

Figure Styles

Styling figures is incredibly powerful

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As mentioned earlier, a **figure style** defines the look of the figure including properties such as color, border, font, and shading. You can apply a style to a new or existing figure.

Curio organizes figure styles based on one of these core figure types:

- Basic Figure
- Image (aka an asset figure displayed as a preview instead of an icon)
- Line
- List
- Mind Map
- Table
- Index Card
- Pinboard
- Album
- Stack

You can easily create new figures styles containing all of its display attributes.

Styles with Sizes

When you save certain types of figure styles, sizing information will automatically be saved as well. These figure types include images, albums, index cards, pinboards, stacks, and tables.

For image figures, Curio will then apply the style's size if you save the style as a default for image figures (Format > Save as Default Image Style) and then drag in a new image, or if you apply a style to an existing image figure that you haven't sized yet.

For the collection figures (albums, index cards, pinboards, stacks, and tables) these sizes be used when you create a new collection using that style, or if you apply a style to a collection that doesn't have any content in it yet.

Create a New Figure Style

1. Select a figure in an idea space.
2. Configure the attributes how you want them.
3. Right-click on the figure then choose “Save As FigureType Style” where FigureType will be replaced by the type of figure that is selected such as “Basic Figure” or “Line” or “Mind Map”.
4. In the dialog that appears give the style a name and press the Save button.

Apply a Style to a Selected Figure

1. Click on the Style inspector button or right-click on the figure and choose “Apply Style” to bring up the Style Gallery for that type of figure.
2. The style popup menu will only display the named figure styles appropriate for the selected figure. For example, if you have selected an image figure, then only the image styles will be displayed.

Create a Brand New Non-Collection Figure Based on an Existing Style

1. Click the Figures button on the toolbar.
2. The Gallery containing basic text figure styles and all non-collection stencils will appear.
3. Choose a style then click the Choose button. You may also simply double-click the style.
4. Some boilerplate text will automatically be added to your new text figure so you can see the effects of the style more easily.

Create a Brand New Collection Figure Based on an Existing Style

1. Click the appropriate collection button on the toolbar. For instance, click the List, Mind Map, Table, or Index Card toolbar button.
2. The Gallery for that collection figure will appear.
3. Choose a style then click the Choose button. You may also simply double-click the style.

Managing Figure Styles with the Gallery

1. Within the Idea Space Style Gallery you can perform a number of operations to better manage your idea space styles.
2. Copy a style simply by drag-and-dropping it into your Personal collection.
3. Delete a Personal style by selecting the style and pressing the Delete key.
4. Share a Personal style by right-clicking on the style and choosing Send to Friend or Send to Zengobi.