

# Building a Panel Menu

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## Prompt

Constructing and designing top-level navigation with drop-down content panels.

## Outcome

Menu panels offer a more robust menu experience, useful when designs require multiple types and levels of links, headers, or images.

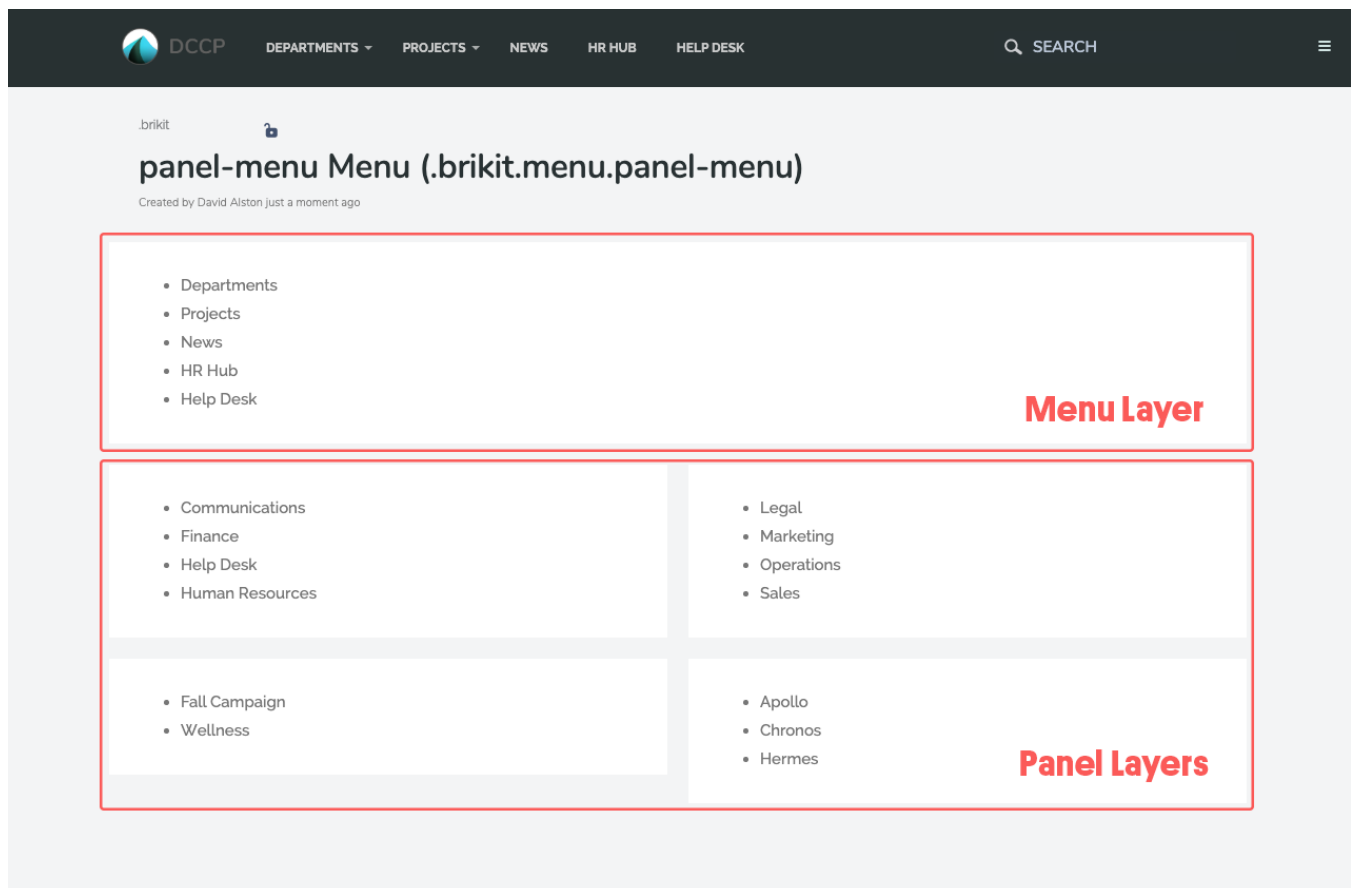
## Steps

Create a [Menu Architect Page](#)

Choose [Panel](#) as the Menu Type.

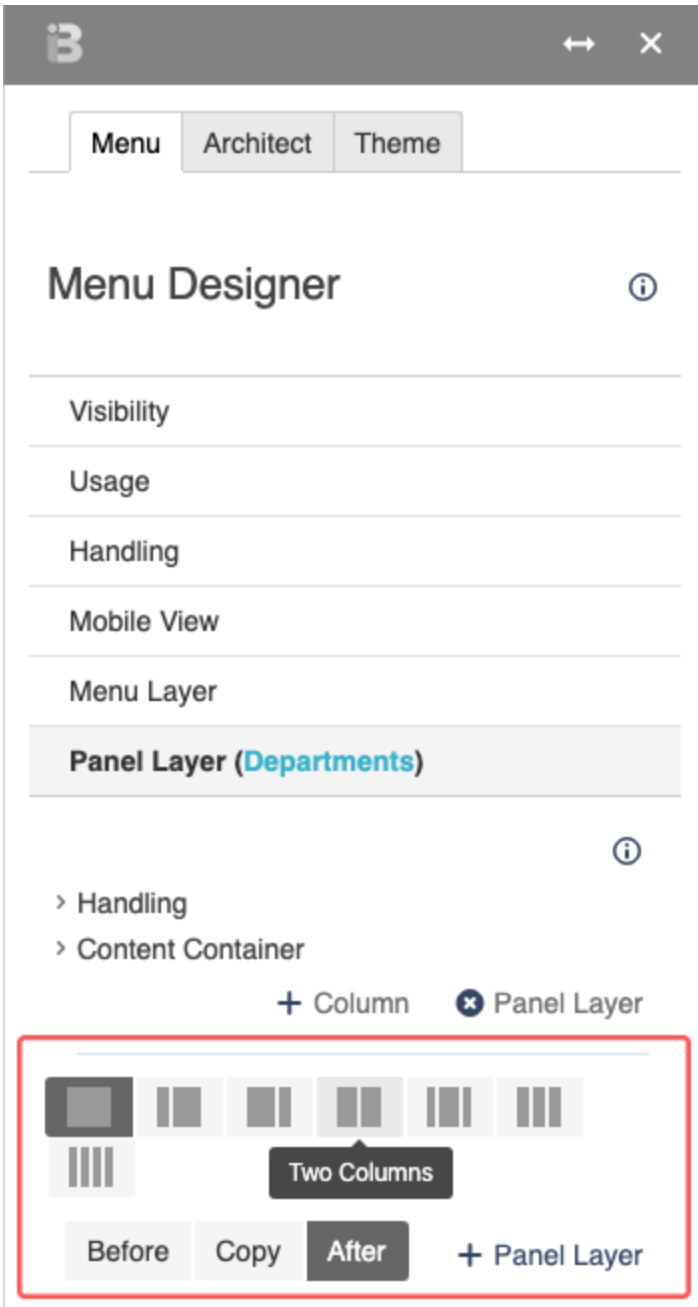
Customize the sample content.

The new panel menu page will be pre-populated with a menu layer and two panel layers. The menu layer defines the top-level menu items, and each panel layer is attached to one top-level menu item.



In the preloaded menu page, the second layer is a two-columned panel that will drop down when you click on `Departments`. The third layer is a two-columned panel that will drop down when you click on `Projects`.


- To customize the top-level menu items, edit the first block on the page and create a custom bullet list of top-level menu items.
  - See [Building a Basic Top-Level Menu](#).
- To customize the panels, edit the blocks in the second layer of the page.
  - If necessary, add or remove [Columns](#) to the panel from the [Menu Tab](#).
- To create additional panels, select an existing panel layer and the amount of columns needed, and then press the **+ Panel Layer** button



### Connect panels to top-level menu items.

The menu page now has top-level menu items and panel layers. To connect the two:

- In the [Menu Tab](#), expand a **Panel Layer** and then **Handling**.
- Enter the name of the corresponding top-level menu item in the **Name** section of the block.
  - e.g. enter `Departments` as the block name for a panel that should drop down from a top-level "Departments" menu item.


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Menu Layer

**Panel Layer** (Departments)

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Handling

CSS Class

Name

Departments

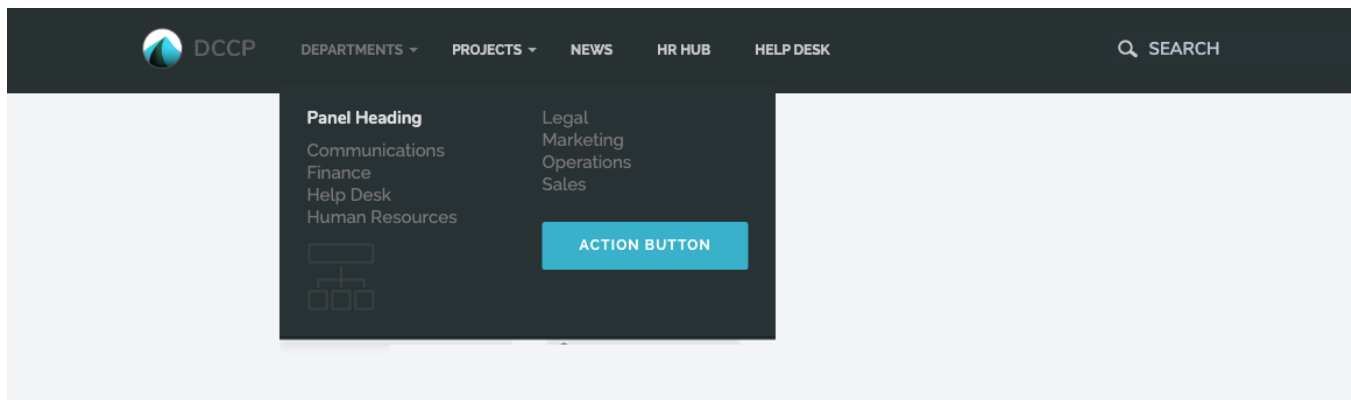
Content Container

+ Column

✕ Panel Layer

### Further design the menu panels.

- Add background images, such as icons, to the blocks in the menu panels.
- Add an Action Button macro to draw attention to select links.
- Create structure by using headings.



Note

Tip

Warning

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Related

- [Menus](#)
- [Panel Menu](#)
- [Creating a Menu Architect Page](#)
- [Building a Basic Top-Level Menu](#)