

Easy Vertical Menu 1.0 Quick Start Guide

Revision 1.0.0

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Prerequisites

Type	Requirement
DNN Version	DNN 4.6.2 - DNN 4.9.3
Database	MS SQL Server 2005 Express or higher
CSS	Firefox 2+, Internet Explorer 6 & 7
Operating System	Windows 2000/2003/2008
.Net Framework	32-bit .Net Framework 2.0
Environment	At least Medium Trust

Instructions for DotNetNuke Host Users

- A. The Easy Vertical Menu 1.0 Module is provided as is and has only been tested on DotNetNuke versions 4.6.2 - 4.9.3. Installation on other versions is not recommended.
- B. The Easy Vertical Menu 1.0 Module is provided as is and has only been tested on MS SQL Server 2005 and higher databases. Installation on other versions is not supported.
- C. The Easy Vertical Menu 1.0 Module is provided as is and has only been tested on Firefox 2.x, Firefox 3.x, Internet Explorer 6, and Internet Explorer 7. Use on other browsers it not supported.

Instructions for DotNetNuke Site Administrators Users

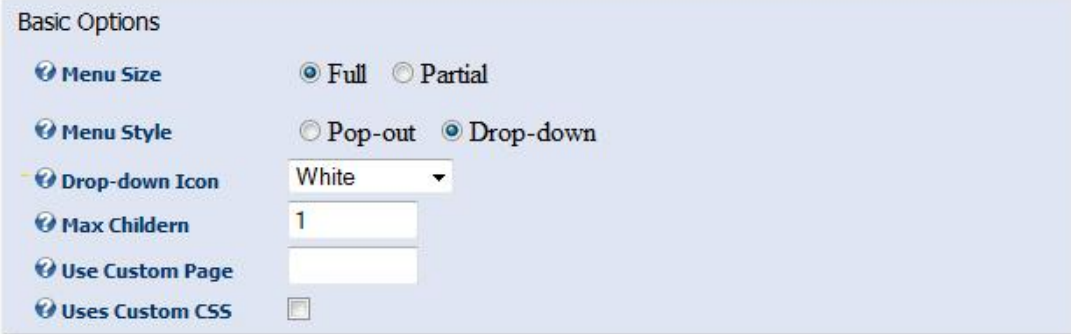
- A. Module placement:
 1. You can place the module on any defined DotNetNuke content pane as seen in Figure 1.1. However, it is recommended that only one module be placed per page/tab.



Figure 1.1

B. Editing Easy Vertical Menu Settings

Easy Vertical Menu 1.0 settings are separated into two option sets, **Basic Options** and **CSS Options**.



The screenshot shows a configuration panel titled "Basic Options" with a light blue background. It contains several settings:

- Menu Size:** Radio buttons for "Full" (selected) and "Partial".
- Menu Style:** Radio buttons for "Pop-out" and "Drop-down" (selected).
- Drop-down Icon:** A dropdown menu currently showing "White".
- Max Childern:** A text input field containing the number "1".
- Use Custom Page:** An empty text input field.
- Uses Custom CSS:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.

Figure 1.2

1. The **Basic Options** allow you to define a menu's structure, size, and limits. See Figure 1.2 for details. The following are the current available options:
 - **Menu Size:** This option forces the menu to display all available pages or just the pages related to the current page.
 - **Menu Style:** The option forces the menu to display using pop-out items or using a drop-down/tree view.
 - **Drop-down Icon:** This option allows you to specify the colored icon that appears with the drop-down menu style (15+ colors available).
 - **Max Children:** This option forces the menu to display only the number of child levels (sub-pages) you want (value must be between 1 and 10). A value of 1 is recommended for menus set to *Drop-down*.
 - **Use Custom Page:** The option allows you to specify a different page other than the current one to act as the parent. This option only applies to menus set to *Partial* size.
 - **Uses Custom CSS:** Enabling this option forces the menu to ignore the CSS options for the module. See Section C. Using Custom CSS/Themes for more details.

2. The **CSS Options** allow you to define the values for some of the CSS properties generated for the menu. See Figure 1.3 and Figure 1.4 for details.

CSS Options

Base Parent Color Black White Blue Green Red

Base Parent Image

Active Parent Color Black White Blue Green Red

Active Parent Image

Base Child Color Black White Blue Green Red

Active Parent Image

Active Child Color Black White Blue Green Red

Active Child Image

Figure 1.3

The following are the current available CSS options (shown in Figure 1.3):

- **Base Parent Color:** This option allows you to select the default background color for *Parent* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF). You can also specify “transparent” as an option in custom HTML Color text-box.
- **Base Parent Image:** This option allows you to specify a local image (i.e. \images\normalblacktile.jpg) as a default background for *Parent* items. This takes priority over *Base Parent Color*. Only GIF, JPG, and PNG files are allowed. Images that tile horizontally are recommended.
- **Active Parent Color:** This option allows you to select the active background color for *Parent* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF). You can also specify “transparent” as an option in custom HTML Color text-box.
- **Active Parent Image:** This option allows you to specify a local image (i.e. \images\hoverblacktile.jpg) as an active background for *Parent* items. This takes priority over *Active Parent Color*. Only GIF, JPG, and PNG files are allowed. Images that tile horizontally are recommended.
- **Base Child Color:** This option allows you to select the default background color for *Child* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF). You can also specify “transparent” as an option in custom HTML Color text-box.
- **Base Child Image:** This option allows you to specify a local image (i.e. \images\normalblacktile.jpg) as a default background for *Child* items. This takes priority over *Base Child Color*. Only GIF, JPG, and PNG files are allowed. Images that tile horizontally are recommended.
- **Active Child Color:** This option allows you to select the active background color for *Child* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF). You can also specify “transparent” as an option in custom HTML Color text-box.
- **Active Child Image:** This option allows you to specify a local image (i.e. \images\hoverblacktile.jpg) as an active background for *Child* items. This takes priority over *Active Child Color*. Only GIF, JPG, and PNG files are allowed. Images that tile horizontally are recommended.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Base Parent Text Color	<input type="radio"/> Black <input checked="" type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Blue <input type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Red	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active Parent Text Color	<input type="radio"/> Black <input checked="" type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Blue <input type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Red	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Base Child Text Color	<input type="radio"/> Black <input checked="" type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Blue <input type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Red	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active Child Text Color	<input type="radio"/> Black <input checked="" type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Blue <input type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Red	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Parent Width	<input type="text" value="200"/>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Parent Height	<input type="text" value="22"/>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Child Height	<input type="text" value="22"/>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Text Size	<input type="text" value="X-Small"/>	

Figure 1.4

The following are the current available CSS options (shown in Figure 1.4):

- **Base Parent Text Color:** This option allows you to select the default text color for *Parent* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF).
- **Active Parent Text Color:** This option allows you to select the active text color for *Parent* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF).
- **Base Child Text Color:** This option allows you to select the default text color for *Child* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF).
- **Active Child Text Color:** This option allows you to select the active text color for *Child* items using the given options or a custom HTML Color (i.e. #FFFFFF).
- **Parent Width:** This option allows you to select the width for *Parent* items given in pixels. A number between 140 and 200 is recommended.
- **Parent Height:** This option allows you to select the height for *Parent* items given in pixels. A number between 15 and 30 is recommended.
- **Child Height:** This option allows you to select the height for *Child* items given in pixels. A number between 15 and 30 is recommended.
- **Text Size:** This option allows you to specify the text size for both *Parent* and *Child* items. Available text sizes range from 10 to 18 pixels.

* Please note the default font style is Arial.

C. Using Custom CSS/Themes

Easy Vertical Menu was designed with flexibility in mind giving complete access to the CSS classes generated for each menu instance. You can download complete Themes and CSS structures for FREE from our site. [Click here for more info.](#)

To use one of our themes:

1. Place the module on a page and find its *ModuleId*. This can usually be done by viewing the source for page the module is residing.
2. Download a theme's compressed folder/archive (.zip) from our site.
3. Decompress the folder locally. You will find two items, a text file and another archive file.
4. Open the text file (Notepad is recommended). The text file contains the Basic CSS code for the given theme. You will need to replace "ModuleId" text with the appropriate number you found in step 1 and replace "PortalId" with your website's portal number.
5. In DNN copy and paste the text from the file into the Menu's Module Settings → Advanced Settings → Header.
6. In DNN using the File Manager upload the ...Themelimages.zip to a folder called "Images" which must be sub directory of "Portal Root". Make sure the "Decompress ZIP Files?" is selected before uploading.
7. In DNN select the Uses Custom CSS Setting from Module Settings → Easy Vertical Menu Settings → Basic Options.

** For those who do not have a compression/decompression tool we recommend 7-Zip which is freely available at this time (April 2009).*

D. FAQ

1. "Why when a page first loads does a block of menu items appear for a bit and then disappear?"

In order to ensure proper placement of menu items and efficient load times the module processes where all items should be placed, modifies their relative positions, and then hides them. Due to browser and JavaScript restrictions items cannot be placed when hidden.