Animated Dropdown Navigation with CSS3 Transitions

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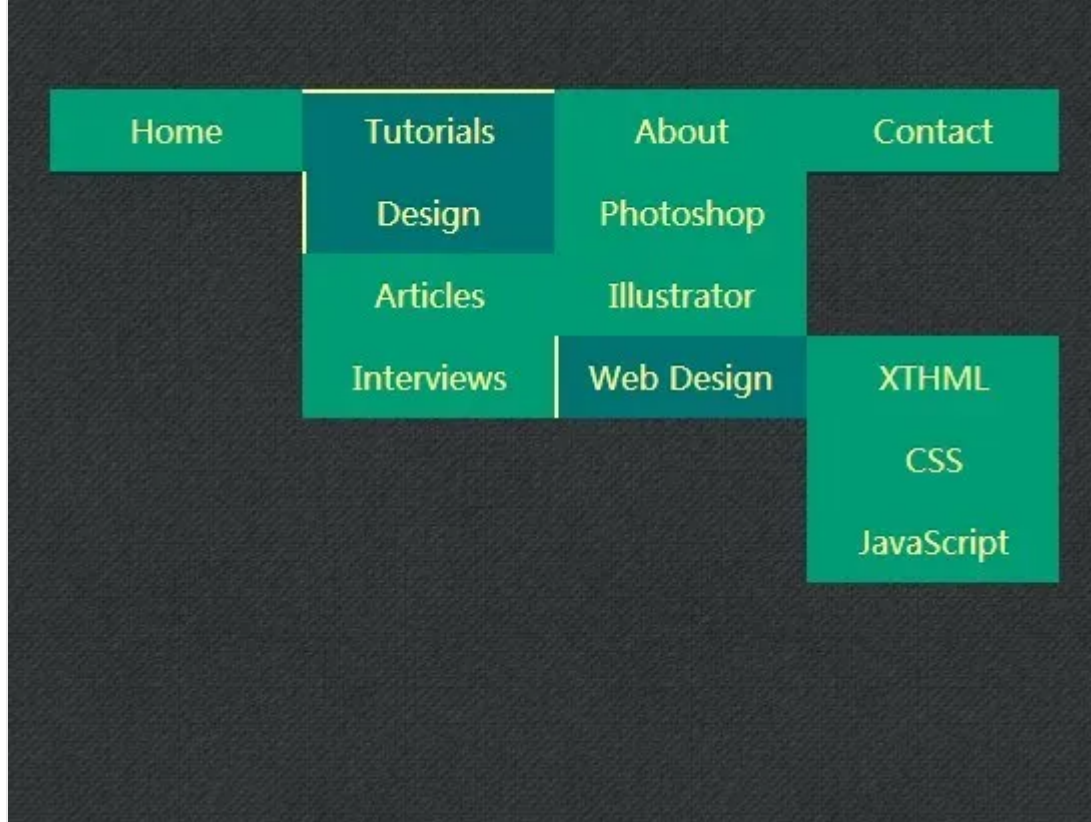
Description:

An animated, multi-level dropdown navigation menu built with pure CSS and CSS3 transitions, created by rssatnam.

How to use it:

Create the Html for a multi-level dropdown menu using nested unordered lists. The markup structure should be like this:

```
<nav>
  <ul>
    <li><a href="#">Home</a></li>
    <li><a href="#">Tutorials</a><span class="dropBottom"></span>
      <ul>
        <li><a href="#">Design</a><span class="dropRight"></span>
          <ul>
            <li><a href="#">Photoshop</a></li>
            <li><a href="#">Illustrator</a></li>
            <li><a href="#">Web Design</a><span class="dropRight">
</span>
              <ul>
                <li><a href="#">XTHML</a></li>
                <li><a href="#">CSS</a></li>
                <li><a href="#">JavaScript</a></li>
              </ul>
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                </li>
              </ul>
            </li>
            <li><a href="#">Articles</a></li>
            <li><a href="#">Interviews</a></li>
          </ul>
        </li>
        <li><a href="#">About</a></li>
        <li><a href="#">Contact</a></li>
      </ul>
    </nav>
```

The CSS to style the dropdown menu.

```css
nav {
  display: table;
  margin: 50px auto;
  box-shadow: 0px 2px 0px #023333;
}
ul {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  list-style: none;
}
ul ul {
  opacity: 0;
  position: absolute;
  top: 160%;
  visibility: hidden;
  transition: all .4s ease;
  -webkit-transition: all .4s ease;
}
ul ul ul {
  top: 0%;
  left: 160%;
}
ul ul li:hover > ul {
  top: 0%;
  left: 100%;
  opacity: 1;
  visibility: visible;
}
ul li:hover > ul {
  opacity: 1;
  top: 100%;
```

```css
    visibility: visible;
  }
  ul li {
    float: left;
    position: relative;
  }
  ul ul li { float: none; }
  ul li {
    background-color: #009C75;
    cursor: pointer;
  }
  ul a {
    text-decoration: none;
    display: block;
    color: #FF9;
    padding: 10px 15px;
    width: 6em;
    text-align: center;
    text-shadow: 0px -1px 0px rgba(0,0,0,.2);
  }
  ul li:hover { background-color: #007373; }
  ul li a:hover { background-color: #007373; }
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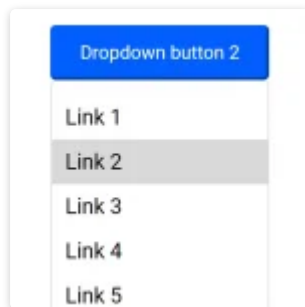
The CSS to set the position of sub-menus.

```css
  span.dropBottom,
  span.dropRight {
    display: block;
    box-shadow: inset 2px 0px 0px #FF9;
    position: absolute;
    left: 0px;
    width: 100%;
    height: 100%;
    top: 0px;
  }
  span.dropBottom {
    box-shadow: inset 0px 2px 0px #FF9;
    position: absolute;
    width: 100%;
    bottom: 0px;
  }
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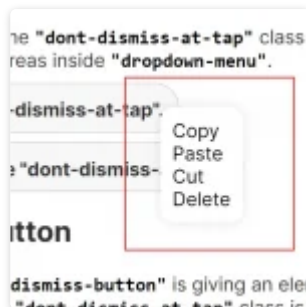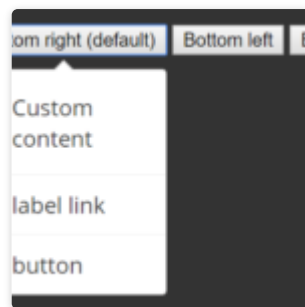
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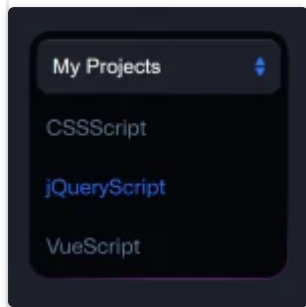
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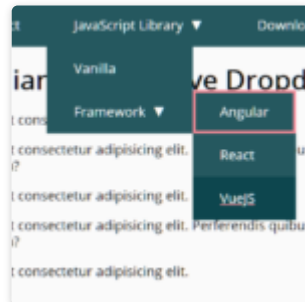[Accessible Custom Dropdown Menu – dropmic](#)

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