WordPress Child Theme Setup Checklist

Use this step-by-step checklist to safely create and activate a child theme in WordPress.

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Navigate to wp-content/themes/

Create a new folder (e.g., astra-child) for your child theme

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Add this to the top of the file:

/*
 Theme Name: Astra Child
 Template: astra
*/

Replace "Astra" with your actual parent theme folder name.

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Create a file named functions.php in the same folder

Add this code to enqueue parent theme styles:

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<?php
function astra_child_enqueue_styles() {
    wp_enqueue_style('astra-parent-style', get_template_directory_uri()
}
add_action('wp_enqueue_scripts', 'astra_child_enqueue_styles');</pre>
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Upload the child theme folder if working offline

Log in to your WordPress Dashboard

Go to Appearance Themes

Activate the newly created child theme

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Test your website for layout and functionality

Begin customizing styles or template files in your child theme

Back up your website before making further code changes

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Understanding how to create a child theme in Word-Press gives you the freedom to customize your site safely and professionally without losing changes during theme updates.