

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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DISPLAYING IMAGES BLOCKS IN A RANDOM ORDER - Sep 19th, 2010

A client of mine wanted to have 4 groups of images and a navigation menu display in a single row, 5 column table on their home page. They wanted the images to change in a random fashion and the navigation menu to appear in a different cell each time the page was visited.

I was able to help them by combining the random display concept above with a simple javascript program that I found on the vBulletin support forum.

<http://forum.vbulletinsetup.com/f62/display-content-random-order-xhtml-valid-2355.html>

I created 4 section editors like the ones above, and then created a web page with the following code:
The class="group1" is used by the randomizing script to swap the contents of the cells.

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<?php header('Content-type: text/html; charset=utf-8'); ?>
<?php

require_once "/path_to_your/cmsAdmin/lib/viewer_functions.php";

list($images_1Records, $images_1MetaData) = getRecords(array(
    'Table name' => 'images_1',
    'orderBy'   => 'RAND()',
    'limit'     => '1',

));

list($images_2Records, $images_2MetaData) = getRecords(array(
    'Table name' => 'images_2',
    'orderBy'   => 'RAND()',
    'limit'     => '1',

));

list($images_3Records, $images_3MetaData) = getRecords(array(
    'Table name' => 'images_3',
    'orderBy'   => 'RAND()',
    'limit'     => '1',

));

list($images_4Records, $images_4MetaData) = getRecords(array(
    'Table name' => 'images_4',
    'orderBy'   => 'RAND()',
    'limit'     => '1',
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));

?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
<script type="text/javascript" src="scripts/random.js"></script>

<title>Random Blocks</title>
</head>

<body >
<table border="0" align="center" cellpadding="0">

<tr>
<td valign="top">
<?php foreach ($images_1Records as $record): ?>
<div class="group1">
<?php foreach ($record['image'] as $upload): ?>
<a href="<?php echo $upload['info1'] ?>" >" height="<?php echo $upload['thumbHeight2'] ?>" style="border:hidden" alt="" /></a>
<?php endforeach ?>
<?php endforeach ?>
</div></td>

<td valign="top">
<?php foreach ($images_2Records as $record): ?>
<div class="group1">
<?php foreach ($record['image'] as $upload): ?>
<a href="<?php echo $upload['info1'] ?>" >" height="<?php echo $upload['thumbHeight2'] ?>" style="border:hidden" alt="" /></a>
<?php endforeach ?>
<?php endforeach ?>
</div></td>

<td valign="top">
<?php foreach ($images_3Records as $record): ?>
<div class="group1">
<?php foreach ($record['image'] as $upload): ?>
<a href="<?php echo $upload['info1'] ?>" >" height="<?php echo $upload['thumbHeight2'] ?>" style="border:hidden" alt="" /></a>
<?php endforeach ?>
<?php endforeach ?>
</div></td>

<td valign="top">
<?php foreach ($images_4Records as $record): ?>
<div class="group1">
<?php foreach ($record['image'] as $upload): ?>
<a href="<?php echo $upload['info1'] ?>" >" height="<?php echo $upload['thumbHeight2'] ?>" style="border:hidden" alt="" /></a>
<?php endforeach ?>
<?php endforeach ?>
</div></td>

<td valign="top"><div class="group1">
<table align="center" width="90%" border="0" cellpadding="0">
<tr>
<td valign="top" ><a class="your-class" href="your_index.php">Home</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td valign="top" ><a class="your-class" href="page_1.php">Menu Item 1</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td ><a class="your-class" href="page_2.php">Menu Item 2</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td ><a class="your-class" href="page_3.php">Menu Item 3</a></td>
</tr>

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</u>
<tr>
  <td ><a class="your-class" href="page_4.php">Menu Item 4</a></td>
</tr>
</table>

</div></td>

</tr>

</table>

<script type="text/javascript">
//randomize order of contents with DIV class="group1"
randomizeContent("group1")
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

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