Course Title:  WordPress - Advanced

Course Description:
Provides novice WordPress developers with a deep dive into the mechanics of both the CMS and theme development.

Course Prerequisite(s):
WordPress Basic (or equivalent experience); working knowledge of HTML, CSS; PHP experience a plus, but not required to keep up with the course.

Course Objectives:
Learn how to install a self-hosted WordPress site; Dive into the code core; Create a custom theme; Explore WordPress Multisite installations; Manage WordPress in the real world.

Certification Notes:

Next Class Possibilities:
Search Engine Optimization, PHP, JavaScript

Instructor Notes:
This course would be best enjoyed by those with past website development experience. It does not explore using the CMS, but rather building for it.

Textbook(s):
Professional WordPress: Design and Development
by Brad Williams, David Damstra, Hal Stern

Lesson Plan – by week or session
Session 1:  WordPress Self-Hosted Installation and Code Overview
Session 2:  The Core, the Codex and the Loop
Session 3:  Theme Development: Bare Bones and Content Display
Session 4:  Theme Development: Custom Page Templates, Post Types and Enhancements
Session 5:  WordPress Multisite
Session 6:  Securing and Extending WordPress in the Real World

Course Sessions:  listed are a guideline to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

Method of Evaluation:  Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance. Students must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to be considered a successful completer of the course.
Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified.

Students must complete all courses (core and no. of elective courses needed) to complete a certificate series within two years from start date of the first course taken.

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