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Create a child theme for WordPress

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Sometimes, you may want to modify a WordPress theme. The best practice for modifying a theme's style and functionality is through a child theme to prevent your changes from being lost when performing updates.

Connect to your hosting with FTP Navigate to the `wp-content/themes` directory for your WordPress site.

Create your child theme directory. The following is a common naming convention for child themes: `<parent>-child`, where `<parent>` is the name of your parent theme. Navigate into the child theme directory

and create a `style.css` file. In the `style.css` file, add a stylesheet header, which contains metadata about your theme. The following is an example that you can use from a Twenty Fifteen child theme:

```
/*
Theme Name: Twenty Fifteen Child
Theme URI: http://example.com/twenty-fifteen-child/
Description: Twenty Fifteen Child Theme
Author: John Doe
Author URI: http://example.com
Template: twentyfifteen
Version: 1.0.0
License: GNU General Public License v2 or later
License URI: http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.html
Tags: light, dark, two-columns, right-sidebar, responsive-layout,
accessibility-ready
Text Domain: twenty-fifteen-child
*/
```

Make sure to replace the information in the example with the information relative to your theme. Save the `style.css` file. Now create a `functions.php` file. This will contain PHP functions specific to your child theme. After creating the `functions.php` file, you will need to enqueue the styles and scripts from your parent theme into your child theme. Open the `functions.php` file Add a function that will be used to enqueue styles and scripts from your parent theme. Below is an example.

```
<?php
add_action( 'wp_enqueue_scripts', 'my_theme_enqueue_styles' );
function my_theme_enqueue_styles() {
    wp_enqueue_style( 'parent-style', get_template_directory_uri() .
'/style.css' );
}
```

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