Simple Page Sidebars Plugin Documentation

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1. Plugin information

| Plugin Name	Simple Page Sidebars
Dependencies	*None (users WP Menus for adding menu to sidebar)*
Source	https://wordpress.org/plugins/simple-page-sidebars/
Written for Version	1.2.0

2. Description

"Designed for simplicity and flexibility, Simple Page Sidebars gives WordPress users, designers, and developers the ability to assign custom sidebars to individual pages--without making any template changes. Existing sidebars can also be assigned in quick edit and bulk edit modes, helping save you time." - wordpress plugin page
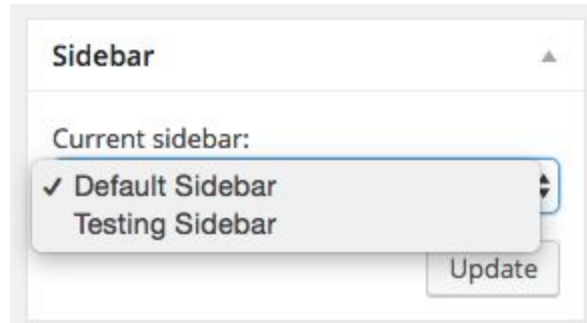
3. Using the plugin

This plugin allows for custom sidebars that can be added to different pages. Each of these sidebars can have widgets or custom menus added to them.
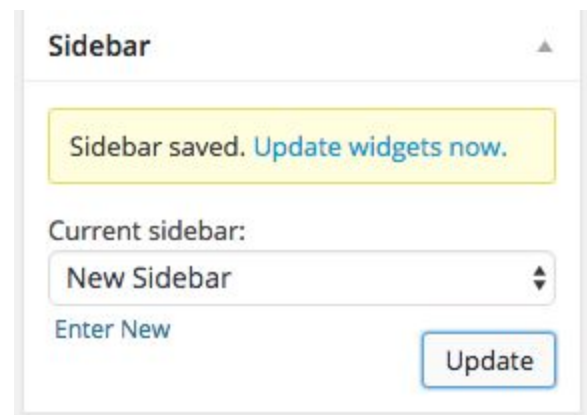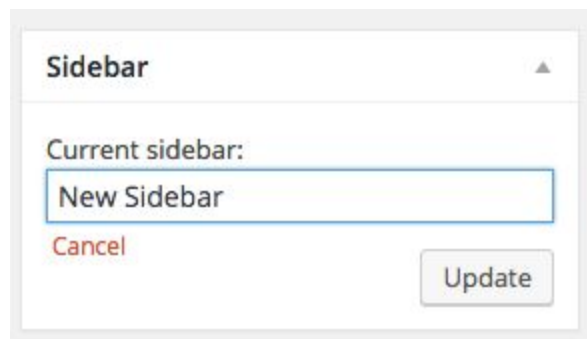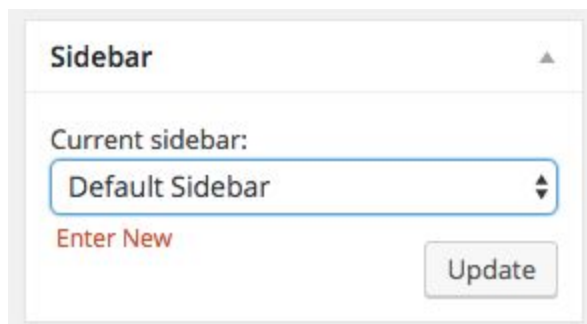
3.1 Adding a sidebar to a page

To add a sidebar to a page go to the **sidebars section** on the right hand side of the page in wordpress admin and select the sidebar from the **dropdown menu**.
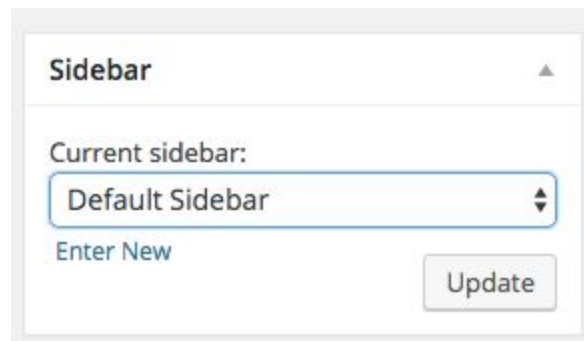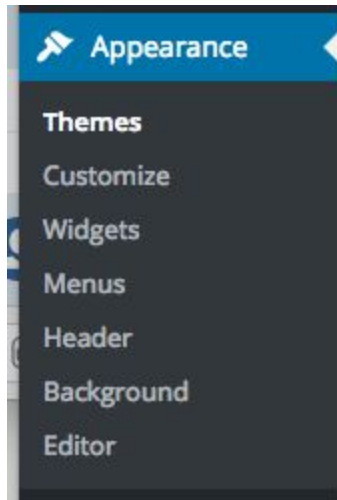
If you want to create a new sidebar press the **Enter New** button and add a name for the new sidebar. Then press the **Update** button to create the new sidebar.
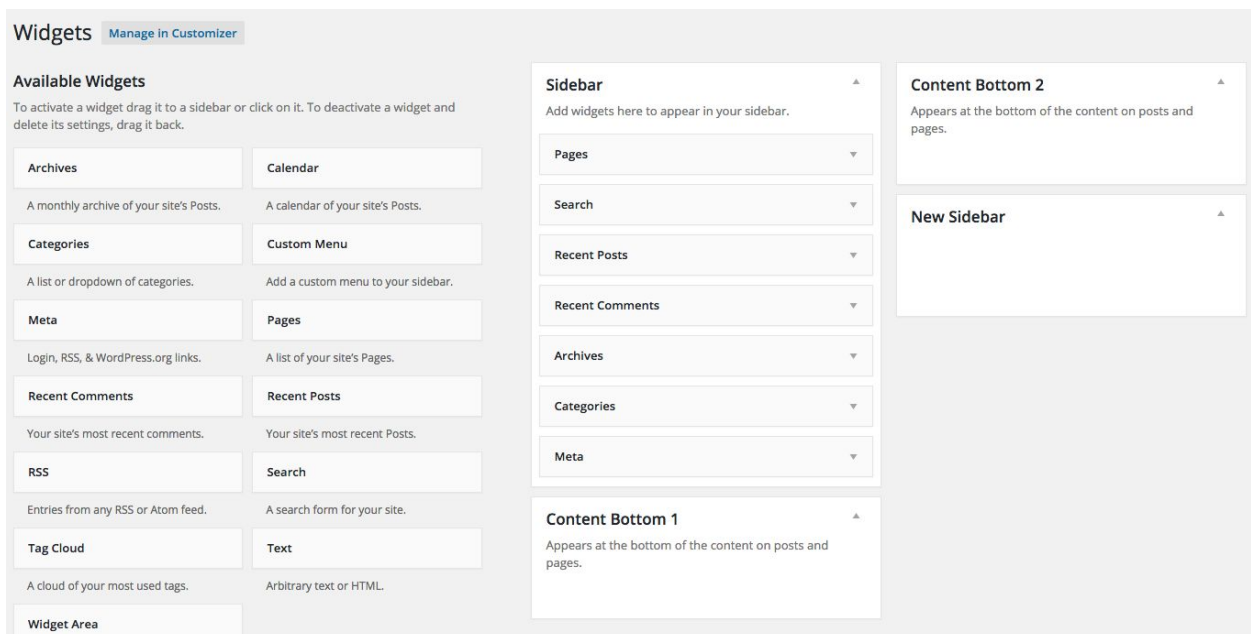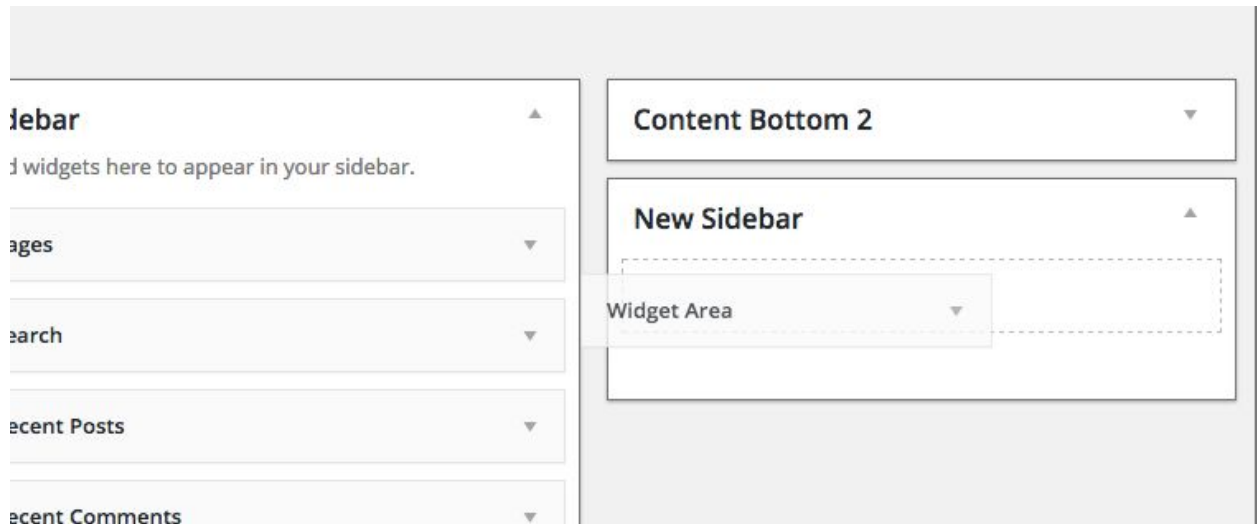
3.2 Customizing the sidebar

a) To customise the contents of the sidebar go to the **Appearance Page** of wordpress and navigate to the **Widgets Page**.

b) This will be a page with available **widgets** on the left and the **sidebars** and widget content areas on the right.

c) To add a widget to a sidebar or content area just **click and drag** it across to the correct area.
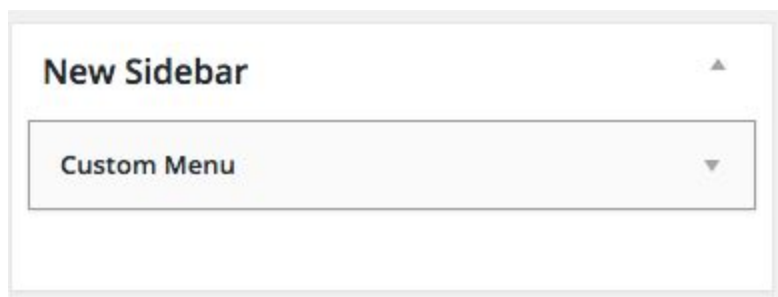
c) Each of these widgets can have a **custom title** added to them which appears appears as a header above the widget content.
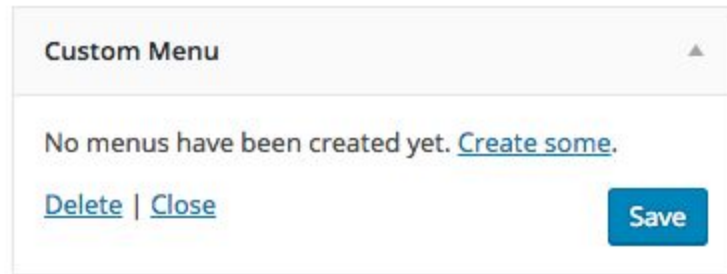

## 3.3 Adding a custom nav system to the sidebar

a) To add a navigation to a sidebar drag the **custom menu** widget onto the sidebar you want it to appear on.
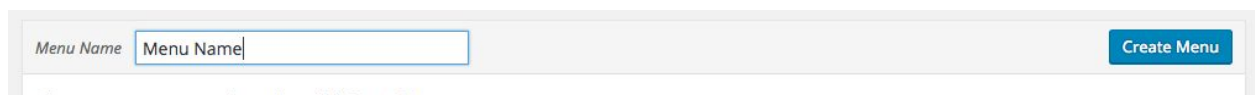
b) Expand the custom menu section. If you have no navigation systems built yet then you will be prompted to create some.
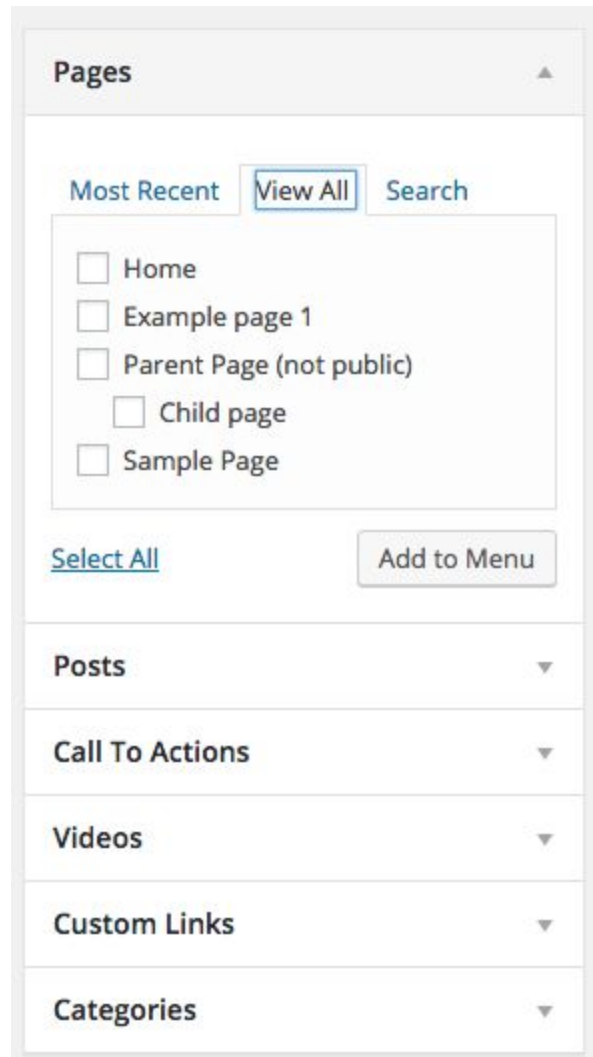

c) Clicking **create some** will take you to the **menus page** in wordpress. On this page you can create navigation systems for use in the header, sidebar, footer or elsewhere on the site.
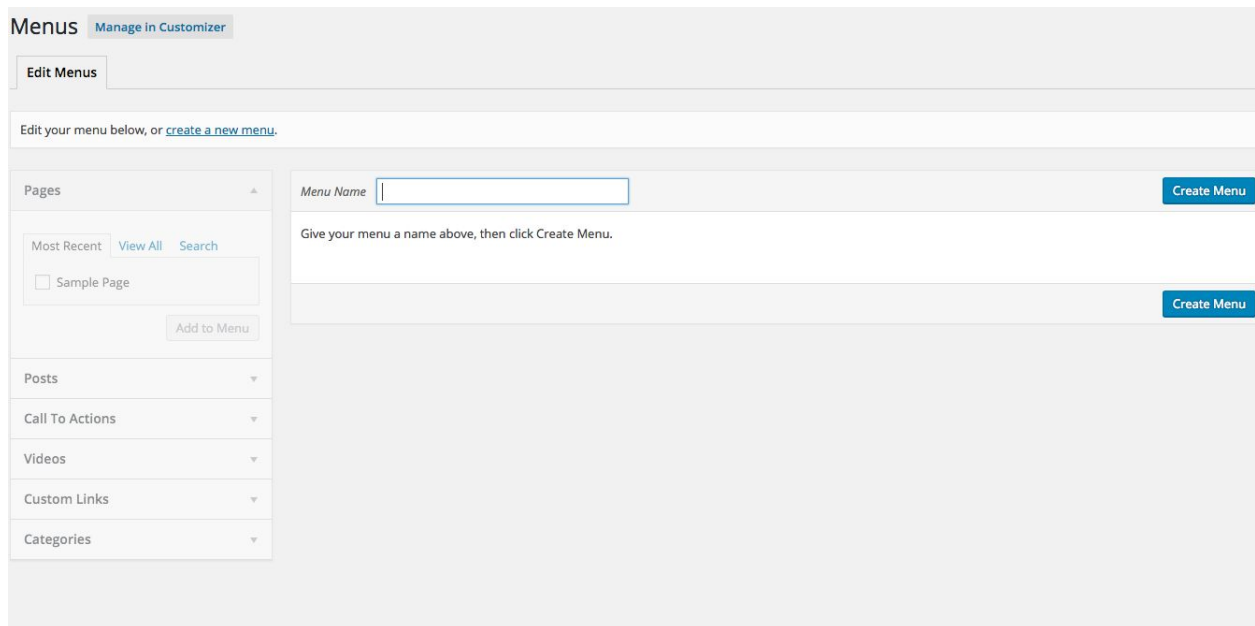

d) Create a new menu by adding a **Menu name** and pressing **create menu**:

e) Now you can add the pages to the menu using the menu on the left side.

You can add pages, posts, custom posts, categories or custom links to the menu. For this example we are going to add "Example page 1", "Parent Page (not public)" and "Child page". "Parent Page (not public)" is a structural page and so won't have a link visible.
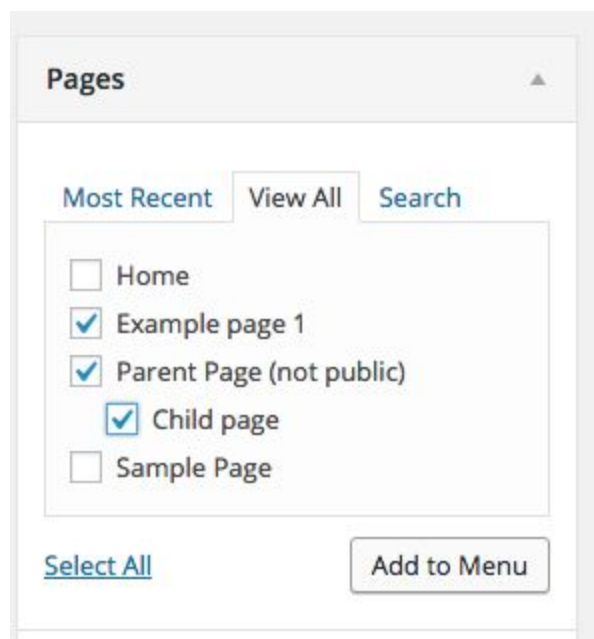
f) **Select** the pages that are going to be added to the menu and press **add to menu**.
They should now appear on the right hand side.
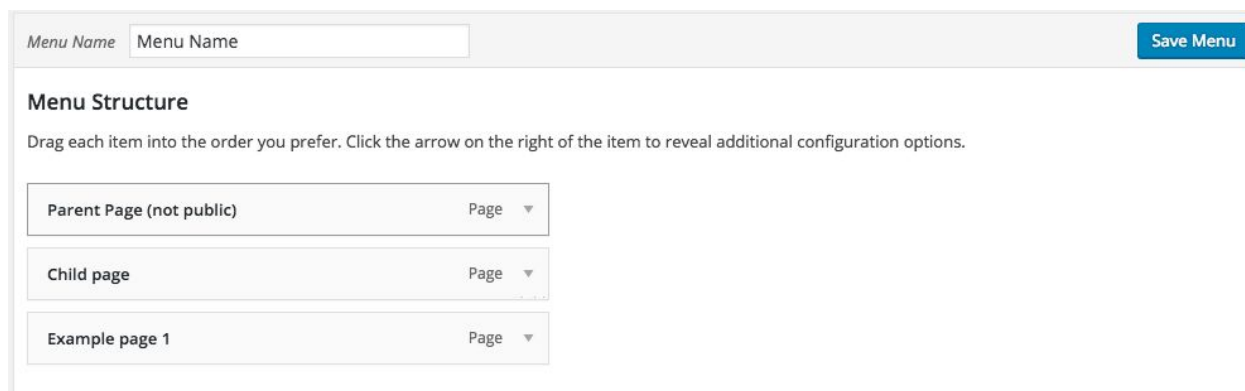
g) As the child page is a child of Page Parent you need to click and **drag it slightly to the right**:

So it appears like this:

(The menu items can be moved around using the "move up", "move down" etc. buttons but clicking and dragging is faster.)

h) Now click **screen options** in the top right to open all the screen options.

This window will be opened up:

i) Tick **Title Attribute** and **CSS Classes**

These options now appear when the menu items are expanded:
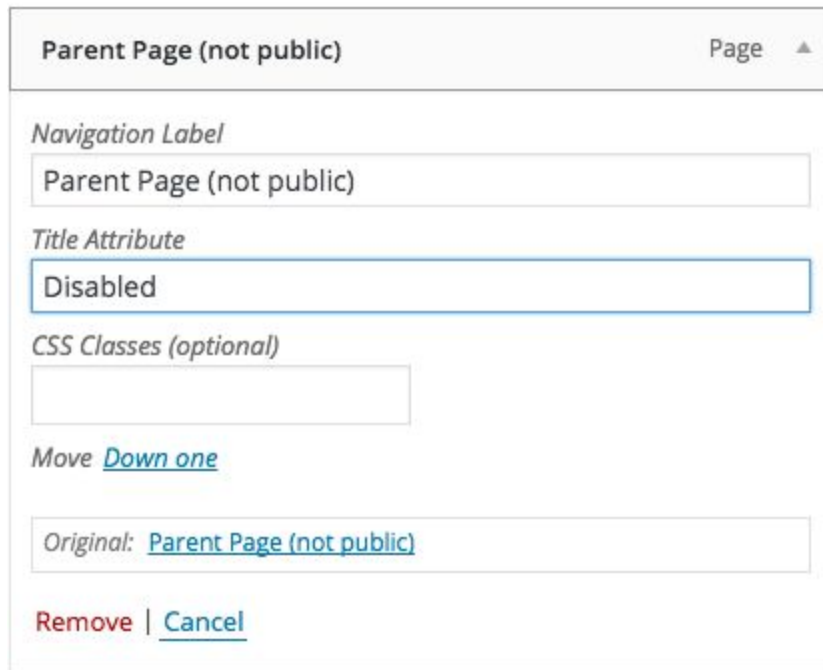
j) **Custom classes** can be used to add specific styles to each menu item. To disable the link on the parent page open up the item and add **disabled** into **Title Attribute** and click **Save Menu**.

k) Now that the menu is saved go back to the **Widgets Page**. On the sidebar that you are creating open the custom menu drop down and select the menu that was just created. Give the menu a **Title** and **Save** it.
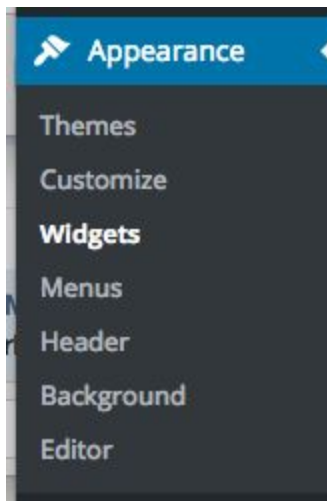
l) Go to the page where you have added the sidebar. There should be a navigation menu like this:

Parent Page (not public) still appears in the navigation but doesn't have a link to a page.
This sidebar can be added to any page. The menu can be added to any other sidebar as well.