



Web 2.0 Menu: Tabbed Menu with Background Image

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TUTORIAL 1

For this tutorial, you will need to create two tab images:

1. 125x 60 pixels in a green to match the dark tree color in the Mt. Katahdin image
and
2. 125 x 60 pixels in a light green to match the lighter green in the Mt. Katahdin image

Save the first image in the `PortableApps/GIMP/menus/mt_katahdin` folder as `tab_button_green_mm_dd_yy.png`

and

Save the second image in the `PortableApps/GIMPmenus/mt_katahdin` folder as `tab_button_lightgreen_mm_dd_yy.png`

Note: For the first half of this tutorial, you will only be using the `tab_button_green_mm_dd_yy.png` image.

Applying what you have learned in the Horizontal Menu Bar with Hover Effect, and the Menu with Background Image tutorials, use html and css to code a Web page named `mt_katahdin.html` that contains the navigation bar shown above.

You can use an embedded style sheet or create a `mt_katahdin.css` file to format the navigation bar.

1. The background color of the Web page is the same color as the `tab_button_lightgreen_mm_dd_yy.png` image.
2. Insert the `mt_katahdin.png` banner image that you saved in the banners tutorials at the top of the Web page.
3. Below the banner image, create the link text on the navigation bar as an unordered list.
4. Format the navigation bar with css styles. Set an initial width for the bar, which you can modify later. The width of the navigation bar depends on the width you define for your buttons and the amount of padding on each side of the link text. Use the `tab_button_green_mm_dd_yy.png` image as the background image.
5. Set the hover style so the font color changes to a bold, lightgreen color and a white line displays below the hovered button.

Note: You may need to add a green border to the `tab_button_green` image to match the white border on the `tab_button_light_green` image.

TUTORIAL 2

In GIMP, open the `tab_button_green_mm_dd_yy.png` and the `tab_button_lightgreen_mm_dd_yy.png` images and crop the both images as you learned in the Horizontal Navigation Menu with Reflective Hover buttons tutorial.

You will have four images

1. `tab_button_mm_dd_yy.png`

2. tab_button_right_mm_dd_yy.png
3. tab_button_hover_mm_dd_yy.png
4. tab_button_hover_right_mm_dd_yy.png

Using the concepts you learned in the Dynamic Menu with Nav Arrow tutorial, save the `mt_katahdin.html` file as `mt_katahdin_dynamic.html` and the `mt_katahdin.css` file as `mt_katahdin_dynamic.css`.

Modify the files to display a variable width tab with the default state using `tab_button_mm_dd_yy.png` and `tab_button_right_mm_dd_yy.png` and the hover state using `tab_button_hover_mm_dd_yy.png` and the `tab_button_hover_right_mm_dd_yy.png`.

STRAIN YOUR BRAIN... Add a white border to the currently hovered button.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE DISPLAY IN BOTH FIREFOX AND I.E. TO BE SURE THAT ALL OF THE STYLES WORK PROPERLY IN BOTH BROWSERS.