# Press Kit

## Most Recent Press Release

### Andromeda Founders Awarded Microsoft MVP

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Andromeda Galactic Solutions founders Martine and Michael Dowden have both received their 6th consecutive Microsoft MVP (Most Valuable Professional) award in Developer Technologies. Martine was awarded for Web Development, and Michael was awarded with Web Development and Developer Tools. They first received this award in 2019, and have maintained this status ever since. Microsoft MVPs are nominated by either a Microsoft Full-Time Employee or a fellow MVP, and must demonstrate they are an expert in the field they're nominated for, and they share that knowledge with others.

Martine Dowden is Andromeda Galactic's CTO, as well as an artist, designer, and developer focusing on UX and accessibility. She is also a Google Developer Expert in Web Technologies and author of *Tiny CSS Projects*. Michael Dowden is the CEO of Andromeda, Product Architect for FlexePark, an International Speaker, and a Google Developer Expert in Firebase. Together they are the authors of *Programming Languages ABC++*, *Approachable Accessibility*, and *Architecting CSS*.

## About Microsoft MVP Awards

The Microsoft MVP Award is more than two decades old and is awarded each year to outstanding leaders who share their knowledge with the community. These individuals have knowledge of Microsoft products and services and bring together diverse platforms, products, and solutions to solve real problems. MVPs are a global community spread across 90 countries/regions, making up over 4,000 experts. Information on the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional program can be found at https://mvp.microsoft.com/en-us/

## About Andromeda Galactic Solutions

We believe in designing a better world by improving everyday activities. Sustainable companies should generate net social gain with every product and service offered. Andromeda Galactic Solutions designs and builds web-based software products, with a mission to facilitate connections between people in an ethical, accessible way. Founded in 2015, the company was created to address community issues through a unique combination of technology and services. Building solutions to fit people, rather than forcing people to fit the solution. Learn more at https://AndromedaGalactic.com.

# About Us

## About FlexePark

FlexePark is a user-friendly solution to the dilemma of struggling to find parking options while many potential spaces are kept unavailable. Unlike other shared parking options, FlexePark focuses on usability and accessibility without requiring users to download an app or reserve parking spots in advance. Learn more at flexepark.com/start.

## About Andromeda Galactic Solutions

Founded in 2015, Andromeda was created to address community issues through a unique combination of technology and services, believing that sustainable companies should generate net social gain with every product and service offered. Its philanthropic investments include participating in Extra Life and Eleven Fifty Academy. Visit AndromedaGalactic.com for more information.

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Apr 16, 2019 - Indiana Public Media
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## Nominees Announced for 20th Anniversary TechPoint Mira Awards Honoring 'The Best of Tech in Indiana

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## Michael Dowden for FlexePark

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## Local Startup FlexePark Brings More Parking to Broad Ripple

Jun 15, 2018 - Indy Chamber
https://indychamber.com/news/local-startup-flexepark-brings-more-parking-to-broad-ripple/

## Michael Dowden – FlexePark, Andromeda

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