

# Smartmenus Megamenu

The Smartmenus feature (see also <https://smartmenus.org>) was added to Tiki as an external library in [version 19](#) and was further integrated in [Tiki 23](#) when more support for the megamenu (or mega menu) was added. A megamenu is a menu whose dropdowns aren't limited to containing standard links, or limited to the width of the parent menu item. They can show various kinds of content including images, text, video, and so on, in addition to links, all styled like a web page rather than a standard menu, and can be as wide as the menu or navbar, or even wider, as described below. Megamenues are typically used by websites such as for e-commerce, fashion, news, and so on, to put more content near the top of the page under selectable menu items.

## Tiki megamenu content options

These megamenu types are possible in Tiki (referring to the dropdown content)

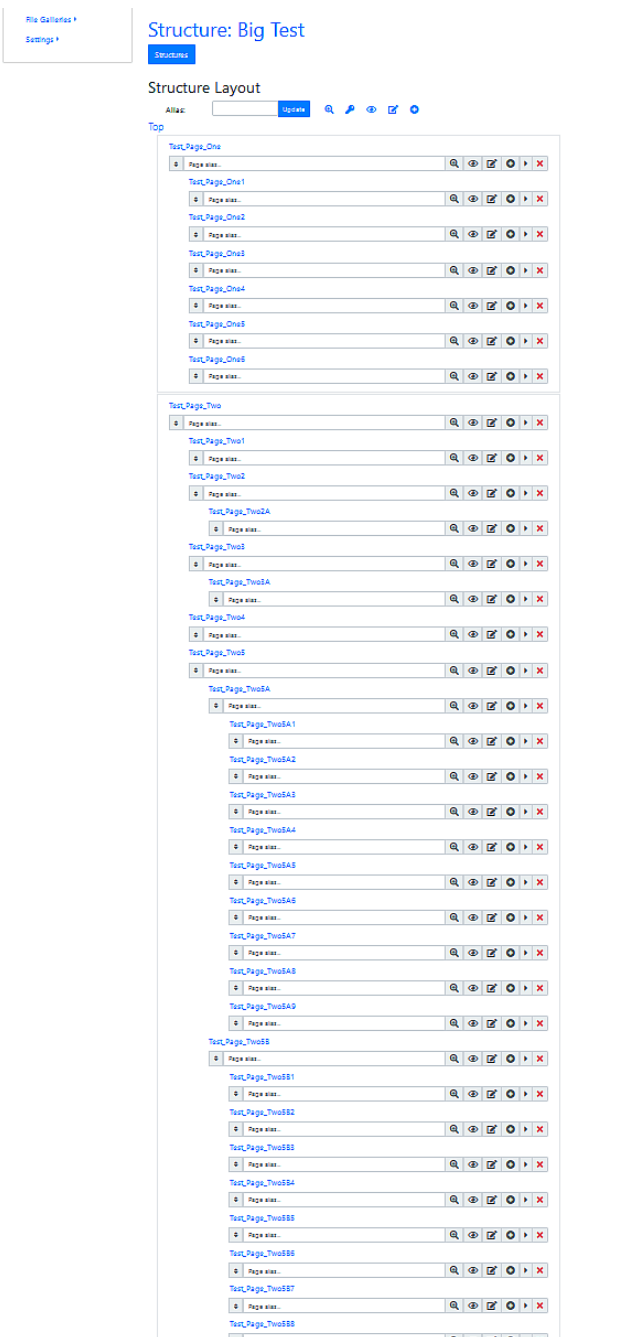
- Standard text links only
- Standard text links plus an image
- Styled page content via PluginInclude

## Megamenu with text links

When the "megamenu" parameter is set for the menu module on the Admin Modules page, the second-level menu items are arranged horizontally (in the large-screen view, and when the parameter "Use static megamenu" is set to "y") and third-level items are displayed vertically, so all items are displayed in one view rather than in separate dropdowns or fly-outs.

## Example of a large megamenu of standard links

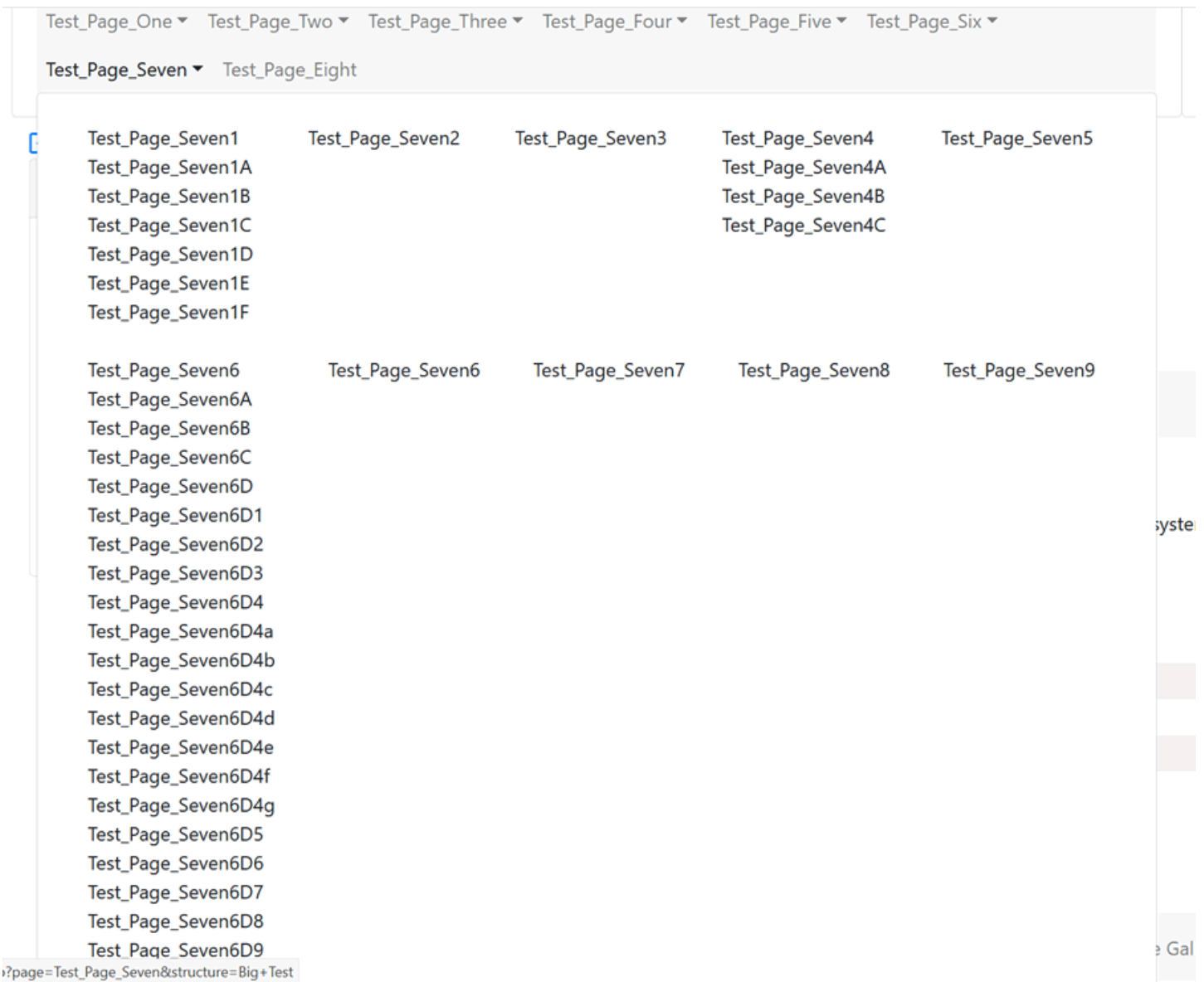
This is a rather extreme example of a menu with many items in several dropdown levels. This menu was made from a structure of over 400 wiki pages. (The original page names were duplicated and replaced for development and demonstration purposes — fortunately in Tiki it's simple to create this number of pages automatically using a page list in Structures).



The menu module parameters for the example menu are:

- structureId=Big Test
- type=horiz
- bootstrap=y
- navbar\_toggle=y
- noebox=y

This produces a menu dropdown that looks like this:



It is up to the site staff whether to use the smartmenu display option for a text links only menu or not. Where megamenus come in to their own is when the menu needs to show more than standard text links.

## Megamenu with text links and image

*Documentation about this is coming soon.*

## Using a wiki page for the megamenu dropdown content

First, a disclaimer: this method is a bit kludgy, and there may be a more elegant solution in the future, but for now this can be used.

### Making the menu

On the Admin Menus page ([tiki-admin\\_menus.php](#)), add the menu options normally except for the menu item that is a section (parent) type of a megamenu dropdown. In the example shown, the label for this item is "More" and it has no URL or wiki page name as it is only used to open the dropdown; it doesn't link to anything.

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Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((Project Introduction))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((Software Overview and Model))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Get / Try Tiki	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((Get Tiki - Try Tiki))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Help	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((Get Help))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Get Involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((Get Involved))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="((News))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
More	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="#"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
{include page=Megamenu_	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="URL or ((page name))"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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The child item (option) below it, rather than having a label, has PluginInclude syntax, indicating the page to display as the dropdown content. The syntax in this case is {include page=Megamenu\_dropdown} . The menu option where "URL or ((page name))" usually goes is left empty because this menu option also isn't for navigation, it is just to display the dropdown.



## Fixing the dropdown colors

The megamenu dropdown, without any added CSS, uses the background and link colors inherited from the navbar and standard menu dropdowns. Depending on the theme and what content is put in the dropdown, these are likely to result in bad color contrast, etc. The example below is from tiki.org, where the theme's light-on-dark colors needed to be replaced by the colors used in wiki pages.

```
/* Megamenu styles -- should be in themes */ .mega-menu-~tc~/tc~inner-container { background: #fff; color: #343a40; }
.mega-menu-~tc~/tc~inner-container a { color: #1174a5 !important; } .mega-menu-~tc~/tc~inner-container a:hover {
color: #0a4360 !important; }
```

For `.mega-menu--inner-container`, the desired background and text colors need to be specified.

For `.mega-menu--inner-container a`, the desired link color needs to be specified.

For `.mega-menu--inner-container a:hover`, the desired link hover color needs to be specified.

There may be other color issues depending on the content of the dropdown, and these can be identified using your web browser's DOM inspector, or post in the Tiki.org forums for help if needed.

## Fixing the ability to scroll the dropdown in small screens

Testing showed that megamenu dropdowns that extended below the bottom of small displays were cut off and couldn't be scrolled into view, so a custom CSS rule to restrict the height of the dropdown and add a scrollbar to it can be used to make all the content visible. This CSS is indicated below. As with the other custom CSS values or units, some adjustment might be needed at the site, depending on the dropdown content, etc.

## Widening the megamenu dropdown

There are two options for megamenu width implemented so far: The parameter **Use Static Megamenu** can be either y or n, with y the default. Static megamenu means the dropdown will be the width of the menu, or menu section of the navbar.

(Not static means the dropdown will be the width of a standard menu dropdown. Presumably using this parameter is to have a menu that is standard in terms of dimensions but can contain a variety of content in the dropdowns.)

To have a third option for dropdown widths, custom CSS is needed. Probably later this will be implemented as a feature option but for now custom CSS needs to be added to `tiki-admin.php?page=look`, in the CSS Customization text area.

```
/* Megamenu dropdown -- set height and overflow for small screens. */ .navbar-nav .mega-menu-inner-container { max-height: 30vh; overflow-y: auto; } /* Widen megamenu dropdown in medium-sized and larger devices (tablets, 768px and up). */
@media (min-width: 768px) { .tiki .navbar-nav .dropdown-menu.mega-menu { width: 80vw !important; margin-left: -20vw !important; } .navbar-nav .mega-menu-inner-container { max-height: inherit; overflow-y: hidden; } } /* Override some settings to give megamenu dropdown more page-like layout. */ .navbar .mega-menu-item .container-fluid { display: inherit; max-width: 100%; } .navbar-nav .mega-menu-item-container { padding: 1.5rem 0 0 0; }
```

## Modify as necessary

The dimensions and page element classes in the custom CSS above were based on a limited amount of testing. Some adjusting might be needed for best results. There will be more testing and improvement of this feature in coming Tiki releases, so less configuring by site admins will be needed,

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[megamenu](#) | [smartmenus](#) | [smart menu](#) | [smartmenu](#) | [smart menu](#)