menu.ini [TopAdminMenu]

The settings of [TopAdminMenu] in menu.ini: HiddenTabs, SetupTabs, MegaMenuTabs, Tabs

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The block `[TopAdminMenu]` of `settings/menu.ini`, with 4 setting(s).

Never edit `settings/menu.ini` itself: an update replaces it. Put the settings you change in an override, which wins over the shipped file:

- `settings/override/menu.ini.append.php` for every siteaccess,
- `settings/siteaccess/<siteaccess>/menu.ini.append.php` for one siteaccess,
- `extension/<extension>/settings/menu.ini.append.php` in an extension (read when the extension is active).

HiddenTabs

> Tabs the top menu leaves out, whatever Tabs[] says: a siteaccess cannot take a tab out of Tabs[] that an extension appends (extension settings are read after the siteaccess's). The editor siteaccess hides the administration's tabs with it.
>
> Fewer tabs, nothing lost (admin4, doc/eng-us/features/6.0/admin4-design.md "Moving a tab into Setup"):
> design and audit have a group of the Setup menu and overview ([Leftmenu_setup] GroupTabs[]),
> shown only while their tab is not in the top menu; their pages then mark the Setup tab and draw the Setup menu. Without the dashboard tab the logo leads to the dashboard. In a siteaccess or override menu.ini.append.php:
> HiddenTabs[]
> HiddenTabs[]=dashboard
> HiddenTabs[]=design
> HiddenTabs[]=audit
> or restate the whole list (Tabs[] with no value, then the tabs to keep); an extension's tab can only be left out with HiddenTabs[].

Default: an empty list.

INI

```
<?php /* #?ini charset="utf-8"?
# settings/override/menu.ini.append.php
[TopAdminMenu]
# an empty "HiddenTabs[]" first replaces the shipped list; without it the items are added
HiddenTabs[]
*/ ?>
```

SetupTabs

> Tabs that move into the Setup menu for a user who may open the Setup overview (setup/menu):
> such a user finds the tab's group there ([Leftmenu_setup] GroupTabs[]) and has no tab; a user
> who may not open the overview (a role that holds only the tab's own policy) keeps the tab.
> Empty by default, e.g. SetupTabs[]=audit in a siteaccess or override menu.ini.append.php.

Default: an empty list.

INI

```
<?php /* #?ini charset="utf-8"?
# settings/override/menu.ini.append.php
[TopAdminMenu]
# an empty "SetupTabs[]" first replaces the shipped list; without it the items are added
SetupTabs[]
*/ ?>
```

MegaMenuTabs

> admin4 (prototype): tabs that get a mega menu, a panel under the header with the groups and
> links of the tab's menu, opened by a small button beside the tab (the tab stays a link).
> A tab takes part when its [Topmenu_<tab>] names a MegaMenuTemplate: setup (the Setup menu,
> [Leftmenu_setup]), users ([Leftmenu_user_mega]) and dashboard ([Leftmenu_my_mega]) do; a name without one is
> ignored (named in the debug report). The
> panel holds the menu's links with their names, icons (LinkIcons[]), descriptions (LinkDescriptions[]) and access checks, a short choice of them (MegaMenuLinks[] of the menu's
> section), loaded from user/megamenu/<tab> when it is first opened. A tab name is lower case
> letters, digits and _; a tab with a mega menu should be access checked (PolicyList[], or its URL under
> CheckViewAccess). Shown from 576px, where
> the main menu is one line (not in the phone menu). On by default for Setup, Users and Dashboard. To switch it off,
> in a siteaccess or override menu.ini.append.php (an empty list: no button, no script):
> MegaMenuTabs[]
> or to keep only some tabs, the empty list followed by those, e.g.:
> MegaMenuTabs[]
> MegaMenuTabs[]=setup
> (doc/eng-us/features/6.0/admin4-design.md, "Mega menu")

Default: a list of 3: `setup`, `users`, `dashboard`.

INI

```
<?php /* #?ini charset="utf-8"?
# settings/override/menu.ini.append.php
[TopAdminMenu]
# an empty "MegaMenuTabs[]" first replaces the shipped list; without it the items are added
MegaMenuTabs[]
MegaMenuTabs[]=setup
MegaMenuTabs[]=users
MegaMenuTabs[]=dashboard
*/ ?>
```

Tabs

> This list contains menuitems of the top menu in admin interface
> Hidden by default as of 4.3
> Tabs[]=shop
> Unhidden by default as of 6.0
> Hidden by default as of 4.3
> Tabs[]=design
> Unhidden by default as of 6.0.6
> The audit console (doc/eng-us/bc/6.0/audit.md): shown only with the policy audit/read

Default: a list of 8: `dashboard`, `content`, `media`, `users`, `shop`, `design`, `setup`, `audit`.

INI

```
<?php /* #?ini charset="utf-8"?
# settings/override/menu.ini.append.php
[TopAdminMenu]
# an empty "Tabs[]" first replaces the shipped list; without it the items are added
Tabs[]
Tabs[]=dashboard
Tabs[]=content
Tabs[]=media
Tabs[]=users
Tabs[]=shop
Tabs[]=design
Tabs[]=setup
Tabs[]=audit
*/ ?>
```

Related

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