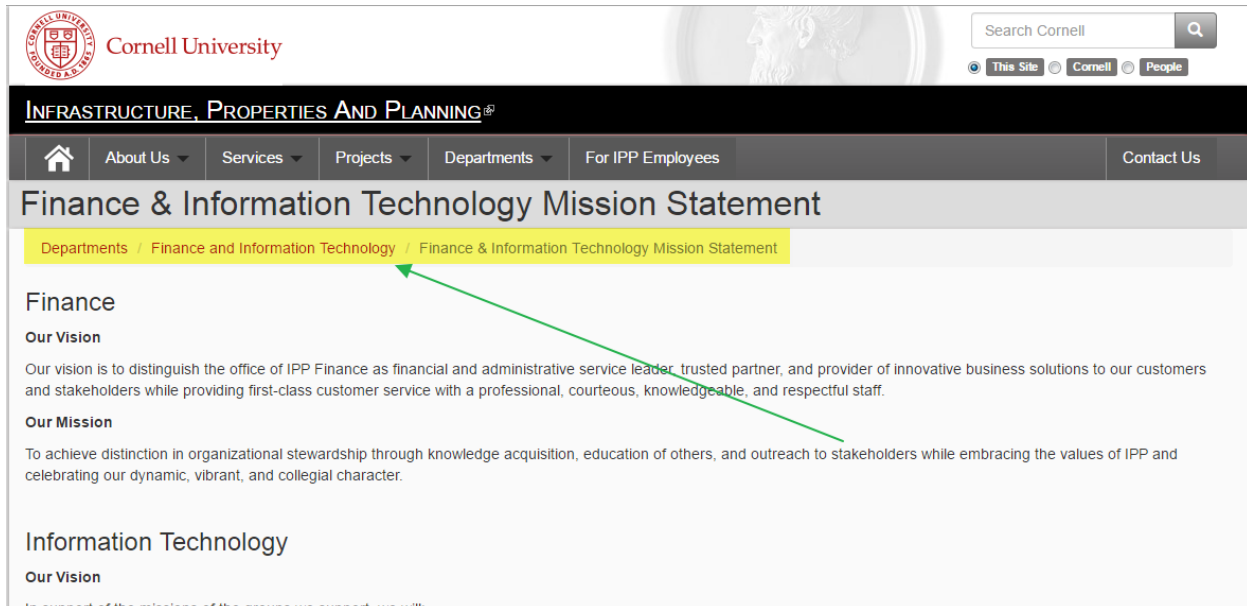


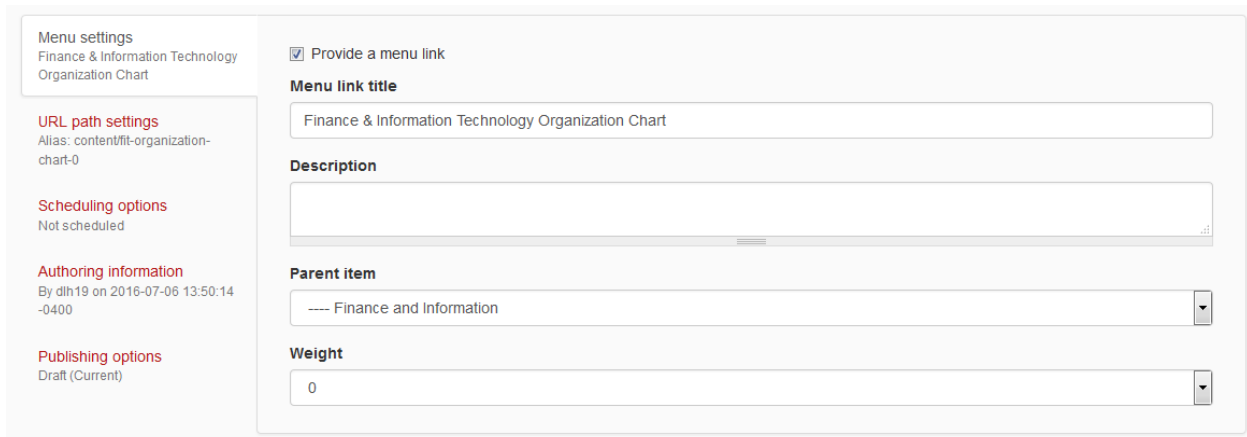
Breadcrumbs

A “breadcrumb” (or “breadcrumb trail”) is a type of secondary navigation scheme that reveals the user’s location in a website or Web application. In terms of usability, breadcrumbs reduce the number of actions a website visitor needs to take in order to get to a higher-level page. We should offer breadcrumbs whenever possible.



The screenshot shows the Cornell University website for the Infrastructure, Properties and Planning department. The breadcrumb trail is highlighted in yellow and reads: Departments / Finance and Information Technology / Finance & Information Technology Mission Statement. A green arrow points from the breadcrumb text to the 'Our Vision' section below.

In Drupal, all content types are nodes. Drupal has no sense of site hierarchy so we have to give it structure. In our environment we accomplish this with a hidden menu, “Main Menu Breadcrumbs”. When adding or editing content there is now a vertical tab called “Menu Settings”.



The screenshot shows the 'Menu Settings' configuration form for a node. The 'Provide a menu link' checkbox is checked. The 'Menu link title' field is populated with 'Finance & Information Technology Organization Chart'. The 'Parent item' dropdown is set to '---- Finance and Information'. The 'Weight' field is set to 0.

To create a breadcrumb for your node (Page, Departmental Page, Landing Page etc.), check the “Provide a menu link” checkbox. “Menu link title” should auto populate. If not, use the page title. Choose the parent item for your node. “Description” and “Weight” are unneeded for this menu. Your breadcrumb trail should now show up just below the node’s title.