

Site Search

Site search is a collection of Brics that are designed to make the process of adding search to a Blocs website incredibly simple and easy. The setup process is fast and efficient, simply add the main site search Bric to any Blocs website, ensure all pages have SEO keywords set in the standard Blocs page settings window and Blocs will handle the rest.

Site search is broken down into 3 easy to use Brics.

Site Search Bric

This Bric adds a search input field to your site, its presence on a Blocs website will ensure Blocs creates and indexes all of the pages in your site, so that they will show as search results when the search input field is interacted with.

The standard Blocs page settings, **keywords** and the **SEO page name** values are used as search tags for each page. This makes the process of setting up search even quicker, as these values are most likely already populated in your project file.

Exclude Page Bric

There may be some pages on your site that you would like to exclude from site search. To exclude any page, simply place the Exclude Page Bric onto the target page **dynamic content area**. This will tell Blocs not to index the page as part of site search.

Please take care not to place the exclude page Bric in one of the projects global areas, as this will prevent all pages being indexed for search.

External Link Bric

As well as the pages of your site, you may also wish to include external URLs as part of your site's search functionality. To do this, place a single instance of the External Link Bric in your site and populate it via the sidebar controls with the external links you would like to include as part of your sites search.

Preview Support

Site search supports all in app preview modes, however, once you export to your local file system, site search will not function correctly by simply opening the local html file, in a web browser, it will need to be run from a server. Once your site is hosted, the search functionality will work as expected.

Customisation

The site search input field and results drop down offer various customisation options via the sidebar options, however, you may wish to customise the visual appearance of the input field and results drop down further. This can be done using the following subclasses in combination with the Blocs Class Manager and Class Editor.

Search field — **.blocs-site-search-container input**

Results dropdown container — **.blocs-search-results**

Results dropdown item — **.blocs-search-results .dropdown-item**

Trouble Shooting

Q. The current page is not shown in the search result dropdown?

A. That is normal. The current page is filtered out of search results for obvious reasons.

Q. None of my pages are shown in the search results dropdown and they all have valid SEO keyword data?

A. Take care to ensure that you do not have an exclude page Bric located in your sites global areas.

Q. Does site search scan all of the content on each page to find results?

A. No. Site search is intended as a lightweight, fast and efficient search solution. The results for pages are filtered by the page name and keywords that are entered into a pages keyword SEO settings.

Q. Does site search show results in a results page?

A. No. Site search results are shown in real time. When text is entered into the site search input field, the possible results are displayed in a dropdown field.

Q. Can I customise the visual appearance of the site search input field and results dropdown?

A. Yes, please see the further customisation section above.