WordPress Intern Assignment: Creating a Custom WordPress Site

Objective:

Develop a custom WordPress site for a fictional local business (e.g., a bakery, a bookstore, a yoga studio). The site should demonstrate both front-end and back-end skills.

Requirements:

1. **Website Planning:**

- Define the business and its services.
- Create a sitemap that includes at least 5 pages (e.g., Home, About Us, Services/Products, Blog, Contact).

2. **WordPress Setup:**

- Install WordPress on a local server or hosting environment.
- Choose an appropriate theme, either free or premium, that fits the business style.

3. **Customization:**

- Modify the theme using a child theme approach to ensure future updates don't overwrite customizations.
 - Adjust the color scheme, fonts, and layout to match the brand identity.

4. **Content Creation:**

- Create original content for each page, including text, images, and multimedia if relevant.
- Ensure the content is SEO friendly.

5. **Functionality:**

- Implement a contact form on the Contact page.
- Add a blog section and write at least 2 blog posts related to the business.
- Integrate social media links.

6. **Custom Plugin:**

- Develop a simple custom plugin (e.g., a testimonial slider, a custom post type for products/services) relevant to the business.

7. **Responsive Design:**

- Ensure the site is fully responsive and functional on various devices and browsers.

8. **Performance Optimization:**

- Optimize website speed and performance (e.g., caching, image optimization).

9. **Security Measures:**

- Implement basic security measures (e.g., secure login, backups).

10. **Documentation:**

- Provide documentation detailing the customization and features of the site.

Submission:

- Present the website along with access to the WordPress admin area.
- Submit all custom code (theme files, plugin files) and a brief report explaining the choices made during the development process.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Creativity and originality in design and functionality.
- Adherence to WordPress best practices.
- Quality of coding and customization.
- Overall usability and aesthetic appeal of the website.
- Attention to detail in documentation and presentation.

This assignment covers various aspects of WordPress development, from planning and content creation to coding and optimization, providing a comprehensive evaluation of the interns' capabilities.