

- blue screenshots are of actual panels admin pages
- orange ones are my suggestions

[Preview]



it's a bit empty, I'd imagine the Settings tab has the stuff I'd expect to be here, I expect [preview] to be a summary of some of the basics as name title and path, preview of the layout, summeray of content placement. Plus maybe a repeat of all tabs as a list, like a dashboard or homepage.

[Preview...]

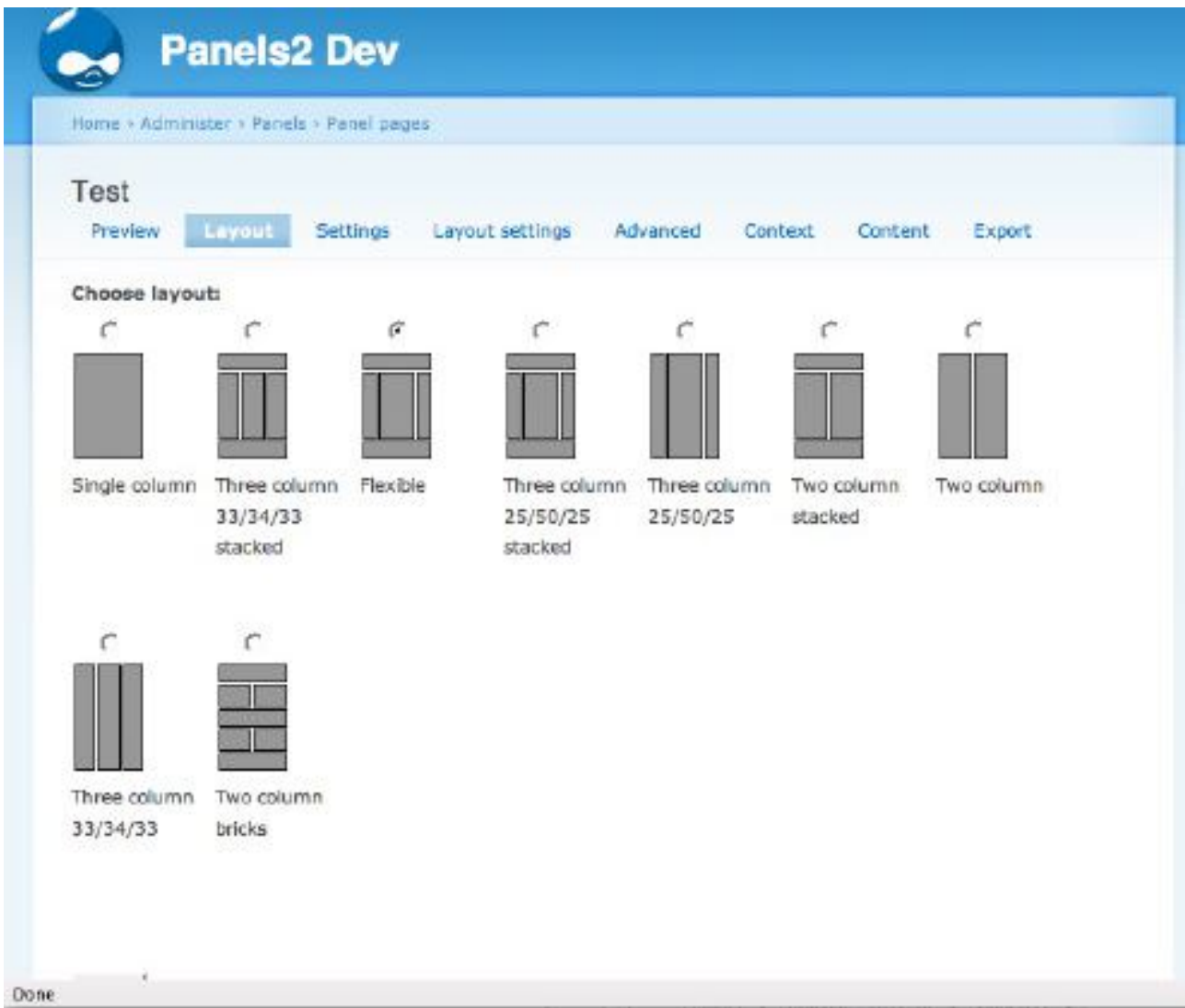
[preview] should generally function as a dashboard for all other settings, this is tab you enter panels admin with, needs more functionality at the fingertips & shortcuts to the rest.

Maybe something like this:

The screenshot shows the 'Panels2 Dev' administration interface. The main content area is titled 'Test' and has a 'Preview' tab selected. Below the tabs, there is an 'Administrative view' section with a small icon and two columns of settings: 'Panel name' (test_flexible) and 'Page title' (Test), and 'Path' (test/flexible) and 'Additional arguments'. Below this is a 'Page preview' section with four columns: 'Who's online', 'Testbxxx', 'Recer comm', and 'Who's online', and 'Recent comments'. The sidebar on the right contains 'Administration' (Create content, Test 1, Export panels, Mini panels, Panel nodes settings, Panel pages), 'User login' (Username, Password, Log in, Request new password), and 'Navigation' (click me mofo, litwolf's path, PT Test).

Or maybe not. Maybe the settings tab could come second and be that summary dashboard page.

[Layout]



A whole tab for one simple (though important) task. Would be cool and useful if you could use a preset layout as a basis for further advanced tweaking. All the basic starterpoints are there, there's always one to build off for most if not all customizations you'd want to do.

Maybe the layout names don't have to be shown like this but moved to the alt and title tag of the thumbnail image. Saves a lot of space and for the task at hand it's not adding a lot of information to help you choose.

The layouts could be ordered a bit more logically from simple to complex

I think I'd prefer the radiobutton below the thumbnail.

Maybe this tab should be 2 columns and incorporate the advanced settings:

[Layout...]

The screenshot displays the 'Panels2 Dev' interface. At the top, there is a navigation breadcrumb: 'Home > Administer > Panels > Panel pages'. Below this, the title 'Test' is shown, followed by a series of tabs: 'Preview', 'Layout' (which is selected), 'Settings', 'Layout settings', 'Advanced', 'Context', 'Content', and 'Export'.

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Choose layout:** This section contains ten layout icons arranged in three rows. Each icon represents a different grid configuration (e.g., single column, two columns, three columns, four columns, and various combinations of rows and columns). Each icon has a small circular arrow below it, likely for refreshing or cycling through options.
- Customize Layout:** This section allows for detailed configuration of the selected layout. It includes:
 - Width unit type:** A dropdown menu currently set to '% (percentage)'.
 - Total width:** A text input field containing '100'.
 - Rows:** A text input field containing '3'.

Below these settings, there are three identical 'Row 1' configuration blocks. Each block contains:

- Labels for 'Width 1:', 'Width 2:', 'Width 3:', and 'Width 4:'.
- Input fields for each width, with values '40', '30', '30', and '30' respectively.
- A label 'Column titles, separated by commas:' followed by an input field containing the text 'Top'.

At the bottom left of the interface, the word 'Done' is visible.

Or:

[Layout...]

The screenshot displays the 'Panels2 Dev' administration interface. The main content area is titled 'Test' and includes a navigation menu with options: Preview, Layout (selected), Settings, Layout settings, Advanced, Context, Content, and Export. The 'Layout' section shows a '3 column stacked' layout with dimensions '25/50/25'. Below this, the 'Customize Layout' section allows for adjusting 'Width unit type' (set to '% (percentage)'), 'Total width' (100), and 'Rows' (3). It also features two rows of width configuration tables. Row 1 and Row 2 both have columns for Width 1, 2, 3, and 4, with values of 40, 30, 30, and 30 respectively. A 'Column titles, separated by commas:' field contains 'Top'. To the right, the 'Choose layout' section offers a grid of layout icons for selection. The right sidebar contains 'Administration' links (Create content, Test 1, Export panels, Mini panels, Panel nodes settings, Panel pages), 'User login' fields (Username, Password, Log in), and 'Navigation' links (click me mofo, litwolf's path, PT Test).

The form elements for customizing rows, cells and widths etc. could probably done a bit slicker, but for now I'm just reshuffling the existing ingredients.

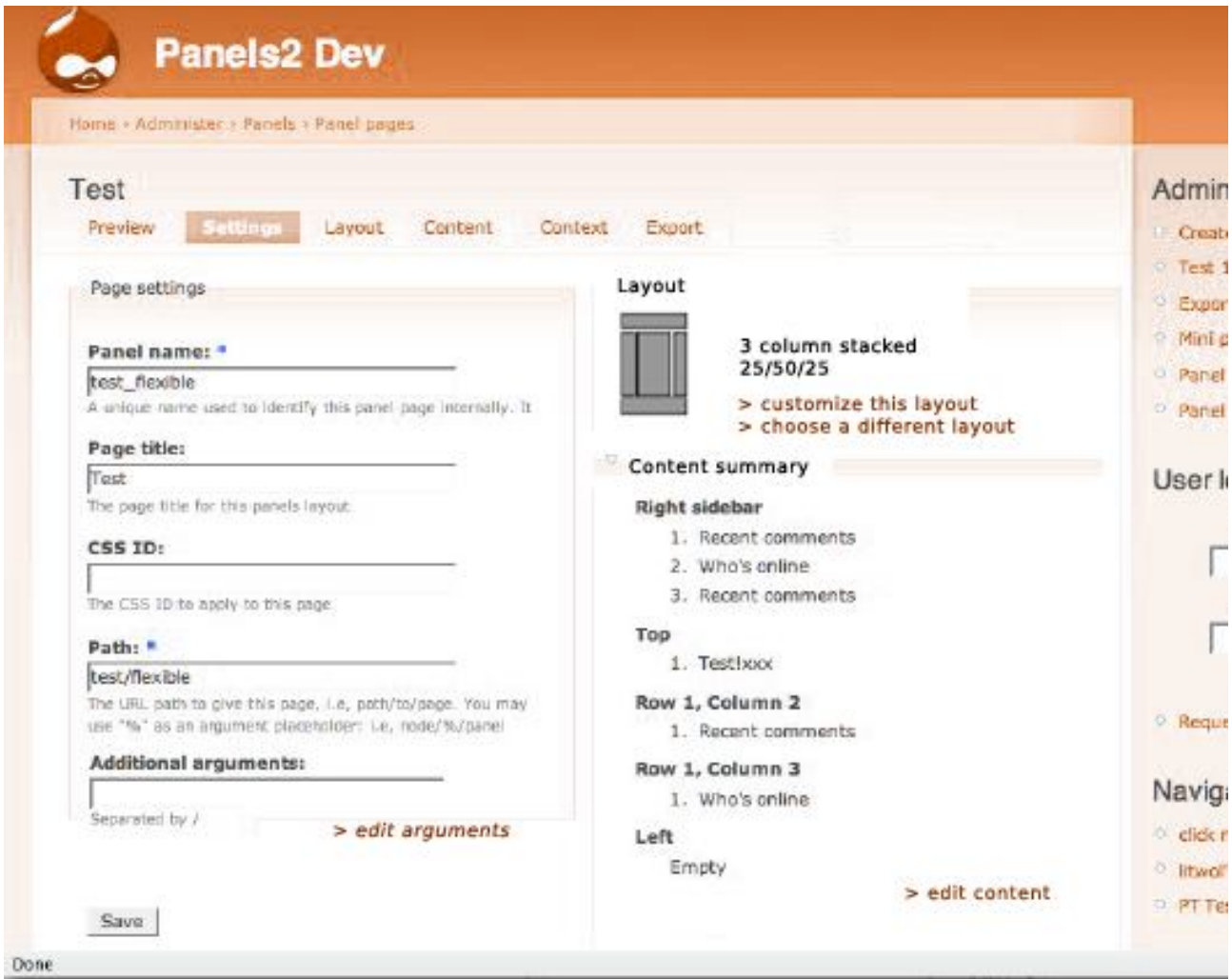
[Settings]

The screenshot shows the 'Panels2 Dev' interface. At the top, there's a blue header with the logo and the text 'Panels2 Dev'. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Administer > Panels > Panel pages'. The main content area is titled 'Test' and has several tabs: 'Preview', 'Layout', 'Settings' (which is active), 'Layout settings', 'Advanced', 'Context', 'Content', and 'Export'. The 'Settings' tab is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Page settings', contains four form fields: 'Panel name:' with the value 'test_flexible', 'Page title:' with the value 'Test', 'CSS ID:' (empty), and 'Path:' with the value 'test/flexible'. Each field has a small asterisk and a description below it. The right column, titled 'Layout', shows a 'Flexible' layout with a sidebar icon. It lists content for different regions: 'Left sidebar' (1. Who's online), 'Right sidebar' (1. Recent comments, 2. Who's online, 3. Recent comments), 'Top' (1. Test!xxx), 'Row 1, Column 2' (1. Recent comments), 'Row 1, Column 3' (1. Who's online), 'Left' (Empty), 'Middle' (1. Recent comments), and 'Right' (1. Recent comments). A 'Save' button is located at the bottom left of the 'Page settings' column.

If we keep the preview page clean, without the dashboardstyle expandable fieldset above the preview, then this settingspage should be that launchpad for all other functionality and settings.

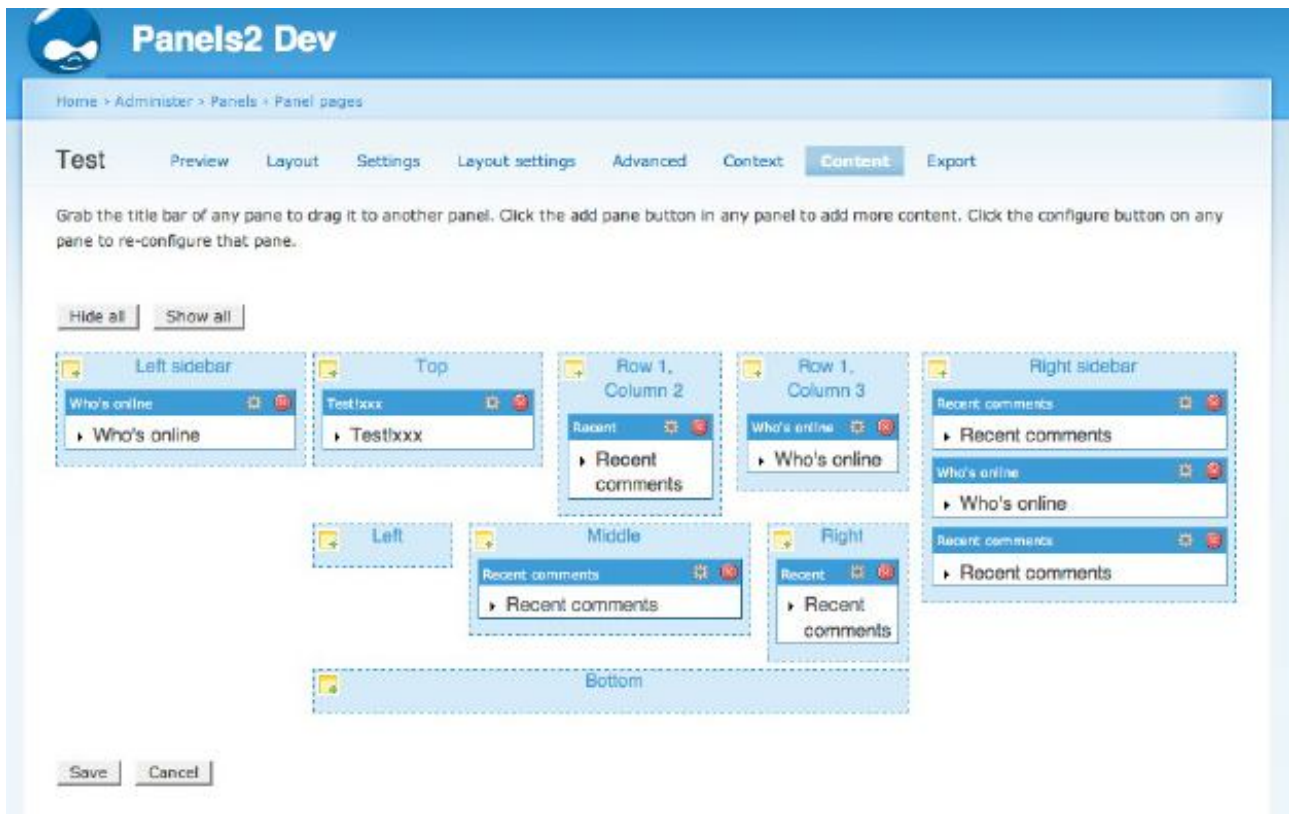
The summary of content in the right column is just that, and very static, should somehow link to the [content] tab to make changes. Don't know if it's really very usefull, maybe in an expandable fieldset?

[Settings]



I added the "Additional arguments from the preview tab to the left column and separated the layout and content in the right one, both should somehow link to their respective settingstab

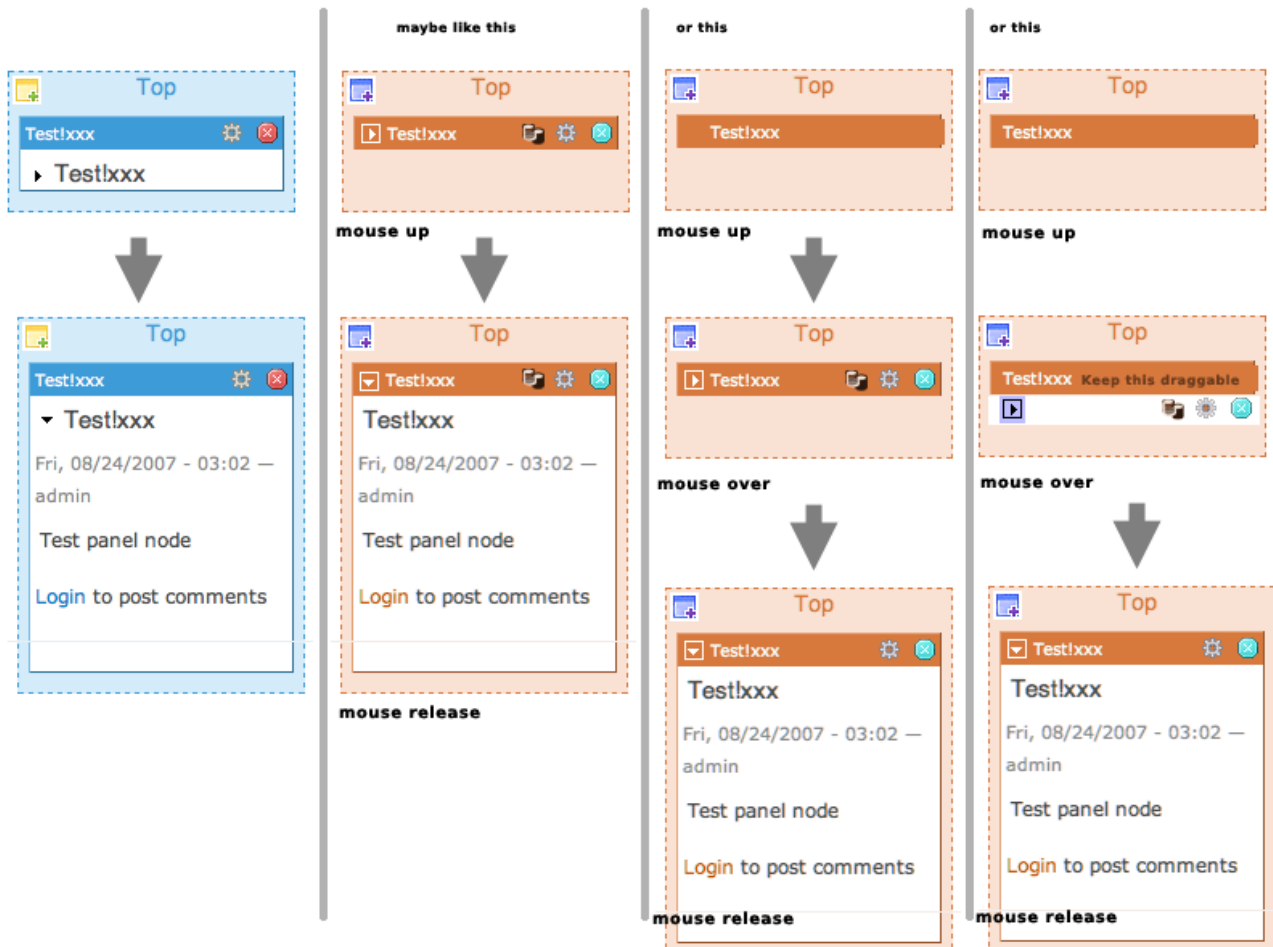
[Content]



Of course this one should stay 1 col full width.

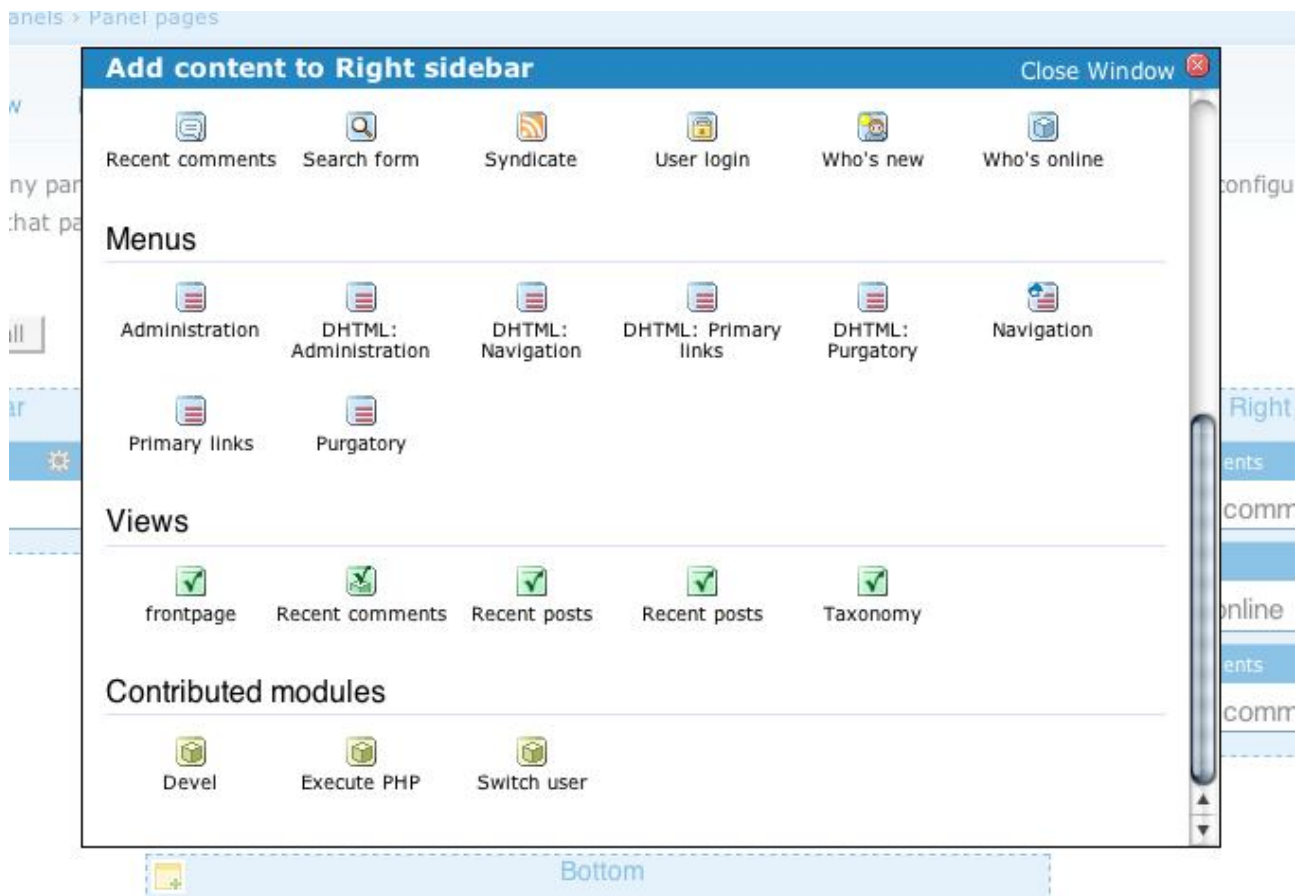
The pane dragbar-title and the content-title are showing the same thing twice and clutter the interface bigtime. Same for the icons for config and delete, to much repetition, we should try to clean up the default state of each pane:

[Content...]



The icons in the dragbar (configure cog and delete + there will be another one for caching settings) might fill up too much of the draggable area, especially in narrow columns. The last option at the has the extra buttons appear below the draggable bar on mouseover, this would keep the dragbar more grabbable (? :-)

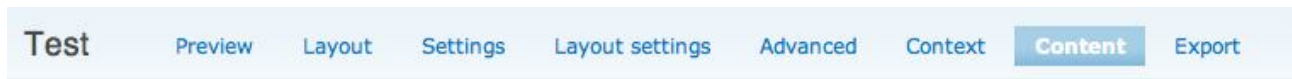
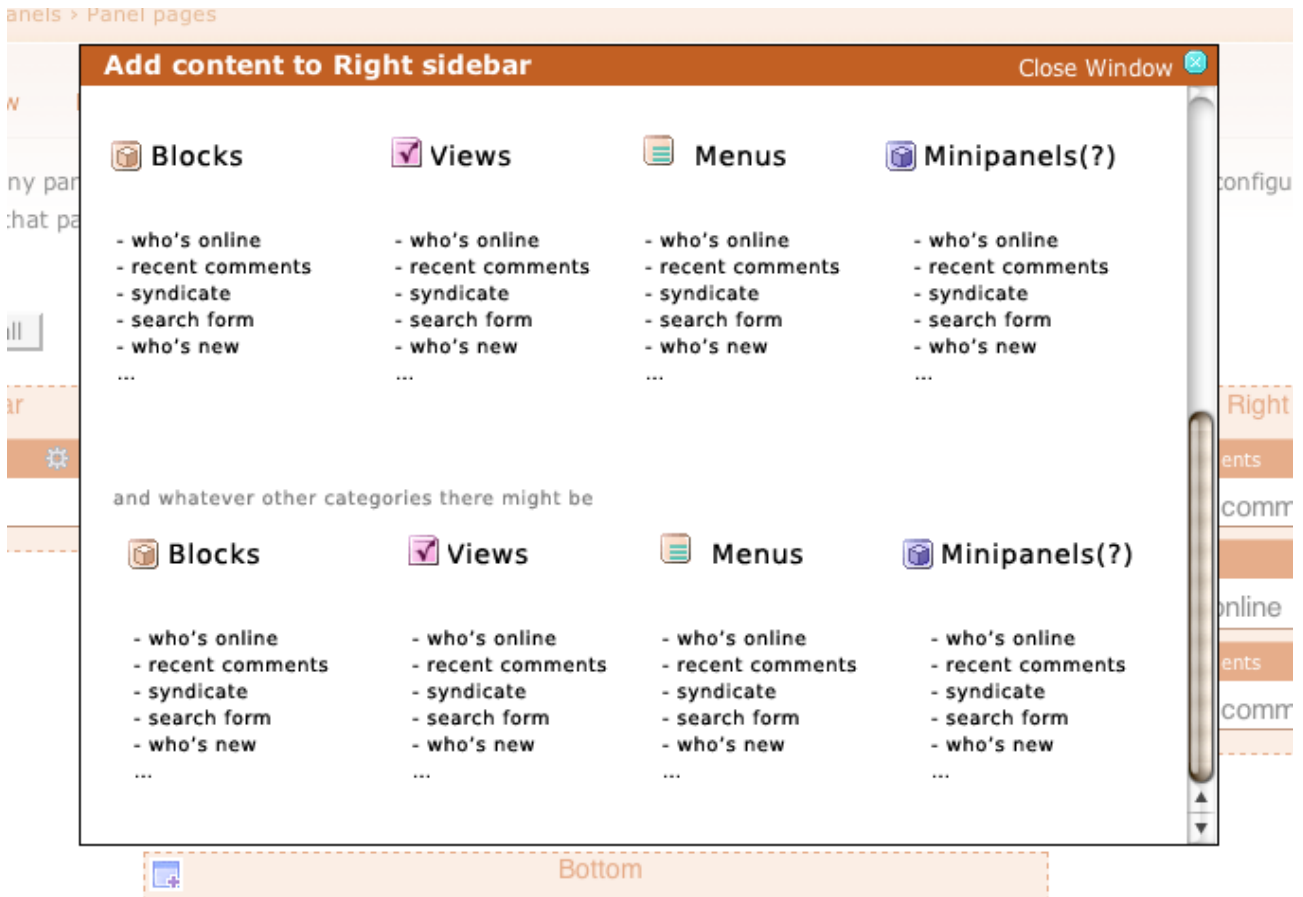
[add content modal]



Too many icons, visual noise instead of helpful. Maybe icons for each category with simple lists below:

[Add content modal...]

A lot easier on the eyes no?



I haven't looked at [context] tab, maybe they could be in a 2-col besides advanced arguments?



that's it for now!

yoroy.