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# Using the Carousel Builder

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The carousel is a set of rotating banners, or a slideshow, that displays on the homepage of your store.



Carousels come in a variety of sizes, which are determined by the theme's code. They allow you to display up to five slides consisting of images and text, which can be linked to specific products or pages. They will rotate every few seconds.

In general, themes use dimensions of at least **1200 x 600 pixels**. To learn more about the carousel dimensions for your store's theme, see Finding Carousel Image Dimensions (/articles/Public/Finding-Carousel-Image-Dimensions?\_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491).

The Carousel Builder is found in **Storefront Design > Design Options** (<http://login.bigcommerce.com/deep-links/storefront-manager/carousel>).

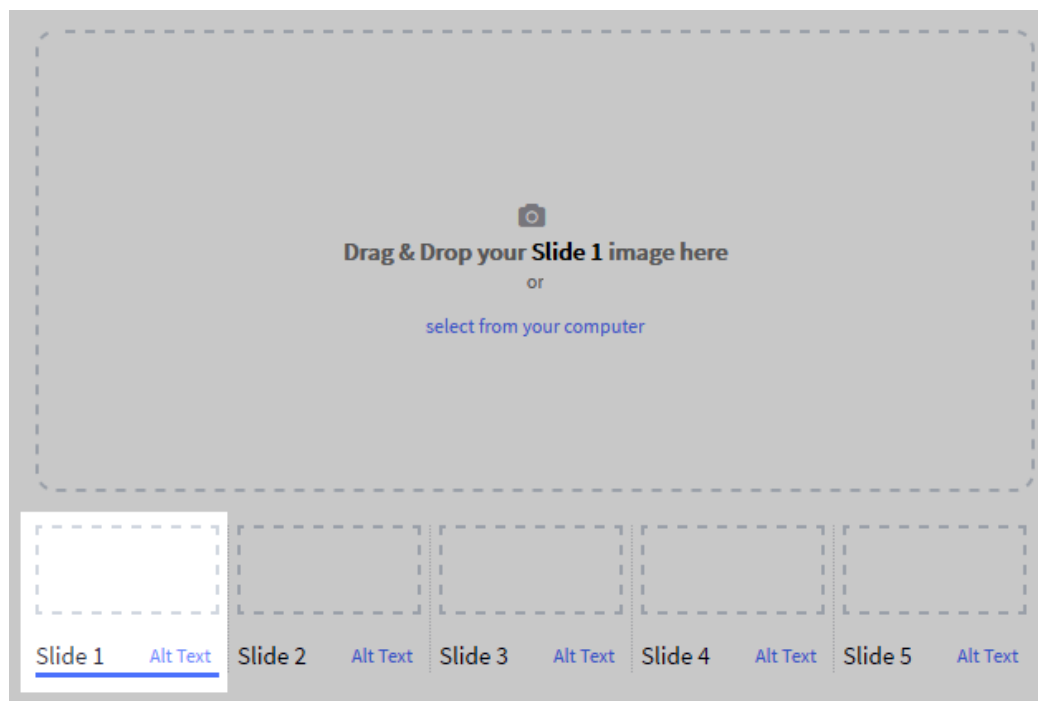
## Adding Images to Slides

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You can display up to five slides on your carousel. Unused slides won't appear on your storefront.

**Pro Tip!** - When using the Carousel Builder for the first time, it will have sample images preloaded. Make sure to Delete the sample slides before adding new images.

1. Click on an empty slide thumbnail. The preview will change to a message telling you to add the image.



2. On your computer, open the folder that contains your image, then drag and drop the image from your computer to the Carousel preview box. Alternatively, click the link **select from your computer** and select an image to upload. You can upload images in **jpg**, **png**, and **gif** format.

3. **Save** your changes.

**Pro Tip!** - For information on handling image distortion see [Fixing Distorted Images \(/articles/Public/Fixing-Distorted-Images?\\_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491\)](/articles/Public/Fixing-Distorted-Images?_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491).

## Adding Text and Links

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You have the option to add text to each carousel slide. Slides consist of Heading, Buttons, and regular text that can be linked to another part of the store or to another website.

1. **Heading** — The large headline text

2. **Text** — The regular-sized text which displays below the heading
3. **Button Text** — The text to appear in the slide button, generally a call to action. *For example, Shop Now or Learn More.*
4. **Link** — The store page or webpage that the slide links to. See Making a link below.
5. **Preview** — A preview of what the text says, it will not look like this on the storefront. See Why does the carousel preview look different than my storefront? (/articles/Public/Why-does-the-carousel-preview-look-different-than-my-storefront?\_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491)
6. **Slides** — A list of your images and text that the carousel rotates through
7. **Settings** — Determine how long a slide displays before switching to the next slide. See Setting how often slides rotate below.

## Home Page Carousel

The interface shows a carousel builder for a home page. At the top, there are input fields for:
 

- Heading** (1): "The Task Lamp"
- Text** (2): "Our signature fixture th..."
- Button Text** (3): "Shop Now"
- Link** (4): "Enter destination link" with a "Browse" button.

 Below these is a large preview area (5) showing a task lamp with the text "THE TASK LAMP", "Our signature fixture that bends to your will", and a "SHOP NOW" button. A "DEMO" watermark is visible. To the right of the preview is a link "Why does this preview look different to my storefront?" and a "Settings" section (7) with a "Swap Every" dropdown set to "5" and "Seconds".

At the bottom, there is a "Slides" section (6) showing a list of slides:
 

- Slide 1: "THE TASK LAMP" (with a thumbnail and a red 'X' icon)
- Slide 2: "BOOKS FOR COOKS" (with a thumbnail and a red 'X' icon)
- Slide 3: (empty dashed box)
- Slide 4: (empty dashed box)
- Slide 5: (empty dashed box)

 Each slide has an "Alt Text" label below it. A note on the right says "Click & drag to change slide order".

To edit any of these, click on the thumbnail of the slide you want to edit. From here, you can:

Type your message into the field next to the type of text you want to display.

To change the text color, go to the Stencil Theme Editor (/articles/Public/Using-the-Stencil-Theme-Editor?\_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491). On Blueprint themes, click the color button to the right of the text field to choose a different text color.



**Why does the preview not match the storefront?** The position and style of the text on the slides is determined by the CSS code of the store's active theme. The way the carousel looks in the preview will not match (/articles/Public/Why-does-the-carousel-preview-look-different-than-my-storefront?\_ga=2.98081823.1815231528.1494188274-1031507433.1493859491) the way it displays on the storefront, so it is best to click **View Store** and refresh the screen when you save changes.

## MAKING A LINK

Adding a URL to the **Link** field will take your customers to the specified page whether they click anywhere on the slide.

The screenshot shows a section of the carousel builder interface. On the left, there is a 'Button Text' label followed by a text input field containing 'Shop Now'. To the right of this is a 'Link' label followed by a text input field containing 'www.bigcommerce.com'. Further to the right is a 'Browse' button.

To link to a page in the store, such as a specific product or category, click **Browse**. Select the tab for the type of page you are linking to: **Product**, **Category**, **Brand**, **Web Page**, or **Blog**, then select the page from the list which displays below the tab and click **Insert Link**. To send shoppers to a different website, such as an offsite blog, enter the URL of that website directly in the field that says **Enter destination link**.

## SETTING HOW OFTEN SLIDES ROTATE

To change how often the slides rotate, change the number in the **Swap Every** [number] **Seconds** field. The interval must be between 1 and 90,000 seconds.

Link  [Browse](#)

Why does this preview look different to my storefront? [?](#)

Settings

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Swap Every  Seconds

## Reordering Slides

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Click and drag a slide to move it into your preferred order. All of the text and links will be moved along with it.

