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Paragraphs & Headings

Fix Paragraph & Heading Spacing? on off
Default Paragraph Spacing 1em
Default Heading Spacing 1em

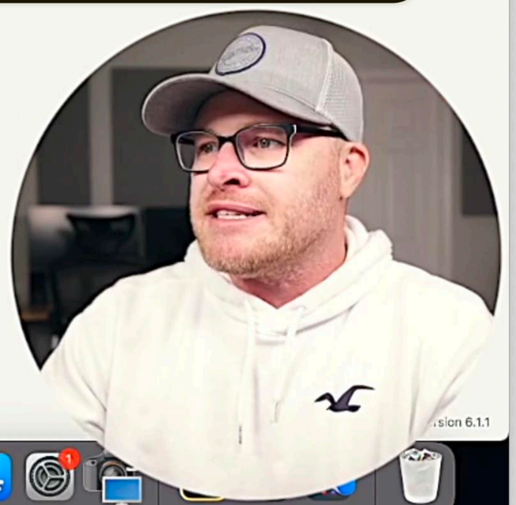
Builder Settings

Variable Expansion & Validation on off

Framework Settings

Pro Mode Activate Reset
Background Classes on off
Owl Spacing Classes on off
Margin Classes on off
Padding Classes on off
Section Padding Classes on off
Overlay Classes on off
Text Color Classes on off
Link Color Classes on off
Opacity Classes on off
Box-Shadow Classes on off
Breakout Classes on off

You could always turn off features you don't use. But in the past that would also turn off the variables



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Default Heading Spacing — 1em

Builder Settings

Variable Expansion & Validation — on | off

Framework Settings

Pro Mode — Activate | Reset

Background Classes — on | off

Owl Spacing Classes — on | off

Margin Classes — on | off

Padding Classes — on | off

Section Padding Classes — on | off

Overlay Classes — on | off

Text Color Classes — on | off

Link Color Classes — on | off

Opacity Classes — on | off

Box-Shadow Classes — on | off

Breakout Classes — on | off

Position Classes — on | off

Flip Classes — on | off

Object Fit Classes — on | off

When activated some classes are turned off

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Default Heading Spacing — 1em

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Variable Expansion & Validation — on | off

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Background Classes — on | off

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Padding Classes — on | off

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Overlay Classes — on | off

Text Color Classes — on | off

Link Color Classes — on | off

Opacity Classes — on | off

Box-Shadow Classes — on | off

Breakout Classes — on | off

Position Classes — on | off

Flip Classes — on | off

Object Fit Classes — on | off

This should be activated in your blueprint site that every new site has Pro Mode by default

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Link Weight 400

Link Decoration None

Action Button

Load Action Button Styles on off

Edit Action Button Styling

Primary Button

Load Primary Button Styles on off

Edit Primary Button Styling

Secondary Button

Load Secondary Button Styles on off

Edit Secondary Button Styling

Accent Button

Load Accent Button Styles on off

Edit Accent Button Styling

Base Button

Load Base Button Styles on off

Edit Base Button Styling

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Don't forget to turn off Colors, Buttons etc. which you don't use on your website to make the framework even lighter

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Link Hover Color: var(--action-hover)

Link Weight: 400

Link Decoration: None

Action Button

Load Action Button Styles: on / off

Edit Action Button Styling

Primary Button

Load Primary Button Styles: on / off

Edit Primary Button Styling

Secondary Button

Load Secondary Button Styles: on / off

Edit Secondary Button Styling

Accent Button

Load Accent Button Styles: on / off

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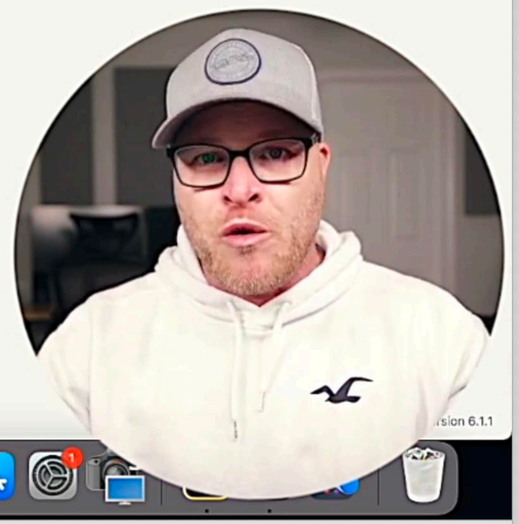
Base Button

Load Base Button Styles: on / off

In this example we leave the Action Button and Black and White Button activated



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Framework Settings

Pro Mode	Activate / Reset
Background Classes	on
Owl Spacing Classes	off
Margin Classes	off
Padding Classes	off
Section Padding Classes	on
Overlay Classes	off
Text Color Classes	off
Link Color Classes	off
Opacity Classes	off
Box-Shadow Classes	off
Breakout Classes	on
Position Classes	off
Flip Classes	off
Object Fit Classes	off
Height Classes	off
Grid Classes	on
Gap Classes	on

Should be used with custom classes and than as variables

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Overlay Classes	off
Text Color Classes	off
Link Color Classes	off
Opacity Classes	off
Box-Shadow Classes	off
Breakout Classes	on
Position Classes	off
Flip Classes	off
Object Fit Classes	off
Height Classes	off
Grid Classes	on
Gap Classes	on
Flexbox Classes	on
Width Classes	on
Rounded / Radius	on
Aspect Ratio Classes	off
Z-Index Classes	off
Column Classes	on
Marker Color Classes	off
Display Classes	on

Everything which is best done with utility classes stays on and everything which is best done with variables stays off

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Something that's very important to us at Automatic CSS is keeping the framework as light and flexible and manageable as possible while still being the most powerful framework for WordPress page builders. And in Automatic CSS 2.3 we have a brand new feature for more advanced users called Pro Mode and I'm really excited to show you what it's all about. So I'm going to go ahead and share my screen under the Options panel in the ACSS dashboard. There's been a framework settings area for a very long time and you can come in here and turn basically any section of the framework off if you don't intend to use it. But in the past this would also turn off the variables associated with that part of the framework. So you would lose the classes and you would lose the variables. Obviously this would lighten the framework to whatever degree that section of the framework is responsible for. But now we have what's called a Pro Mode and if we look at the top here you're going to see a brand new switch at the top of framework settings. I'm going to go ahead and activate Pro Mode. You can do this on any website because you can always undo it. But I would highly recommend doing it on a brand new website so that you can build going forward because if you use some of the features that Pro Mode is going to turn off then things are going to break. So this is one of those features that I would highly recommend if you have a blueprint website which is what we recommend a starter website framework for all of your projects that has all of your plugins, all of your settings the way you like to have them. This is something you want to set up in your blueprint so that every website build going forward already has Pro Mode activated. We're going to take a look at what Pro Mode does but the first thing you need to know is it lightens the framework by over 50%. So automatic CSS is already a very light framework. Now it's over 50% lighter with Pro Mode activated. You can also make the framework even lighter by going in and turning off colors that you don't want. You can go into buttons and turn off different button sets that you don't intend to use. I would highly recommend you do this as well. For example, most of the websites that I build I only use action buttons. So I will go in and turn off the primary and the secondary and the accent and the base.

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I might leave a black or a white button on. There's not much a bloat here but there is a lot of classes and a lot of framework associated with these different button sets. So when you turn off especially colors as well. So when you turn off colors that you don't use, you turn off button sets that you don't use. And then you turn on Pro Mode. We're talking about making the framework 75 to 80% lighter. It is blazing fast at that point. So let's go ahead and go into the options panel and really talk about what Pro Mode does because it doesn't do anything magical other than turn off a predetermined set of predetermined parts of the framework. And this is based on the way that I use automatic CSS personally as the creator of automatic CSS. So it's going to leave background classes on. Why is it going to leave background classes on because background classes are often something that you want to be able to change on the fly as you work up a page. These are not things that you want to continually tie to different classes. So if you're building out of page and you want to quickly change the background color of a section, you're probably going to use classes for that. It's a very good use case for utility classes. So we're going to keep those on. We're going to turn off the owl spacing classes. We're going to turn off margin classes and padding classes because these things are most often used in situations where you have multiple elements. So you're probably going to use custom classes and then at that point you are using the ACSS variables and that is the critical difference now with these toggles and with Pro Mode is that we're only turning off the classes. All of the variables associated with these parts of the framework are still available to you. You have the full power of the ACSS framework, even with these classes turned off. The second section padding classes is another one. I want to be able to on the fly determine that this section has more padding than this section and so on. And so that's done with utility classes. Anything that is really good from a true utility standpoint remains on and anything that is best done with variables and custom classes is turned off. And this is for those more advanced users who understand the power of variables, who mostly build sites with custom classes and variables because you care and number one, you understand the concept of maintainability and scalability and you respect the concept of

maintainability and scalability. And we talked at length about how building a website purely with utility classes is not a good idea that's not a scalable approach. It's not a maintainable approach. The best thing for maintainability is custom classes using something like BEM organization, BEM methodology and variables.

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Exactly what automatic CSS gives you in pro mode is all of the variables. So you have the full framework to work with. And then you have some utility classes for those instances where utility classes do make the most sense. I wouldn't go toggle this on to a fully built website where you use utility classes everywhere without much thought because things are going to break. But going forwards on your blueprint site and on all of your websites going forward. If you want to use automatic CSS like a pro like a more advanced user and you want to lighten the framework, I would highly encourage you to turn on pro mode, start using variables and custom classes more often and only use utility classes where they make perfect sense. So there are many questions about pro mode, drop a comment below and we are happy to help.