



ISDM (INDEPENDENT SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION)

SEO, HOSTING & DEPLOYMENT (WEEKS

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ON-PAGE & OFF-PAGE SEO

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO SEO

1.1 What is SEO (Search Engine Optimization)?

SEO (Search Engine Optimization) is the practice of **optimizing a website** to improve its ranking on search engine results pages (SERPs).

◆ Why Is SEO Important?

- ✓ Increases **organic traffic** without paid ads.
- ✓ Improves **brand visibility and credibility**.
- ✓ Helps websites rank **higher on Google, Bing, and Yahoo**.

◆ Types of SEO:

On-Page SEO → Optimizing website content, HTML, and structure.

Off-Page SEO → Improving website authority through backlinks and promotions.

Technical SEO → Optimizing speed, indexing, and site structure.

CHAPTER 2: UNDERSTANDING ON-PAGE SEO

2.1 What is On-Page SEO?

On-Page SEO involves **optimizing elements within a website** to improve search rankings.

- ◆ **Key Factors of On-Page SEO:**

- ✓ **Keyword Optimization** – Using relevant search terms in content.
- ✓ **Meta Tags & Descriptions** – Informing search engines about page content.
- ✓ **URL Structure** – Creating SEO-friendly URLs.
- ✓ **Internal Linking** – Connecting pages within the website.
- ✓ **Image Optimization** – Using alt tags and compressed images.

2.2 Keyword Research & Optimization

Keywords are the words or phrases people search for in search engines.

- ◆ **Best Practices:**

- ✓ Use **long-tail keywords** (e.g., "best running shoes for women" instead of "running shoes").
- ✓ Place keywords in **titles, headings, and first 100 words** of content.
- ✓ Avoid **keyword stuffing** (overusing keywords unnaturally).

- ◆ **Example: Using Keywords in a Blog Post**

```
<title>Best Running Shoes for Women – 2024 Guide</title>
```

```
<h1>Best Running Shoes for Women in 2024</h1>
```

```
<p>Finding the best running shoes for women is essential for  
comfort and performance...</p>
```

This helps Google understand the topic of the page.

2.3 Optimizing Meta Tags & Descriptions

Meta tags help search engines and users understand a webpage.

- ◆ Example of an Optimized Meta Description:

```
<meta name="description" content="Discover the best running  
shoes for women in 2024. Read expert reviews and find top-rated  
brands.">
```

- ✓ Keep meta descriptions under 160 characters.
 - ✓ Include target keywords naturally.
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2.4 URL Structure for SEO

SEO-friendly URLs are short, descriptive, and keyword-rich.

- ◆ Example of a Good vs. Bad URL:

- ✗ Bad URL:

<https://example.com/product?id=12345>

- ✓ SEO-Friendly URL:

<https://example.com/best-running-shoes-women>

- ✓ Avoid special characters & numbers.
 - ✓ Use hyphens (-) instead of underscores (_) or spaces.
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2.5 Internal Linking for SEO

Internal linking connects pages within the website, improving navigation and SEO.

◆ **Example of Internal Linking in Blog Content:**

<p>For more fitness tips, check out our Best Diet Plans for Runners.</p>

- ✓ Helps **distribute page authority** across the site.
 - ✓ Improves **user experience and engagement**.
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2.6 Image Optimization & Alt Text

Search engines **can't "see" images**, so **alt text** helps describe them.

◆ **Example of Optimized Image Tag:**

- ✓ Use **descriptive filenames** (best-running-shoes.jpg instead of image123.jpg).
 - ✓ Compress images to **improve page load speed**.
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CHAPTER 3: UNDERSTANDING OFF-PAGE SEO

3.1 What is Off-Page SEO?

Off-Page SEO refers to **actions taken outside of a website** to improve its ranking.

◆ **Key Factors of Off-Page SEO:**

- ✓ **Backlinks** – Links from other sites to yours.
- ✓ **Social Media Signals** – Engagement from platforms like Facebook and Twitter.
- ✓ **Brand Mentions** – Online references to your website.
- ✓ **Guest Blogging** – Publishing articles on other websites.

3.2 Building High-Quality Backlinks

Backlinks are **links from external websites** that point to your site.

- ◆ **How to Get Backlinks?**

- ✓ **Guest Posting** – Writing articles for other blogs.
- ✓ **Broken Link Building** – Finding broken links on other sites and suggesting yours.
- ✓ **Business Directories** – Submitting your website to directories like **Yelp, YellowPages, Google My Business**.

- ◆ **Example of an SEO-Optimized Backlink:**

```
<a href="https://example.com/best-running-shoes"  
rel="nofollow">Check out the best running shoes for women.</a>
```

- ✓ "Dofollow" links pass SEO value, while "Nofollow" links don't.
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3.3 Leveraging Social Media for SEO

Social media does not directly impact rankings, but **increases traffic and engagement**.

- ◆ **Best Practices:**

- ✓ Share blog posts on **Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn**.
- ✓ Encourage **likes, shares, and comments** to boost reach.
- ✓ Use **hashtags (#SEO, #DigitalMarketing)** to increase visibility.

- ◆ **Example of a Social Media Post with SEO Strategy:**

🚀 Looking for the best running shoes for 2024? Check out our expert guide: [#Running #Fitness](https://example.com/best-running-shoes)

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- ✓ Links from social media drive traffic and increase authority.
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3.4 Online Reviews & Brand Mentions

- ◆ Why Are Reviews Important for SEO?
 - ✓ Google considers reviews as trust signals.
 - ✓ Positive reviews improve local SEO rankings.
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- ◆ How to Get More Reviews?
 - ✓ Ask customers to leave reviews on Google My Business, Trustpilot, and Yelp.
 - ✓ Respond to reviews positively and professionally.
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- ◆ Example of an Optimized Google My Business Review Request:

"Thank you for your purchase! We'd love to hear your feedback.
Please leave a review here: <https://g.page/your-business>"

- ✓ Higher ratings improve visibility in Google Maps results.
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Case Study: How Amazon Optimized On-Page & Off-Page SEO

Challenges Faced

- Competing with millions of e-commerce sites.
- Driving organic traffic without excessive ad spending.

Solutions Implemented

- Used keyword-rich product descriptions for On-Page SEO.
- Earned backlinks from tech blogs and reviews for Off-Page SEO.

- Encouraged **customer reviews and social sharing.**
 - ◆ **Key Takeaways from Amazon's SEO Strategy:**
 - ✓ Optimized product pages with relevant keywords.
 - ✓ Built backlinks from influencers and blogs.
 - ✓ Encouraged user-generated content and customer reviews.
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Exercise

- Optimize a **meta title and description** for an e-commerce product page.
 - Find a **blog article** and suggest **3 internal linking opportunities**.
 - Identify **3 websites** where you could build backlinks.
 - Create a **social media post** promoting a blog article with SEO keywords.
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Conclusion

- On-Page SEO focuses on optimizing content, meta tags, URLs, and site structure.
- Off-Page SEO involves building backlinks, social media presence, and online reputation.
- A balanced SEO strategy improves rankings, user experience, and organic traffic.

CREATING SEO-FRIENDLY CONTENT

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO SEO-FRIENDLY CONTENT

1.1 What is SEO-Friendly Content?

SEO (Search Engine Optimization) friendly content is written and structured in a way that helps **search engines like Google rank it higher** in search results. It focuses on **relevance, readability, and keyword optimization** to attract organic traffic.

- ◆ **Why is SEO-Friendly Content Important?**
 - Increases website visibility on search engines.
 - Drives organic traffic without paid advertising.
 - Improves user engagement and conversion rates.
- ◆ **Example: SEO-Optimized vs. Non-Optimized Headline**
 - 📌 **Non-Optimized:** "How to Make a Website"
 - 📌 **SEO-Optimized:** "How to Create a Professional Website in 5 Easy Steps"

The second title is **more descriptive and keyword-rich**, improving its search ranking.

CHAPTER 2: KEYWORD RESEARCH AND OPTIMIZATION

2.1 Finding the Right Keywords

- ◆ **What are Keywords?**

Keywords are **words or phrases** that users type into search engines. Choosing the right keywords helps **match your content with search queries**.

◆ How to Find SEO Keywords?

1. **Use Google Autocomplete:** Start typing a query in Google and see suggested searches.
2. **Google Keyword Planner:** Free tool to find **high-volume keywords**.
3. **Use SEO Tools:** Ahrefs, SEMrush, Ubersuggest, and Moz help find keyword difficulty and volume.

2.2 Implementing Keywords in Content

📌 1. Use Keywords in Headlines

<h1>Best SEO Strategies to Rank on Google in 2024</h1>

📌 2. Use Keywords in the First 100 Words

<p>SEO strategies are essential for ranking on Google. This guide explores the best SEO tactics to improve your website visibility.</p>

📌 3. Optimize URLs

<https://example.com/seo-strategies-google>

📌 4. Include Keywords in Image Alt Text

This improves **image search rankings**.

CHAPTER 3: WRITING HIGH-QUALITY CONTENT FOR SEO

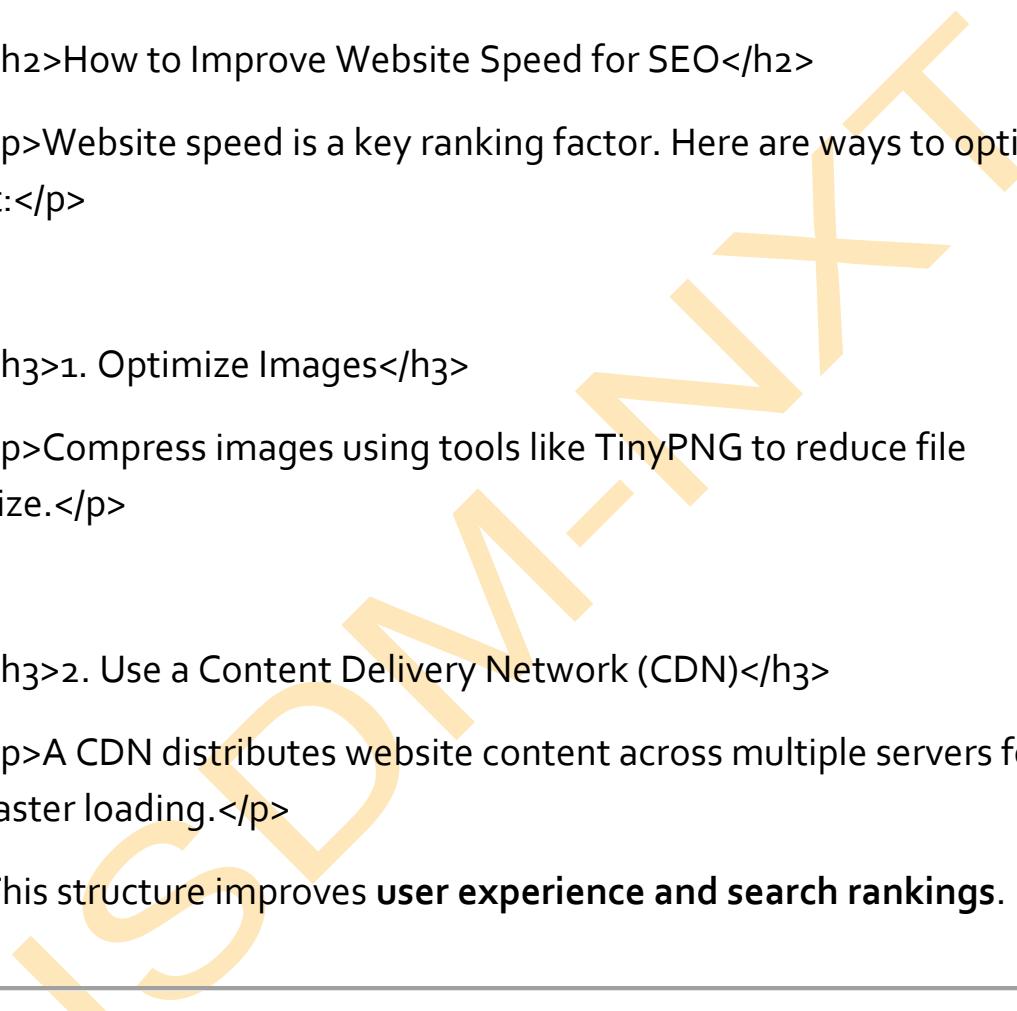
3.1 Writing Readable and Engaging Content

- ◆ **SEO Best Practices for Readability:**
- ✓ Use **short paragraphs** (2-3 sentences).
- ✓ Use **subheadings (H₂, H₃)** for structure.
- ✓ Write **conversationally** to engage users.
- ✓ Add **lists and bullet points** for better readability.

- ◆ **Example of a Well-Structured SEO Article**

<h2>How to Improve Website Speed for SEO</h2>

<p>Website speed is a key ranking factor. Here are ways to optimize it:</p>



<h3>1. Optimize Images</h3>

<p>Compress images using tools like TinyPNG to reduce file size.</p>

<h3>2. Use a Content Delivery Network (CDN)</h3>

<p>A CDN distributes website content across multiple servers for faster loading.</p>

This structure improves **user experience and search rankings**.

3.2 Using Internal and External Links

- ◆ **Internal Links (Linking to Other Pages on Your Website)**

<p>Read our SEO basics guide to understand the fundamentals.</p>

This keeps users **engaged longer** and **improves site navigation**.

- ◆ **External Links (Linking to High-Authority Sources)**

<p>According to Moz's SEO guide, backlinks are a major ranking factor.</p>

This builds **credibility and trust.**

CHAPTER 4: TECHNICAL SEO FOR CONTENT OPTIMIZATION

4.1 Using Meta Tags for SEO

Meta tags provide **search engines with page information.**

- ◆ **Example: Optimizing Meta Title and Description**

```
<title>Best SEO Strategies for 2024 - Rank Higher on Google</title>
<meta name="description" content="Learn the best SEO strategies
for 2024 to improve your Google rankings and drive organic traffic.">
```

✓ Keep **titles under 60 characters.**

✓ Keep **meta descriptions between 150-160 characters.**

4.2 Structured Data (Schema Markup)

Schema markup helps search engines understand content better and display rich snippets.

- ◆ **Example: Adding Schema Markup for an Article**

```
<script type="application/ld+json">
```

```
{
```

```
    "@context": "https://schema.org",
```

```
    "@type": "Article",
```

```
"headline": "Best SEO Strategies for 2024",  
"author": "John Doe",  
"publisher": {  
    "@type": "Organization",  
    "name": "SEO Experts"  
}  
}  
</script>
```

This **improves click-through rates** by adding structured data to search results.

Case Study: How HubSpot Uses SEO-Friendly Content to Dominate Search Rankings

Challenges Faced by HubSpot

- Competing with industry giants for SEO rankings.
- Generating high-quality content that attracts leads.

Solutions Implemented

- Used long-form content optimized with high-ranking keywords.
 - Applied internal linking strategies to boost page authority.
 - Structured articles with SEO-friendly headings, lists, and meta tags.
- ◆ **Key Takeaways from HubSpot's SEO Strategy:**
- Keyword-rich content improves rankings and visibility.

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- Using structured data enhances search results with rich snippets.
 - Internal linking keeps visitors engaged and improves site authority.
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Exercise

- Find three high-ranking keywords and write a short SEO-optimized blog introduction.
 - Add meta tags and a schema markup to an existing webpage.
 - Optimize an image with a keyword-friendly alt attribute.
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Conclusion

- SEO-friendly content improves search engine rankings and attracts organic traffic.
- Keyword optimization, meta tags, and structured data enhance visibility.
- Readable content with internal links improves user engagement.
- Using SEO best practices ensures content remains competitive in search rankings.

CHOOSING A HOSTING PROVIDER & DOMAIN NAME

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO HOSTING & DOMAIN NAMES

1.1 What is Web Hosting?

Web hosting is a **service that allows individuals and businesses to store their website files on a server**, making them accessible on the internet. Hosting providers **offer server space, security, and bandwidth** to keep websites running smoothly.

◆ Why is Hosting Important?

- Ensures **website uptime and availability**.
- Provides **storage and server resources**.
- Enhances **website speed and security**.

◆ Types of Web Hosting:

Hosting Type	Description	Best For
Shared Hosting	Multiple websites share the same server resources.	Small blogs, startups
VPS Hosting	Dedicated virtual space with allocated resources.	Growing websites, e-commerce
Dedicated Hosting	Full server resources for one website.	Large businesses, high-traffic sites
Cloud Hosting	Scalable and distributed hosting.	Enterprises, scalable applications

Managed Hosting	Fully managed by hosting provider.	Non-technical users, WordPress sites
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◆ **Example: Selecting Hosting for a Small Blog vs. E-Commerce Site**

- A **small personal blog** can use **shared hosting** (e.g., Bluehost, Hostinger).
- A **high-traffic online store** should opt for **VPS or cloud hosting** (e.g., AWS, DigitalOcean).

CHAPTER 2: CHOOSING THE RIGHT HOSTING PROVIDER

2.1 Factors to Consider When Selecting a Hosting Provider

Performance & Uptime Guarantee

- ✓ Ensure **99.9%+ uptime** to avoid downtime issues.
- ✓ Choose hosting providers with **high-performance SSD storage**.

Security Features

- ✓ SSL certificates for **data encryption**.
- ✓ Daily backups and **malware protection**.

Customer Support

- ✓ 24/7 technical support via **live chat, email, or phone**.

Scalability & Pricing

- ✓ Start small and upgrade as traffic grows.
- ✓ Compare pricing plans and renewal rates.

◆ **Comparison of Popular Hosting Providers:**

Provider	Best For	Price Range	Key Features
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Bluehost	Beginners, small businesses	\$2.95 - \$10/mo	Free domain, 1-click WordPress
SiteGround	Speed & security	\$3.99 - \$12/mo	Fast servers, daily backups
Hostinger	Budget-friendly	\$1.99 - \$9/mo	LiteSpeed cache, free SSL
A2 Hosting	Performance-focused	\$2.99 - \$18/mo	Turbo servers, SSD storage
Cloudways	Scalable cloud hosting	\$10 - \$50/mo	Managed AWS, DigitalOcean

◆ **Example: Comparing SiteGround vs. Bluehost for WordPress Hosting**

- **Bluehost** is **cheaper and beginner-friendly** with a free domain.
- **SiteGround** is **faster and more secure** with better performance for WordPress.

CHAPTER 3: CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOMAIN NAME

3.1 What is a Domain Name?

A domain name is a **unique web address** (e.g., example.com) that allows users to access your website.

◆ **Domain Name Structure:**

www.example.com

- **www** → Subdomain
- **example** → Unique Website Name

- .com → Domain Extension

3.2 How to Choose the Best Domain Name

Keep it Short & Memorable

- ✓ Use simple and easy-to-remember words.
- ✓ Avoid hyphens and numbers (e.g., beststore.com instead of best-store123.com).

Use Keywords for SEO

- ✓ If possible, include a relevant keyword (e.g., bestbakery.com).

Choose the Right Domain Extension

- ✓ .com → Best for commercial websites.
- ✓ .org → Used for non-profits.
- ✓ .net → Suitable for tech-related sites.

◆ Example: Good vs. Bad Domain Names

Good Domain	Bad Domain	Reason
TechGenius.com	Tech-Genius-123.com	Short and brandable
EasyRecipes.com	Best-Recipe-Site123.net	Simple and SEO-friendly

CHAPTER 4: REGISTERING A DOMAIN NAME

4.1 Where to Buy a Domain Name?

Domain names can be purchased from **domain registrars** or bundled with a hosting provider.

◆ Popular Domain Registrars:

Registrar	Starting Price	Key Features

Namecheap	\$8.88/year	Free WHOIS privacy
GoDaddy	\$11.99/year	Easy integration
Google Domains	\$12/year	Simple management
Bluehost	Free with hosting	Bundled with hosting plans

◆ **Example: Registering a Domain on Namecheap**

1. Go to [Namecheap](#).
2. Search for your desired domain (e.g., mybusiness.com).
3. Select an **available** domain name and proceed to checkout.

CHAPTER 5: CONNECTING A DOMAIN TO HOSTING

5.1 Setting Up DNS (Domain Name System)

Once you have purchased a domain and hosting, you must point your domain to the hosting provider using DNS settings.

◆ **Steps to Connect a Domain to Hosting:**

❑ **Find Your Hosting Provider's Name Servers**

✓ Example for Bluehost:

ns1.bluehost.com

ns2.bluehost.com

❑ **Update DNS Settings in Domain Registrar**

✓ Go to **domain settings** (on Namecheap, GoDaddy, etc.).

✓ Replace existing name servers with your hosting provider's **DNS settings**.

✓ Save changes and wait **24-48 hours** for DNS propagation.

◆ **Example: Connecting a Domain to SiteGround Hosting**

1. Log in to **SiteGround**.
 2. Copy **SiteGround's Name Servers**.
 3. Go to **Namecheap** → **Domain Settings** → **Change DNS**.
 4. Enter SiteGround's **name servers** and save.
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Case Study: How Shopify Uses Optimized Hosting & Domains for Speed and SEO

Challenges Faced

- Needed **fast hosting** to handle thousands of online stores.
- Had to **secure a short, brandable domain** for business owners.

Solutions Implemented

- Used **cloud-based hosting (CDN, caching, scalability)** for speed.
- Simplified **domain registration** for Shopify users.
- ◆ **Key Takeaways from Shopify's Success:**
 - Choosing the right hosting improves page speed and reliability.
 - Using brandable domains increases trust and SEO ranking.

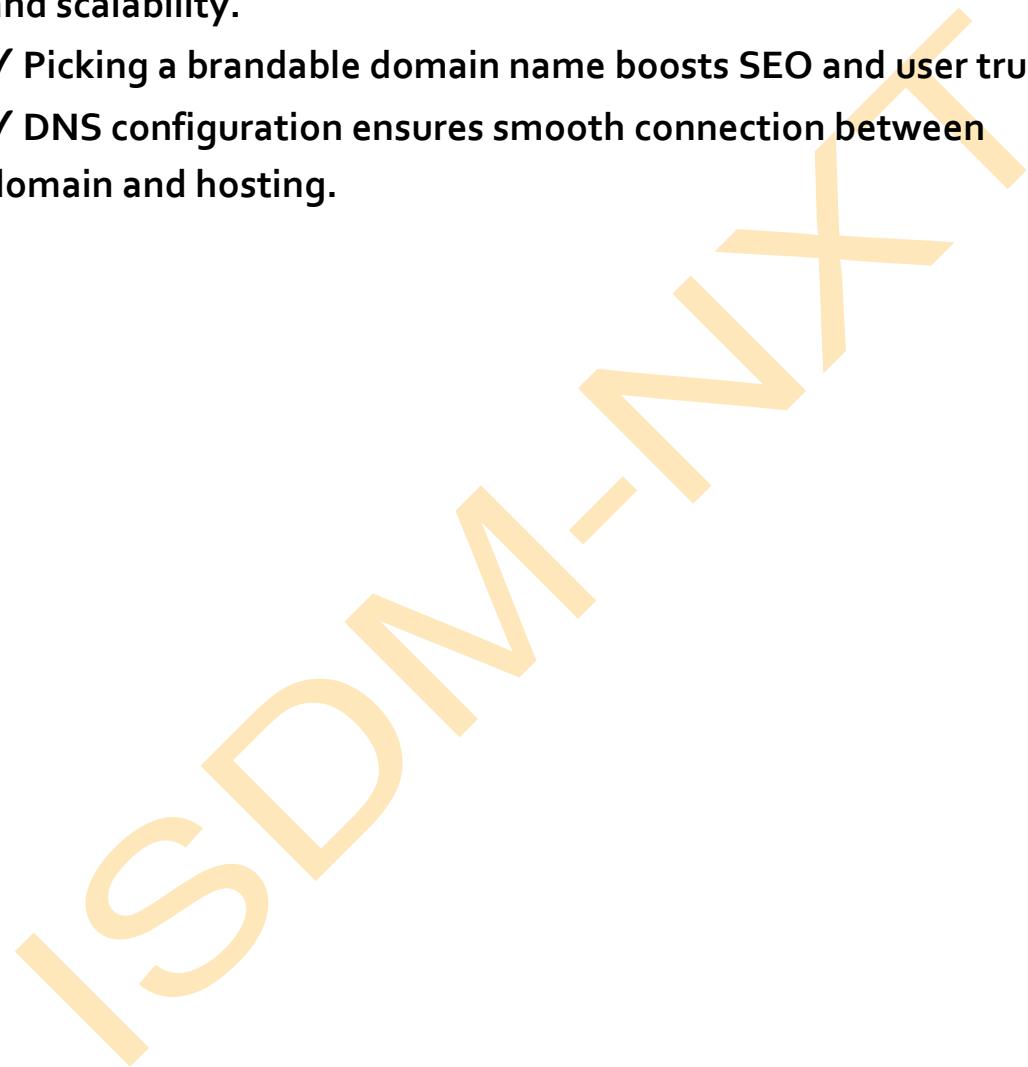
Exercise

- Compare hosting plans from **three providers** and list the best option for a small business.
- Choose a **brandable domain name** for an online store.

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- Set up a domain on **Namecheap** and connect it to hosting using **DNS settings**.
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Conclusion

- ✓ Choosing the right hosting improves website speed, security, and scalability.
- ✓ Picking a brandable domain name boosts SEO and user trust.
- ✓ DNS configuration ensures smooth connection between domain and hosting.



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SETTING UP cPANEL & FTP

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO cPANEL & FTP

1.1 What is cPanel?

cPanel is a **web hosting control panel** that provides a graphical interface to manage websites, files, databases, and emails efficiently. It is widely used for **shared hosting environments** and makes website management easy, even for non-technical users.

◆ Key Features of cPanel:

- **File Management:** Upload, edit, and organize website files.
- **Database Management:** Manage MySQL databases via phpMyAdmin.
- **Email Setup:** Create and manage email accounts.
- **Security Tools:** Manage SSL certificates and firewall settings.
- **Backup & Restore:** Easily backup and restore website files.

◆ How to Access cPanel:

1. Open a browser and go to:
2. <https://yourdomain.com/cpanel>
3. Enter your **cPanel username and password** (provided by your web hosting provider).
4. Click **Login** to access the cPanel dashboard.

1.2 What is FTP?

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is used to **upload, download, and manage website files** between a local computer and a web server.

◆ **Why Use FTP?**

- **Faster file transfers** compared to the cPanel file manager.
- Supports **bulk uploads and downloads** of website files.
- Allows developers to **edit files directly from an FTP client**.

◆ **Common FTP Clients:**

FTP Client	Platform	Features
FileZilla	Windows, Mac, Linux	Open-source, supports SFTP & FTPS
Cyberduck	Windows, Mac	Simple UI, cloud storage integration
WinSCP	Windows	Secure file transfer, scripting support

CHAPTER 2: SETTING UP CPANEL FOR WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

2.1 Managing Website Files with cPanel File Manager

The **File Manager** in cPanel allows users to upload, edit, and manage website files without using FTP.

◆ **How to Use File Manager:**

1. Log in to **cPanel**.
2. Navigate to **File Manager**.
3. Locate the **public_html** folder (this is the root directory of your website).
4. Click **Upload** to add files or **Edit** to modify existing files.

◆ **Uploading a Website to cPanel File Manager:**

1. Compress your website files into a .zip file.
2. Click **Upload** in File Manager.
3. Extract the .zip file into the public_html folder.

2.2 Creating Databases in cPanel

Websites that use **WordPress, Joomla, or custom PHP applications** need a database to store data.

◆ **Steps to Create a MySQL Database in cPanel:**

1. Go to **MySQL Databases**.
2. Enter a database name and click **Create Database**.
3. Create a **new database user** and set a strong password.
4. Assign the user to the database with **All Privileges**.
5. Use the database credentials in your website's configuration file (wp-config.php for WordPress).

CHAPTER 3: SETTING UP FTP FOR FILE TRANSFERS

3.1 How to Create an FTP Account in cPanel

1. Log in to **cPanel**.
2. Navigate to **FTP Accounts**.
3. Enter a **username** and **password**.
4. Select the **directory** the FTP user will have access to (public_html for full access).
5. Click **Create FTP Account**.

◆ **Example FTP Credentials:**

Setting	Value
FTP Host	ftp.yourdomain.com
Username	yourusername@yourdomain.com
Password	(Set during account creation)
Port	21 (for FTP) or 22 (for SFTP)

3.2 Connecting to FTP Using FileZilla

FileZilla is a popular FTP client that allows **easy file transfers**.

◆ **Steps to Connect to FTP in FileZilla:**

1. Open **FileZilla** and go to **File > Site Manager**.
2. Click **New Site** and enter the following details:
 - **Host:** ftp.yourdomain.com
 - **Protocol:** FTP or SFTP (secure)
 - **Username:** Your FTP username
 - **Password:** Your FTP password
3. Click **Connect** to establish a connection.

3.3 Uploading Files via FTP

1. Locate the **local files** on the **left panel** of FileZilla.
2. Navigate to the **public_html** folder on the **right panel**.
3. Drag and drop **files from left to right** to upload them to the server.

CHAPTER 4: SECURING FTP & cPANEL ACCESS

4.1 Enabling SSL for cPanel and FTP

Using **SSL encryption** for FTP and cPanel prevents **password leaks** and **unauthorized access**.

◆ **Steps to Enable SSL:**

1. Navigate to **SSL/TLS** in cPanel.
2. Install an **SSL certificate** for yourdomain.com.
3. Enable **FTPS (FTP Secure)** instead of regular FTP.

4.2 Creating Secure FTP User Access

- Use **SFTP (Secure FTP)** instead of regular FTP.
- Restrict **FTP users to specific directories**.
- Disable **anonymous FTP access** in cPanel.

Case Study: How E-Commerce Websites Use cPanel & FTP for Management

Challenges Faced

- Managing **large amounts of product images and customer data**.
- Ensuring **secure file transfers** between teams.

Solutions Implemented

- Used **FTP to upload bulk product images** efficiently.
- Configured **automated backups** in cPanel for database protection.
- Enabled **SSL encryption** for secure logins.

◆ **Key Takeaways from E-Commerce Management:**

- **Using FTP simplifies bulk file transfers** for large websites.
- **cPanel backups prevent data loss** and website downtime.

 **Exercise**

- Create an **FTP account** in cPanel and connect using FileZilla.
- Upload a sample website file (index.html) using **FTP**.
- Set up a **MySQL database in cPanel** and assign a user.

Conclusion

- **cPanel is a powerful tool** for managing website files, databases, and security.
- **FTP simplifies file transfers**, making it ideal for large file uploads.
- **Proper security settings** ensure safe access to cPanel and FTP.

DEPLOYING WEBSITES USING GITHUB PAGES, NETLIFY, OR HOSTING PLATFORMS

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO WEBSITE DEPLOYMENT

1.1 What is Website Deployment?

Website deployment is the **process of making a website live** and accessible via the internet. Deployment involves **uploading website files**, configuring a **domain name**, and managing the **hosting environment**.

◆ Why Is Website Deployment Important?

- ✓ Makes your website **accessible to the public**.
- ✓ Ensures **security, scalability, and performance**.
- ✓ Helps in **collaborating with teams and testing projects online**.

◆ Types of Website Hosting:

- ❑ **Static Hosting** → For simple HTML, CSS, and JavaScript websites (GitHub Pages, Netlify).
- ❑ **Dynamic Hosting** → For backend-powered websites (Heroku, AWS, DigitalOcean).
- ❑ **Managed Hosting** → For CMS-based websites like WordPress (Bluehost, SiteGround).

CHAPTER 2: DEPLOYING WEBSITES USING GITHUB PAGES

2.1 What is GitHub Pages?

GitHub Pages is a **free hosting service** for static websites. It allows developers to deploy websites **directly from a GitHub repository**.

- ◆ **Why Use GitHub Pages?**
 - ✓ Free hosting for static sites.
 - ✓ Custom domain support (yourdomain.com).
 - ✓ Integrated with Git for version control.
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2.2 Steps to Deploy a Website on GitHub Pages

- ◆ **Step 1: Create a GitHub Repository**
 1. Go to [GitHub](#) and sign in.
 2. Click **New Repository** → Enter a name (my-website).
 3. Check "Add a README file" and click **Create Repository**.
- ◆ **Step 2: Upload Website Files**
 1. Click **Add files** → Upload index.html, style.css, and other assets.
 2. Click **Commit changes**.
- ◆ **Step 3: Enable GitHub Pages**
 1. Go to **Settings** → **Pages**.
 2. Under **Source**, select "**Deploy from branch**".
 3. Choose main or master branch and click **Save**.
 4. GitHub will generate a live URL like
<https://username.github.io/my-website/>.
- ◆ **Example: Basic HTML File for GitHub Pages**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>  
    <title>My GitHub Pages Site</title>  
</head>  
  
<body>  
    <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>  
</body>  
</html>
```

2.3 Using a Custom Domain with GitHub Pages

- ◆ **Steps to Connect a Custom Domain:**
 1. Buy a domain from **GoDaddy, Namecheap, or Google Domains.**
 2. Go to **Settings → Pages → Custom Domain** in GitHub.
 3. Enter the domain (www.mywebsite.com).
 4. Update your **DNS settings** with GitHub's IP addresses.

CHAPTER 3: DEPLOYING WEBSITES USING NETLIFY

3.1 What is Netlify?

Netlify is a **cloud-based hosting service** that allows **automated deployments and continuous integration** for static websites.

- ◆ **Why Use Netlify?**
 - ✓ **Free tier** for static sites.
 - ✓ **Drag & drop deployment** (no coding needed).
 - ✓ **Supports custom domains and HTTPS.**

3.2 Steps to Deploy a Website on Netlify

◆ **Method 1: Drag & Drop Deployment**

1. Go to [Netlify](#) and sign up.
2. Click "**New site from Git**" or drag your project folder to Netlify.
3. Netlify assigns a **free subdomain** like my-website.netlify.app.

◆ **Method 2: Deploying via GitHub**

1. Link your **GitHub repository** to Netlify.
2. Choose the **branch** to deploy (main or master).
3. Click **Deploy site** and wait for it to build.

◆ **Example: Deploying a React App on Netlify**

1. Install Netlify CLI:
2. `npm install -g netlify-cli`
3. Deploy the project:
4. `netlify deploy`

3.3 Custom Domain with Netlify

1. Go to **Site Settings → Domain Management**.
 2. Click **Add Custom Domain**.
 3. Update **DNS records** in your domain provider.
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CHAPTER 4: DEPLOYING WEBSITES USING HOSTING PLATFORMS

4.1 Choosing a Hosting Platform

Hosting platforms **store website files** and make them **accessible globally**.

- ◆ **Popular Hosting Services:**

Platform	Best For	Example Use Case
GitHub Pages	Static sites	Portfolio sites, blogs
Netlify	JAMstack sites	React/Vue/Angular apps
Vercel	Next.js apps	Dynamic front-end projects
Heroku	Backend apps	Node.js, Python apps
Bluehost	WordPress hosting	Blogs, e-commerce

4.2 Deploying a Website on a Traditional Hosting Service

- ◆ **Steps to Deploy a Website Using cPanel (Bluehost, Hostinger, SiteGround)**

1. Buy a domain (www.example.com).
2. Log in to **cPanel** → Open File Manager.
3. Upload your **website files (index.html, CSS, images)**.
4. Set up **FTP credentials** for file transfers.

- ◆ **Example: Connecting via FTP (FileZilla)**

1. Open **FileZilla** → Enter FTP credentials.
2. Upload your files to the /public_html folder.
3. Open your site (www.example.com).

Case Study: How Businesses Use Different Hosting Platforms

Challenges Faced

- Startups needed **free, fast deployment solutions**.
- Large businesses required **scalable, secure hosting**.

Solutions Implemented

- **Small business portfolios** used **GitHub Pages** for free static hosting.
- **E-commerce sites** used **Netlify + Stripe integration** for payments.
- **Enterprise applications** used **AWS & DigitalOcean** for backend services.

◆ Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Choose hosting based on project needs (static vs. dynamic sites).
 - ✓ Free services (GitHub, Netlify) work well for small projects.
 - ✓ Scalable hosting (AWS, Bluehost) is ideal for large businesses.
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Exercise

- ✓ Deploy a simple static website on **GitHub Pages** and share the live link.
 - ✓ Deploy a project on **Netlify** and connect a custom domain.
 - ✓ Upload a website to **cPanel hosting** using FTP or File Manager.
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Conclusion

- GitHub Pages is best for static sites and portfolios.
- Netlify offers free, automated deployments for modern web apps.
- Traditional hosting services (Bluehost, SiteGround) work well for CMS-based websites.
- Choosing the right hosting depends on the project's needs, complexity, and scalability.

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INTEGRATING GOOGLE ANALYTICS & TRACKING WEBSITE PERFORMANCE

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE ANALYTICS

1.1 What is Google Analytics?

Google Analytics is a **web analytics tool** that tracks and reports **website traffic, user behavior, and performance metrics**. It helps businesses and website owners understand **how users interact with their site** and improve their marketing efforts.

- ◆ **Why is Google Analytics Important?**
 - Provides **real-time visitor insights**.
 - Helps track **page views, bounce rates, and conversions**.
 - Improves **SEO and user experience** by analyzing visitor behavior.
- ◆ **Example: Basic Google Analytics Dashboard Metrics**
 - **Users:** Total unique visitors.
 - **Sessions:** Total visits to the website.
 - **Bounce Rate:** Percentage of users who leave without interacting.
 - **Average Session Duration:** How long users stay on the website.

CHAPTER 2: SETTING UP GOOGLE ANALYTICS ON A WEBSITE

2.1 Creating a Google Analytics Account

❖ Steps to Set Up Google Analytics:

1. Go to [Google Analytics](#).
2. Click "Start for Free" and sign in with a Google account.
3. Click Admin → Create Account → Set Up Property.
4. Choose Website Type (Web, App, or Both).
5. Enter the website name, URL, and industry category.

2.2 Adding Google Analytics Tracking Code

Once the account is set up, Google provides a unique tracking code to be added to the website.

◆ Example: Adding Google Analytics to an HTML Website

<!-- Paste this inside the <head> section of your HTML -->

```
<script async  
src="https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=YOUR_TRACK  
ING_ID"></script>  
  
<script>  
  window.dataLayer = window.dataLayer || [];  
  
  function gtag(){dataLayer.push(arguments);}  
  
  gtag('js', new Date());  
  
  gtag('config', 'YOUR_TRACKING_ID');  
  
</script>
```

Replace YOUR_TRACKING_ID with your Google Analytics measurement ID.

❖ How to Verify Installation?

1. Open Google Analytics.
 2. Go to Real-Time → Overview.
 3. Open your website in a new tab and check if the visit appears in Google Analytics.
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CHAPTER 3: TRACKING WEBSITE PERFORMANCE WITH GOOGLE ANALYTICS

3.1 Understanding Key Performance Metrics

Google Analytics provides **several performance indicators** to analyze user behavior.

◆ Essential Website Metrics to Track:

Metric	Description
Page Views	Total views of a specific page.
Sessions	Number of visits within a given time.
Bounce Rate	% of users who leave without interaction.
Conversion Rate	% of users completing a goal (signup, purchase).
Traffic Sources	Where visitors are coming from (Google, social media, direct).

3.2 Analyzing Traffic Sources

Knowing **where users come from** helps refine marketing strategies.

❖ Where to Find Traffic Sources in Google Analytics?

- Go to Reports → Acquisition → Traffic Acquisition.

- ◆ Types of Traffic Sources:

1. **Organic Search:** Visitors from Google, Bing, etc.
2. **Direct:** Users who type the website URL directly.
3. **Referral:** Visitors coming from other websites.
4. **Social:** Traffic from Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.
5. **Paid Ads:** Visitors from Google Ads or social media ads.

- ◆ Example: Tracking Organic Search Traffic

```
gTag('event', 'view_search_results', {  
  search_term: 'SEO strategies'  
});
```

This tracks how users **search for keywords** before landing on your site.

CHAPTER 4: SETTING UP GOALS & CONVERSION TRACKING

4.1 What Are Goals in Google Analytics?

Goals measure **specific user actions** that are important for a website, such as:

- ✓ **Form submissions** (e.g., Contact Us form).
- ✓ **Newsletter signups.**
- ✓ **E-commerce purchases.**

📌 How to Set Up Goals in Google Analytics?

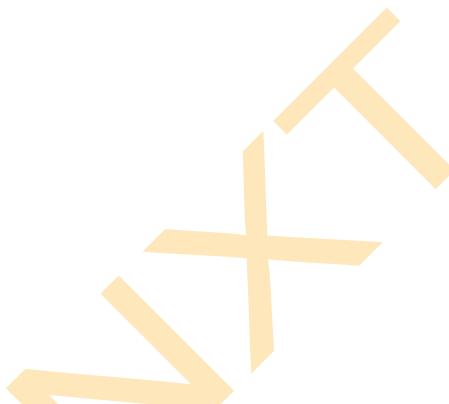
1. Go to Admin → Goals → New Goal.
2. Choose a **Goal Type** (e.g., Destination, Duration, Event).

3. Enter the **Goal URL or action** (e.g., /thank-you).
 4. Click **Save**.
-

4.2 Using Google Analytics to Track E-Commerce Sales

◆ Example: Tracking Purchase Events

```
gTag('event', 'purchase', {  
  transaction_id: '12345',  
  value: 49.99,  
  currency: 'USD'  
});
```



This helps track **sales performance** in an e-commerce store.

CHAPTER 5: USING GOOGLE ANALYTICS REPORTS FOR WEBSITE OPTIMIZATION

5.1 Finding Pages with High Bounce Rates

📌 Where to Find It?

- Go to Reports → Engagement → Pages and Screens.
- Identify which pages have high bounce rates and improve them.

📌 Ways to Reduce Bounce Rate:

- ✓ Improve page loading speed.
 - ✓ Add engaging visuals and videos.
 - ✓ Use clear CTAs (Call-to-Action buttons).
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5.2 Measuring Mobile vs. Desktop Performance

Google Analytics can **compare mobile vs. desktop traffic** to optimize for different devices.

📌 Where to Find It?

- Go to **Reports → Tech → Tech Details → Device Category**.
- See how users interact with the site **on mobile vs. desktop**.
- ◆ **Example: Adjusting Content for Mobile Users**

```
@media (max-width: 768px) {  
    body {  
        font-size: 14px;  
    }  
}
```

This ensures **mobile users have an optimized experience**.

Case Study: How Amazon Uses Google Analytics to Increase Sales

Challenges Faced by Amazon

- High **cart abandonment rates**.
- Need to track **which marketing channels drive the most sales**.

Solutions Implemented

- Used **Google Analytics conversion tracking** to identify weak points.
- Improved **checkout process based on bounce rate analysis**.

- Focused on high-performing traffic sources for ad campaigns.
- ◆ Key Takeaways from Amazon's Strategy:
 - Tracking user behavior improves conversions.
 - Analyzing bounce rates helps optimize pages.
 - Understanding traffic sources improves marketing efficiency.

Exercise

- Set up **Google Analytics** on a demo website and verify real-time tracking.
- Create a **Goal in Google Analytics** to track form submissions.
- Analyze **bounce rates** for different web pages and suggest improvements.
- Compare **mobile vs. desktop traffic** using Google Analytics reports.

Conclusion

- Google Analytics provides insights into user behavior, traffic sources, and website performance.
- Setting up goals and tracking conversions helps measure success.
- Analyzing bounce rates and traffic sources allows optimization of user experience.
- Integrating analytics into marketing strategies helps improve ROI.

ASSIGNMENT:

DEPLOY A PERSONAL WEBSITE AND IMPLEMENT SEO BEST PRACTICES

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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO DEPLOYING A PERSONAL WEBSITE AND IMPLEMENTING SEO BEST PRACTICES

📌 Step 1: Setting Up the Project

1.1 Create Project Files

1. **Create a project folder** (e.g., personal-website).
2. **Inside the folder, create the following files:**
 - o index.html → Main HTML file.
 - o style.css → CSS file for styling.
 - o script.js → JavaScript file for interactivity.
 - o robots.txt → SEO file for search engine instructions.
 - o .htaccess → File for URL optimization (for Apache servers).

📌 Step 2: Building the Personal Website

❖ Create the HTML Structure in index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">
```

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

<title>John Doe - Portfolio</title>

<meta name="description" content="Welcome to John Doe's personal website. Explore my portfolio, blog, and services.">

<meta name="keywords" content="John Doe, portfolio, web developer, projects">

<meta name="author" content="John Doe">

<link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">

<script src="script.js" defer></script>

</head>

<body>

    <!-- Navigation Bar -->

    <nav class="navbar">
        <div class="container">
            <a class="logo" href="#">John Doe</a>
            <ul class="nav-links">
                <li><a href="#about">About</a></li>
                <li><a href="#portfolio">Portfolio</a></li>
                <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
            </ul>
        </div>
    </nav>
```

```
</nav>
```

```
<!-- Hero Section -->
```

```
<header class="hero">
```

```
    <h1>Hi, I'm John Doe</h1>
```

```
    <p>Web Developer | UI/UX Designer</p>
```

```
    <button class="cta-button">View My Work</button>
```

```
</header>
```

```
<!-- Portfolio Section -->
```

```
<section id="portfolio" class="portfolio">
```

```
    <div class="container">
```

```
        <h2>My Work</h2>
```

```
        <div class="project-grid">
```

```
            <div class="project-card">
```

```
                <h3>Project 1</h3>
```

```
                <p>Responsive website built with HTML, CSS, and  
JavaScript.</p>
```

```
            </div>
```

```
            <div class="project-card">
```

```
                <h3>Project 2</h3>
```

```
                <p>SEO-optimized blog with fast performance.</p>
```

```
            </div>
```

```
</div>

</div>

</section>

<!-- Contact Section --&gt;

&lt;section id="contact" class="contact"&gt;

&lt;div class="container"&gt;
    &lt;h2&gt;Contact Me&lt;/h2&gt;
    &lt;form&gt;
        &lt;input type="text" placeholder="Your Name"&gt;
        &lt;input type="email" placeholder="Your Email"&gt;
        &lt;textarea placeholder="Your Message"&gt;&lt;/textarea&gt;
        &lt;button type="submit"&gt;Send Message&lt;/button&gt;
    &lt;/form&gt;
&lt;/div&gt;
&lt;/section&gt;

<!-- Footer --&gt;

&lt;footer class="footer"&gt;
    &lt;p&gt;© 2024 John Doe&lt;/p&gt;
&lt;/footer&gt;</pre>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

- 📌 This includes SEO elements like meta tags, optimized headings, and a clean structure.
-

📌 Step 3: Applying UI/UX Best Practices with CSS

✖ Define Styles in style.css

```
/* Reset Default Styles */  
  
* {  
    margin: 0;  
    padding: 0;  
    box-sizing: border-box;  
    font-family: Arial, sans-serif;  
}  
  
/* Navigation Bar */  
.navbar {  
    background: #333;  
    padding: 15px 0;  
}  
  
.container {  
    width: 90%;
```

```
margin: auto;  
display: flex;  
justify-content: space-between;  
align-items: center;  
}  
  
.logo {  
color: white;  
font-size: 24px;  
text-decoration: none;  
}  
  
.nav-links {  
list-style: none;  
display: flex;  
}  
  
.nav-links li {  
margin-left: 20px;  
}  
  
.nav-links a {  
color: white;  
text-decoration: none;  
}
```

```
/* Hero Section */  
  
.hero {  
    background:  
url('https://source.unsplash.com/1600x900/?technology') no-repeat  
center center/cover;  
  
    height: 70vh;  
  
    display: flex;  
  
    flex-direction: column;  
  
    justify-content: center;  
  
    align-items: center;  
  
    text-align: center;  
  
    color: white;  
  
    padding: 20px;  
}  
  
.hero h1 {  
    font-size: 48px;  
}  
  
.cta-button {  
    background: #ff6f61;  
  
    padding: 10px 20px;  
  
    border: none;  
  
    color: white;  
  
    margin-top: 20px;
```

```
    cursor: pointer;  
}  
  
/* Footer */
```

```
.footer {  
background: #333;  
color: white;  
text-align: center;  
padding: 15px;  
margin-top: 20px;  
}
```

📌 This ensures a responsive and clean UI.

📌 Step 4: Deploying the Website Online

☐ Deploying with GitHub Pages (Free Hosting)

1. Initialize Git & Push Code to GitHub:

```
git init
```

```
git add .
```

```
git commit -m "Initial commit"
```

```
git branch -M main
```

```
git remote add origin <your-github-repo-url>
```

```
git push -u origin main
```

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2. Go to GitHub Repository → Settings → Pages
 3. Set the branch to main and click Save.
 4. Your site is live at <https://yourusername.github.io/your-repo/>.
-

Deploying with Netlify (Easier Deployment with Custom Domain)

1. Go to [Netlify](#) and log in.
 2. Drag and drop your index.html folder into Netlify.
 3. Netlify will deploy your website and give you a free domain!
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Step 5: Implementing SEO Best Practices

Adding an SEO-Friendly robots.txt File

User-agent: *

Disallow:

Sitemap: <https://yourwebsite.com/sitemap.xml>

This allows search engines to index your site properly.

Optimizing Meta Tags in index.html

```
<meta name="description" content="John Doe's portfolio  
showcasing web development projects.">
```

```
<meta name="keywords" content="web developer, portfolio, John  
Doe, projects, design">
```

```
<meta name="author" content="John Doe">
```

```
<meta property="og:title" content="John Doe - Portfolio">
```

```
<meta property="og:description" content="A web developer specializing in responsive and optimized websites.">
```

```
<meta property="og:image" content="https://yourwebsite.com/preview.jpg">
```

- 📌 This improves search rankings and social media preview appearance.

☒ Creating an XML Sitemap (sitemap.xml)

```
<urlset xmlns="http://www.sitemaps.org/schemas/sitemap/0.9">  
  <url>  
    <loc>https://yourwebsite.com/</loc>  
    <priority>1.0</priority>  
  </url>  
  <url>  
    <loc>https://yourwebsite.com/portfolio</loc>  
    <priority>0.8</priority>  
  </url>  
</urlset>
```

- 📌 Submit this sitemap to Google Search Console for indexing.

🎯 Final Outcome

- ✓ Deployed a personal website online.
- ✓ Implemented SEO best practices (meta tags, robots.txt, sitemap).
- ✓ Optimized website for performance and mobile-friendliness.

Conclusion

- ✓ Successfully built and deployed a portfolio website.
- ✓ Followed SEO best practices to enhance search engine rankings.
- ✓ Ensured responsiveness, accessibility, and performance optimization.

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