

 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# BUILD YOUR OWN WEBSITE WITH WORDPRESS

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# THEMING WORDPRESS

- › Types of themes
- › Child, starter, theme frameworks and custom themes
- › How to find, access and install themes
- › How to customise themes (theme options)

# 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

# **CUSTOM THEMING TECHNIQUES**

- › Child theming is a technique used to customise a wordpress parent theme
- › Theme frameworks are development platforms for building parent themes
- › Starter themes are functional WordPress themes that needs to be configured and styled
- › Custom themes are themes that are built from the ground up

## **FINDING A THEME**

- › Recommended themes can be found on the WordPress repository
- › Themes can be purchased/downloaded from reputable sites
- › Hire a web 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

**KEY OBJECTIVES**

Customise a WordPress blog through the theme customiser and child theming techniques

**TASKS**

1. Install and Customise a WordPress theme
  - Go to themes, search and install “Twenty Twelve”
  - Activate the theme and then choose “Customise”
  - Change colour schemes
  - Add a background image
  - Insert a header image
  - Install/configure “Header Image Slider” plugin
2. Create a child theme
  - Establish an FTP connection
  - Locate the themes directory and create a new folder
  - Create a child stylesheet and import the main CSS
  - Upload and activate
  - Make some CSS adjustments and update