

CP3402 Weekly Practical Student Learning Journal Record

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9.00am – 12.00PM

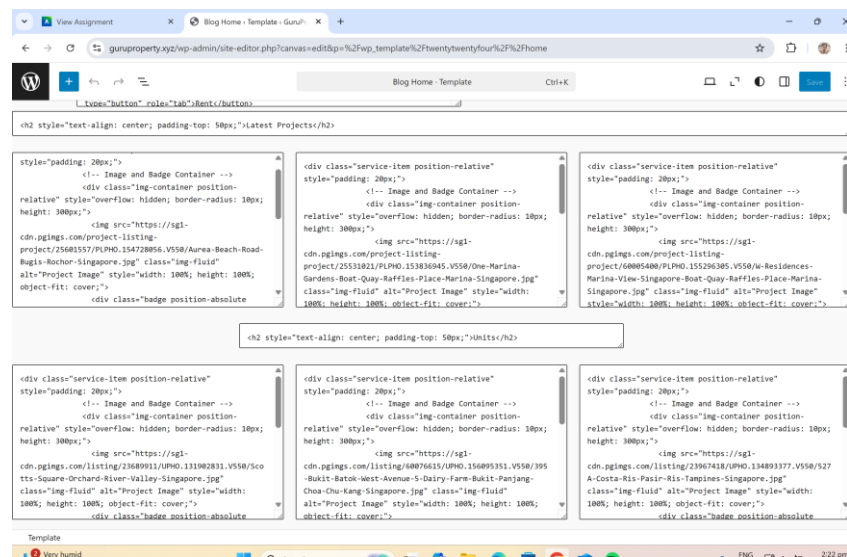
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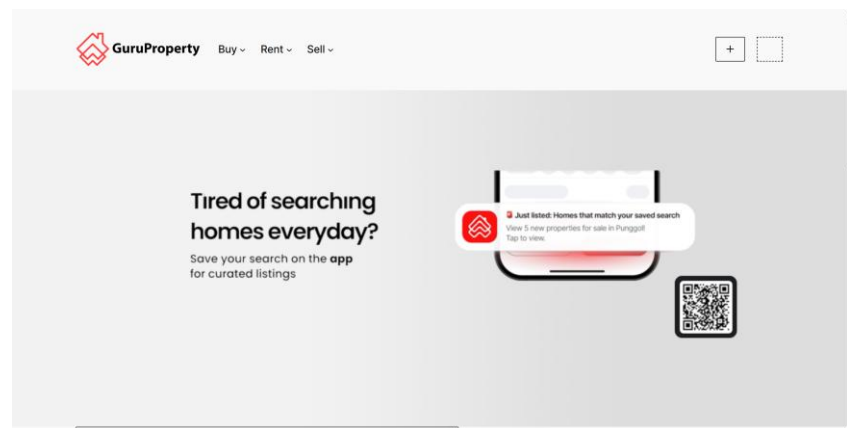
10.00am – 3.00PM

(Continue the practical and journaling)

Week 2: CMS



Using Wordpress Columns to organise content



Re-did hero image and header menu

Using Wordpress Header to Organize Links.

Using Wordpress Image to scale properly on all devices

Learning Activities & Resources – Using CMS Wordpress:

Working with WordPress columns, image heroes, headers, and footers helped me understand how design elements come together in a CMS environment. Compared to static HTML, WordPress made layout adjustments more flexible, especially with columns that adapt to different devices. The image hero section taught me how visuals can immediately engage users, while headers and footers reinforced consistency across pages. Converting from a static HTML site to a WordPress theme highlighted the value of reusable templates and dynamic content management. This experience showed me how CMS

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	<p>platforms streamline development while still allowing creative control over design and user experience.</p> <p><u>Practical:</u> Designing my website using WordPress has been a rewarding hands-on experience. It gave me the chance to apply my skills in a practical setting while exploring how a CMS can simplify web development. I worked on creating an engaging front page and well-structured subpages, focusing on both layout and usability. WordPress made it easier to experiment with design elements while keeping the site responsive and visually appealing. This process helped me understand the importance of balancing aesthetics with functionality, ensuring visitors can navigate smoothly. Overall, it was a valuable step in developing both technical skills and design thinking.</p> <p><u>Resources / Links:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly Journal: https://github.com/MarcusThum/CP3402-Marcus-Thum-Guru.git• Website: https://guruproperty.xyz/• Hosting Platform: https://www.spaceship.com/ (*NEW) <p><u>Estimated Hours:</u> Spent 6 hours doing the practical and journaling.</p> <p><u>Content Insights:</u> Using WordPress for content creation and design has deepened my understanding of Content Management Systems (CMS). It showed me how web design principles directly support CMS functionality, from structuring layouts to managing dynamic content. By working with WordPress, I learned the importance of tailoring content to the target audience and presenting it in a way that encourages engagement. Features like customizable themes, widgets, and plugins provided different perspectives on how a single design can generate multiple views and experiences.</p> <p><u>Career/Employability/Learning Insights</u> Working with WordPress has provided me with valuable career and learning insights. The hands-on experience of building and customizing websites improved both my technical and creative skills, making me more adaptable in today's digital job market.</p>
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