So after a very long and frustrating road I finally got my first blog working. Wait? You may be asking why that is so hard? If you see all the commercials on YouTube for Hostinger and how easy it is got get your blog up in just a few clicks and that does not seem to make any sense. Well, there are a couple of reason why it was so hard for me and I am glad I did it this way. Let me explain.

See I have been studying web development for about a year at this point. In the beginning I vowed to code everything I needed. At the time I had it in my head that eventually I would be able to do it all from scratch. I did not fully grasp the problem as novices often do. At the time I was dabbling in affiliate marketing. The power of making money simply by using your internet skills to move a product you did not have to risk your but to present to the market intrigued me. I started learning about it and one of the first steps was to create a blog. Well once I started I realized my handle on Javascript was less than what was required to get the simplest thing off the ground. I looked again at my resources. As often happened I started to question whether coding it out was the best way after all. I saw many youtubers advocating making a simple workpress blog and attatching your links and away you go. I have long been “playing” with wordpress blogs. Often hosting them on sum private server with futile attempts to will myself into sharing it publicly.

I jumped on udemy one morning and purchased a course on blog creation taught by a very pleasant british wordpress dev with loads of experience. He really could drive that beast. It is a beast. Wordpress comes pre installed with kinds of stuff. The bloatware I normally associate with earlier versions of windows.

After the results of a few lighthouse tests, after doing everthing I could think off, I decided to refocus my efforts on javascript and react. So with renewed determination I attacked the problem again. I realized there were two issues I could see.

1. The utility of a drag and drop building workflow disappears slowly with more coding proficiency.
   1. I started to get annoyed with the lack of control I was realizing I had with code
2. The performance. I stripped it down as far as I could get it after reading a number of articles and tutorials on improving performance and lighthouse scores. Nothing got it above mediocre.

I knew I was starting to enjoy react more and more the more I understood it (Still a beginner but out of the classroom and onto the road now). My question was how do I create a blog in NextJS?

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