

# Akila Nanayakkara

Web Developer | Full-stack CMS Developer | WordPress Expert

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

Dynamic Web Developer with over 5 years of self-taught and hands-on experience in both front-end and back-end development. Skilled in WordPress custom theme building and editing, with expertise in Elementor, Divi, and similar page builders and plugins. Proficient in WooCommerce, payment gateway integrations, and website and hosting troubleshooting. Experienced in a wide range of web technologies, including WordPress, Webflow, Shopify, HubSpot CRM, PHP, and custom web solutions. Known for attention to detail, excellent communication skills, and a focus on delivering high-quality, optimized, and scalable web applications that ensure client satisfaction and provide seamless user experiences.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Web Developer

#### Surge Global

07/2022 - Present Colombo, Sri Lanka

In my current position at Surge Global, I work on a variety of projects that require rapid learning and adaptation to new technologies. My work includes WordPress, WooCommerce, Hubspot, PHP, and other technologies.

- Build, maintain, and troubleshoot websites on platforms like WordPress, WooCommerce, Shopify, Webflow, and HubSpot.
- Specialize in backend development, optimizing server-side performance, and managing hosting servers.
- Collaborate with team members and clients to ensure timely project delivery and satisfaction.
- Develop email templates and marketing campaigns using HubSpot CRM, improving customer engagement.
- Coordinating with the content and design team when required.

### Senior Web Developer

#### EMarketing and Solutions

01/2023 - Present Scarborough, ON, Canada - Working Remotely

As a Senior Web Developer, I remotely build and maintain websites, manage front-end and back-end tasks, optimize performance, and collaborate with clients to ensure project success.

- Develop and manage websites for clients using WordPress, creating custom themes and plugins.
- Oversee website architecture, back-end management, and server/database integration.
- Conduct website performance tests, optimize performance, and troubleshoot content and responsive issues.
- Communicate directly with clients to gather requirements and ensure project success.
- Monitor live websites and implement updates to enhance functionality and performance.
- Lead the Sri Lanka branch, managing day-to-day activities, motivating the team, and ensuring organizational goals are met.
- Oversee team recruitment, training, and professional development, while managing project timelines and budgets.

### Intern Web Developer

#### Weblook International Private Limited

07/2019 - 07/2021 Colombo, Sri Lanka

Gained hands-on experience in front-end and back-end web development, specializing in WordPress, UI design, SEO, and performance optimization while working on live websites.

- Built comprehensive websites for international clients in team settings.
- Developed a strong understanding of industry best practices and company ethics.
- Completed assignments related to WordPress development, PHP, and company ethics as directed by senior developers.
- Gained hands-on experience in PHP programming for web development projects.
- Collaborated effectively with team members to meet project deadlines and client requirements.
- Troubleshot content and responsive issues.
- Performed on-site SEO to improve website ranking.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Freelance Web Developer & Graphic Designer

### Self-Employed

📅 2018 - Present 📍 Gampaha, Sri Lanka

Developed custom websites, banners, and social media graphics for clients. Specialized in WordPress and graphic design. View my portfolio at [www.akilananayakkara.com](http://www.akilananayakkara.com).

- Designed and developed custom websites, banners, social media posts, and other graphic materials for clients.
- Worked on a range of projects, including business websites, e-commerce platforms, and personal portfolios.
- Implemented on-site SEO for improved search engine rankings and better performance.

## IT Administrator (Contract)

### Britex Holdings (Private) Limited

📅 10/2022 - 12/2023 📍 Peliyagoda, Sri Lanka

Maintained IT infrastructure, configured servers and networks, managed hardware/software assets, resolved technical issues, and provided prompt support to ensure seamless operations and system performance.

- Managed IT infrastructure, including server configuration, wireless networks, and device monitoring.
- Configured and monitored routers, firewalls, switches, and LAN controllers.
- Resolved hardware and software issues, ensuring minimal downtime for users and network systems.

# EDUCATION

## Master of Business Administration - MBA in Project Management

### Cardiff Metropolitan University

📅 2024 - 2025 📍 Cardiff, United Kingdom

## BSc (Hons) In Computer Science - Upper Second Class

### University of Westminster

📅 2019 - 2022 📍 London, United Kingdom

- Final Year: Average 67.6 out of 5 modules. Passed level 6 with 120 credits.
- Third Year: 1 Year Internship Completed.
- Second Year: Average 65.5 out of 6 modules. Passed level 5 with 120 credits.
- First Year: Average 68.5 out of 6 modules. Passed level 4 with 120 credits.

# SKILLS

WordPress Development

PHP

HTML/ CSS/ JS

HubSpot CRM

Webflow

Shopify

Woocommerce

Adobe/ Canva

Figma/ XD

Web Production Management

Project Management

# REFERENCES

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