

Resizing Panels for Better Workspace Visibility

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Understanding Which Panels You Can Resize

In Sherkety ERP & Website Platform, you will see resizable panels on screens that split the workspace into two areas. These layouts are common in the admin side of the product, especially when you are moving between a list of items and the details for the item you selected, or between navigation options and the main editing area.

Look for a clear divider between two sections of the screen. This divider may appear as a thin vertical or horizontal separator line between panels. On some screens, it is easiest to spot when you move your pointer over the boundary and the pointer changes to a resize shape. That divider is what lets you change how much space each panel uses.

Resizing does not close either side. Instead, it redistributes the available space so one panel becomes larger and the other becomes smaller. For example, you might keep a left-side navigation area visible while giving more room to the content editing area on the right. On another screen, you may keep a list of records visible in one panel while expanding the selected item's details in the other.

Common panel combinations in Sherkety ERP & Website Platform include:

- A navigation panel beside a main content area
- A list of items beside a details or editing panel
- A filter or support panel beside a working area
- An upper panel and lower panel stacked on the same screen

These layouts are especially useful in areas such as **Content**, **Users**, **Settings**, **SEO**, **Services**, and **Pricing**, where you often need to compare navigation, lists, and detailed fields at the same time.

[SCREENSHOT: split layout with two panels and the divider highlighted]

Resizing Panels with the Drag Handle

When you want to change the amount of space a panel uses, work directly with the divider between the two panels.

1. Move your pointer over the line between the panels.
2. Pause until the pointer changes to the resize shape.
3. Click and hold on the divider or drag handle.
4. Drag in the direction you want the panel to grow.
5. Release the mouse when the panel reaches a comfortable size.

In a left-and-right layout, drag the divider left or right. This is useful when the main work area needs more room, such as when editing website content, reviewing long settings, or checking detailed information in the admin pages. If the left panel contains navigation or a list, you can make it narrower while still keeping item names visible.

In a top-and-bottom layout, drag the divider up or down. This helps when the lower section contains details you need to read more clearly, or when the upper section needs more room for a form, preview, or table.

As you drag, watch both panels together rather than focusing only on one side. The goal is usually to keep the supporting panel visible while giving the active panel enough space for the task you are doing. If text fields feel cramped, labels wrap too often, or preview content looks compressed, the main panel probably needs more width or height.

If you move the divider too far, simply drag it back. Panel resizing is meant to be a quick visual adjustment, so you can fine-tune the layout until it feels right for the screen you are using.

[SCREENSHOT: pointer dragging the divider between two panels]

Adjusting the Workspace for Editing and Administration Tasks

A good panel layout makes everyday work in Sherkety ERP & Website Platform much easier. The best panel balance depends on what you are doing on the screen.

If you are editing website content, expand the main editing area when you need to read longer body text, review multiple fields, or compare written content with a preview. This is especially helpful on the **Content** screen, where a narrow editor can make paragraphs harder to scan and can force fields to wrap into a taller, less comfortable layout. A wider editing panel gives you more room for titles, descriptions, and multilingual content.

If you are working in admin sections such as **Users**, **Settings**, **SEO**, **Services**, or **Pricing**, widen the detail area when you need to inspect long values, compare settings, or review a selected record without constant scrolling. A larger detail panel is also useful when forms contain several grouped fields and you want to see more of them at once.

Shrink the secondary panel when it is only supporting your task. Good examples include:

- A navigation panel you only need for occasional switching
- A filter sidebar that you have already set
- A list panel where you only need to keep item names visible
- An inspector-style side area that provides reference information

At other times, you may want a more balanced split. For example, if you are moving through several records in a list and checking each one in the detail area, keep the list wide enough to recognize item names quickly while still leaving enough room for the selected record. This balance is often better than fully expanding one side, because it reduces back-and-forth resizing while you work.

[SCREENSHOT: content editing screen with a wider main panel and narrower side panel]

Working Comfortably in Different Split Layouts

Sherkety ERP & Website Platform can show resizable panels in more than one arrangement, so it helps to recognize the layout before you start dragging.

A horizontal split layout places one panel on the left and another on the right. This is common when a navigation area, list, or filter panel sits beside the main working area. In this layout, drag the divider left or right to change the width of each side. If the right side contains the main editor or details, you will usually drag the divider left to give that area more room.

A vertical split layout stacks one panel above another. In this layout, drag the divider up or down to change the height of the upper and lower sections. This is useful when one part of the screen contains summary information and the other contains details, preview content, or a longer working area.

Your screen size affects how much freedom you have. On a wide browser window, you can usually create a more comfortable balance between panels. On a smaller laptop screen or a narrow browser window, both panels compete for limited space, so

even a small resize can make a noticeable difference. If a screen feels cramped, increasing the browser window size often helps before you start resizing.

You may also notice that the divider stops moving at a certain point. That is normal. Some screens keep a minimum amount of space for one or both panels so labels, buttons, or lists remain usable. In other words, Sherkety ERP & Website Platform may let you resize the layout, but not to the point where one panel becomes too small to function properly.

For more about these limits, continue with [Understanding Panel Boundaries and Layout Behavior](#).

Getting the Most from Resizable Panels

Resizable panels work best when you adjust them intentionally instead of waiting until the screen feels cramped. In Sherkety ERP & Website Platform, take a moment to resize the workspace before starting a longer task, especially if you know you will be reading, editing, or reviewing a lot of information.

Use a wider main panel when your task involves:

- Long text fields in the **Content** area
- Detailed settings on the **Settings** screen
- Longer page information in **SEO**
- Service descriptions or package details in **Services** or **Pricing**
- Record details that require careful review

A narrower secondary panel still has value when you need quick access to surrounding information. Keep it visible if you are likely to switch between items, use filters repeatedly, or move through a list one record at a time. This is often better than hiding your context completely, because it lets you keep your place while focusing on the active item.

It also helps to re-check your panel balance after moving to a different area. A layout that works well for editing content may not feel right when you switch to **Users** or **SEO**. For example, a very wide editor panel may be perfect for text-heavy content, but a more balanced split may be better when you need to compare a list of entries with the selected details.

A simple habit is to resize once at the start of each session, then adjust again only when the screen changes significantly. That keeps the workspace comfortable without turning panel resizing into a constant extra step.

[SCREENSHOT: two examples showing a text-heavy screen and a list-detail screen with different panel balances]

Common Issues and How to Fix Them

If panel resizing does not work the way you expect, the cause is usually easy to spot once you know what to check.

- **The divider does not move**
 - Make sure your pointer is directly over the separator between panels.
 - Wait for the resize pointer to appear before clicking.
 - Try moving more slowly along the divider until you find the draggable area.
- **The panel stops resizing sooner than expected**
 - Some layouts in Sherkety ERP & Website Platform keep a minimum width or height for one panel.
 - This prevents lists, labels, or controls from becoming too small to use.
 - If the divider stops, that usually means you have reached the allowed limit for that screen.
- **There is still not enough room after resizing**
 - Maximize your browser window first.
 - Then reduce the secondary panel further if the layout allows it.
 - If the screen remains crowded, focus on the main task and keep only the supporting panel space you truly need.
- **The handle is hard to grab**
 - Move the pointer slowly along the separator line.
 - Watch for the pointer change before clicking.
 - If the divider is visually small, zooming in slightly in your browser can make it easier to target.
- **The layout feels wrong after switching screens**
 - Different screens use different panel arrangements.
 - Re-adjust the divider after moving between areas such as **Content**, **Users**, **Settings**, or **SEO**.

If you also want to understand why a divider stops at certain points or how panel limits affect the workspace, the next document is [Understanding Panel Boundaries and Layout Behavior](#).

Overview

- Resizable panels in Sherkety ERP & Website Platform appear where the screen is split into two working areas.
- You can identify a resizable layout by the divider between panels and the resize pointer that appears when you hover over it.
- Dragging the divider changes how much space each panel uses without closing either panel.
- Left-and-right layouts let you adjust panel width.
- Top-and-bottom layouts let you adjust panel height.
- Content editors often benefit from a wider main editing area for body text, multilingual fields, and preview content.
- Administrators often benefit from a larger detail area when reviewing settings, user information, SEO details, services, or pricing entries.
- A smaller secondary panel still helps when you need navigation, filters, or a visible item list nearby.
- Screen size and layout rules may limit how far a divider can move.
- If resizing feels difficult, first confirm you are dragging the correct divider and that the resize pointer appears.

[SCREENSHOT: annotated example of a resizable panel divider in the admin workspace]

Prerequisites

- You are signed in to Sherkety ERP & Website Platform and can open admin pages such as **Content**, **Users**, **Settings**, **SEO**, **Services**, or **Pricing**.
- You are on a screen that shows two panels separated by a visible divider.
- You are using a mouse or trackpad so you can click and drag the panel separator.
- Your browser window is large enough to display both panels clearly.
- You understand the basic page structure of the area you are using, including which panel is for navigation, lists, filters, or details.

- If you need help recognizing shared layout patterns before resizing, see [Understanding Breadcrumbs Drawers and Shared Navigation Patterns](#).

The next step in this panel layout series is [Understanding Panel Boundaries and Layout Behavior](#).