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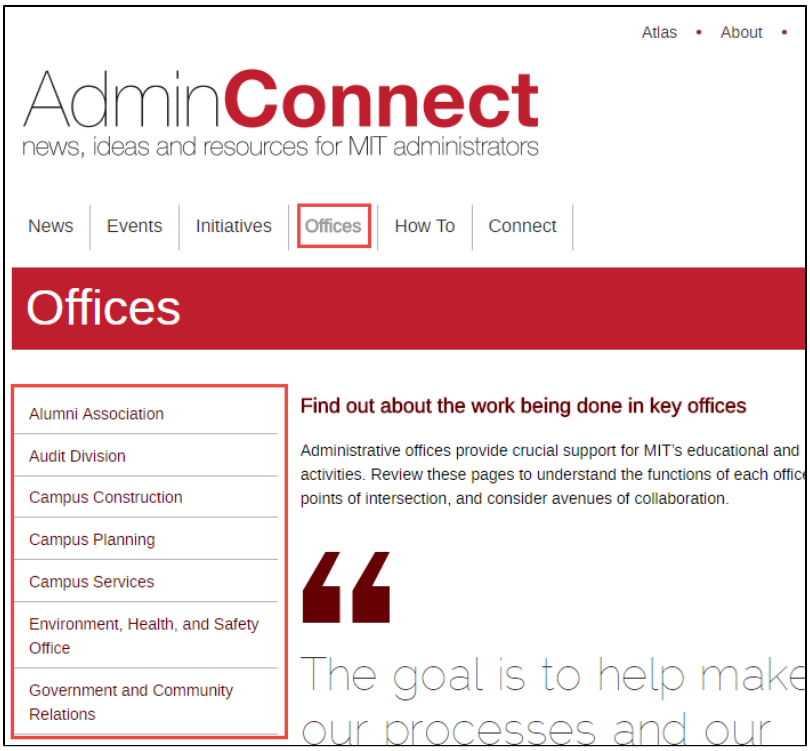
Many sites use a design which shows a horizontal main menu with vertical secondary menu links on the left. The *AdminConnect* site uses this technique.



> **Note**
> Instructions differ slightly based on the theme you are using.

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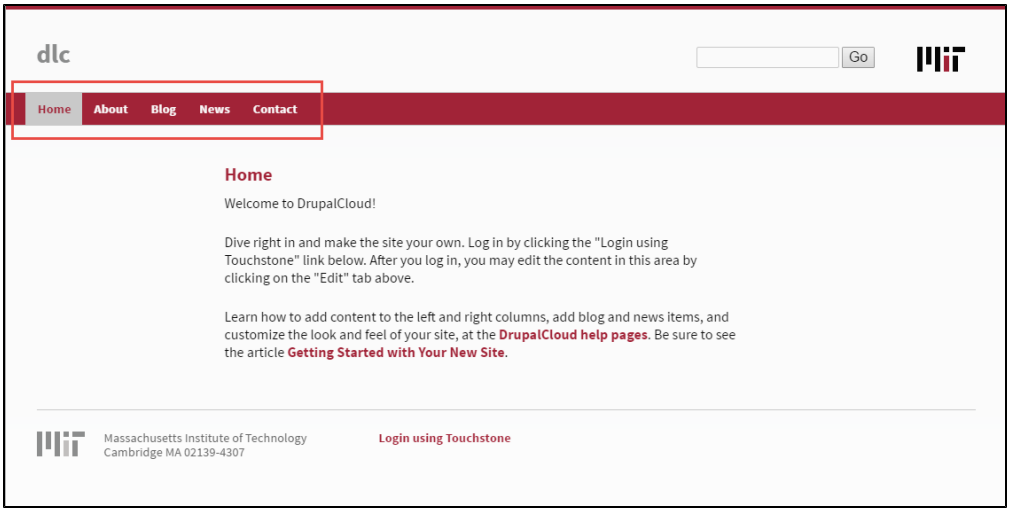
Instructions for the Default *DLC* Theme

Drupal Cloud uses blocks to hold menu links. There is a default block called **Main menu** which is located on the top, in the *Menu Bar* region.



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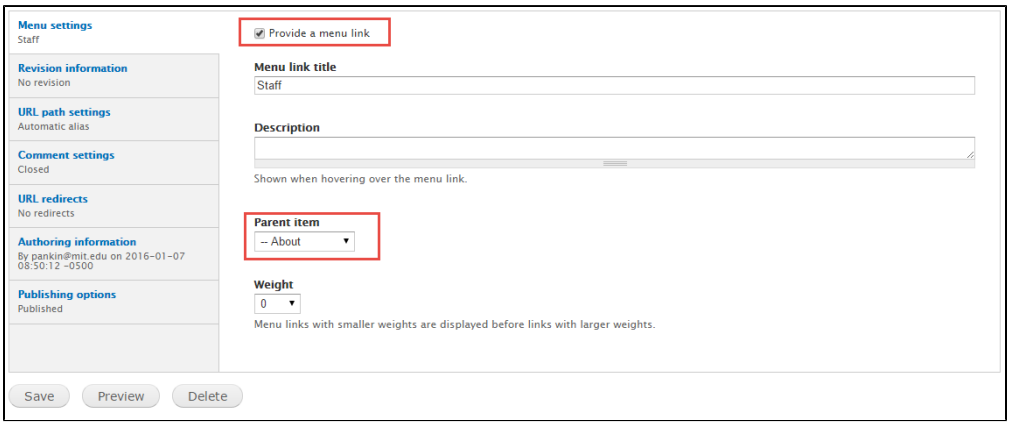

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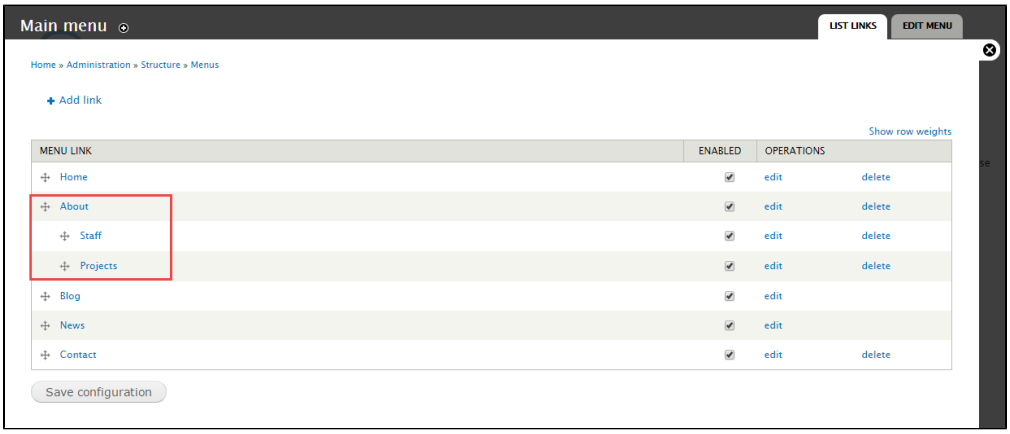
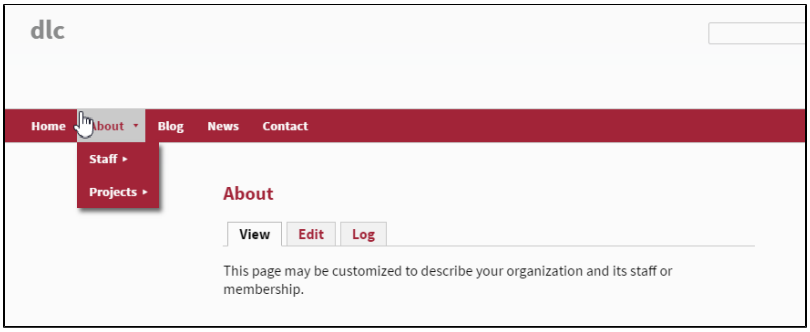


To see the submenu (e.g., *Staff*), click on the parent link (e.g., About_) and then hover over the menu link. This is not the final effect we wish to achieve. When we complete the next step the submenu links will appear at the right on the parent page (e.g., *About*).



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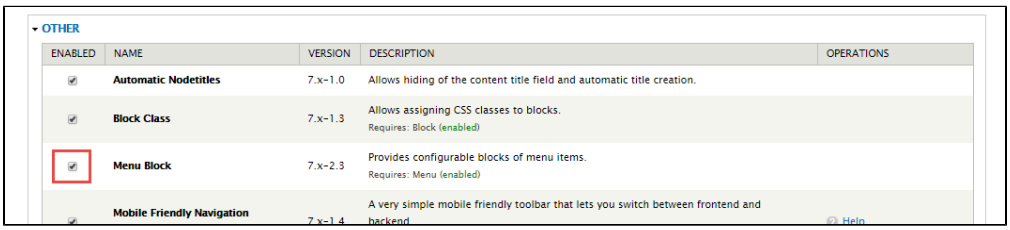
1. From the *Admin menu*, click **Modules**.
2. Scroll to the *Other* group.
3. Click the box to enable **Menu Block**.

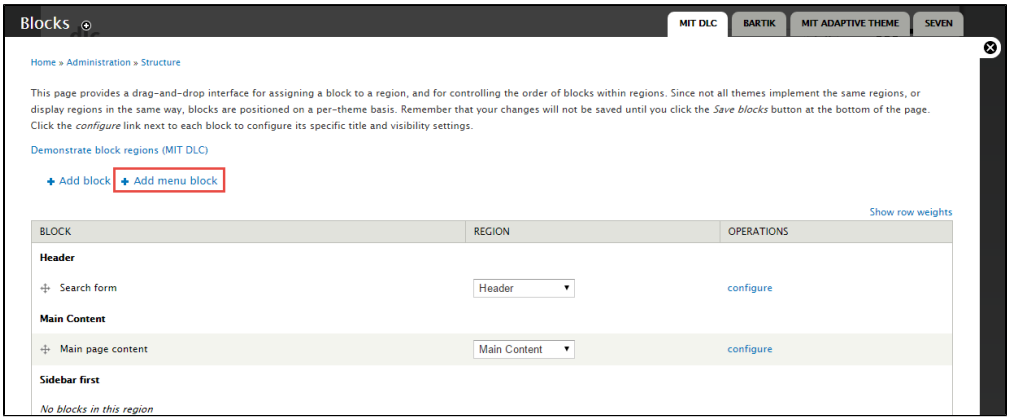


Once a module is enabled it may be used without returning here each time.

Creating a New Menu Block

This process involves creating the block, then choosing a menu to appear in the new block. It begins on the **Blocks** overlay page.

1. From the *Admin menu* click **Structure**, then **Blocks**.
2. Click *+ Add menu block*. The + Add menu block link becomes available once the Menu block module is enabled.



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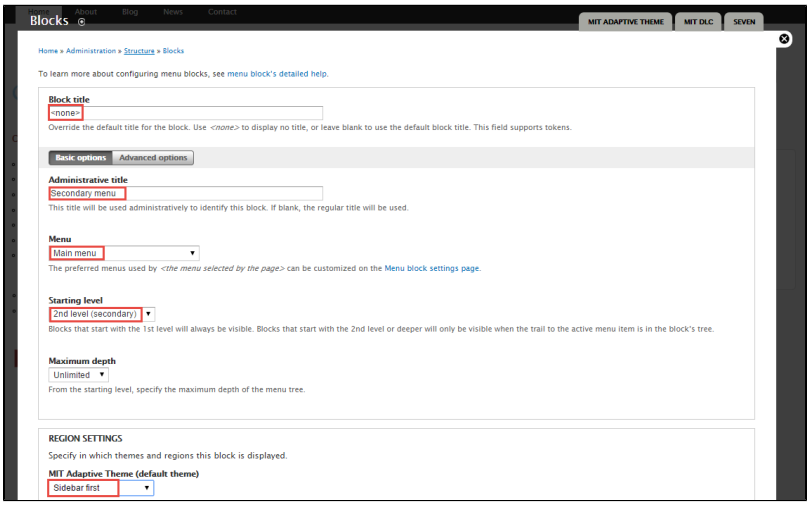

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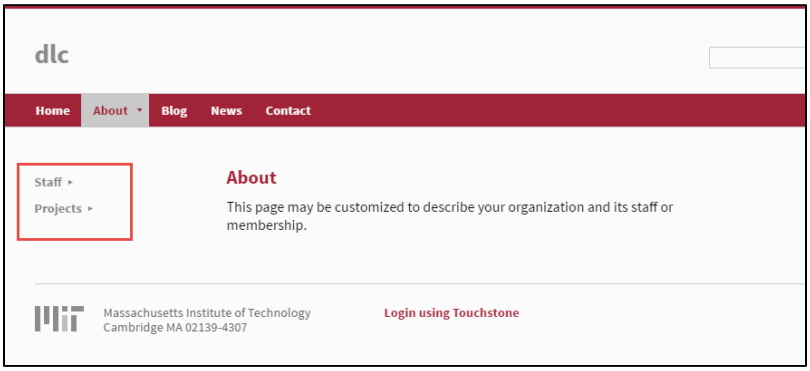

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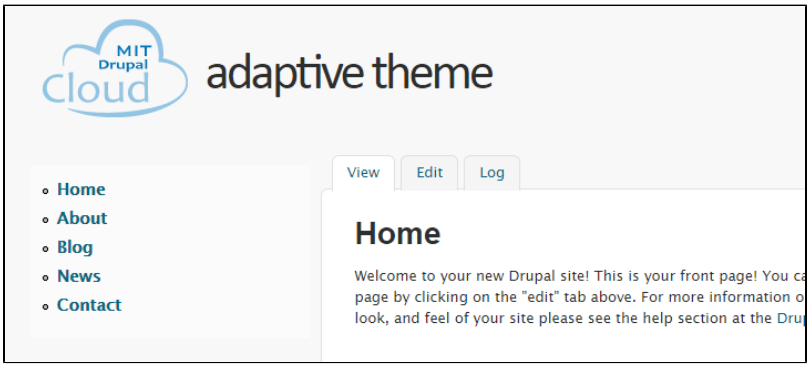

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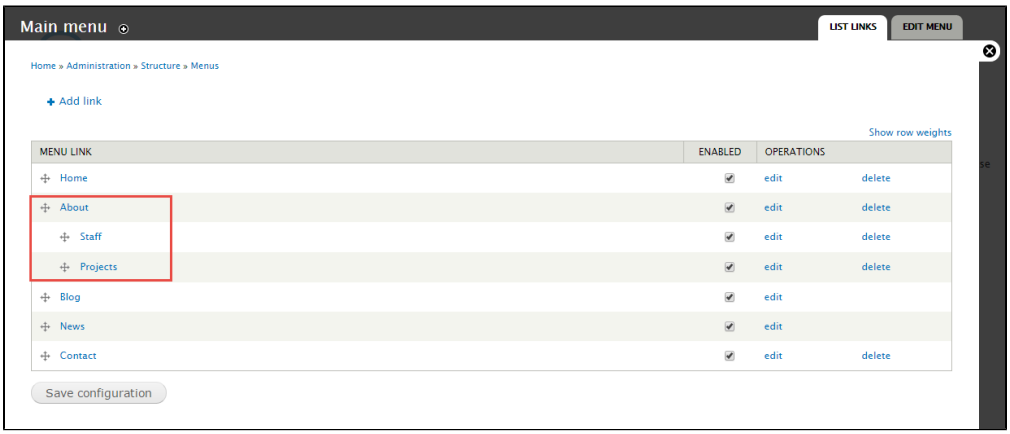

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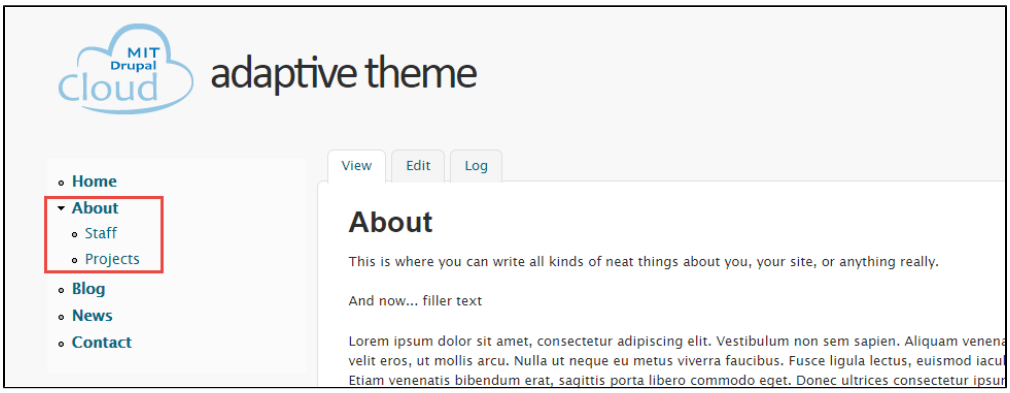
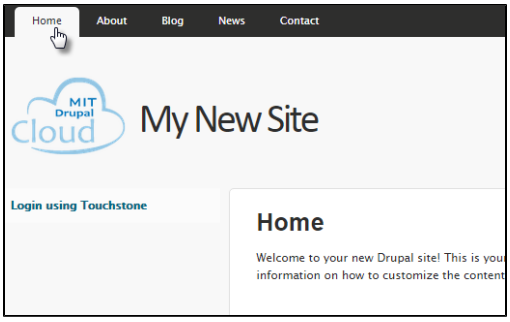


Making the Menu Horizontal

To create the horizontal menu effect, the **Main menu** block is moved from the *Sidebar first* region to the *Menu bar* region. Unfortunately, by moving the Main menu block to the Menu bar region you lose the ability to show sub menu links. Since a block can only be used in one region we will need to create another menu block to place in the *Sidebar first* region. This is where the **Menu block** module comes in handy.



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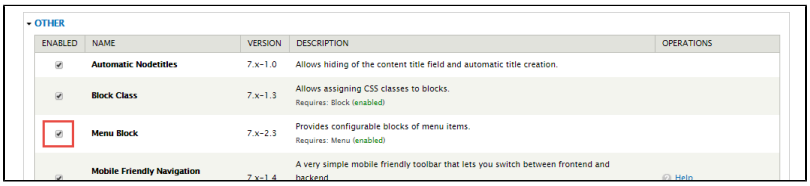

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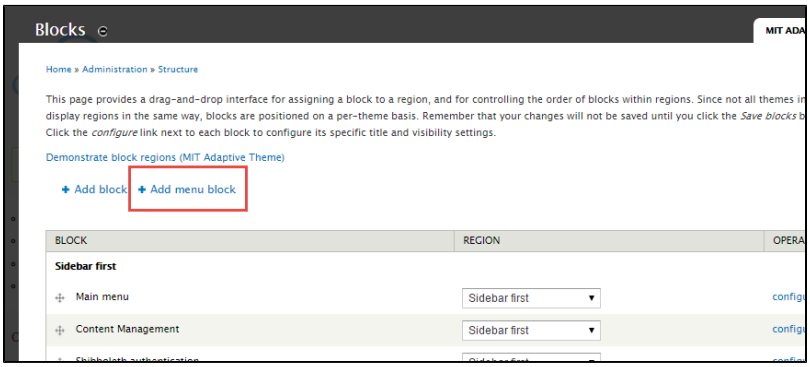

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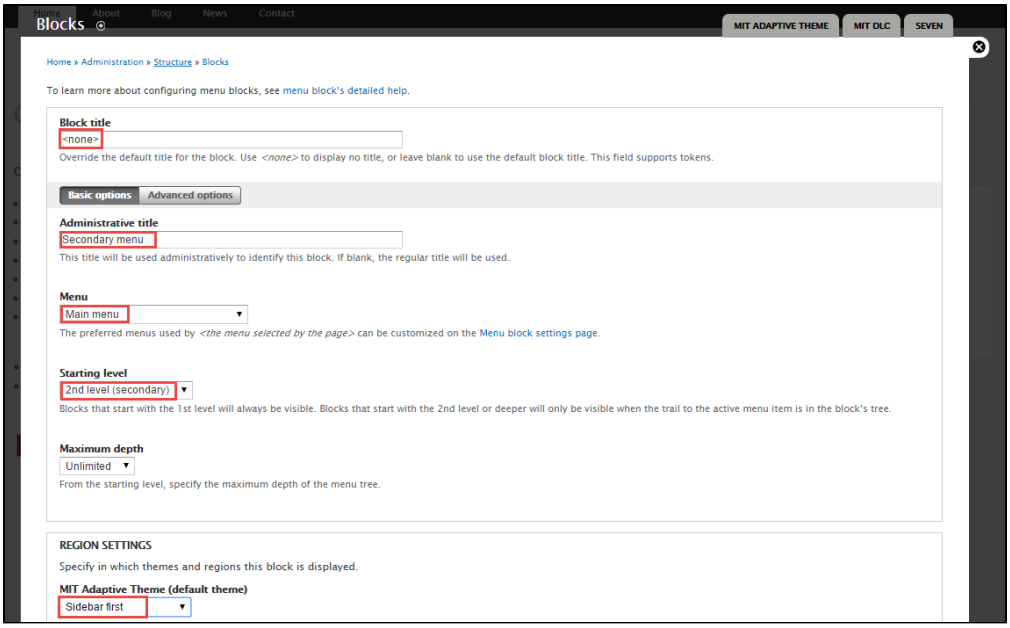

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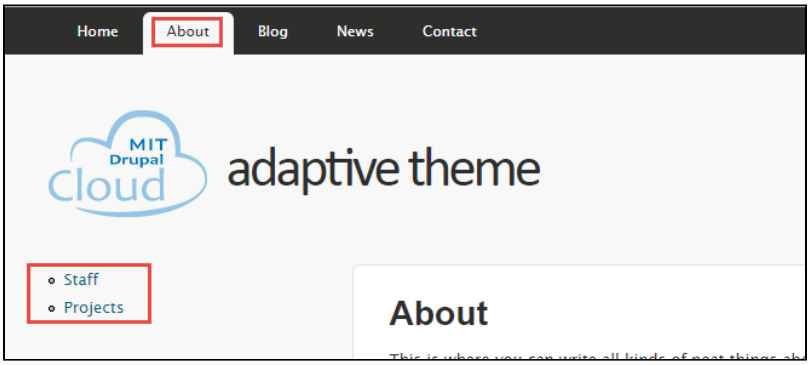

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