



## Making the Most of Your Profile in Beta

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Hi, everyone.

[Tallbob](#) put together some further updates that will allow you get the most out of customizing your Profile during our Beta release and beyond. We are continuing to improve this experience and will provide our members with even more great features and functionality within their Profiles (and other areas of the site, of course) going forward. Here are a few things that you can do today to customize your Profile in Beta:

Let's take a look at: <http://www.beta.eons.com/members/profile/tallbob>

### Page Backgrounds

In original Eons, you would typically install a color or photo in the background of your profile page via a line of CSS code that looked something like this:

```
body {background-color: #ffccd3;}
or body {background: #ffccd3;}
or body {background: url(http://photobucket...);}
```

This code can work in Beta, too, but to look its best, it will require a couple of alterations and additions.

First, if your code uses “background-color” like the first item above, you will probably see blue at the top of the page instead of the color you chose – which can be seen a bit further down the page. That’s because New Eons uses its own background image. To correct this problem, use “background” (as shown in the second example, above) rather than “background-color.” (This is shorthand CSS that, by default, sets the background image to “none”.)

One of the more prominent features in the Beta site is a rounded-corner container that sits between the background of the page and the foreground of your profile. This container sits above your original Eons background. The frame is opaque and the interior has its own background color – by



default, white. There are many ways to deal with this frame. Here are a couple of approaches we've experimented with:

1. **Make the container transparent instead of opaque.** Add the following to your existing CSS code. To make this simple, we suggest you copy the following in its entirety at the end of your code.

```
<style type="text/css">
  #cont-subnav {background:transparent;}
  #cont-mainbody {background:transparent;}
  #footer {background:transparent;}
</style>
```

2. **Change the container's background color** (or image) instead of/in addition to the page background color (or image). Instead of targeting 'body' you will target '#mainbody' – like this:

```
#mainbody {background-color: #ffccd3;}
or #mainbody {background-image: url(*) repeat;}
```

(\* is the URL of your background image – if the image is stored on Eons, you can copy the URL from the "share this" box.)

Depending on whether or not the color blue in Beta goes with your color scheme, you may want to change the page (body) background, too. To avoid having to change the menu font color (currently, white), we suggest going with a dark background color, like:

```
body {background: #7f6669;}
```

## Sections, Headings, Titles

In original Eons, light gray boxes define sections of the Profile page. Inside each box, there is typically a title. In the html for the page, this title is always a 'h2' element. Your CSS codes might have set the background or color of these titles. For example:

```
h2 {background-color: #af3; color: #008;}
```



A small modification is required to make this work in Beta. Here's the same example, showing the necessary change:

```
.header h2 {background-color: #af3; color: #008;}
```

But, we can do better. We don't really want any light purple, do we? So let's set the background color of whole header with the following code:

```
.header {background-color: #af3; color: #008;}
```

*(For now, we may need both of these last two modifications to get the job done. In the very near future – before the Beta is released, the latter modification will be sufficient.)*

### **Beta provides these new and interesting targets for styling:**

**.header** – targets the block that contains a section title (default is light purple with dark purple text and a 1-pixel bottom border)

**.body** – targets the remainder of a section

**.section** – targets an entire section, wrapping both header and body.

Setting color or font properties (e.g. “color”, “background-color” and/or “background-image”) is relatively safe. We don't recommend changing the font size, but other font properties are fair game.

**Borders** are a popular addition but, due to the code we use to keep user-posted images and other objects in check (so they don't bust out of their sections and break the entire layout of the page), care must be taken to ensure that the width of the available space does not change. Our styles for the profile include 10 pixels of left and right padding in “.body”. If you put left and/or right borders on either “.section” or “.body”, be sure to subtract the width of these borders from the padding on “.body”. For example, to put a 1-pixel black border around every section, you would do this:

```
.section { border: 1px solid black;
.body { padding-left: 9px; padding-right: 9px; }
```

## **Banners**



In original Eons, banners were 940 pixels wide (give or take a few) and 100 pixels high. There wasn't a lot you could do other than provide an image.

In New Eons, banners are 974 pixels wide and 100 pixels high. ...Or whatever you want, within reason.

Use this piece of code in your <style> section if you have a 940x100 image that you want to use in your New Eons profile.

```
#profile-banner {  
    background-position: center center;  
    background-repeat: no-repeat;  
}
```

Or, if you have a repeated background image that, for whatever reason, looks best when it is 940 pixels wide, here's some code that should work:

```
#profile-banner {  
    margin-left: 5px;  
    width: 940px;  
}
```

Additionally, if you've always been bothered because your photo isn't quite tall enough or is too tall – you can now set the height of the profile banner.

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Thank you. We hope this guide has been helpful. We're all looking forward to continued feedback from each of you!

Best,  
The Eons Team