.

For the techies - I've chosen not to migrate this platform from Digitalocean to AWS. I've also opted to stay in the Ubuntu family - upgrading from 14.04 to (I think) 16.04/16.10 - whichever is the LTS as of this writing. Powering this platform is MariaDB (Toku!), using Nginx as a server, and PHP7 as the language of choice. Later on, I'll likely install Varnish in front of Nginx, but for now W3 Total Cache does a more than excellent job at caching objects and page to disk.