

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.

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

Selecting your Menu Style

SolarSentinel allows you to choose from 3 menu options

- ❖ **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 minimise 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 Manager (Admin > Extensions > Template Manager)

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 this 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 customisable menu system. Some of the great features include:

- ❖ Hover support for IE6 using the sfHover javascript class just like in Suckerfish.
- ❖ Configurable mouse-out delay to allow for accidental mousing out of the menu.
- ❖ Completely customisable 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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- Can be **true** or **false**. Only turn on if you are having problems with IE and z-index. This feature is experimental.

delay

- Defaults to **500ms**. This is the how long you can mouse off the menu before it vanishes.

props

- These are the properties that will be applied to the menu. Can be any combination of **opacity**, **width**, **height**. The two properties, **width** and **height** are affected by the transition defined in **opts**.

duration

- the time in ms the animation will run for.

transition

- any of the available MooTools transitions. See below for more details.

The transition variable can be any of the following MooTools transitions and should be in the format *Fx.Transitions.?????*

For example, "**Bounce.easeIn** or **Bounce.easeOut** or **Bounce.easeInOut**" produce a bouncing effect.

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

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- this is an added effect with Moomenu that allows a background fade (whether solid colour or image) to appear on hover of the first level Moomenu items so you will have a transition for the first level background and reveal of the second level dropdowns. With this setting, you can decide whether this feature is active as well as define the duration / transition of the moveover and mouseout state (i.e. when you hover over the menu, then move your cursor away).

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".