

Blocs 4 Website Course

THE CURRICULUM

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- Creating a color palette for a website
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- Changing the style of the special menu
- Aligning any element with 'auto' margins
- Changing the style color of special menu
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- Adding responsive padding to columns
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3-11. Applying Css Filter Effects

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- Adding CSS filter effects to images
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- Saving Custom Classes to Class Library
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- Creating a shortcut to another page
- Adding shape dividers
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- Building for mobile and desktop simultaneously

3-15. Social Links & Footer Optimization

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- Adding extra top padding to footer bloc

3-16. Writer Mode & Text Editing Options

- Creating full-screen image banners
- Adjusting the width of columns
- Edit text in Writer Mode
- Splitting text brics
- Inserting headers and images

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- Creating transparent PNG background
- Adding multiple background images
- Adjusting z-index
- Enabling double parallax
- Adding animated text
- Using Layer Navigator to select items
- Adjusting margin with Freehand V2 Control
- Using Scroll FX

3-18. Building a Grid of Icons with Text

- Moving blocs on design canvas
- Building grid of columns with text and icons
- Duplicating columns
- Using Copy & Page feature
- Freehand control for column padding
- New Font Awesome 5 Icons
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3-19. Edge to Edge Feature Blocs

- Making the text bric width responsive
- Creating custom 2 column full width bloc
- Positioning text bric in the middle of the column
- Making a column with text responsive
- Duplicating blocs
- Changing the order of columns per breakpoint

3-20. Gradient Background & Wire Button

- Creating gradient backgrounds for blocs
- Adding video backgrounds
- Creating wire style for buttons

3-21. Installing 3rd Party Brics

- Downloading 3rd party brics
- Installing custom brics
- Using Particles bric
- Adjusting the particles bric style
- Blocs Store details

3-22. Creating a Shop Page

- Adding page banners
- Duplicating blocs to another pages
- Adding shape dividers to banners
- Reusing blocs from other pages
- Creating another page shortcut

3-23. Using Toggle Visibility

- Creating Reviews/Testimonials area
- Adding responsive padding around columns
- Using Toggle Visibility feature
- Using Visibility settings

3-24. Setting Up a Product Page

- Creating product page header
- Creating product details pane
- Freehand control for text

- Installing custom bric from Blocs Store
- Adding Star Ratings to our product page

3-25. Setting Up a Tabbed Contact Bric

- Adjusting the width per breakpoint
- Inspecting the website with Webkit Inspector
- Finding the right classes
- Aligning the nav tabs using flex class
- Adjusting the style of tabs
- Adjusting the style of tab links on hover
- Changing the style of active tab

3-26. Adding Content to Tabs

- Adding Content
- Using 2-column row bric
- Using Card bric for reviews
- Adjusting the Star Rating bric
- Adjusting the spacing between elements

3-27. Using Toggle Class Interaction

- Enabling Lightbox interaction
- Using Toggle Class interaction
- Creating image carousels
- Using positioning tab in Class Editor
- Creating cool overlay windows / pages
- Creating close button for overlay window

3-28. Completing the Product Page

- Changing the default cursor type

- Adjusting the page for all breakpoints
- Adding parallax image banners
- Creating similar products bloc
- Adding bloc edge dividers

3-29. Setting Up a Gallery Page

- Creating full screen edge to edge gallery
- Removing all padding from columns and blocs

3-30. Setting Up a Contact Page

- Creating a page banner
- Custom columns layouts per breakpoint
- Using Telephone Link interaction
- Creating 'mailto' links
- Adding padding to bottom of columns

3-31. Adding & Editing the Form

- Setting up a form bric
- ReCapture bric
- Adjusting the settings for forms
- Editing the Bootstrap classes
- Removing the Focus Shadow from form fields
- Freehand Control
- Setting max width for forms

3-32. Embedding Google Maps

- Finding embed code in Google Maps
- Placing the map using Code Widget bric
- Adjusting the width of the map

3-33. Adjusting the Style of Alert Messages

- Alert bric intro
- Changing the style for Alert container
- Changing the style for individual alert type
- Blocs Form troubleshooting tips

3-34. Adjusting the 'Scroll to Top' Button

- Adding a Bootstrap class from subclass library
- Adjusting the background color of scroll to top button

Part 4. Optimization

4-1. Website Design Optimization

- Optimization Part Overview
- Checking each page on all breakpoints
- Checking mobile menu
- Rebuilding column grid for SM breakpoint
- Adjusting bloc padding
- Adding missing edge dividers
- Adjusting Specs columns for mobile
- Adjusting Tabbed Content Bric's tabs
- Removing duplicate images from gallery
- Rebuilding column layout for contact page
- Safari's Responsive Device Mode

4-2. Local Host Preview

- Accessing local host versions of our websites
- Previewing on iPad or any other device

4-3. Troubleshooting Links

- Checking for spelling
- Checking for broken links
- Changing links in the footer navigation
- Buttons, Images, all elements with interactions
- Social icon's links
- Checking the form settings
- Using online tools to check for broken links

4-4. Adjusting Page Settings

- Checking page settings for each page
- Filling the SEO title and description for each page
- Robot Meta tag, Index This page, Follow links
- Canonical Meta tag
- Keywords
- SEO description tips

4-5. Adding Social Cards

- Adding title and description to social cards
- Preview image for Twitter
- Preview image for Facebook
- Recommended sizes

4-6. Search Engine Optimization

- SEO Helper
- Page URL tips
- H1 title tag
- Using H1~H6 headers to structure web pages
- Optimizing Page Settings

- Social images
- Generating and submitting sitemap
- Alt text for all images
- My free SEO guide

Part 5. Publishing

5-1. Exporting & Publishing a Website

- Exporting Blocs Project
- Domain name and hosting providers
- FTP Clients
- Uploading files to FTP server
- Updating websites
- Overriding files setting
- Testing email form

5-2. Analyzing Website Performance

- Checking the performance with GTmetrix
- Checking the speed with PageSpeed
- Checking the performance with Pingdom Tools
- Recommendations and advice

5-3. Creating and Editing .htaccess File

- Showing hidden files on our server
- Creating .htaccess file
- Editing .htaccess file
- Redirecting to HTTPS
- Fixing broken links and setting up redirects

5-4. Preparing Project Files for Transfer

- Generate package feature
- How to use it
- Custom Fonts
- Custom Brics

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