

CA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BUILD YOUR OWN WEBSITE WITH WORDPRESS

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**SESSION
THREE**

THEMING WORDPRESS

- What is a theme and types of themes
- How to find, access and install themes
- Where to start – before you buy!

WHAT IS A THEME

- A WordPress theme is a collection of files that work together to produce a graphical user interface

TYPES OF THEMES

- Free
- Premium
- Custom

FINDING A THEME

- Recommended themes can be found on the WordPress repository
- Themes can be purchased/downloaded from reputable sites
- Hire a developer to build a custom theme

INSTALLING A THEME

- A theme can be installed via the WordPress dashboard either directly off the repository or uploading to your server

WHERE TO START

- Impromptu websites suck - so have a plan!
- A website typically needs a logo, content and **good** images
- Draft a sitemap and visualise how you would like the site to look

BEFORE YOU BUY

- Theme Forest, Theme Trust, Elegant Themes
- View/test the theme on both desktop and mobile
- Look for demo (xml) import content
- Read documentation and check for money back guarantee
- Don't get caught up in all the bells and whistles!

ACTIVITY

KEY OBJECTIVES

Customise a WordPress blog through the theme customiser

TASKS

1. Install and Customise a WordPress theme
 - Go to “Appearance > Themes”
 - Browse and install any theme of your choice
 - Activate the theme and then choose “Customise”
 - Change colour schemes (text, links etc.)
 - Add a favicon, logo, header and background image
 - Install/activate a different theme and repeat the steps above