

# Creating Menu Links on a Drupal Page

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There are two ways to add a new link to a menu on a Drupal Cloud site.

1. Create a menu link from a page overlay screen
2. Create a menu link from the **Menus** overlay screen

In the first method you will work from a particular page and use the page setting to include a menu link. In the second method you will create a menu link and then point the link to an existing page. In either case you will have both a page and a menu link to that page.

This article will explain both ways to create menu links and will also cover how to edit menu links once they exist. Other articles about menus include [Creating a Horizontal Menu](#) and [Creating Menus for Sections of Your Site](#). These articles can be found on the [Drupal Cloud Home Page](#).

## Creating a Menu Link from a Page Overlay Screen

1. Click **Content** on the admin menu then create a page or open an existing page.
2. Scroll to the bottom of your page and click to select the option *Provide a menu link*.
3. Select the menu you wish the link to fall under. Selecting *<Main menu>* leaves the link at the top most level.
4. You can leave the other settings as they are.

Here is an example where the Staff link will be added to the Main menu.

**Menu settings**  
Staff

**Revision information**  
No revision

**URL path settings**  
Automatic alias

**Comment settings**  
Closed

**Authoring information**  
By pankin@mit.edu

**Publishing options**  
Published

☒ Provide a menu link

**Menu link title**  
Staff

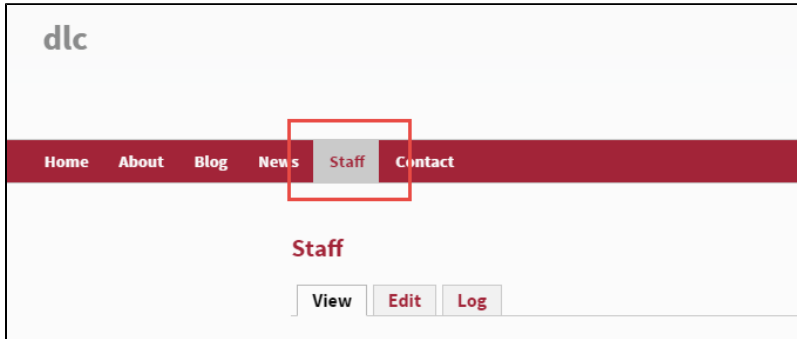
**Description**  
List of team members.  
Shown when hovering over the menu link.

**Parent item**  
<Main menu>

**Weight**  
0  
Menu links with smaller weights are displayed before links with larger weights.

Save Preview

Here is the finished menu link.



## Generating Automatic URL Aliases

There is another consideration when working with menu links. Each page has a unique URL assigned by the Drupal Cloud system. It usually takes the form *node/#* where # is the sequential number representing page creation order. So the **Home** page URL is *node/1*. Drupal can also assign a URL alias from the page title making it easier to remember. For example, the URL for the **About** page is *about*.

To be sure that Drupal is generating a URL alias for a page click the **URL path settings** option at the bottom of a page overlay screen. Then check the box to **\_Generate automatic URL settings**.

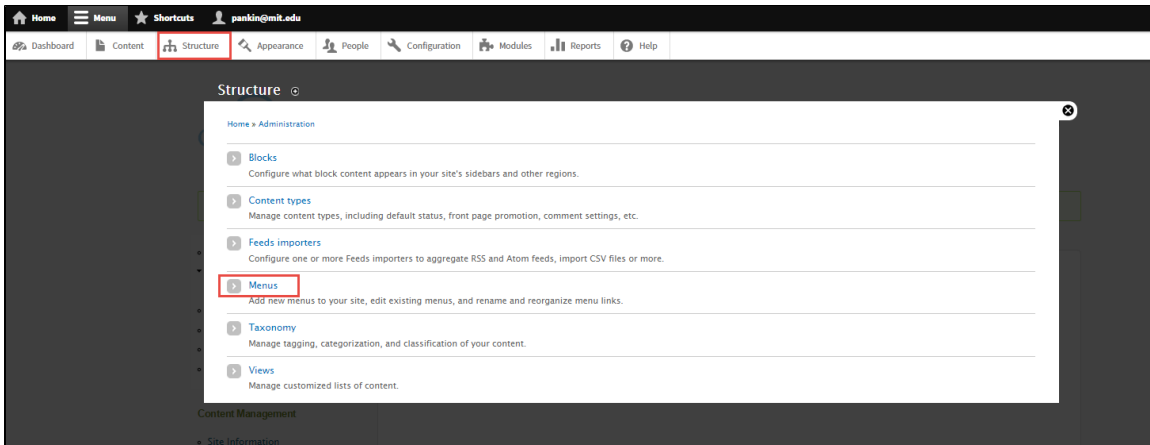


You can do this for pages even after they have been created. Just open the page, set the page to automatically generate a URL alias and **Save** the page. A new url alias will be created.

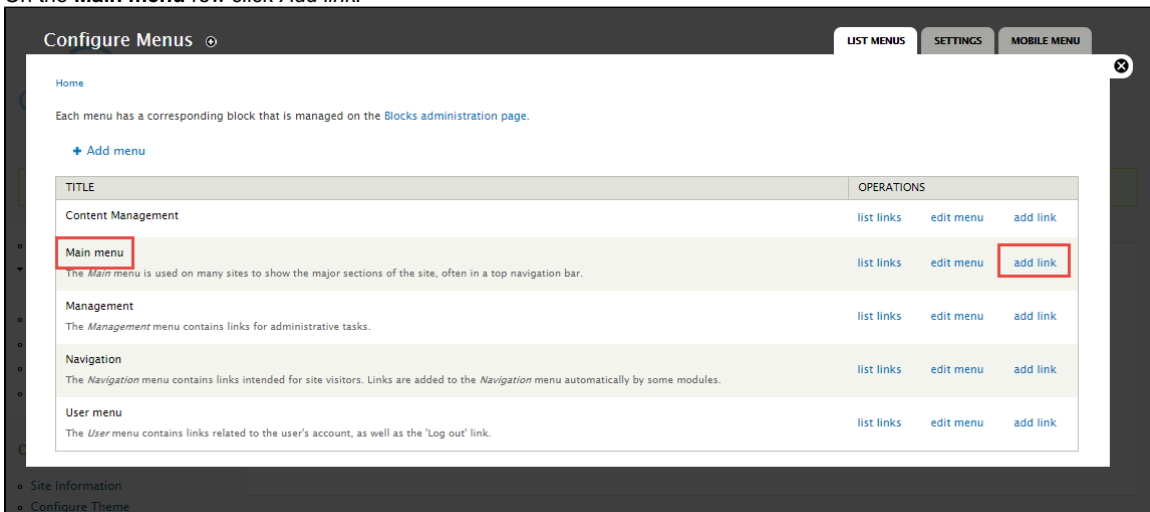


## Creating a Menu Link From the Menus Overlay Screen

1. To create a menu link for an existing page click **Structure** on the admin menu, then click **Menus**.



2. On the **Main menu** row click *Add link*.



3. On the **Edit menu link** overlay screen, enter a **Menu link title** for your link. This will become the text which appears in the menu so keep it short.
4. Enter the **Path**, the URL for the page which the link will open. Locate the URL alias on the page overlay. Refer to the the previous section for help. Remember the form is *node/page-URL-alias*.
5. Choose the **Parent link**. Leave it on Main menu if the link is to appear at the top level. If you choose to place this link subordinate to another link, for example under the About link, then the URL format you enter in step 4 would take the form *node/about/page-URL-alias*.

**Main menu** ⓘ

Home » Administration » Structure » Menus » Main menu

**Menu link title \***

The text to be used for this link in the menu.

**Path \***

The path for this menu link. This can be an internal Drupal path such as `node/add` or an external URL such as `http://drupal.org`. Enter `<front>` to link to the front page.

**Description**

Shown when hovering over the menu link.

☒ Enabled  
Menu links that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

☐ Show as expanded  
If selected and this menu link has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

**Parent link**

<Main menu>

The maximum depth for a link and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu links may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

**Weight**

0

Optional. In the menu, the heavier links will sink and the lighter links will be positioned nearer the top.

Save

## Editing Menu Links

1. To edit any options for an existing link click **Structure** then click **Menus**.
2. On the *Main menu* row click *list links*.

**Configure Menus** ⓘ

Home

Each menu has a corresponding block that is managed on the [Blocks administration page](#).

[+ Add menu](#)

TITLE	OPERATIONS
Content Management	<a href="#">list links</a> <a href="#">edit menu</a> <a href="#">add link</a>
<b>Main menu</b> The <i>Main menu</i> is used on many sites to show the major sections of the site, often in a top navigation bar.	<a href="#">list links</a> <a href="#">edit menu</a> <a href="#">add link</a>
Management The <i>Management</i> menu contains links for administrative tasks.	<a href="#">list links</a> <a href="#">edit menu</a> <a href="#">add link</a>
Navigation The <i>Navigation</i> menu contains links intended for site visitors. Links are added to the <i>Navigation</i> menu automatically by some modules.	<a href="#">list links</a> <a href="#">edit menu</a> <a href="#">add link</a>
User menu The <i>User</i> menu contains links related to the user's account, as well as the 'Log out' link.	<a href="#">list links</a> <a href="#">edit menu</a> <a href="#">add link</a>

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[Configure Theme](#)

3. Click *edit* on the row for the link you wish to edit.

Main menu

LIST LINKSEDIT MENU

Home » Administration » Structure » Menus

+ Add link

Show row weights

MENU LINK	ENABLED	OPERATIONS
+ Home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	editdelete
+ About	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	editdelete
+ Blog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	edit
+ News	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	edit
+ Contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	editdelete

Save configuration

You may change the title, path or parent for your link.

## See Also

- [Return to Drupal Cloud Landing Page](#)