

multiMenu 1.7 - when multiMenu goes sitemap - Modules

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The main objective of this module is to allow webmasters who are not used with website or module management to easily display custom menus. Other benefits include plenty of features that allow the webmaster to personalise the use of the module. This includes very flexible block menu allowing many disply type options, as we will see later in this short guide.

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ADMINISTRATION

Preferences (or module general settings)

Before using this multiMenu module, we suggest to have a careful look at the admin settings. This is where you will define the functional and personal settings of your module. Those settings have a direct impact on the index pages (but not on block settings).

~Display Main page:

You may activate or not the Sitemap option here. If you deactivate it, you may eventuellay keep using it as a fake module to display whatever block you want, or use is as a secondary homepage. Keep in mind this would only deactivate the main index page, not the sub-index sitemap pages.

~Introduction text:

Put here the text you want to see above the main index page. This text accept Xoops and HTML codes.

~Display banner: You have the possibility to display or not a banner or the module name above all the module pages. If you want to change the banner, change the `'/module/multiMenu/images/logo.gif'` file.

~Display multiMenu page (from 1 to 4): Choose the multiMenu content you want to display in the index pages.

~Menu Title (from 1 to 4):

Define the index and admin multiMenu page titles. Pay attention, this won't affect the related blocks title!

~Display Nav Bar:

A navigation bar with the activated index page would display above each and every page. If you don't want this function, you can deactivate it here.

~Default image width:

Fix the standard maximum size value a picture would display on the index pages. It would only resize pictures which are bigger than this value (thus, no stretching effect).

~Display icons:

Activating this function would display icons in front of each and every links. There are actually 4 types of links :

- Absolute main links

- Absolute sub links
- Relative main links
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~Menu to display in theme:

This option allow you to display one of your multiMenu directly in your theme. All you need to do is to insert that code in your current theme *:

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Module navigation bar consisting of-

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- Preferences
- Help
- Admin links
- multiMenu (ranging from 1 to 4)

Note: there is a color code which indicate if the current multiMenu is displayed or not in the index page.

You can navigate through the whole module and it's option thanks to this nav bar. Keep in mind that on each and every page generated by Edito, as admin of the module, you will be able to directly access the edit, delete or administration function.

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Display each and every multiMenu links.

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- Picture: display a reduced version of the used picture.
- Title

- Link
- Status: Green for online, red for offline.
- Type
- Functions: main admin functions, edit, delete, move up and down.

Links are ranked in display order. This order can be changed clicking on the green arrows (up and down).

Click on 'New Link' to create a new entry.

New link

multiMenu is designed to easily create menu links. You just have to fill in the form to create a new link.

You can choose to display a picture with or without links, with different possible display options.

~Title: is the link title. You can use html code (to color your links for instance) or smilies. It is better not use the BBcodes.

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In this version, you have the possibility to use two different tages **{module}** **{theme}** , respectively displaying the module or theme used on the current page. Those option would allow you to display specific logos regarding the module or theme the user is navigating the website.

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When editing a multiMenu block, use the "Setting" option, in 6 different catégories.

1) Block Format

~Format:

You can display the multiMenu links under 11 different forms:

- Standard Menu (Main Menu like)
- Drop List
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- Scrolling Picture (scrolling without pause)
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2) Links

~Link type to display:

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In which order do you want to display your links: by weight (defined by admin order) or by ordered or reversed alphabetical order.

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5) Scroll Settings

Those options are only valuable if you select the Sliding Picture format. **~Block width and height:**

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