

Figure Stencils

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Reusable figures that you can create

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Curio Standard and Curio Professional users can easily create new figure stencils that define not only the look of the figure but can also contain placeholder or boilerplate text or figure items.

Recall that a **simple figure stencil** is one that includes a single figure. Even a single collection figure such as a mind map which can in turn contain multiple figures within it is considered a single figure.

On the other hand a **complex figure stencil** is a stencil made up of multiple top-level figures. A perfect example is a landscaping stencil where flowers, shrubs, and trees are represented by individual figures, images, or grouped figures. Those figures aren't contained within a collection, they exist directly on the idea space.

Create a New Simple Figure Stencil

1. Select a single figure or a single collection figure in an idea space which you would like to copy as a stencil.
2. Right-click on the figure then choose "Save As Style".
3. In the dialog that appears give the stencil a name and press the Save button.

Create a New Complex Figure Stencil

1. In an idea space, carefully arrange all the figures you would like to have in the resulting stencil. The stencil will be stored and displayed with the figures in these exact positions. So, in the landscaping example described above, you might place the flowers on one area of the idea space, trees in another, and shrubs in another.
2. Select one or more figures from the idea space.
3. Right-click and choose "Save As Complex Stencil".
4. In the dialog that appears give the stencil a name and press the Save button.

Create a New Complex Figure Stencil Using All Figures in an Idea Space