

Viewing, Managing, and Sharing 360° Panoramas

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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. Open the plan you would like to export a 360° Panorama from, navigate to **3D> Create Camera View> Full Camera** , and click and drag to create a camera view.

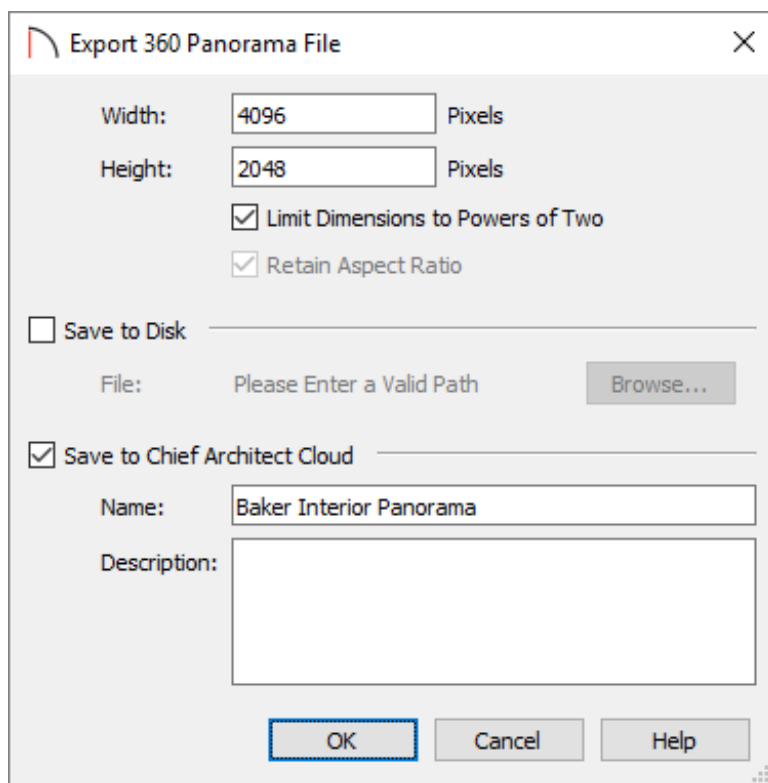
In Home Designer Pro, navigate to **3D> Create Perspective View> Full Camera** .

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

2. From the menu, select **File> Export> Export 360 Panorama** .

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

3. In the **Export 360 Panorama File** dialog that appears:



- Set the **Width** and **Height** of the Panorama
- Check the **Save to Chief Architect Cloud** checkbox.

If you would like to save a copy of your 360 Panorama rendering to your local hard drive, you can check the **Save to Disk** checkbox and specify a file path to save it to.

- Give the Panorama a **Name** and an optional **Description**.
- Hit **OK** to start the export process to your Chief Architect Online Cloud Account.

Note: You may be prompted to sign in to the Chief Architect Online Account associated with your Home Designer product. Enter the E-mail address and Password for your account to continue. If you're unable to export 360° Panoramas to your account, please [contact us](https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/company/contact.html) (<https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/company/contact.html>) for further assistance.

4. 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 Online Account \(https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/\)](https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/).

To view, manage, or share a 360° Panorama

1. Sign in to your [Chief Architect Online Account \(https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/\)](https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/) and click on **Manage 360° Panoramas**.
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 online account, click on the **Deactivate** button next to the panoramas name.
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/>
(<https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/products/360-viewer/>)
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.

360° Panorama renderings created in Home Designer are compatible with Cardboard Virtual Reality apps! [Get your own VR Goggles here](https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/products/addon/)
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