

Text

Customize your figure’s text properties

To change your figure’s text properties either use the text controls on the inspector bar, or see the Shape tab in the Inspector shelf.

Text via the Inspector Bar

If the figure contains text then you’ll find several controls on the inspector bar itself for fast access to popular attributes.

Font and Font Size

Select a font for the selected figure.

Select or directly enter a font size. Tip: you can also use the standard Command+ and Command- keys to increase or decrease the font size.

Text Color

Specify a text color. Clicking will show a quick color chooser while Option-clicking will display the standard Apple Color picker.

Highlight/Background Color

Specify a text highlight/background color. This color control remembers the last used color even between launches.

Clicking will show a quick color chooser while Option-clicking will display the standard Apple Color picker. Hold the Shift key and the color well will show that previously-used color, the default is a nice light-yellow color, and then click the color well to apply that color to the selected text for instant highlighting.

Character Attributes

Specify attributes such as bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, superscript, and subscript.

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Shadow

Click the shadow button to display a popover allowing you to customize the shadow applied to the figure’s text. Note this is different that the shadow which can be applied to the overall figure itself as specified in the Shape inspector.

Paragraph Attributes

Click the paragraph button to display a popover for setting several paragraph properties. You can also set many of these options by right-clicking on the text figure and using the context menu that appears.

Minimum Height

A text figure can have a minimum height which is used when empty or when it contains very little text. As more text is added, it will automatically grow in height as necessary to fit the new text. As text is removed, it will shrink down to that minimum height. This feature is very useful if creating forms or templates and would like to use text blocks for certain areas. After enabling this feature, just resize the figure using the selection handles to set the minimum height. This feature is also useful in combination with the [maintain spacing](#) feature in the Geometry inspector so that neighboring figures will push away or pull back as content is changed.

Freeform

If a text figure is freeform then that means you are in complete control of its width and height, clipping any text vertically if necessary. If not freeform then Curio will automatically grow a text figure’s height as necessary to hold its contents.

Line Height

If you have an idea space with only a horizontal grid, like a notebook paper grid, then the line height can be set to match the grid’s spacing. Or the line height can be determine automatically based on font size.

Additional Text Options via the Inspector Shelf

The inspector shelf will show other controls since there’s a bit more room in the shelf. In addition to the controls listed above you’ll find...

Typeface

Select a specific font typeface, such as “Light” or “Medium Oblique”.

Automatic Capitalization

If a figure is selected, not just selected text within a figure, then you can select an automatic capitalization such as lowercase, uppercase, sentence, capitalize, and titlecase. Your text is stored as you entered it but will be transformed right before display with the specified capitalization.

- None
Rendered as entered.
"the new macos sierra for iMAC and MACBOOK Pro integrates with IOS devices."
- Uppercase
Uppercase all letters.
"THE NEW MACOS SIERRA FOR IMAC AND MACBOOK PRO INTEGRATES WITH IOS DEVICES."
- Lowercase
Lowercase all letters.
"the new macos sierra for imac and macbook pro integrates with ios devices."
- Sentence
Lowercase all except first word and products.
"The new macOS Sierra for iMac and MacBook Pro integrates with iOS devices."
- Capitalize
Capitalize each word except products.
"The New macOS Sierra For iMac And MacBook Pro Integrates With iOS Devices."
- Titlecase
Capitalize in general but lowercase certain words like ‘for’ and ‘and’, etc.
"The New macOS Sierra for iMac and MacBook Pro Integrates with iOS Devices."

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