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**PROBLEM UNDERSTANDING AND REQUIREMENTS**

**TITLE : THEME CUSTOMIZER IN WORDPRESS**

## Problem Statement

WordPress users, particularly non-technical website owners, small businesses, and content creators, face significant challenges when trying to customize their website themes. The current WordPress customization landscape presents several pain points:

* **Limited Visual Control**: Users struggle with WordPress's built-in customizer limitations, which often provide only basic color and layout options
* **Technical Barriers**: Customizing themes requires CSS/PHP knowledge that most users don't possess
* **Theme Dependency**: Users are locked into their theme's predefined customization options, limiting creative freedom
* **Time-Intensive Process**: Making simple visual changes requires multiple steps, plugin installations, or developer assistance
* **Preview Limitations**: Difficulty in visualizing changes before applying them, leading to trial-and-error approaches

The WordPress Theme Customizer project aims to bridge this gap by providing an intuitive, powerful, and user-friendly interface that enables real-time theme customization without technical expertise.

## Users & Stakeholders

### Primary Users

* **Small Business Owners**: Need professional-looking websites without hiring developers
* **Bloggers & Content Creators**: Want unique visual identity that stands out from default themes
* **Freelancers & Consultants**: Require quick website customization for client projects
* **Non-Technical WordPress Users**: Everyday users who want more control over their site appearance

### Secondary Users

* **Web Designers**: Can use the tool for rapid prototyping and client presentations
* **WordPress Developers**: May integrate the customizer into their workflow for client projects
* **Digital Agencies**: Can offer enhanced customization services to clients

### Stakeholders

* **WordPress Community**: Benefits from enhanced customization ecosystem
* **Theme Developers**: May need to ensure compatibility with the customizer
* **Hosting Providers**: May see increased user satisfaction and reduced support requests
* **End Users' Customers**: Benefit from better-designed websites

## User Stories

### Core User Stories

1. **As a small business owner**, I want to change my website's colors to match my brand identity so that my site reflects my business personality
2. **As a blogger**, I want to customize fonts and typography so that my content is more readable and visually appealing
3. **As a non-technical user**, I want to preview changes in real-time so that I can see exactly how my site will look before applying changes
4. **As a website owner**, I want to customize layouts and spacing so that my content is displayed exactly how I envision it
5. **As a freelancer**, I want to quickly customize client websites so that I can deliver projects faster and more efficiently

### Advanced User Stories

1. **As a content creator**, I want to create custom CSS without writing code so that I can achieve unique designs
2. **As a web designer**, I want to save and export my customization settings so that I can reuse designs across multiple projects
3. **As a WordPress user**, I want to undo/redo changes so that I can experiment freely without fear of breaking my site
4. **As a business owner**, I want to customize mobile responsiveness so that my site looks great on all devices
5. **As a user**, I want to import pre-made design templates so that I can start with professional designs

## MVP Features

### Essential Features (Must-Have)

* **Real-Time Visual Editor**: Live preview of changes as users make modifications
* **Color Customization**: Complete color palette control for backgrounds, text, buttons, and accents
* **Typography Control**: Font family selection, size adjustment, line height, and letter spacing
* **Layout Adjustment**: Spacing, margins, padding, and basic layout modifications
* **Responsive Preview**: Mobile, tablet, and desktop view switching
* **Save/Restore Functionality**: Ability to save current settings and restore previous versions

### Important Features (Should-Have)

* **Pre-built Templates**: Collection of ready-to-use design templates
* **Element-Specific Customization**: Target specific page elements (headers, footers, sidebars)
* **Background Options**: Image uploads, gradients, and pattern selections
* **Button Styling**: Comprehensive button design controls
* **Export/Import Settings**: Save customization as files for backup or sharing

### Nice-to-Have Features (Could-Have)

* **Custom CSS Injection**: Advanced users can add custom CSS
* **Animation Controls**: Basic hover effects and transitions
* **Widget Styling**: Customize WordPress widgets appearance
* **Multi-Site Support**: Apply settings across multiple WordPress sites
* **Collaboration Tools**: Share customization settings with team members.

## Wireframes / API Endpoint List

### Frontend Wireframes Structure

1. **Main Dashboard**
   1. Left sidebar: Customization panels (Colors, Typography, Layout, etc.)
   2. Center: Live preview iframe of the website
   3. Top toolbar: Save, Reset, Preview mode toggles
2. **Customization Panels**
   1. Collapsible sections for each customization category
   2. Intuitive controls (color pickers, sliders, dropdowns)
   3. Real-time value display

3.**Template Gallery**

* 1. Grid layout of available templates
  2. Filter and search functionality
  3. Preview and apply buttons

### API Endpoints Structure

#### Authentication & User Management

* POST /api/auth/login - User authentication
* GET /api/auth/verify - Verify user session
* POST /api/auth/logout - User logout

#### Theme & Customization Data

* GET /api/themes - Retrieve available themes
* GET /api/themes/{id}/settings - Get theme customization options
* POST /api/customizations - Save new customization
* PUT /api/customizations/{id} - Update existing customization
* GET /api/customizations/{id} - Retrieve customization settings
* DELETE /api/customizations/{id} - Delete customization

#### Templates & Presets

* GET /api/templates - Retrieve available templates
* GET /api/templates/{id} - Get specific template data
* POST /api/templates/{id}/apply - Apply template to current theme

#### Preview & Export

* POST /api/preview/generate - Generate preview with current settings
* GET /api/export/{customization\_id} - Export customization settings
* POST /api/import - Import customization settings

#### WordPress Integration

* GET /api/wp/site-info - Retrieve WordPress site information
* POST /api/wp/apply-changes - Apply customizations to live site
* GET /api/wp/backup - Create backup before applying changes

## Acceptance Criteria

### Functional Acceptance Criteria

1. **User Interface Responsiveness**
   1. All customization changes must reflect in the preview within 500ms
   2. The interface must be fully functional on desktop, tablet, and mobile devices
   3. All form elements must provide immediate visual feedback
2. **Customization Accuracy**
   1. Color changes must match exactly between picker and preview
   2. Typography modifications must display correctly across different browsers
   3. Layout changes must maintain design integrity and not break existing content
3. **Data Persistence**
   1. All customizations must save successfully and persist across browser sessions
   2. Users must be able to restore previous versions of their customizations
   3. Export/import functionality must preserve all customization data accurately
4. **WordPress Compatibility**
   1. Must work with WordPress versions 5.0 and above
   2. Should be compatible with top 20 most popular WordPress themes
   3. Must not conflict with essential WordPress plugins

### Performance Acceptance Criteria

1. **Loading & Response Times**
   * 1. Initial application load time must not exceed 3 seconds
     2. Customization changes must preview within 500ms
     3. Template applications must complete within 2 seconds
2. **Browser Compatibility**
   1. Full functionality in Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge (latest 2 versions)
   2. Graceful degradation in older browser versions
   3. Mobile browser compatibility (iOS Safari, Android Chrome)

### User Experience Acceptance Criteria

1. **Usability Standards**
   * 1. New users must be able to make basic customizations within 5 minutes
     2. All major functions must be accessible within 3 clicks
     3. Error messages must be clear and provide actionable solutions
     4. Undo/redo functionality must work for at least 20 previous actions
2. **Quality Assurance**
   1. Zero data loss during customization process
   2. All saved customizations must be recoverable
   3. Preview must accurately represent final website appearance