

Meridian Menu Options

Note: RokNavMenu is an essential module for the template. It is required for the modules to work so ensure that you install it into Joomla.

Meridian features an array of elegant, professional and exclusive menu systems. Here you can read an overview of the Meridian menu configuration options.

Selecting your Menu Style

Meridian allows you to choose from 4 menu modes:

- ❖ **RokMooMenu**- The advanced menu system based on the ever popular Suckerfish menu style, featuring mootools powered transitions and effects.
- ❖ **Suckerfish** - The versatile dropdown menu is an option in combination with RokMooMenu to minimize library conflicts and improve site performance.
- ❖ **SplitMenu**- Then venerable SplitMenu is a solid choice for navigation. It works by rendering the top-level menu options horizontally, and the submenu/child items are rendered in a module on the side.
- ❖ **No Menu Bar** - Setting the menu type to "none" will remove the horizontal menu as well as the menu bar graphics making the header flush with the main content giving you more control over the appearance of your site.

You can designate which menu style you want to use on your site with a single control in the template configuration.

DropColumn Menu

A brand new menu function, the Multiple Drop Column ability. This applies only to MooMenu and Suckerfish and allows for multiple drop down columns instead of the typical single variant. The advanced options with this feature, allow you to choose the number of columns, specify individual menu levels which exhibit the behaviour and restrict the number of columns per row. A truly versatile new feature as showcased on the demo.

The Powerful and Popular RokMooMenu

This menu has been developed from scratch using the latest and greatest MooTools JavaScript framework. The RokMooMenu is a highly advanced and fully customizable menu system. Some of the great features include:

- ❖ * Hover support for IE6 using the sfHover javascript class just like in Suckerfish.
- ❖ * Fully degradable to standard SuckerFish menu if javascript is not supported.
- ❖ * Configurable mouse-out delay to allow for accidental mousing out of the menu.
- ❖ * Completely customizable animation effects using MooTools transitions. Can be configured in X and/or Y directions.
- ❖ * Support for fade-in transparency
- ❖ * Experimental support for IE6 z-index bug using the iFrame hack.

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MooMenu bglFrame	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Delay	<input type="text" value="500"/>
MooMenu Duration	<input type="text" value="600"/>
MooMenu FPS	<input type="text" value="200"/>
MooMenu Transition	<input type="text" value="Sine.easeOut"/>
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MooMenu Background Effect	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Over Background Duration	<input type="text" value="500"/>
MooMenu Over Background Transition	<input type="text" value="Expo.easeOut"/>
MooMenu Out Background Duration	<input type="text" value="600"/>
MooMenu Out Background Transition	<input type="text" value="Sine.easeOut"/>
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MooMenu Submenus Effect	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Submenu Over Background Duration	<input type="text" value="50"/>
MooMenu Submenu Over Background Transition	<input type="text" value="Expo.easeOut"/>
MooMenu Submenu Out Background Duration	<input type="text" value="600"/>
MooMenu Submenu Out Background Transition	<input type="text" value="Expo.easeOut"/>
MooMenu Submenu Top offset	<input type="text" value="5"/>
MooMenu Submenu Right offset	<input type="text" value="15"/>
MooMenu Submenu Bottom offset	<input type="text" value="5"/>
MooMenu Submenu Left offset	<input type="text" value="5"/>

For more details with diagrams, visit the [Mootools documentation site](#)

Assigning Parent Items to Create Your Drop-Downs

To have specific menu items appear as sub items, you must assign them to the specific navigation item in which they will originate from. The following tutorial will show you how simple it is to create your ideal menu system.

❖ Navigating to the Menu area

Once you have logged into the Joomla! Administration Area, you must navigate to the Menu area. Hover over the Menu item in the taskbar to show the dropdown menu. For this example, we are going into the mainmenu but the technique is exactly the same for all menus in the Administrative area.

The Menu Manager

You will then be transported to the Menu Manager for mainmenu. At this point, you can do 2 things. The first is to edit an existing menu item, which we will be doing in this tutorial or create a New menu item to be subordinate to an existing item. Click on the item you want to be part of the dropdown menu.

❖ Assigning the Parent item

Now that you are in the editor for the individual content item, you can then assign it to the mainmenu item in which you want the dropdown menu with your intended item to be place. Identify the "Parent Item" section of the manager. You will select the item in which you wish to be the parent and the source of the dropdown menu. In this example, we have selected "Home".