How to center your Menu Writer menu on your page

Depending on your site design, you may want your CSS Menu Writer menu to be centered on your page. This can be achieved relatively easily by modifying the CSS layout that your menu is inserted to.

This How To shows you the steps required for centering your navigation menu on your page for any CSS-based layout.

What Do You Need to Start?

- Dreamweaver 8, CS3 or CS4

- CSS Menu Writer menu

- CSS-based layout

Measure your menu

The first step is to determine the exact width of your entire navigation menu. This includes any margins or padding applied to the right or left of any of the navigation elements.

To measure your menu, choose one of the following techniques.
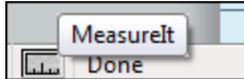
In CSS Menu Writer

1. Open the CSS Menu Writer interface and choose the Design tab.

2. Total the values entered for the following options.

    - Width for each div element.

    - Any left or right margins applied to any div element.

    - Any left or right padding applied to any div element.

3. The resulting number should be the total width of your menu.

Using the Firefox MeasureIt add-on

After creating your menu, you can use the MeasureIt add-on for Firefox to measure the full width of your menu in your browser.

1. Install the MeasureIt add-on from https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/539.

2. Open the page containing your menu in Firefox.

3. Select the MeasureIt icon from the bottom left corner.
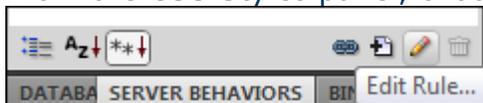

4. Drag your cursor from the left edge of your menu to the right edge.
   The MeasureIt add-on will display the total width of the selected area.

5. Take note of the width of your menu that is displayed by MeasureIt.
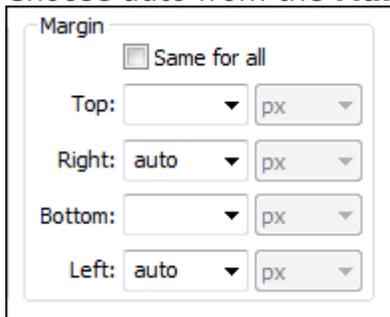
Modifying your navigation div

The final step is to create/modify the div element for your navigation.

1. Select the div element that your navigation menu is inserted in.
   Typically, this would be named topnavigation.

2. From the CSS Styles panel, choose **Edit Rule**.

   CS3 users choose Edit Style.

3. From the CSS Rule Definition window, choose the **Box** category.

4. Place your cursor in the width field.

5. Enter the width you calculated for your menu.
   *Make sure **px** is selected from the Width menu list.*

6. Uncheck the **Margin Same for all** checkbox.

7. Choose auto from the **Margin Left** menu.

8. Choose auto from the **Margin Right** menu.

9. Click **OK** to save your changes.

10. Press **Ctrl (Cmd) + S** to the save your page.

11. Press **F12** to preview your page.