

Affinity 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.

Affinity 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

Affinity 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.

An example configuration as used in the demo:

Menu Type	MooMenu
Drop Down Rows Per Column	
Drop Down Columns	2
Multi-Column Level	1
Menu Name	mainmenu
MooMenu BGI Frame	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Delay	500
MooMenu Duration	500
MooMenu FPS	100
MooMenu Transition	Quad.easeOut
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MooMenu Background Effect	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Over Background Duration	500
MooMenu Over Background Transition	Sine.easeOut
MooMenu Out Background Duration	600
MooMenu Out Background Transition	Sine.easeOut
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MooMenu Submenus Effect	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
MooMenu Submenus Max Opacity (0 to 1)	0.9
MooMenu Submenu Over Background Duration	50
MooMenu Submenu Over Background Transition	Expo.easeOut
MooMenu Submenu Out Background Duration	600
MooMenu Submenu Out Background Transition	Expo.easeOut
MooMenu Submenu Top offset	3
MooMenu Submenu Right offset	1
MooMenu Submenu Bottom offset	0
MooMenu Submenu Left offset	1

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".