

menuicon macro

{menuicon} Macro

Description

This macro creates an icon for use within the menu.

Requirements

This macro requires [Theme Builder 2.0](#) or above.

Usage

```
{menuicon:icon|tooltip=tooltip text|size=16}
```

Parameters

Property	Required	Default	Notes
default			The icon name (see list below)
tooltip			The tooltip to display when the mouse hovers over the icon 1
size		16	The icon size, in pixels
force		false	If you have switched menu icons off in the theme configuration screen, you can force individual icons to still appear by setting this parameter to true

1. When using the icon in a menu, tooltips will only be shown if enabled in theme configuration.

Theme Builder 2.x Icons

The following icons are available in Theme Builder 2.x:

Name	Image	Location in Default Menus	Formats
about		View > This Page > Page Information	PNG, GIF
add2		Edit > New	PNG, GIF
bookmark		View > Other Pages > Labels	PNG, GIF
clock		View > Account > History	PNG, GIF
colors		Edit > Administration > Configure Theme	PNG, GIF
document		View > This Page	PNG, GIF
document_add		Edit > New > Page	PNG, GIF
document_attachment		Edit > Attachments	PNG, GIF
document_delete		Edit > Remove this page/news	PNG, GIF
document_edit		Edit > Edit this page/news	PNG, GIF
document_into		View > Other Pages > Site Map	PNG, GIF

document_new		View > Other Pages > Recent Updates	PNG, GIF
document_plain			PNG, GIF
documents		View > Other Pages	PNG, GIF
door2		View > Account > Logout	PNG, GIF
earth		Edit > Administration > Space Administration	PNG, GIF
earth_add		Edit > New > Space	PNG, GIF
earth_location			PNG, GIF
folder_document		Edit > Administration > Templates	PNG, GIF
gears			PNG, GIF
house		View > Other Pages > Home Page	PNG, GIF
Name	Image	Location in Default Menus	Formats
id_card		View > Account > Preferences	PNG, GIF
index		View > Other Pages > Index	PNG, GIF
link			PNG, GIF
magic-wand		View > Other Pages > RSS Feed Builder	PNG, GIF
mail		View > Mail	PNG, GIF
news		View > Other Pages > News	PNG, GIF
note_add		Edit > New > Comment	PNG, GIF
paperclip		View > Other Pages > Attachments Index	PNG, GIF
pdf		View > This Page > Export to PDF	GIF
presentation		View > Other Pages > Dashboard	PNG, GIF
printer		View > This Page > Printable View	PNG, GIF
registry			PNG, GIF
server		Edit > Administration > Site Administration	PNG, GIF
server_document		Edit > Administration > Advanced	PNG, GIF
user1		View > Account	PNG, GIF
user1_add		View > Account > Sign-up	PNG, GIF
user1_into		View > Account > Login	PNG, GIF
word		View > This Page > Export to Word	GIF
calendar			PNG, GIF
user1_earth			PNG, GIF
rss			PNG, GIF

Theme Builder 3.x Icons

Theme Builder 3.x and above contain over 800 professional icons in both GIF and PNG format (over 1,600 icons in total). ~~Obviously there's no way we could easily list them all here, however it's fairly trivial for you to view the icons on your local machine.~~

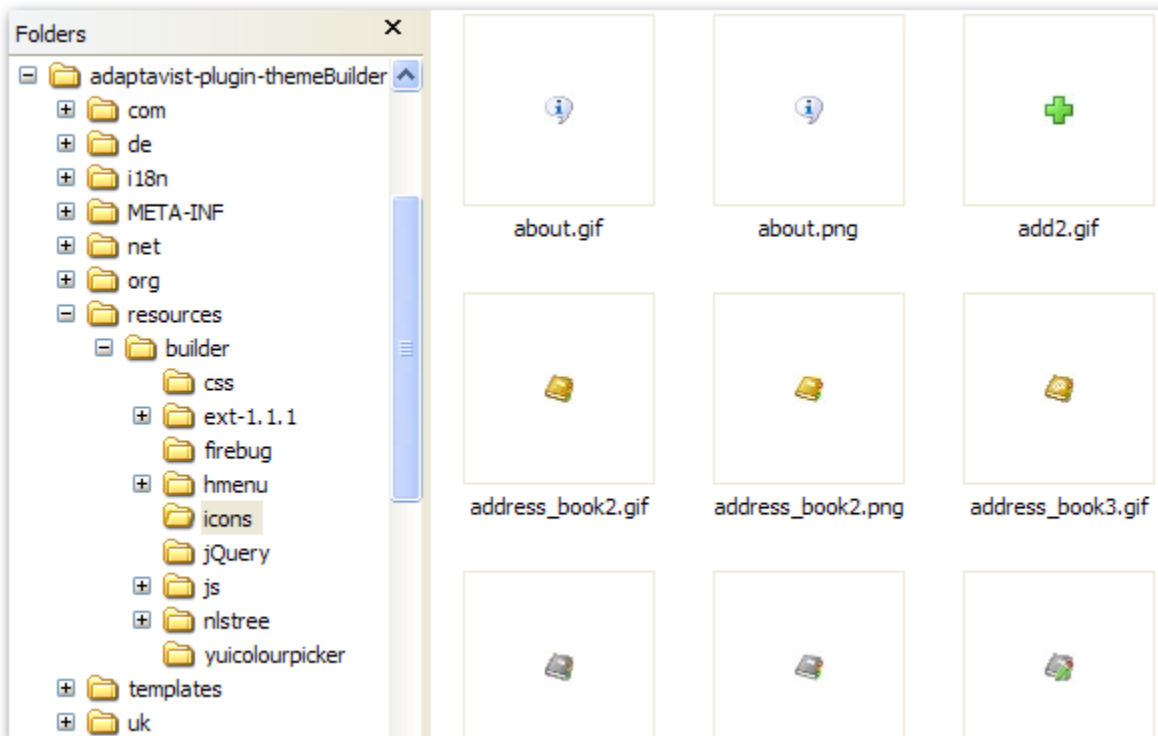
Thanks to Chris Paquin, you can now view the 800 PNG icons online: [Builder 3.x Icons](#) - the page takes quite a while to load as you'd expect!

If you need a faster way to review the icons, try this...

Theme Builder is distributed as a ".jar" file - this is in fact a ZIP file, it's just that it's extension has been renamed from ".zip" to ".jar".

To view all the icons available in Theme Builder 3.x and above, simply rename the ".jar" file to a ".zip" file and then extract the archive (including folders) to your desktop or some other folder on your computer. You can find plenty of [free ZIP extraction software on the Internet](#).

You can then browse through to the `resources/builder/icons` folder to display all the available icons:



To use any of icons with either the menuicon macro, [compound-menuitem macro](#) or as a [Favourites Icon](#), just use the file name without the extension.

For example, use the "about.gif" icon with the menuicon macro as follows:

```
{menuicon:about}
```

Use it with the [compound-menuitem macro](#) as follows:

```
{compound-menuitem:information|icon=about|caption=Information}
```

When using the icon as your layout "favicon" ([Favourites Icon](#)), prefix it with an "at" sign:

```
@about
```

Examples

Basic Use

To show a menu icon, use the following notation:

```
{menuicon:registry}
```

Which gives: 

Tooltips

You can make your site more accessible by providing a tooltip for icons:


```
{menuicon:house/tooltip=An small picture of a house}
```

The tooltip is shown when the mouse hovers over the icon.

Screen readers, brailers and other accessibility aides can convey the tooltip using speech, braille, moon, etc.

Icon Size

When displaying an icon within paragraph text, the line spacing can sometimes be affected or the icon can look too big inside the text, for example:

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aliquam fermentum vestibulum est. Cras rhoncus. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas.  Sed quis tortor. Donec non ipsum. Mauris condimentum, odio nec porta tristique, ante neque malesuada massa, in dignissim eros velit at tellus. Donec et risus in ligula eleifend consectetur.

To avoid this problem, you can shrink the icon size as follows:

```
{menuicon:colors/size=14}
```

You can also increase the icon size, although visual quality will be impaired:

```
{menuicon:colors/size=48}
```

Forcing icons to be displayed

All menu icons can easily be switched off using the settings in theme configuration, however you might want some to always be visible. To do this, use the "force" parameter:

```
{menuicon:calendar/force=true}
```

Hints and Tips

By default the PNG icon will be shown, if available. If you have disabled PNG transparency support in Internet Explorer or set menus to "Load as quickly as possible" (both options in Theme Configuration), the GIF icon will be shown instead.

If you are aware that your end-users are using slow computers, Internet Explorer versions prior to 5.5 or have low bandwidth, you can make pages load faster by forcing the use of GIF icons as described above. You can turn off icons altogether by selecting the "Do not display icons in the Edit / View menus" option in Theme Configuration.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get the icons for Show Children/Comments, Add to Favourites and Watch this page/news/space?

The checkboxes shown against the "Show Children" and "Show Comments" options are automatically generated by the [menulink macro](#).

The icons shown against the "Add to Favourites" and "Watch this page/news/space" are also generated by the [menulink macro](#), however you can also use the [builder-favicon macro](#) and [builder-watchicon macro](#) should you want to display these icons on their own within a panel.