



INSTALLATION GUIDE

Vector Blog Management

Abstract

This guide provides the steps required to install, configure, validate, and uninstall the Vector Blog Management application on BigCommerce, ensuring a seamless setup and efficient management of blog content across multiple storefronts.

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1. Introduction

This document provides step-by-step instructions for installing, configuring, validating, and uninstalling the **Vector Blog Management** application from the BigCommerce App Marketplace.

The guide is intended for BigCommerce Store Administrators responsible for deploying and configuring the application across one or more storefront channels.

2. Prerequisites

Before installing the application, ensure that the following requirements are met:

An active **BigCommerce** store.

- One or more configured **Storefront Channels (Multi-Storefront)**.
 - Administrator privileges within the BigCommerce Control Panel.
 - Permission to install Marketplace applications.
 - Access to modify storefront themes (if required).
 - WebDAV access enabled within the BigCommerce store for image management.
 - A stable internet connection.
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3. Installing the Application

Install the application directly from the BigCommerce App Marketplace by following the steps below.

Step 1 – Login

Log in to your **BigCommerce Control Panel** using an administrator account.

Step 2 – Open the Marketplace

Navigate to:

Apps → Marketplace

Step 3 – Search for the Application

Search for:

Vector Blog Management

Step 4 – Install

Click **Install**.

Step 5 – Review Permissions

The application will request the necessary permissions required to:

- Access storefront channels
- Manage blog content
- Install storefront scripts
- Upload media files
- Configure application settings

Review the permissions carefully and click **Confirm** to continue.

Step 6 – Complete Installation

After successful installation, the application will automatically appear under:

Apps → My Apps

The installation is now complete.

4. Initial Configuration

After installation, the application must be configured before it can manage blog content.

4.1 Launch the Application

Open the application by navigating to:

Apps → My Apps → Vector Blog Management

The application dashboard will open.

4.2 Synchronize Storefront Channels

Vector automatically manages blog content separately for each storefront.

To synchronize available storefronts:

1. Navigate to **Settings**.
2. Click **Sync Channels**.
3. Wait for the synchronization process to complete.

The application will retrieve and register all available storefront channels from your BigCommerce store.

Once completed, all storefronts will appear in the Channel List.

4.3 Install the Storefront Script

Each storefront requires a storefront integration script.

To install the script:

1. Open the **Settings** page.
2. Locate the desired storefront channel.
3. Click **Install Script**.
4. Wait until the installation completes successfully.

The application uses the **BigCommerce Scripts API** to automatically register the required storefront script.

After installation, the script status will display as **Installed**.

4.4 Configure WebDAV Credentials

Vector stores uploaded blog images directly within your BigCommerce account using WebDAV.

Step 1 – Access WebDAV Settings

Within the BigCommerce Admin Panel, navigate to:

Settings → File Access (WebDAV)

Step 2 – Create or select a WebDAV Account

Open the **WebDAV Accounts** section.

Either:

- Create a new WebDAV account, or
 - Use an existing account.
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Step 3 – Copy Credentials

Record the following credentials:

- WebDAV Username
 - WebDAV Password
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Step 4 – Configure Vector

Open:

Vector → Settings

Enter:

- WebDAV Username
- WebDAV Password

Click **Save Configuration**.

Step 5 – Verify Connection

After saving:

- The connection will be validated.
 - Image uploads will be enabled.
 - Uploaded images will be stored directly within your BigCommerce file storage.
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5. Post-Installation Validation

Once configuration has been completed, verify that the application has been installed correctly.

Confirm the following:

Validation Item	Expected Result
Application Installation	Vector appears under Apps → My Apps
Channel Synchronization	All storefront channels are displayed
Storefront Script	Status displays Installed
WebDAV Configuration	Credentials are successfully validated
Blog Listing Page	Loads correctly on each storefront
Blog Visibility	Blog posts appear only on their assigned storefront
Image Upload	Images upload successfully and display correctly
Blog Detail Pages	Open successfully without errors

If all validation checks pass, the application is ready for use.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues during installation or configuration, review the following common scenarios.

Issue	Possible Cause	Resolution
Channels are not displayed	Channel synchronization not completed	Click Sync Channels again
Storefront script not installed	Missing permissions or API issue	Retry Install Script
Images fail to upload	Invalid WebDAV credentials	Verify username and password
Blog page not displaying	Storefront script missing	Reinstall the storefront script
Blogs visible on incorrect storefront	Incorrect channel mapping	Verify blog-to-channel assignment

7. Best Practices

To ensure optimal performance and maintainability:

- Synchronize storefront channels whenever new storefronts are created.
- Verify storefront script installation after theme updates.
- Keep WebDAV credentials current and secure.
- Regularly review blog-to-storefront mappings.
- Validate blog visibility after major storefront configuration chang

8. Installation Checklist

Use the following checklist to verify that all installation and configuration steps have been completed successfully.

Task	Status
Application installed from Marketplace	☐
Vector visible under My Apps	☐
Storefront channels synchronized	☐
Storefront script installed	☐
WebDAV credentials configured	☐
Image upload verified	☐
Blog listing page tested	☐
Blog detail page tested	☐
Storefront-specific blog visibility verified	☐