

Shape - Display

Customize your figure’s shape properties

To change your figure’s shape properties either click the Shape button on the inspector bar, or see the Shape tab in the Inspector shelf.

Shape - Display Options

Shadow

Enable a shadow for the figure. The shadow can be customized by specifying the color, blur, and x/y offsets.

By default, if the figure is filled, then the shape’s shadow attributes are applied to the shape itself, otherwise if the figure is unfilled, then those shadow attributes are applied to its text.

You can control whether the shape shadow is automatically used as a text shadow. By controlling this feature you can specify a shadow for the shape and a different shadow style for the text itself, using the text inspector.

Shadow Effects

Enable a shadow special effect: pinched or bulged.

A *pinched shadow* looks like the figure has been placed on a tabletop where only the bottom corners of the figure are slightly raised from the surface, like you're pinching the edges and lifting them up.

A *bulged shadow*, is the opposite of a pinch: here the bottom center of the figure is slightly raised from the surface, like you're creating a bulge in the center of the photo.

These effects are only available for filled, rectangular shapes with no curved corners.

Auto Inflate

Normally certain shapes are set to auto inflate automatically to minimize the amount of clipping that would occur to its content whether that be text or an image.

For example, the Cloud shape automatically inflates itself a few pixels so the bumps of the cloud don’t crowd or clip the content. The result is a nicer looking resulting shape without you having to fidget with margins. You can turn this off if you wish to have more direct control over your shape.

Preview vs Icon

For figures representing files, you can set whether the figure is displayed with the file's icon & title, like the Finder, or if the figure simply exists as an image preview.

As a tip, you can also right-click on a figure to change its display mode between icon and preview and, when in preview mode, you can toggle the display of the preview caption.

If displayed as an icon then:

- An icon size slider will appear so you can specify its size. Up through a size of 128x128 the default icon for that document type is used, continuing up to 256x256 a Quick Look thumbnail of the file is used for the icon instead. Note that this icon size slider is also used for text figure attachments if one has been attached to a given figure.
- You can change the icon’s title but note that Curio will also rename the underlying asset file’s name as well, to keep them in sync. When setting the file name Curio will automatically strip any invalid characters from the title text so macOS doesn’t complain.

Else, if displayed as a preview then:

- If an image file, Curio will simply display that image, else Quick Look is used to grab a preview of the file. Previews can be displayed with an optional caption which is displayed under the preview image.
- Your previews can have captions if you wish. By default, these captions are placed inside the overall shape border, or you can specify that captions should be displayed outside the border. Captions can also be enabled via right-clicking on the figure. Initially the caption will be the same as the underlying asset file’s name. However, you can change this to anything you wish and the asset file's name will not be changed, thereby allowing long, detailed captions if you’d like.
- Alternatively you can tell Curio to clip the preview image to a specified mask. This is useful when you want your overall figure to have one shape — and perhaps it contains other contents such as text, fill color, and adornments — but you still want your image preview to be clipped to a specific shaped mask, such as a circle.

Opacity

Set the shape opacity making the entire shape more or less transparent. Note that this effects the entire figure uniformly.

For more advanced transparency effects, in lieu of setting the overall opacity, you can specify a specific opacity for the shape’s fill, gradient, and stroke colors within the standard Mac Color Picker.