Effective Website Development for Small Business & Sole Traders

LECTURER          Leo Martyn
DURATION          3 consecutive days: 10am – 4pm
FEE               $792
VENUE             Billy Blue College of Design, 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007
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COURSE OUTLINE
This course seeks to take learners to the heart of creating a standard information website in Joomla and Wordpress which are the most popular and widely used Content Management System (CMS) platforms on the web today.

In learning the processes necessary to install, configure and add pages and content to a CMS, this course will also explore many core topics related to having a contemporary online presence.

Learners are encouraged to bring along business strategies and intended creative direction for their online presence to work with the lecturer individually and as part of the training group to best hone the skills required to begin to realise their ideals.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Anyone who wishes to be able to create a foundational web presence to support their business or personal online ideals.

PREREQUISITES
• Reasonable computer and internet skills on either PC or Mac and please bring your own laptop.

• Beneficial will be a working understanding of contemporary internet terminology, tools and techniques and your own creative goals for your online presence.

WHAT TO BRING
USB, pen and notepad.

COURSE OUTCOMES:
• Make a simple and responsive CMS website with content, menus, theme, images and basic extensions

• Understand the necessary services and steps for setting up a hosted online presence

• Understand your online presence in the greater context of the internet

• Recognise tools and approaches to expand your online presence and reach your target audience

• Develop and begin to deploy an integrative marketing strategy

LECTURER’S BIOGRAPHY
Leo Martyn is a Sydney-based digital artist and freelance web designer. Leo has been a lecturer and curriculum developer in digital media at Billy Blue for 5 years and has worked in 3D and visual effects now for two decades.
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COURSE CONTENT

Session 1: Foundations of CMS Platforms
Managing content online
The anatomy of CMS platforms
Core tools and terminology
Defining, presenting and optimising your online goals and strategy
Resolving domain and hosting challenges
CMS installation and configuration
Getting around Joomla and Wordpress
Fitting your concept into CMS

Session 2: Content, Strategies & Enhancement
Adding your first menus and content
Exploring static and dynamic strategies
Working with images and links
Templates, themes and customisation
Enhancing with Components, Modules, Plugins and Widgets
Looking at advanced text editors with basic HTML and CSS
Embedding media

Session 3: Your Site and Integration
Third party solutions including simple ecommerce and forms
Embedding social media
Introduction to SEO
The responsive web
Running an email campaign with Mailchimp
Progress review and reflection
Bringing it all together
Integrating marketing solutions
Critique, review and troubleshooting
Future development and review discussion. At the end of course you will have built at least one complete HTML email.

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