

How to Customize Standard Pages: OPAC Menu and Main Menu

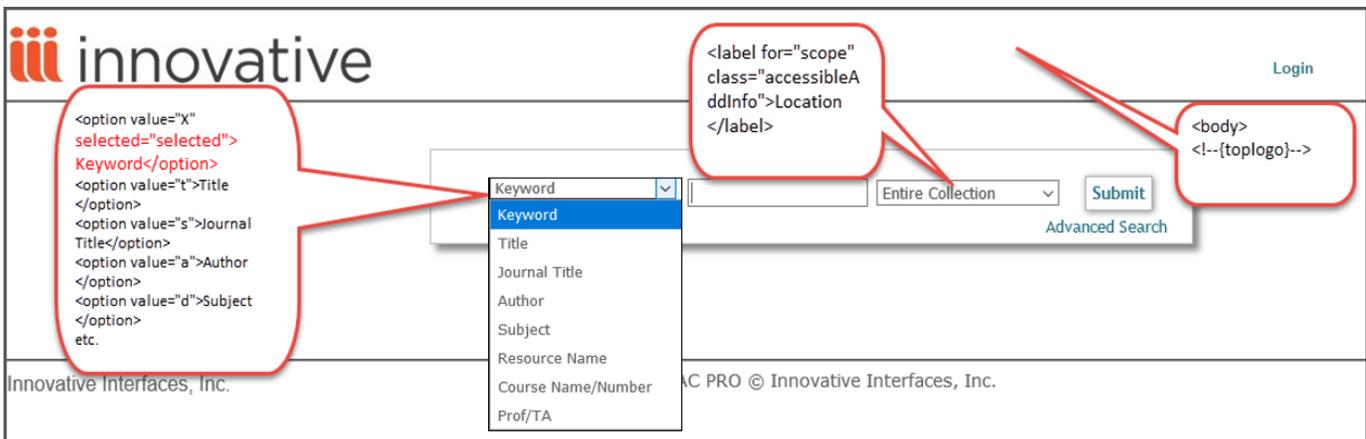
Main Menu Page

Your WebPAC comes with default HTML pages that are fully customizable. WebPAC is customizable using a combination of command links, style sheets, forms, and tokens.

It is important to know that WebPAC Pro requires the existence of the mainmenu.html page, this page can be redesigned, and many libraries use it as the entry web page for their library. You can use the Main Menu page to display your library's information, such as hours, services, programs, calendar of events, and link to other pages relevant to your organization. The only requirement of the Main Menu page is that it should exist.

When a user selects the link to your WebPAC the resulting URL is <http://yourlibraryIP/>

This mainmenu.html screenshot displays some of the elements of the page.



The screenshot shows the top portion of a library's main menu page. It features the 'innovative' logo on the left and a 'Login' link on the right. Below the logo is a search area with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Keyword'. A 'Submit' button and an 'Advanced Search' link are also visible. Three red callout boxes point to specific HTML code snippets: one points to the search dropdown options, another points to the 'scope' label for the search form, and a third points to the body content token.

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<option value="X" selected="selected">Keyword</option>
<option value="t">Title</option>
<option value="s">Journal Title</option>
<option value="a">Author</option>
<option value="d">Subject</option>
etc.

<label for="scope" class="accessibleAdInfo">Location</label>

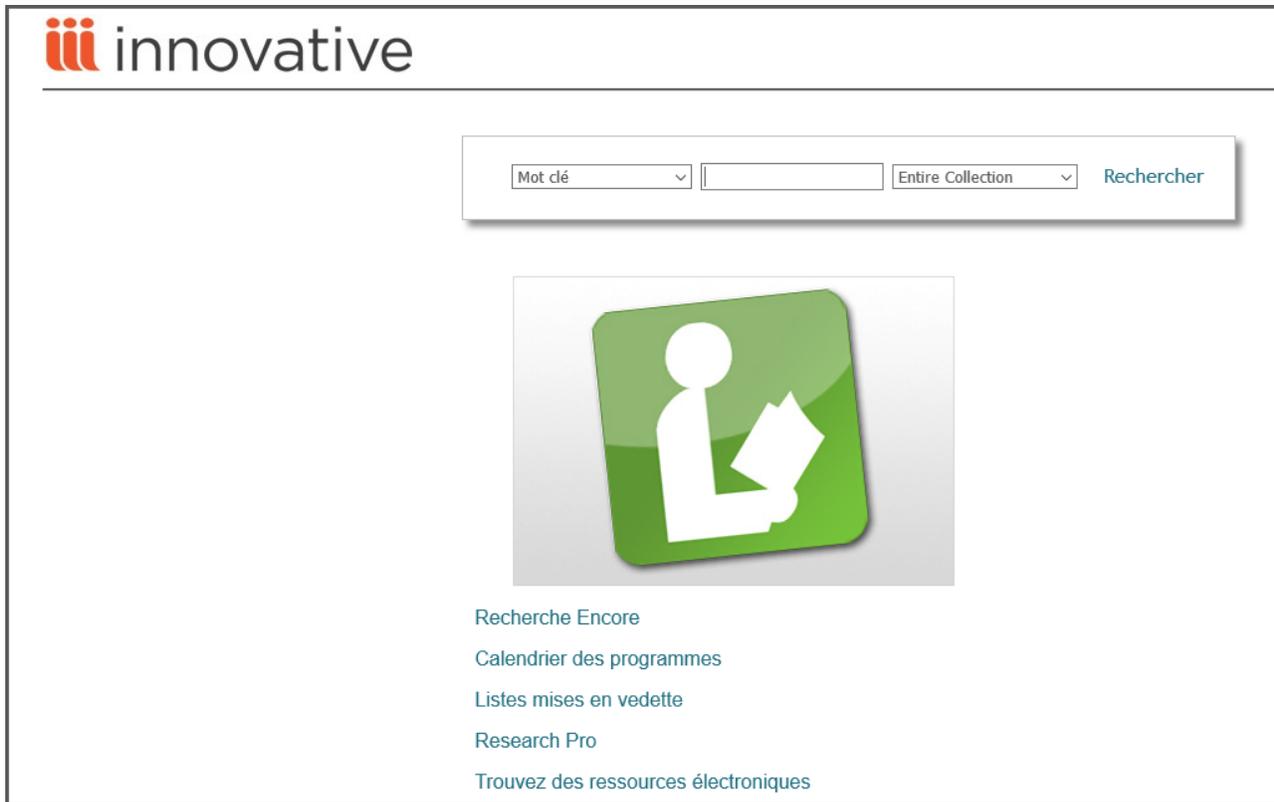
<body>
<!--{toplogo}-->
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The Main Menu page comes with default HTML links that you can edit to reflect services provided by your library. You can add links to other functionality such as Course Reserves, Interlibrary Loan, you can also change the text of the indexes, etc. Furthermore, on this page you can add links to other resources such as Interlibrary Loan, Other Library Catalogs, etc. This example shows a Google search like page.

It is important to note that this page also supports other languages if your organization acquired this product. For example, to set up your WebPAC in French you must create another Main Menu page; the naming convention will

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include the three-character code for the language, for example, mainmenu_fr.html. The image below is the same WebPAC customized differently, with links to other functionality on the bottom.



Important Note: WebPAC Pro requires the existence of the mainmenu.html page. You can redesign this page or make it an exact copy of opacmenu.html but you should not remove it.

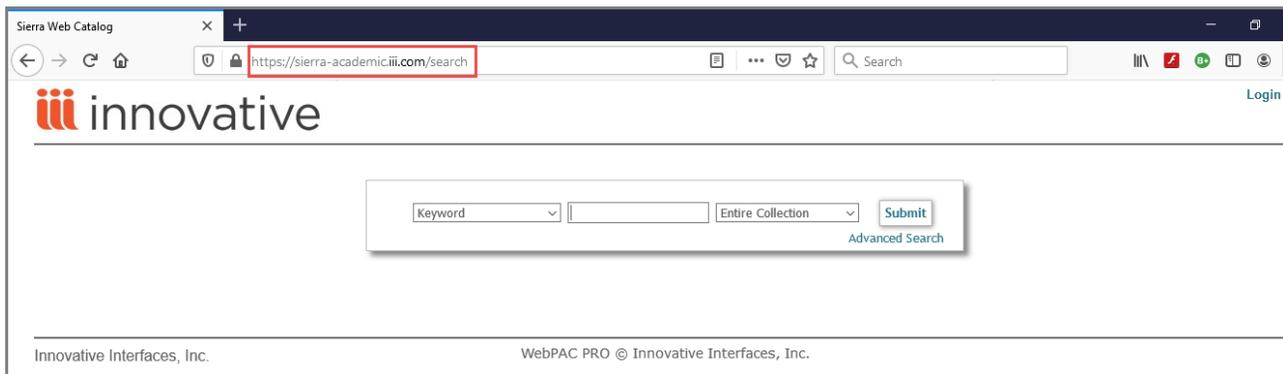
For additional information see [The Main Menu Page](#) on Sierra WebHelp.

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The OPAC Menu

The OPAC Menu is the page that offers search options to access the catalog, and it is designed to be the main search screen. The command link that invokes opacmenu.html is “/search”. The direct URL for the OPAC Menu page is <http://yourlibraryIP/search>. In the default setup of the WebPAC, this page is identical to the default Main Menu page. Both pages can be customized together and kept the same, or can be customized separately to have very different content and presentation.

If they are made to look different, a user would get an entry page each time they enter your catalog via [mainmenu.html](#), and would get a page with different options each time they started a new search via [opacmenu.html](#). If these pages are kept the same, then the entry page and search page will be seamlessly integrated and users will not be able to notice that they are being directed to different pages. The [opacmenu.html](#) supports both languages and scopes: [opacmenu_lang.html](#) ; [opacmenu_s#.html](#) (# is the number as given in the Scope Menu).



The OPAC Menu has been designed to be the main search screen. Therefore, by default the New Search link (Start Over) and the will take users to this page. However this behavior is customizable via the Web Options (STARTOVER).

[Start Over](#)

The OPAC Menu is fully customizable to reflect the needs of your organization. Index search options are available from this screen and can be changed to reflect your library's choice of indexes to search. For example, if your library offers a search by journal title, a tab can be added to allow searching the journal title index. If your library does not offer one or more of the default index searches, you can deactivate them by commenting them out. You can also change the default sorting offerings to reflect your organization's preferences.

Other Searches can be customized removing unwanted features and adding other search options that you may want to offer to your library users.

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