

WORDPRESS DEVELOPER QUICK-REF

One-Page Technical Guide for Isuru Kumarasiri

HOOKS

ACTION VS FILTER

Action: `add_action()`

Adds a task at a specific time (e.g. `wp_head`).

Filter: `add_filter()`

Changes data before display (e.g. `the_title`).

ASSETS

ENQUEUEING (FUNCTIONS.PHP)

```
add_action('wp_enqueue_scripts','assets');
function assets() {
    wp_enqueue_style('s', get_stylesheet_uri());
    wp_enqueue_script('j', get_uri().'/a.js',
    ['jquery'], '1.0', true);
}
```

SECURITY

SANITIZE & ESCAPE

To DB: `sanitize_text_field()`

To Screen: `esc_html()` / `esc_attr()`

Files: `sanitize_file_name()`

QUERY

THE LOOP & WP_QUERY

```
if ( have_posts() ) :
    while ( have_posts() ) : the_post();
        the_title();
    endwhile;
endif;
```

Custom: `$q = new WP_Query($args);`

Followed by `wp_reset_postdata();`

Template Hierarchy

Single: `single.php` → `index.php`

Page: `page.php` → `index.php`

Archive: `archive.php` → `index.php`

Error: `404.php` → `index.php`

Core Functions

`get_template_directory_uri()`
`get_post_meta($id, 'key', true)`

`register_nav_menus()`
`add_theme_support('post-thumbnails')`

Follow WordPress Coding Standards. Use Child Themes for all customizations.