

Shape 5 Flex Menu Plugin Tutorial

1. Support

- a. Please visit our forum boards at shape5.com if you have any unanswered questions after you have completed this tutorial.

2. Overview

- a. The S5 Flex Menu system is a very powerful addition to the Vertex Framework that provides functionality far beyond what the standard WordPress menu system can provide. This system is intended to work as an extension of the existing menu system in WordPress and to add many new features. If included with a theme, it will be specified on the theme's demo page at <http://demo.shape5.com>.

3. Installing FlexMenu

- a. If you have installed a Shape5 theme built on the Vertex Framework, the S5 Flex Menu is already included and installation is not necessary.

4. Where to Configure Menu Items

- a. In the backend of WordPress, navigate to the "Appearance ->Menus" item in the main menu. Once on this page edit the menu of your choice.

[NOTE: You may have to change your screen options to see all the parameters]



- b. The parameters for the S5 Flex Menu will be shown in the backend of any menu item. Simply edit any menu item.

- c. When you have expanded the edit area of a menu item, you will see a section of parameters for that item. The S5 flex Menu settings are found under "Show/Hide Flex Menu Options".

S5 Flex MenuPage ▼

Navigation Label

Title Attribute

S5 Flex Menu

Sub Text

Advanced Menu System

The description will be displayed in the menu if the current theme supports it.

Show/Hide Flex Menu Options

☐ Hide Link?

Hide the link. Use this to display just the title of the current link.

☐ Hide Title?

Hide the title. Use this for example when adding this item as a widget area.

Menu item type

Set the type of menu item you would like this to be



Menu Item ▼

Display a Widget Area

Select the widget area to display

Select one ▼

Set Icon



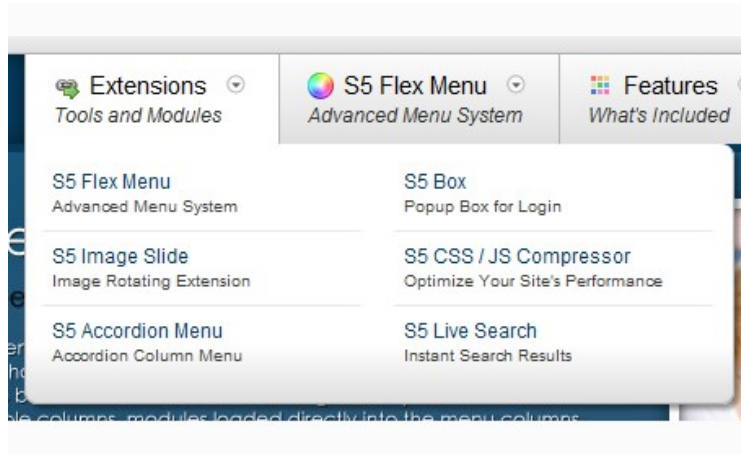
Original: [S5 Flex Menu](#)

[Remove](#) | [Cancel](#)

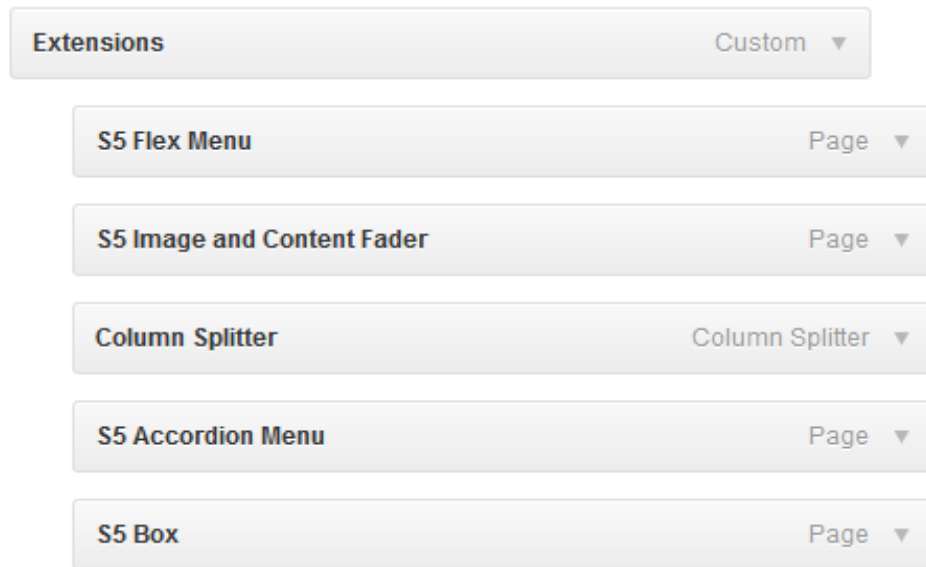
- d. This section will control how you configure the S5 Flex Menu. The steps below will teach you how to use each of these settings.

5. Splitting a Menu Into Multiple Columns

- a. The number of columns shown in a sub menu is controlled by placing "Column Splitters". For example, in the picture below you will see six sub menu items shown in two columns. This is because there is a column splitter below the first 3 items and above the last 3.



Below we see how the "Extensions" item is configured to show two columns.



6. Publishing a Widget to the Menu

Below you can see that you have the option to change menu items to display widgets. In #4 above menu items are being published as children of the item "Extensions". By default a menu will be set to show menu items as their children, however, you may also load sidebar positions as their children. To do this simply select "Widget" and then select a position from the dropdown below that. Once you have selected a position to load in the sub area simply publish any widget to that position from the Widget manager.

Menu Widget Example

Widget Area ▼

Navigation Label
Menu Widget Example

Title Attribute

☐ Open link in a new window/tab

Sub Text

The description will be displayed in the menu if the current theme supports it.

[Show/Hide Flex Menu Options](#)

☐ Hide Link?
Hide the link. Use this to display just the title of the current link.

☐ Hide Title?
Hide the title. Use this for example when adding this item as a widget area.

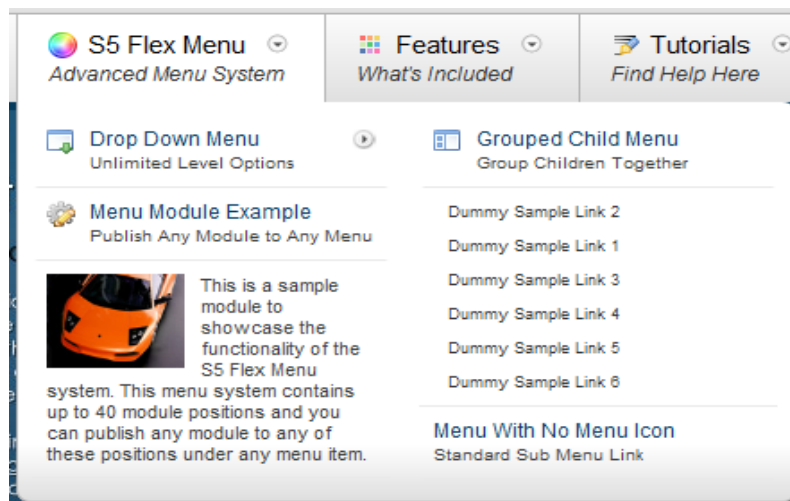
Menu item type
Set the type of menu item you would like this to be
Widget ▼

Display a Widget Area
Select the widget area to display
Flex Menu Widget Area 1 ▼

Set Icon

[Remove](#) | [Cancel](#)

In the picture below you will see a widget loaded just below the menu item "Menu Module Example", that menu item is the parent of the widget loaded below it.



Below is the configuration of the menu item "Menu Widget Example"

Menu Widget Example

Widget Area ▼

Navigation Label

Title Attribute

Menu Widget Example

☐ Open link in a new window/tab

Sub Text

The description will be displayed in the menu if the current theme supports it.

[Show/Hide Flex Menu Options](#)

☐ **Hide Link?**
Hide the link. Use this to display just the title of the current link.

☐ **Hide Title?**
Hide the title. Use this for example when adding this item as a widget area.

Menu item type
Set the type of menu item you would like this to be



Widget ▼

Display a Widget Area

Select the widget area to display

Flex Menu Widget Area 1 ▼

Set Icon

Remove

Cancel

All that is needed then is to publish any widget to the FlexMenu Widget Area 1 position (or whatever position you choose) from the Widgets Management area in WP admin.

FlexMenu Widget Area 1 ▼

Select "FlexMenu Widget Area 1" in your Menu Item under Appearance > Menus to add this widget area to your menu.

Text ▼

7. Grouping Children Under Their Parent

- a. Children may be grouped by selecting “Group” for the menu item type. Grouping simply means the children will show in the same area of the parent rather than a new fly out list. You may group both widgets and standard menu items.

Non-grouped:



Grouped:



8. Setting Up Sub Text

Sub text can be added to any menu item. It is very easy to setup, simply type the sub text into the space below. If you do not wish to have sub text simply leave this area empty.

A screenshot of the "S5 Flex Menu" configuration form. It includes fields for "Navigation Label" (containing "S5 Flex Menu") and "Title Attribute". There is a checkbox for "Open link in a new window/tab". A "Sub Text" field is highlighted with a red border and contains the text "Advanced Menu System". Below this field is a note: "The description will be displayed in the menu if the current theme supports it." and a link "Show/Hide Flex Menu Options".

9. Adding a Menu Icon

- a. Menu icons are controlled through the default menu system. Open the item Flex Options and click “Set Icon” to upload or select any menu image.

[Show/Hide Flex Menu Options](#)

☐ **Hide Link?**
Hide the link. Use this to display just the title of the current link.



☐ **Hide Title?**
Hide the title. Use this for example when adding this item as a widget area.

Menu item type
Set the type of menu item you would like this to be

Widget

Display a Widget Area
Select the widget area to display

Flex Menu Widget Area 1

Set Icon  

[Remove](#) | [Cancel](#)

10. Configuring Effects, Menu Selection, Delays and Orientation

- a. All of these items can be changed from the Theme Options area. Simply navigate to “Shape 5 Theme → Menu”.

Media
Links
Pages
Comments
s5 Shape 5 Theme
Shape 5 Theme
Install Plugins
Shape 5 Plugins
Appearance
Plugins
Users
Tools
Settings
Collapse menu

Theme Specific | Layout | **Menu** | Row Sizes | Mobile | General

Javascripts | Fixed Tabs | Drop Down | Content Area | Advanced

Menu

Show or Hide Main Menu? ☒ ON

Levels Deep ? 0

Open Delay 1000

Hide Delay 500

Opacity 100

Available Widget Areas 1

Orientation Horizontal

Effect Slide & Fade

Save Reset

- b. You may adjust these settings to your liking. Below is a definition of each parameter.
 - i. Show or Hide Main Menu? - Setting to hide will completely disable the menu system
 - ii. Levels Deep - This number controls how many levels deep you would like the sub menus to appear. Any sub menus after this number will not appear (0 for unlimited).
 - iii. Open Delay - How long do you want the opening javascript effect to last.
 - iv. Hide Delay - How long should a sub menu appear on the page after the mouse has left
 - v. Opacity - Set the opacity of the menu. 100 is always recommended
 - vi. Orientation - Set the menu to horizontal or vertical. Vertical should only be used if the theme has been specifically designed for this layout.

vii. Effect - Choose how you would like the sub menus to enter the page.