**Move our sidebar to the top**

12/26/2017 10:47 PM - sajolida

### Status:
Resolved

### Priority:
Normal

### Assignee:
sajolida

### Category:

### Target version:

### Feature Branch:

### Type of work:
Website

### Blueprint:

### Description

Having our sidebar placed on the right is quite uncommon for the web.

- A better placement would be on the left, which is more common. This would also make the width of the page always consistent. 
  See attachment.
- An even better placement would be to use a top navigation bar which is the most common and the best practice nowadays. This would also liberate more width on all pages.

### Subtasks:

- Feature # 17629: Adjust the style of our "Donate" button to the topbar  
  Resolved

### Related issues:

- Related to Tails - Feature #7214: Have submenus  
  Confirmed  05/17/2014
- Related to Tails - Feature #7255: Identify which entries to put in a more complete menu added  
  Confirmed  05/17/2014
- Blocks Tails - Bug #17431: Consider dropping the latest release version and d...  
  Resolved

### History

**#1 - 12/27/2017 07:51 AM - intrigeri**

- Subject changed from Move our sidebar on the left (or on the top) to Move our sidebar to the left (or to the top)
- Description updated

**#2 - 01/18/2018 05:40 PM - Anonymous**

I don't think that having more width is something we want: the wider the lines to read are, the harder it becomes to read (as it makes it more difficult for the eye to find the start of the next line). It's a typo/design no-go.

Having the sidebar on the left sounds good, and using a top menu bar with other important entries also seems to be the way to go.

For example, one could have on the top our main areas like "support", "About" etc. and in a left sidebar you could have subthemes for each page. This would solve several problems at once: make the page not too long to scroll, make it honor readability rules and give people an overview of the themes they can browse. Both sidebar and topbar could be made “fixed” to the screen (if not on a mobile or small screen).

**#3 - 01/18/2018 05:56 PM - Anonymous**

- Related to Feature #7214: Have submenus added

**#4 - 01/18/2018 05:56 PM - Anonymous**

- Related to Feature #7255: Identify which entries to put in a more complete menu added
I don't want to make our lines longer. The extra width could be used on pages with a more complex layout like /contribute, maybe the homepage in the future, etc.

For example, on /donate we removed the sidebar and made a great use of the extra space without making our lines longer.

During the user testing of the Additional Software beta:

- 1 person never saw the sidebar. When asked, she said it was because she reads from left to right.
- 2 people navigated to /doc/first_steps/startup_options/administration_password from /home using the link in the "Tails report for March, 2018" (after scrolling!) instead of using the sidebar.

I'll do this while working on #16537 for Sponsor 1.

Prototype live on the website:

- https://tails.boum.org/about/staging/about/
- https://tails.boum.org/about/staging/home/

Links don't work, I know :)

Target version changed from Tails_4.3 to Tails_4.4

Target version changed from Tails_4.4 to Tails_4.5

Target version changed from Tails_4.5 to Tails_4.6

Target version changed from Tails_4.6 to Tails_4.7

Target version changed from Tails_4.7 to Tails_4.6

Subject changed from Move our sidebar to the left (or to the top) to Move our sidebar to the top
#15 - 05/01/2020 03:36 PM - sajolida
- Status changed from In Progress to Resolved
- Target version deleted (Tails_4.6)

Done!

@CyrilBrulebois, you're going to love this: no more complete rebuild of the website when pushing a release! :)

#16 - 05/04/2020 05:54 PM - sajolida
- Blocks Bug #17431: Consider dropping the latest release version and date from the website sidebar added

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