

TROUBLESHOOTING FOR BEGINNING DEVELOPERS

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DETECTIVE SKILLS

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Debug Mode:

```
define( 'WP_DEBUG', true );
```

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Debug Mode:



Deprecated: Methods with the same name as their class will not be constructors in a future version of PHP; Deprecated_Log has a deprecated constructor in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/plugins/log-deprecated-notices/log-deprecated-notices.php on line 25

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"SIMPLE" 'TEST'

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Debug Mode:

- Warnings
- Notices
- Errors
- Deprecated Notices

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Fatal error: Uncaught Error: Call to undefined function undefined_function() in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php:20 Stack trace: #0 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/template.php(574): require() #1 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/template.php(531): load_template('/var/www/coach/...', false) #2 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/general-template.php(167): locate_template(Array, true, false) #3 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/page.php(21): get_template_part('content', 'page') #4 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/template-loader.php(75): include('/var/www/coach/...') #5 /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-blog-header.php(19): require_once('/var/www/coach/...') #6 /var/www/coach/staging-site/index.php(17): require('/var/www/coach/...') #7 {main} thrown in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php on line 20

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```
<?php add_post_meta( get_the_id() ); ?>
```

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Warning: Missing argument 2 for add_post_meta(), called in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php on line 20 and defined in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/post.php on line 1617 Warning: Missing argument 3 for add_post_meta(), called in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php on line 20 and defined in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/post.php on line 1617 Notice: Undefined variable: meta_key in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/post.php on line 1622 Notice: Undefined variable: meta_value in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-includes/post.php on line 1622

This is an example page. It's different from a blog post because it will stay in one place and will show up in your site navigation (in most themes). Most people start with an About page that introduces them to potential site visitors. It might say something like this:

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Code Reference

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```
add_post_meta( int $post_id, string $meta_key, mixed $meta_value,  
              bool $unique = false )
```

Add meta data field to a post.

```
<?php add_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'meta_field_name', 'meta_field_value' ); ?>
```

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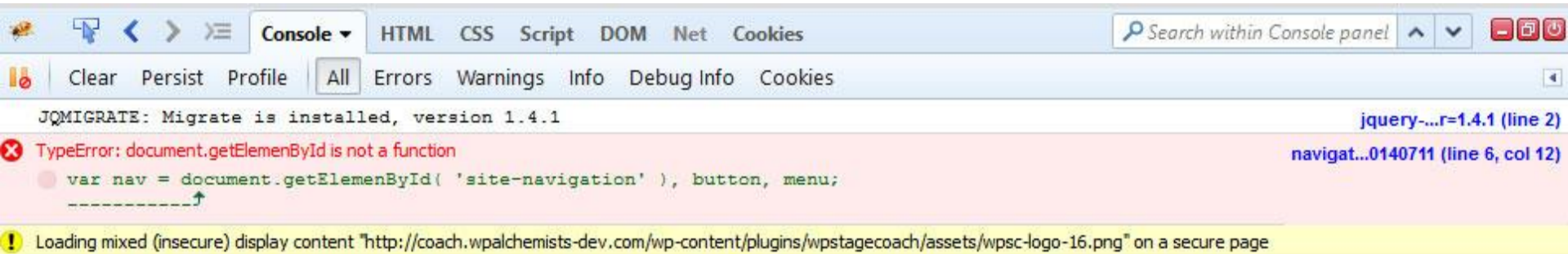
```
[Sat Aug 20 16:08:03 2016] [warn] [client 69.46.38.19] mod_fcgid: stderr: PHP  
Parse error: syntax error, unexpected '}', expecting end of file in  
/var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php on  
line 20, referer: https://wcyvr.wpstagecoach.com/
```

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Syntax highlighting

```
function show_off_syntax_highlighting( $color ) {  
    $message = 'Look at all the pretty colors, including' . $color . '!';  
    return $message;  
}  
  
function broken_function( $color ) {  
    $message = This won't work, and the $colors show me something is wrong;  
    return $message;  
}
```

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The screenshot shows a browser's developer console with the following content:

- Console tabs: Console (selected), HTML, CSS, Script, DOM, Net, Cookies
- Search: Search within Console panel
- Filter: All (selected), Errors, Warnings, Info, Debug Info, Cookies
- Log entries:
 - JQMIGRATE: Migrate is installed, version 1.4.1 (jquery-...r=1.4.1 (line 2))
 - TypeError: document.getElemenById is not a function** (navigat...0140711 (line 6, col 12))
 - `var nav = document.getElemenById('site-navigation'), button, menu;`
 - `-----↑`
 - Loading mixed (insecure) display content "http://coach.wpalchemists-dev.com/wp-content/plugins/wpstagecoach/assets/wpsc-logo-16.png" on a secure page

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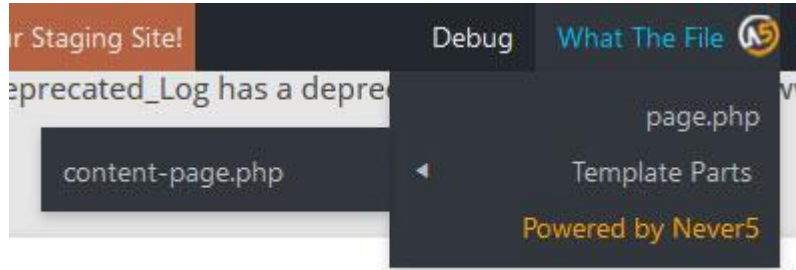
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Parse error: syntax error, unexpected end of file in /var/www/coach/staging-site/wp-content/themes/twentytwelve/content-page.php on line 27

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```
wp_die( 'This happens!' );
```

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This happens!

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```
<?php if( is_front_page() ) {  
    wp_die( 'this is the front page' );  
} else {  
    wp_die( 'this is an inner page' );  
} ?>
```

Sample Page

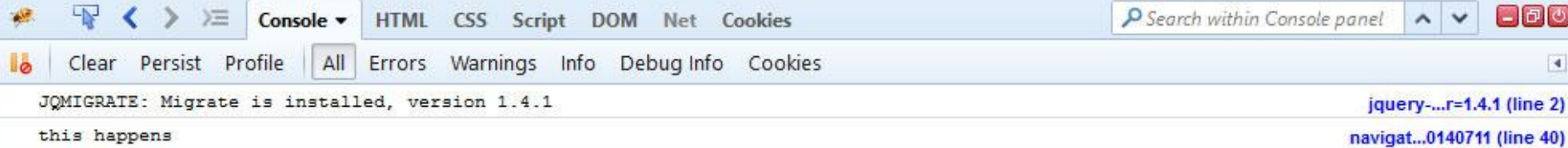
this is an inner page

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```
wp_mail( 'jpk@wpstagecoach.com', 'this happens', 'here is an  
email telling me that this function happens' );
```

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```
( function( $ ) {  
  console.log( 'this happens' );  
} )( jQuery );
```



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Custom Fields ▲

Name	Value
------	-------

Add New Custom Field:

Name	Value
<input type="text" value="wordcamp"/>	<input type="text" value="2016"/>

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Custom fields can be used to add extra metadata to a post that you can [use in your theme](#).

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```
<div class="entry-content">
```

```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp' );
```

```
echo $wordcamp; ?>
```

```
<?php the_content( __( 'Continue reading <span  
class="meta-nav">&rarr;</span>', 'twentytwelve' ) ); ?>
```

```
<?php wp_link_pages( array( 'before' => '<div  
class="page-links">' . __( 'Pages:', 'twentytwelve' ),  
'after' => '</div>' ) ); ?>
```

```
</div><!-- .entry-content -->
```

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Array

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```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp' ); ?>
```

```
<pre><?php print_r( $wordcamp ); ?></pre>
```

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```
Array  
(  
    [0] => 2016  
)
```

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```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp', true );  
echo 'WordCamp Year: ' . $wordcamp; ?>
```

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WordCamp Year: 2016

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Nothing to do with WordCamp

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WordCamp Year:

Believe it or not, I do things besides WordCamp.

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```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp', true );  
if( isset( $wordcamp ) && 2016 === $wordcamp ) {  
    echo 'Current WordCamp Year: ' . $wordcamp;  
} ?>
```

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```
$wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp', true );  
  
echo var_dump( $wordcamp );
```

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string(4) "2016"

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```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp', true );  
if( isset( $wordcamp ) && 2016 === $wordcamp ) {  
    echo 'Current WordCamp Year: ' . $wordcamp;  
} ?>
```

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```
<?php $wordcamp = get_post_meta( get_the_id(), 'wordcamp', true );  
  
if( isset( $wordcamp ) && '2016' == $wordcamp ) {  
  
    echo 'Current WordCamp Year: ' . $wordcamp;  
  
} ?>
```

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THANKS!

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