



# **Blocs 4 Blogging Course**

## THE CURRICULUM

### **Blocs 4 Blogging Course Overview**

#### **Part 1. Volt CMS Basics**

##### **1-1. Installing Volt CMS on your Computer**

- How to install Volt CMS custom blocs and brics
- Setting the default settings for Volt CMS project

##### **1-2. Setting Up the Volt Core Bric**

- Project Settings Overview
- Writer Volt CMS project overview
- Installing Volt CMS Core Bric
- Changing the settings of Volt Core Bric
- Uploading the Website to FTP server

##### **1-3. Creating a Login & Logout Page**

- Creating a Login & Logout page
- Adjusting the design of the Login page

- Testing the login experience on live website

#### **1-4. Adding Volt Content Areas**

- Adding the partial Volt Content areas
- Adding the full Volt Content area pages
- How to edit Volt Content areas
- Basic workflow for adding content via Volt Content Editor

#### **1-5. Volt Content Editor Tools Overview**

- Adding Content to Volt Content page
- Adjusting the style of Volt Content page
- Content Editor tools overview
- Typography styles overview
- Inserting different types of lists
- Uploading & embedding images and videos
- FTP server folder structure overview

#### **1-6. Adjusting Default Content Styles**

- How to adjust paddings and margins
- Overview of the content item properties
- Making the embedded video responsive
- Adjusting the size of the embedded video
- Enabling the Image Protection
- Enabling the Lightbox for images
- Overview of the localhost preview
- Changing the site-wide color for typography
- Creating specific text styles
- Creating specific image styles
- Adding custom styles to Volt Core Bric

- Applying custom text or image styles

### **1-7. Using Volt Gallery Bric**

- Volt Gallery Bric overview
- Checking the different gallery styles
- Uploading the images to our website
- Changing captions for gallery images

## **Part 2. Setting Up a Volt Blog**

### **2-1. Adding a Volt CMS Blog to a Website**

- Adding the Volt Blog bric to the Blocs project
- Creating the basic layout for our blog
- Adding a sidebar to our blog page
- Setting up the Volt Blog Bric Settings

### **2-2. Overview of the Blog Post Editor**

- Adding new blog posts to our website
- Overview of the blog post editor
- Adding thumbnails to your posts
- Different content areas in post editor

### **2-3. Optimizing URLs for SEO & Setting the RSS Feed**

- Enabling the Pretty URLs
- Setting up the RSS feed
- Adjusting the code for .htaccess file
- Creating the .htaccess file on your computer
- Checking the RSS feed on the live website

## **2-4. Using the Volt Recent Posts Bric**

- Changing the 'Hide Feature Posts' setting
- Adding Volt Recent Posts bric
- Adjusting the settings for Volt Recent Posts bric
- Checking the Recent Posts Bric in action on the live website

## **2-5. Adding a Sidebar to the Blog Page**

- Sidebar structure overview
- Setting the basic sidebar structure inside the Blocs project
- Creating the post category list
- Using the Volt Recent Posts bric in the sidebar
- Changing the style of the sidebar

## **2-6. Using the Volt Blog Search Bric**

- Adding the Volt Blog Search bloc to our website
- Adding the Search box to the sidebar
- Limitations of using the Search bloc in the sidebar
- Testing the Search functionality on the live website

# **Part 3. Styling the Volt CMS Blog**

## **3-1. Overview of the Styling Process**

- Adjusting the negative margin for the content area
- Two methods to change the style of the Volt Blog
- Using the list of default classes
- Adjusting the padding under header area
- Adjusting the style of the specific element
- Using the Webkit Inspector to find classes

### **3-2. Fine-Tuning the Layout of the Blog Page**

- Adjusting the space between the sidebar and content area
- Experimenting with the sidebar and padding
- Adding extra padding to the post bloc
- Adjusting the header content margin

### **3-3. Adjusting the Style of Post Titles**

- Changing the default styles for post titles
- Changing the line height for titles
- Changing the blog page structure to 1-column layout
- Scroll to Top in Detail view setting live example

### **3-4. Styling the Blog Post Metadata**

- Metadata section overview
- Changing the formatting of the date
- Adjusting the style of the date
- Changing the structure of the category
- Adjusting the style of the category link
- Adjusting the margin of the post title

### **3-5. Adjusting the Social Share Bric**

- Adjusting the maximum width of the Social Share Icons bar
- Adjusting the margin for Social Share Icons bar
- Checking the Social Share Icons on the live website

### **3-6. Adjusting the Style of Buttons**

- Example of the Social Share function
- Creating the new button style from scratch
- Overview of the Volt button classes

### **3-7. Adjusting the Position of Buttons**

- Adjusting the margin of the post navigation buttons
- Changing the alignment for post navigation buttons
- Changing the number of posts shown on the blog page
- Changing the alignment for the page navigation buttons

### **3-8. Styling or Hiding the Page / Post Counter**

- Hiding the post counter for the post page
- Class for the page counter overview

### **3-9. Optimizing the Margins & Title Sizes**

- Optimizing the spacing for post items
- Adjusting the size of post titles
- Targeting the specific title in the footer
- Changing the layout for the Volt Recent Posts bric
- Adjusting the general structure of blocs on the blog page

### **3-10. Mobile Optimization, Backup & Final Test**

- Mobile optimization of our website
- Adjusting the order of sidebar and bloc content areas
- Adjusting the sizing of some text for mobile
- Adjusting the margin between elements
- Backing up your Volt CMS data
- Posting the final blog post

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