

MenuBuilder

Extension for  **Magento™**
Open Source eCommerce

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Introduction

Congratulations!

It was a good decision to buy the TSDesigns MenuBuilder, you can now upgrade your online shop to be even more effective. This manual contains all important information for best possible use of your new extension.

Installation

Steps

Unzip the file TSDesigns_MenuBuilder.zip.

Copy all directories into the Magento directory on your server.

Check file permissions (directory 655, files 755).

Log into the Magento administration panel and delete the cache.

The required files were installed. Close the admin panel and open it again. Open the configuration under **System » Configuration**.


On the left bar you now see a new menu tab "TSDesigns". Click on the link "Info" below the menu tab.

If the extension is among the listed modules the installation was successfully completed.


Working with menus

After successful installation we will now set up a menu. Log into your admin panel and click on **Catalogue » MenuBuilder**. The MenuBuilder is divided into two sections. On the left side you will find the actual store view as well as all menus including their menus set up for the stores. On the right side you will see the settings of the selected menu or nodes.

Setup

First we would like to explain how to set up new menus. Click on  **Menu**

An input mask on the right side will open where you can define general and individual settings for your menu.

 **New Menu**

Reset

Save Menu

General Information

Custom Design

General Information

Name *

[STORE VIEW]

Menu Code *

[STORE VIEW]

Description


[STORE VIEW]

Is Active

No


[STORE VIEW]

Display From



[STORE VIEW]

Display To



[STORE VIEW]

Display Mode *

Nowhere (For Manual Positioning)

[STORE VIEW]

Sort Order

[STORE VIEW]

Input mask menu settings

Please note: Fields marked with * are required fields

General settings

Following general features are now available:

- Name of your menu
- Menu code, an explicit identification string for manual positioning
- Description

Activate menu

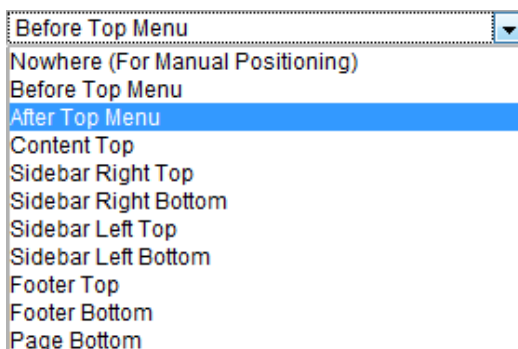
Please note: The menu is only visible if activated.

Display period

Here you can define the period of displaying your menu.

Position

Select the position of your menu from the dropdown list.



Maunal positioning

There are different methods to manually position a menu in your shop. The easiest way is to directly link in a CMS page or under “XML for layout changes” for the columns of a displayed page.

If you want to place a menu directly in a CMS page please use the following code:

```
{{block type="menubuilder/menu" name="ANY"  
menu_code="MENUCODE"}}
```

Replace **ANY** with a matching individual name and define the menu code instead of the variable **MENUCODE**. You will find the menu code in the MenuBuilder when clicking in the field „Menu Code” on the requested menu.

Choose Store View:

All Store Views

Menu Node

Collapse All | Expand All

Default Menu

Default Menu (ID: 2) Reset Delete

General Information Custom Design

General Information

Name * Default Menu

Menu Code * default

Description

Check menu code

If all adjustments were made correctly you now see a menu. Further adjustments can be made with CSS. With vertical menus there might be display errors if the available space is wider than the right/left columns. You can easily correct this using CSS.

XML for chance layout

To display a menu in the right or left column of a multi-column CMS page you can use XML.

Page Information

Page Information

Content

Design

Meta Data

Edit Page 'Enable Cookies' Back Reset Delete Page Save

Page Layout

Layout * 1 column

Layout Update XML

XML for change of layout

For the left column:

```
<reference name="left">
  <block type="menubuilder/menu" name="MENUCODE" before="-">
    <action method="setMenuCode">
      <menu_code>MENUCODE</menu_code>
    </action>
  </block>
</reference>
```

For the right column:

```
<reference name="right">
  <block type="menubuilder/menu" name="MENUCODE" before="-">
    <action method="setMenuCode">
      <menu_code>MENUCODE</menu_code>
    </action>
  </block>
</reference>
```

You can also use above examples in the XML files of the layout under

app/design/frontend/[PACKET]/[THEME]/layout/

Individual settings	Besides the general features you can assign individual features to your menu that mainly relate to the presentation of a menu.
Name	Activate this field if the name of the menu shall be displayed before the actual menu. However, this is not possible on every position.
Template	Choose a predefined template which will be the HTML structure of your menu.

Picture

Choose a picture to be uploaded.

TIP: Small file sizes avoid long loading times (pictures are not reduced on the server).

**Individual
template**

In order to use an own HTML structure specify the path to your template file here.

**Individual CSS
class**

In order to max out all design possibilities you may also design the menus with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). Define the desired "main" class (in following example „custom-menu“) under individual CSS class. All other points can then be designed as follows:

```
.custom-menu nav-horizontal li { color:red; }
```

Background

Here you can define an individual background.

Save

In order to set up your menu click on



Congratulations!

You have just successfully created your first menu!

Edit

After saving the menus are displayed on

the left side and can be edited any time by clicking on the respective menu.

Delete

Choose the menu to be deleted on the left side and click on the button



All sub-menus will be deleted!


Working with nodes

Setup

You can set up one or several nodes for each menu. Click on the menu for which you want to set up the node. Then click on the Button





On the right side an input mask to set up nodes will open up:

 **New Node**
Reset
Save Node

General Information
Custom Design

General Information

Link To	<input type="text" value="Nowhere"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Link Target	<input type="text" value="Same Window"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Name *	<input type="text"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Description	<div></div>	[STORE VIEW]
Is Active	<input type="text" value="No"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display From	<input type="text"/> 	[STORE VIEW]
Display To	<input type="text"/> 	[STORE VIEW]

New node

General settings

Under „General settings” you define the basic configuration of your nodes.

Linking

Under „linking” you can choose the target of your link:

- Nowhere
- Category
- CMS page
- Product
- Internal URL
- External URL

Please note: If you want to link a category or CMS page you have to select the requested target from the dropdown list or set it up manually.

Select target

Under „Select target” you can adjust whether your link will be opened in a new window."

Activate

Define whether the nodes shall be visible.


Please note: The node is only visible if activated.

Display period

If you want to display a link only within a certain period of time select the corresponding period under “Display from” and “Display to”.

Individual settings

You can add an individual design under „Individual design”.

 **New Node**
Reset Save Node

General Information

Custom Design

Custom Design

Display Mode	<input type="text" value="Name"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Image	<input type="text"/> Durchsuchen...	[STORE VIEW]
Custom CSS Class	<input type="text"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Font Weight	<input type="text" value="Standard"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Font Color	<input type="text"/> ■	[STORE VIEW] Hex value, i.e. 006699
Background Color	<input type="text"/> ■	[STORE VIEW] Hex value, leave blank for none

Individual input mask

Type of display

Select from the dropdown menu how your node shall be displayed:

Name

Only the name of the link will be displayed

With picture

Only the uploaded picture will be displayed

With icon and name

The uploaded picture is displayed as icon (the picture will be minimized) in front of the name

With background and name

The uploaded picture is displayed as background behind the name.

Picture

Choose a picture to be uploaded.

TIP: Small file sizes avoid long loading times (pictures are not reduced on the server)

Individual CSS class

In order to max out all design possibilities you may also design the menus and their nodes with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). Define the desired “main” class (in following example „custom-menu“) under Individual CSS class. All other points can then be designed as follows:

```
.custom-menu nav-horizontal li { color:red; }
```

Save

In order to set up your node click on



Congratulations!

You have just successfully created your first node!

Edit

After saving the nodes are displayed on the left side and can be edited any time by clicking on the respective node.

Delete

Choose the node to be deleted on the left side and click on the button



All sub-nodes will be deleted!

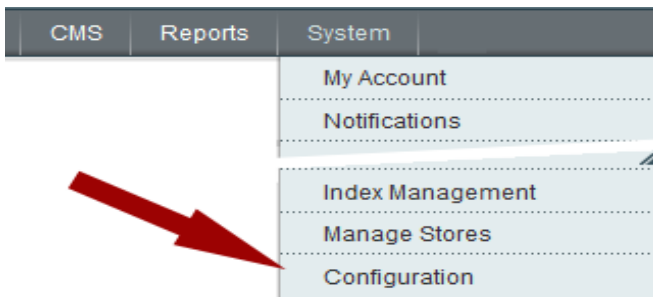
Move

Nodes can be moved within a menu or between several menus. Place the mouse on the node to be moved, push the left mouse key, hold it and move the node to the desired position.

Configuration

For configuration of the MenuBuilder please choose **System » Configuration** at the admin panel.

The configuration is below the tab „TSDesigns“.



Configuration MenuBuilder

Info

Information about the installed extensions and the possibility to receive update information or not.

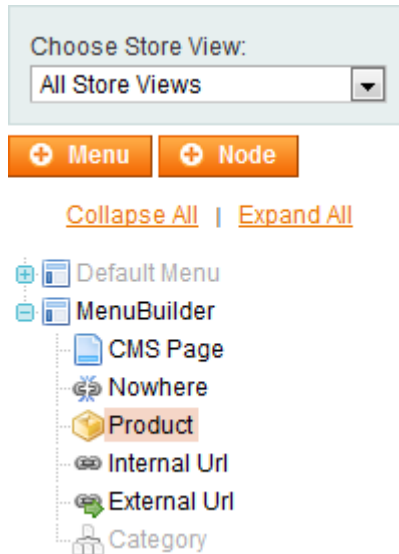
MenuBuilder

Here you can adjust whether you want to display the main navigation integrated into Magento or not. This is recommended if you use the MenuBuilder for administration of your menus.

Description menu tree

Tree structure

All menus and nodes are displayed on the left side of the MenuBuilder.



Menu tree

Menus and nodes are displayed in different ways depending on type, link and status. Grey font means that the menu or node is inactive. The symbol indicates the type or link.