


Sections

Last Modified on 09/02/2022 8:57 am PDT

When a new department or unit requests a presence on the website — or when special projects arise that necessitate a new area of the website — a section must be created. Every section includes an `index.html` file (which is usually in the format of a Landing Page), a `nav.html` file (which stores the [Section Properties](#)), a `nav.json` file (for the section's navigation menu), and subfolders to store documents and images. These steps walk through the creation process.

 **HEAD'S UP:** Due to the higher level of impact that this action has on university content, a section can only be created by [System Administrators](#) users. [Contact Us](#) for assistance.

How to Create a Section

1. Use the section wizard to create the folder, `index.html` file, `nav.html` file, `nav.json` file, and subfolders to store documents and images.
2. Using available templates, create the section footer (`footer.html` file) and sidebar include (`sidebar.html` file). Then, publish everything. (Note: if these templates are not available, make sure that the `Interior` option for the folder is set to `Interior` instead of Interior.)
3. Update the [Directory Variables](#) [section-home, navigation-start, section-include-status (on/off) and section-include (if on)].
4. Check homepage to make sure all includes and settings are applied. Update `nav.json` to change breadcrumb or hero text as needed.
5. Add homepage hero images (these are saved in the path of `images/hero`).
6. Create section end-user and admin group (e.g., SOM and SOM Admins).
7. Apply end-user group (e.g., SOM) recursively to folder through Access settings (same place as `nav.json`)
8. Apply admin group (e.g., SOM Admins) to `index.html`, `nav.html`, `nav.json`, and `nav.json` files, as applicable. This step may be repeated when sub-sections are created.
9. Apply template group (Interior) recursively to folder through `nav.json` settings.
10. Create an images and documents folder using the plain folder icon.
11. Update the default image path `nav.json` to point to the local images folder (`images/hero`). This variable does not affect the `nav.json` file chooser used for hero images.