

Dynamic figure and idea space styles

Master Styles

A master style is one that is private to your project and, if the master style is updated, then those changes are immediately broadcast and applied to all idea spaces or figures that adopt that style. A master style can be created from scratch or from an existing style found in a personal, bundled, or external repository.

If you're familiar with Pages, Word, or even css then master styles are similar to the style support you see in those apps, where you can change a style, say for "Heading 1", and throughout your document all "Heading 1" text items are updated to reflect the new style.

Note that a style only defines the look of the idea space or figure. It doesn't include any boilerplate text or images.

Sample Workflow

1. Create a text figure that you'll use for a heading on an idea space and use the inspector to style it the way you wish with appropriate colorings, fonts, etc.
2. Right-click on the figure and save the style as a master style named "Heading".
3. Use the "Heading" style with other text figure instances scattered on idea spaces throughout your project.
4. If you want to change its look, click on an instance, change any properties you wish using the inspector such as font size and text color, then click the Update button in the Styles inspector. Or, if you wish, you can right-click on the instance and choose update style from its context menu. You could also choose to reapply the style if you didn't mean to change its look.

Instantly the style change is broadcast and applied to all figures that adopted that style.

Using the Style Inspector Shelf

The Style inspector now includes a Masters option in the repository popup so you can see the styles available in that pseudo-repository.

Other style inspector shelf changes related to masters include:

- **Copy to Masters**
Right-click on a style that isn't a master style and choose to Copy to Master to copy the style into a master style and then associate the selected idea space or figure with that new style.
- **Delete / Mail**
Right-click on a master style to delete it, or mail it to a friend or Zengobi.
- **Update**
A new Update button allows you to instantly update a changed a master or even a personal style with changes. Note that this performs the same action as right-clicking on the figure or idea space background and choosing Update Style.

Using the Galleries

Within the various idea space and figure galleries — via the Add or Insert button, of the Apply Style menu, or Style inspector bar button — you'll find a new Masters pseudo-repository there which contains all applicable master styles (and stencils/templates).

Other gallery changes related to masters include:

- Copy to Masters — Right-click on an idea space template, figure stencil, or style that's not in the Masters repository and choose Copy to Masters.
- Drag and Drop — Drag-and-drop an idea space template, figure stencil, or style from another repository into the Masters repository folder to make a copy. You can also drag from Masters to Personal if you wish.
- Delete — Right-click on an idea space template, figure stencil, or style in Masters repository and choose Delete. You may also simply press the Delete key. Existing instances of a template or stencil will remain as-is.
- Edit — Right-click on a master idea space template or stencil and choose Edit Template / Edit Stencil to switch the Organizer to masters, select the appropriate master item, and display the template or stencil in the main viewing area for editing. Click the Done button in the Organizer header area to end editing.