

Working with Images Using Cidi Labs DesignPLUS:

Resources and Exercises

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I. IMAGE RESOURCES

- [Sidebar Introduction](#)
- [Themes](#)
- [Images](#)
- [Choose Banner Image](#)
- [Upload / Embed Image Tool](#)
 - [Working with Images Using DesignPLUS](#) (video about the “Image Upload/Embed Tool”)
- [Background Images](#)
- [Icons](#)

User Guides

- [\(New\) DesignPLUS User Guide](#)
- [\(Legacy\) DesignPLUS User Guide](#)

Additional Resources

- [DesignPLUS Basics: Before You Begin](#)

***NOTE:** All of the above links to resources are curated [in this collection](#).

II. EXERCISES

INSTRUCTIONS: Copy and paste the list of steps for an exercise into a Canvas page and then use the Cidi Labs DesignPLUS tool to carry out the steps in each exercise.

1. Practice Themes/Elements:

Themes overview

- A *theme* is a collection of uniformly styled design elements that give the page a polished and professional appearance.
- Themes control the styling of three design elements:
 1. banner title
 2. navigation menu (also called a link grid), if present
 3. page headings

1A. Exercise: Apply and change a theme

The theme tool sets the style for all three theme elements.

1. Edit this page
2. In the Sidebar, select the **Add New Elements** tab and select the **Theme** tool.
3. In the **Edit Current Element** tab, confirm that **Theme** is the active tool.
4. Open the **Style** panel and cursor over the Indiana University themes to preview each theme applied to the current page.
5. Select a theme to apply it to the page
6. In the **Content** panel, switch from **Basic Page** and **Front Page**. Front (or home) pages include a banner image and link grid (navigation menu).
7. Finally, review the available themes again decide on the theme that you want to use for the course you'll be creating today. Jot down its name and save this page.

1B. Exercise: Apply and change individual theme elements

You can also add or modify each theme element independently.

1. Edit this page.
2. Place your cursor in the banner title element and select the **Banner Title** as the active tool. Then change its style. Note that the link grid and heading styles do not change.
3. Place your cursor in the link grid and select **Link Grid** as the active tool. Then change it's style to something different from the banner title.
4. Place your cursor in the in one of the page headings and select the **Text** as the active tool (note that there is not a separate "Heading" tool; you'll always use the Text element to change heading styles). Change it's style to something different from the banner title and link grid.
5. Now the styles of the three theme elements are independent from one another.
6. Finally, return the theme for this page to the theme you selected in the previous exercise and save the page.

2. Exercise: Images

In order to add or edit an image with the sidebar, the image must first be available somewhere in Canvas. For this exercise, the course folder named "sample images" contains images you can use. Alternatively, you can use the Upload /Edit image file to select your own image.

Instructions

1. Place your cursor at the beginning of the "Lorem Ipsum" paragraph below.
2. In the sidebar, select the option to add an image.
3. With the image placeholder selected, confirm or set **Image** as the active tool.
4. In the **Content** panel, set the search context to Course Images.
5. Use the **Folders/Filters** dropdown to select the **sample_images** folder.
6. Select the image you want to use from the previews.
7. Use the image handles to size the image or set the size in the **Style** panel
8. In the **Content** panel, add appropriate **Alt Text** or designate the image as decorative,
9. In the **Style** panel, use the alignment tools to float the image left.
10. In the **Style** panel, use the **Border Options** menu to select your preferred border style.
11. Save the page and view the result.

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