

My name is Abdul Samad, a Web Developer with over 8 years of experience specializing in WordPress development, and I am actively seeking new opportunities after my previous role with Thrive concluded due to organizational restructuring.

I have a proven track record of delivering responsive, high-performance websites tailored to diverse client needs. My expertise spans front-end and back-end development, custom theme and plugin creation, eCommerce solutions, and performance optimization.

Experience and Skills

Web Development Expertise:

- **Core Technologies:** Proficient in **HTML5, CSS3, PHP, JavaScript (ES6+)**, and **MySQL**, with extensive experience in building responsive, performance-optimized, and scalable web solutions.
- **WordPress Development:**
 - **Advanced Custom Fields (ACF), Custom Post Types (CPTs)**, and custom taxonomies to meet diverse client needs.
 - Skilled in developing custom themes and plugins tailored to specific requirements, ensuring clean, modular, and maintainable code. Expertise in creating highly dynamic and customized WordPress solutions using
- **eCommerce Solutions:** Extensive experience with **WooCommerce**, including custom integrations, payment gateway setups, and bespoke functionality to enhance the shopping experience.
- **Page Builder Expertise:** Proficient in utilizing leading page builders like Elementor, Beaver Builder, Breakdance Builder, and WPBakery for rapid and flexible website development.
- **Frontend Development:** Strong focus on clean, responsive, and SEO-friendly designs, leveraging CSS preprocessors (SASS) and modern JavaScript frameworks.
- **Database Management:** Hands-on experience with MySQL database optimization, schema design, and query efficiency for scalable and high-performing websites.
- **Performance Optimization:** Skilled in optimizing websites by minifying assets, implementing caching, lazy loading, reducing HTTP requests, and ensuring fast load times across all devices.
- **Testing and Debugging:** Adept at using browser developer tools, error logs, and debugging tools to identify and resolve issues, ensuring compatibility across browsers and devices.

CMS and Web Design:

- Proficient in **Webflow CMS**, backed by certifications in Webflow 101, Layout Level 1 & 2, and CMS Level 1.

- Experienced in using graphic and UI design tools such as **Adobe Photoshop**, **Illustrator**, **Figma**, and **XD**, with a good understanding of their features and capabilities.

Current Development Journey:

- **React.js:** Creating interactive and dynamic user interfaces with a focus on modern front-end development techniques and state management.
- **Next.js:** Diving into server-side rendering (SSR) and static site generation (SSG) to build fast and SEO-friendly web applications.
- **Node.js:** Gaining knowledge of back-end JavaScript to create scalable server-side applications and RESTful APIs.
- **WordPress Blocks:** Exploring block-based development in WordPress to design and implement custom blocks using React.js and the Gutenberg editor.

Projects

FAQ Info Instigator (WordPress Plugin)

- **Description:** Created a WordPress plugin to simplify the management and display of FAQs on websites.
- **Key Features:** Custom post types, shortcode support for flexible FAQ placement, category-based filtering, and responsive design.
- **Skills & Tools:**
 - **WordPress Development:** Extensive use of WordPress hooks and filters to create custom post types and taxonomy.
 - **Frontend:** HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for responsive and dynamic FAQ displays.
 - **Backend:** PHP for custom logic, settings, and shortcode handling.
 - **UI/UX:** Designed an intuitive interface for easy management of FAQs.
 - **Testing & Debugging:** Debugging with WordPress tools, testing compatibility with popular themes and plugins.
- **Project URL:** <https://wordpress.org/plugins/faq-info-instigator>

Repo Showcase (WordPress Plugin)

- **Description:** Developed a WordPress plugin designed for developers to showcase their GitHub repositories directly on their websites.
- **Key Features:** Customizable layouts, easy integration with WordPress themes, and dynamic repository displays.
- **Skills & Tools:**
 - **WordPress Development:** Custom post types, shortcodes, and hooks.
 - **API Integration:** GitHub API for fetching repository data.

- **Frontend:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript.
- **Backend:** PHP for WordPress-specific logic and data handling.
- **Testing & Deployment:** Tested for compatibility across different WordPress themes and versions.
- **Project URL:** <https://wordpress.org/plugins/repo-showcase>

Your Movie App

- **Description:** A dynamic and interactive web app built using **TheMovieDB API**, enabling users to explore popular movies, view detailed information such as ratings and overviews, and search for specific movies. Designed with a mobile-friendly and responsive interface for optimal usability on all devices.
- **Key Features:** Dynamic data fetching, responsive UI, and interactive user experience.
- **Skills & Tools:**
 - **Frontend:** HTML5, CSS3 (with responsive design principles), JavaScript (ES6).
 - **API Integration:** Used `fetch` with TheMovieDB API for real-time data retrieval.
 - **DOM Manipulation:** JavaScript for rendering dynamic content and creating interactive elements.
 - **Error Handling:** Implemented fallback images and user-friendly error messages for seamless user experience.
 - **Pagination Logic:** Custom JavaScript functions for navigating through movie pages.
 - **Performance Optimization:** Lazy loading of images and efficient event handling.
 - **Testing:** Browser Developer Tools for debugging and cross-device testing.
- **Project URL:** <https://abdulsamadshaikh.github.io/your-movie-app-v1>

Key Achievements

- Successfully contributed to multiple high-performance WordPress projects at Thrive over a 6-year tenure, delivering responsive, scalable, and SEO-optimized websites.
- Awarded the **Service Award 2023** at Thrive for excellence in project delivery and maintaining high-quality standards.
- Participated in renowned exhibitions and competitions like **Vision** and **ICube**, presenting innovative web development projects that highlighted creative and technical skills.
- Consistently met tight deadlines while maintaining top-notch performance, earning recognition for project management and technical expertise

Certifications and Education

- **ACCP Pro:** Comprehensive training in software development and global technology insights from Aptech Computer Education.
- **Udemy Courses:** Completed certifications in WordPress and web development, including "Ultimate Web Designer and Developer" and "Create a Website Using WordPress".
- **Webflow Certifications:** Webflow 101, Layout Level 1 & 2, CMS Level 1.
- **Bachelor in Commerce** from the University of Sindh.

What I Offer

I am passionate about creating innovative and efficient web solutions that align with business goals. My ability to adapt quickly, coupled with a continuous learning mindset, allows me to stay updated with emerging technologies and best practices.

Call to Action

If you have opportunities that align with my expertise or can connect me with someone in your network, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at:

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Thank you for your time and support. I look forward to exploring opportunities where I can contribute my skills and passion for web development.

Best Regards,

Abdul Samad

Web Developer & WordPress Specialist