

In this video, we will go over some of the key features of Hostinger website builder that are used on the Future Builders Foundation website, and we will do this by creating a new test website. You are welcome to create your own test website like I am doing to try out these features yourself. To create a test website, we click on Add Website, and select the Hostinger Website Builder option. Here, it will prompt you to answer a few questions so AI can generate a website for you, and from there you can make changes as needed. I'm going to fill this out with a sample description; if you want to use the same description on yours, you can access the descriptions from the test file in the Resources tab in the upper right hand corner of this training. Or you can make your own.

Now a website has been generated, as you can see. We're going to go into preview mode by clicking 'Preview' in the top right hand corner. Here, you can preview your website as it would look on a computer, and as it would look on mobile. We're going to view it in desktop mode. Think of your website like a tree. The whole website is the tree. The website is made up of pages, which are the branches of the tree. And the leaves on the branches are like the sections that make up a page.

This is the homepage, and up here in the menu you can see that we have other pages the viewer can visit. Within each page, there are multiple sections, the number of which vary from page to page. On the homepage, we have 4 sections. The top and bottom sections are special, since they appear on each page. As you can see, I can click into a different page and it changes, but these two sections remain the same.

The top section is called the header, and it usually contains the logo, menu, and sometimes a button. The bottom section is called the footer, and it usually has additional information, social media links, an address and contact information, or a mailing list; it's quite flexible actually.

Let's go back into the editor to see how we can play around with this. Notice how in the editor, you can edit the desktop AND the mobile version. While editing, continue to check the mobile version as well and make sure that looks good as well. If it doesn't, you can move and resize directly in mobile view without affecting the desktop version. For now, let's go back to desktop mode.

First, let's change up this menu a bit. If you recall on the Future Builders Foundation website in the previous video, we had two types of dropdowns within the menu. One dropdown menu had the category title that was not its own page, while the other dropdown menu had its category have its own page. We are going to explore how to make each of these types of dropdown menus.

To edit the menu, click on Pages and Navigation on the left side menu; it's the icon right below the plus. Clicking this will open up a list of all the pages in the order they appear on the menu. Let's say you want to have a Support Us section, with a dropdown that has options for Volunteer and Donate, and you want 'Support Us' to be its own page as well. You would start by creating each of these pages; Support Us, Volunteer, and Donate. To do that, you'll click on Add Page.

From here, you can choose a template or start with a blank page. There is a Generate Page feature, but the specific plan this organization uses does not give us access to AI generate individual pages. I'll do a blank page for now.

I'm going to create another page, Volunteer. And for this one, I kind of like this template under Projects. And another page, Donate. On this one, I'll do another blank page. Now you have all these menu options listed here, and you can see that they all appear in the menu on the webpage as well. But we don't want all these menu items here, we want Support Us and then the other pages to appear as a dropdown underneath that. To change this, I'm going to click on Volunteer and drag it under Support Us until it indents. This is a little clunky but give it a few tries, it'll eventually snap into place. And I'm going to do the same thing with Donate. And now, you'll see that both these pages are indented under Support Us, and on the website it shows as a dropdown. And if you click on Support Us, it leads to its own page. Now, let's say you want to create an About Us dropdown, with an Our Team and Our Vision page, and you DON'T want About Us to be its own page. We are going to start by making new pages just like before, but since we don't want About Us to be its own page, we will not be making that page. So we will be making 2 pages: Our Team, and Our Vision. For Our Team, let's use this template right here under About templates. And for Our Vision, let's use this Services template. Cool. Now you can see these menu items appear in the menu. We want these to be under a dropdown titled 'About Us'. To do that, go over here at the bottom of the pages and navigation panel and click this icon that says 'Add a new dropdown'. Doing this will create this item on the menu that says 'New Dropdown'. We can rename this by clicking on the Settings icon. So I will do that, and rename it to 'About Us'. Once we do that, we can drag pages underneath it until it indents, just like before. So I will drag 'Our Team' under 'About Us', and do the same thing with 'Our Vision'. And now if you look at the menu, you have a dropdown that looks very similar to the Support Us dropdown, but 'About Us' is not its own page.

A couple other things: let's say you want to create a page but you don't want it to show up in the menu at all. You might want to do this if a page is still a work in progress, or maybe you want a link to a page to only be visible on one page rather than in the header. Let's create an 'Our Impact' page to demonstrate how you can hide it from the menu. I'll use this Projects template, and remember to rename the page. Now, let's say I'm working on this page and I'm not done with it yet and don't want it to appear in the menu. I can simply drag this page down to 'Hidden from Navigation' to hide it. And now you can see that this page is not in the menu on the website anymore.