## Set Up a Custom WordPress Theme

#### **Add Basic Files with landing page and blog page**

Inside the folder, create these essential files:

* style.css – Defines theme name and styling.
* index.php – The main template file.
* header.php – Header section.
* footer.php – Footer section.
* functions.php – Register theme features.
* single.php – Single blog post layout.
* page.php – Default page layout.
* front-page.php – Custom landing page template.
* home.php – Blog listing page.
* sidebar.php – Optional sidebar.

1. **create a WordPress theme without a blog section**

**Add Essential Theme Files**

* style.css → Theme styles
* index.php → Main template file
* front-page.php → Custom landing page layout
* header.php → Header section
* footer.php → Footer section
* page.php → Default page template
* functions.php → Theme features (menus, styles, etc.)

**Define Theme Styles (style.css)**

**style.css**

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Theme Name: My Landing Theme

Author: Your Name

Description: A custom WordPress theme for a landing page without a blog.

Version: 1.0

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**Create the Landing Page (front-page.php)**

**front-page.php**

<?php get\_header(); ?>

<section class="hero">

<h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>

<p>Your amazing tagline goes here.</p>

<a href="#contact" class="btn">Contact Us</a>

</section>

<section class="features">

<h2>Our Features</h2>

<p>Highlight your services or products here.</p>

</section>

<?php get\_footer(); ?>

**Create the Header (header.php)**

**(header.php)**

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

<meta charset="UTF-8">

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

<title><?php bloginfo('name'); ?></title>

<?php wp\_head(); ?>

</head>

<body>

<header>

<nav>

<?php wp\_nav\_menu(array('theme\_location' => 'primary')); ?>

</nav>

</header>

**Create the Footer (footer.php)**

**(footer.php)**

<footer>

<p>&copy; <?php echo date('Y'); ?> My Website. All Rights Reserved.</p>

</footer>

<?php wp\_footer(); ?>

</body>

</html>

**Create the Default Page Template (page.php)**

**(page.php)**

For static pages like About, Contact, etc.

<?php get\_header(); ?>

<main>

<h1><?php the\_title(); ?></h1>

<p><?php the\_content(); ?></p>

</main>

<?php get\_footer(); ?>

**Register Menus and Theme Features (functions.php)**

**(functions.php)**

<?php

// For nav menu

register\_nav\_menus(

array('primary-menu'=> 'Header Menu')

);

add\_theme\_support('title-tag'); // Enables dynamic title

add\_theme\_support('post-thumbnails'); // Enables featured images

function custom\_enqueue\_scripts() {

// Enqueue your custom JavaScript file

wp\_enqueue\_script('custom-script', get\_template\_directory\_uri() . '/custom-script.js', array('jquery'), null, true);

}

add\_action('wp\_enqueue\_scripts', 'custom\_enqueue\_scripts');

// link css

function theme\_enqueue\_styles() {

wp\_enqueue\_style('main-style', get\_template\_directory\_uri() . '/assets/css/style.css');

}

add\_action('wp\_enqueue\_scripts', 'theme\_enqueue\_styles');

## If you create the blog section add more file

**Customize Blog Layout**

home.php for the blog post listing

**home.php**

<?php get\_header(); ?>

<div class="blog-container">

<h1>Latest Blog Posts</h1>

<?php if (have\_posts()) : while (have\_posts()) : the\_post(); ?>

<article>

<h2><a href="<?php the\_permalink(); ?>"><?php the\_title(); ?></a></h2>

<p><?php the\_excerpt(); ?></p>

</article>

<?php endwhile; endif; ?>

</div>

<?php get\_footer(); ?>

**For single post layout (single.php):**

**(single.php)**

<?php get\_header(); ?>

<article>

<h1><?php the\_title(); ?></h1>

<p><?php the\_content(); ?></p>

</article>

<?php get\_footer(); ?>

**Create sidebar.php (Single Post with Sidebar)**

**For individual blog posts :** both the landing page and blog section

When if you get the sidebar: <?php get\_sidebar(); ?>

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**sidebar.php**

<aside class="sidebar">

<?php if (is\_active\_sidebar('main-sidebar')) : ?>

<?php dynamic\_sidebar('main-sidebar'); ?>

<?php endif; ?>

</aside>