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### Horizontal or Vertical Navigation: which is best?

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#### The Case for Horizontal Navigation

- All navigation links are immediately visible "above the fold"
- No need to scroll to find the last navigation items
- Content space is not squashed because the navigation has taken up room to the left
- Easy to implement drop down (or hierarchical) menus which appear as the mouse moves over the top-level navigation links
- Suits the "tabbed style of navigation, which is currently very popular

#### The Case for Vertical Navigation

- Easy to accommodate extra links as the navigation is not constrained by the overall width of the website
- Your site is better future-proofed as an overall site redesign will not be needed if your navigation is restructured
- Allows navigation links to be ordered intuitively in terms of importance
- Navigation is less likely to disappear off the top of the screen as a user scrolls down to read content

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