



Viewing, Managing, and Sharing 360° Panoramas in Home Designer

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QUESTION

How do I view, manage, or share a 360° Panorama using Home Designer?

ANSWER

360° Panoramas can be exported from within the Home Designer software, and then viewed, managed, and shared by utilizing the tools available in your Chief Architect Account.

To export a 360° panorama to the Chief Architect Cloud*

**Applies to Home Designer 2019 and newer program versions*

1. Access the plan you would like to export a 360° panorama from, navigate to **3D> Create Camera View> Full**

Camera  or **3D> Create Perspective View> Full Camera** , then click and drag to create a camera view.

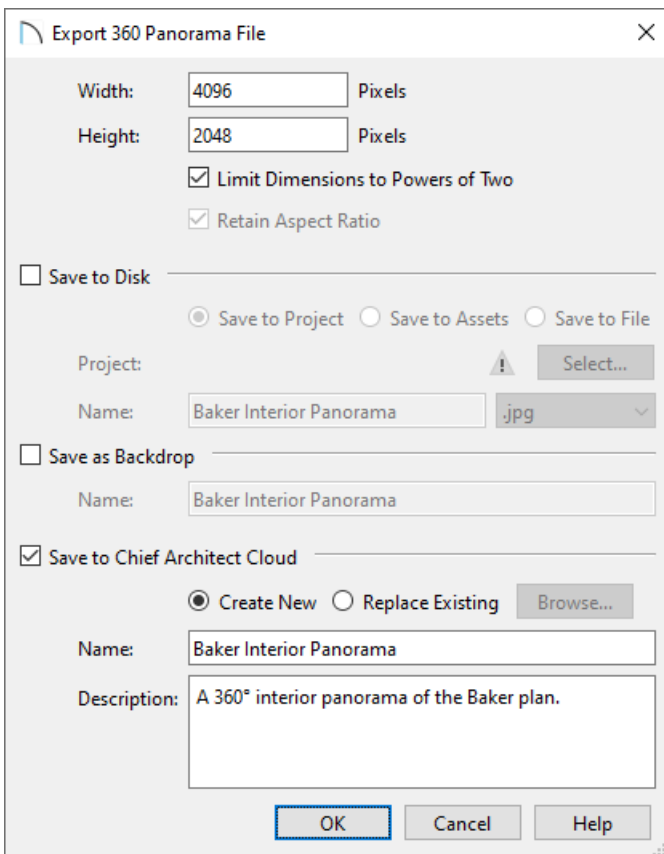
For best results, position the camera as close as you can to the center of the scene before exporting.

- Once the view is setup to your liking and is using the preferred rendering technique, select **File> Export> Export 360 Panorama** .

Note: A camera view must be open for the "Export 360 Panorama" option to be available.

- In the **Export 360 Panorama File** dialog that opens, check the **Save to Chief Architect Cloud** box, select the **Create New** or **Replace Existing** radio button, supply a **Name** and an optional **Description**, then click **OK**.

If you selected the Replace Existing option, you must click the **Browse** button and choose an existing panorama to replace/overwrite.



The image shows the "Export 360 Panorama File" dialog box. It has a title bar with a close button. The dialog is divided into several sections. The first section contains "Width:" with a text box containing "4096" and "Pixels" to its right, and "Height:" with a text box containing "2048" and "Pixels" to its right. Below these are two checked checkboxes: "Limit Dimensions to Powers of Two" and "Retain Aspect Ratio". The second section is titled "Save to Disk" with an unchecked checkbox. It contains three radio buttons: "Save to Project" (selected), "Save to Assets", and "Save to File". Below these are "Project:" and "Name:" labels, a "Select..." button, and a file type dropdown showing ".jpg". The third section is titled "Save as Backdrop" with an unchecked checkbox. It contains a "Name:" label and a text box with "Baker Interior Panorama". The fourth section is titled "Save to Chief Architect Cloud" with a checked checkbox. It contains two radio buttons: "Create New" (selected) and "Replace Existing", followed by a "Browse..." button. Below these are "Name:" and "Description:" labels, with text boxes containing "Baker Interior Panorama" and "A 360° interior panorama of the Baker plan." respectively. At the bottom are "OK", "Cancel", and "Help" buttons.

You can also specify the Width and Height, in pixels, as well as choose to save the panorama to disk or save it as a backdrop. To learn more, please access your program's Help documentation.

- If you're not already logged in, the **Chief Architect Account** dialog will display. Login to the online account that is associated with your Home Designer license.

Note: If you do not have a Chief Architect account, please follow the instructions in the "Creating a Chief Architect Account" resource located in the [Related Articles](#) section below.

5. The upload will start, followed by an Information message confirming that the upload was successful. Your 360° panorama can now be viewed and managed within your [Chief Architect Account](#) (<https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/>).

To view, manage, or share a 360° panorama

1. Sign in to your [Chief Architect Account](#) (<https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/>) using a web browser, then click on **Manage 360° Panoramas**.

You may notice an "Upload Panorama" button here; this allows you to upload 360° panorama files that may have been saved to your local computer, directly to the Chief Architect Cloud.

2. Click the **View** button next to your 360° panorama to view it in your web browser.
3. If at anytime you want to remove or deactivate a 360° panorama from your account, check the box next to the Name of the model, then click **Deactivate Panoramas**. Click **Yes** to confirm the deactivation of the panorama.

If you want to later reactivate a deactivated panorama, or delete panoramas entirely, scroll down and click on **View Inactive Panoramas**; on the Inactive Panoramas page, check the box next to the Name of the panorama you want to reactivate or delete, then either click the **Reactivate Panoramas** or **Delete Panoramas** button. Click **Yes** to confirm the action.

Deactivated panoramas will be deleted automatically after 1 year.

4. Panoramas are private by default. A panorama needs to be made public before it can be shared or embedded. Click the **Make Public** button to enable sharing.

To make a 360° panorama private, click on the **Make Private** button. Any users that had access to the panorama lose access immediately and any open instances of the panorama will be closed.

5. Once the panorama is made public, click the **Share** button to bring up the different sharing options.

- **Direct Link**

Click the **DIRECT LINK** tab to directly share your Panorama. **Copy** the link and paste it to wherever you're sharing it.

- **E-mail**

Select the **E-MAIL** tab. Click the **Send E-mail** button to open the default mail application on your computer

(Outlook, Microsoft Mail, macOS Mail, etc.). Click the **copy** button if your primary e-mail is a web-based e-mail (Gmail.com, Outlook.com, Yahoo.com, etc.). This will copy the text to your clipboard. Go to your web based e-mail client and start a new e-mail. Then paste the text to add it to your new e-mail.

- **Embed**

Click on the **EMBED** tab, **copy** the HTML code, and paste it into the source code for your website; or provide the code to your webmaster and ask them to add it to your website.

To view a locally saved 360° panorama rendering directly on our website

1. Navigate to: <https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/products/360-viewer/>
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2. Click on the **Load Your 360° Rendering** button.
3. Browse for and select a 360° panorama rendering that is saved on your system. With the rendering now loaded, you can rotate and navigate within the scene.

Related Articles

- 📄 [Creating a Chief Architect Account \(/support/article/KB-02889/creating-a-chief-architect-account.html\)](/support/article/KB-02889/creating-a-chief-architect-account.html)
- 📄 [Viewing, Managing, and Sharing 3D Viewer Models in Home Designer \(/support/article/KB-03091/viewing-managing-and-sharing-3d-viewer-models-in-home-designer.html\)](/support/article/KB-03091/viewing-managing-and-sharing-3d-viewer-models-in-home-designer.html)