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ABSTRACT

Not just at websites, as for top menus, routinely JUST vertical drop-down submenus occur, placed beside one another, starting at the selected item of main menu or of previous submenu, disappearing after target is evoked, DESPITE always just small number of submenus.

So, making submenus horizontal there is not lost much space for displaying the evoked object and together with main menu also selected submenus may stay displayed, with highlighting SELECTED ITEMS in main menu and in selected submenu (= PATH). As well as for using horizontal submenus to control an external process without displaying objects the path may be seen.

Side extra menus occur too, so here also: one, to alternate evoked target.

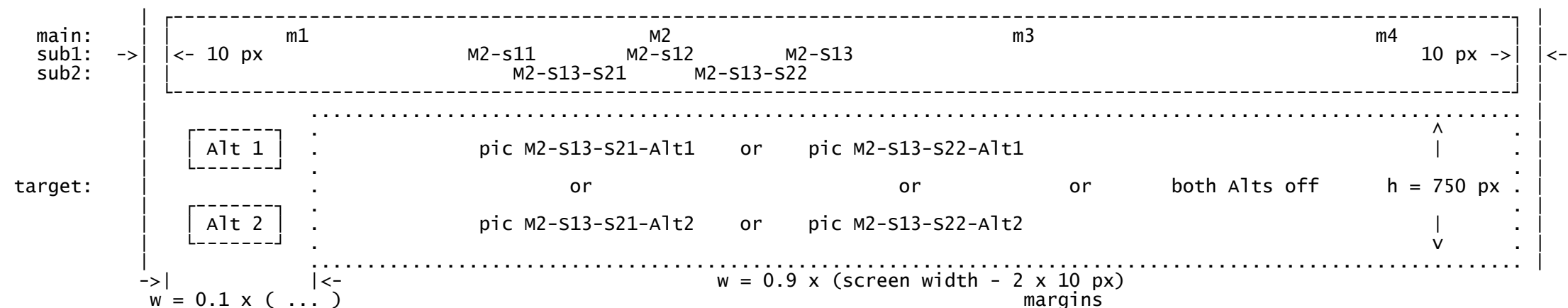
DESCRIPTION

main menu: top menu - items in a row
 1st submenu: drop-down submenu expanded from an item of main menu - items in a row embedded under the item of main menu
 n-th submenu: drop-down submenu expanded from an item of (n-1)th submenu - items in a row embedded under the SAME item of MAIN menu
 alternating: alternating of TARGET EVOKED FROM THE LOWEST SUBMENU - side two-button switch
 evoked target: an evoked process - displaying a (static / dynamic) object, controlling an external process

code realization: menu - <td> elements in one-row <table> element
 Alt buttons - <td> elements in two-row <table> element \ one-row
 target - <td> element beside Alt buttons' <table> element / <table> element
 switching - <div> elements, residing in <td> elements of <table> elements,
 being switched in visibility and text color by getElementById commands
 borders - controllers visible, sections normally invisible
 approach - <table> instead of <div> elements: visible logic code structure => simple handling groups;
 <div> residing in <td> elements: getElementById command cannot handle <td> element;
 <tr> and <td> elements create margins around themselves - disadvantage in the lowest submenus

EXAMPLE

main: 4 items
 sub1: 3 items expanded from item 2 of main
 sub2: 2 items expanded from item 3 of sub1
 target: displaying a picture from item 1 or 2 of sub2



TRY

- place hdsat at D:\, see png, launch htm, read pdf
 (modify <base href="D:\hdsat\"> in htm to your needs)
- open files htm, css, js in a text editor:
 - alternating & footer omissible - snippets in htm
 - modifiable: menu non-/transparency - in css;
 main menu / submenus length - parameter 'width' in css;
 submenus / items number - omissible / addable snippets in htm + css + js
 - exchangable target - picture / others + snippet in htm
 - (in main menu just one item active - codes more clear, COMMENTED)