



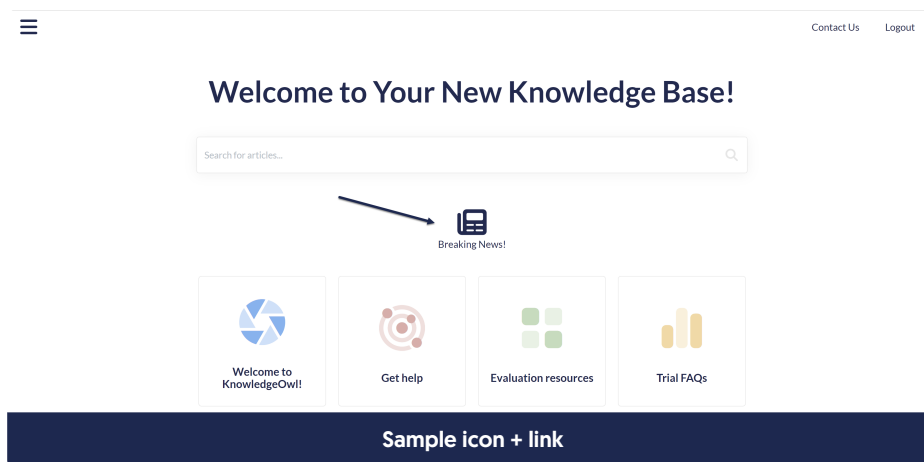
# Add a custom icon and header link on your homepage

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Sometimes we have requests to add some kind of icon and text to the homepage to encourage people to jump to a particular category or resource. This can be a great way to highlight and encourage awareness of specific issues or content.

In this example, we walk through creating a snippet that contains a div with a FontAwesome icon, some text, and a link to content in your knowledge base. You can then add that snippet to your home page to display it.

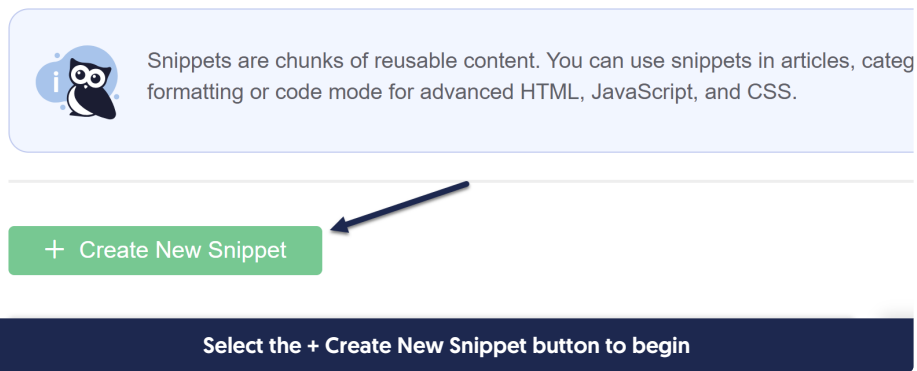
This will produce something like this:



## Create the snippet

1. Go to **Library > Snippets**.
2. Select the **+ Create New Snippet** button.

## Snippets



3. Give your snippet a name and a Merge Code name. (Here, we use **Breaking News** for the name and **breakingNews** for the merge code).
4. Add a Snippet Description, like "This snippet creates a **Breaking News** section for the homepage, with a life preserver icon, linked to our **Breaking News** category."
5. Click the dropdown next to Snippet Content to select **Code Editor**.

The screenshot displays the 'Snippet Editor' interface. At the top, there are three input fields: 'Snippet Name' (containing 'My Snippet'), 'Merge Code Name' (containing 'my\_snippet'), and 'Merge Code Value' (containing '{{snippet.}}'). Below these is a note: 'Limited to alphanumeric characters, dashes, and underscores'. The 'Snippet Description' section contains the text 'This snippet is used to...'. The 'Snippet Content' section features a dropdown menu currently set to 'WYSIWYG Editor'. Below the dropdown is a rich text editor toolbar with icons for undo, redo, bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent, and text color. The main text area of the editor is empty.

**Snippet Name**

My Snippet

**Merge Code Name**

my\_snippet

**Merge Code Value**

{{snippet.}}

Limited to alphanumeric characters, dashes, and underscores

**Snippet Description**

This snippet is used to...

**Snippet Content** [WYSIWYG Editor](#)

Paragraph...

**Select Code Editor from the Snippet Content dropdown**

- 6. Copy the code below and paste it into the editor window:**

```

<div class="homepage-callout-icon">
  <!--Adjust the URL below to point to the location you want to use -->
  <a href="https://support.knowledgeowl.com/help/breaking-news">
    <!--FontAwesome icon. Can be replaced with code for other FA icons -->
    <i class="fa fa-life-ring" aria-hidden="true"></i>
    <!--Text you want displayed below the icon-->
    <div>Breaking News!</div>
  </a>
</div>
<style>
/* Style for icon */
homepage-callout-icon i {
  max-width: 240px;
  color: #A1222F;
  font-size: 48px;
}
/* Style for hyperlink text */
.hg-minimalist-theme div.homepage-callout-icon a {
  color: #A1222F;
}

/* For next section, choose one alignment and remove/comment out the other two
Left is used as default */

/* Center*/
/* homepage-callout-icon {
  text-align:center;
  margin: 20px 0;
}*/
/* Left */
homepage-callout-icon {
  display: inline-block;
  text-align:center;
  margin: 20px 0;
}
/* Right */
/* homepage-callout-icon {
  display: inline-block;
  text-align:center;
  margin: 20px 0;
  float: right;
}*/
</style>

```

7. In row 3, change the href="https://support.knowledgeowl.com/help/breaking-news" to reference the URL you'd like this section to point to. If it's within your knowledge base, you only need to use the relative URL (/help/, /home/, or /docs/ with the URL of the specific article or category).
8. In row 5: we use a **FontAwesome life preserver ring icon**. You can change this:
  - Head to the [free FontAwesome icons](#).
  - Browse or search for an icon you'd like to use.

- Click on it and copy the HTML it displays for the icon.
  - Replace the HTML in line 5 with the HTML you copied from FontAwesome.
9. In Row 7: Update the text you want displayed with the icon by editing this line.
  10. In Row 14, change the color and size of the icon by adjusting the styles for `.homepage-callout-icon i`
  11. In Row 19, change the color of the text font by changing the color for `div.covid-19 div`
  12. Rows 22-42: Choose one of the **alignment options** and delete or comment out the other two. In our sample, we have used the Left alignment and commented out the other two. But you can change the commenting and delete the alignments you don't want.
  13. *Optional:* If you'd like the linked icon and text to be visible only to certain reader groups, check the boxes in the **Restrict to Reader Groups** section.
  14. When you're done making adjustments, click **Create**.

Here's a completed snippet using the "Center" align with a newspaper icon and text "Breaking News" and the colors changed to a dark blue:

### Snippet Name

Breaking News

### Merge Code Name

breakingNews

Limited to alphanumeric characters, dashes, and underscores

### Merge Code Value

{{snippet.breakingNews}}

### Snippet Description

This snippet is used to...

### Snippet Content [Code Editor](#)

```
<div class="homepage-callout-icon">
  <!--Adjust the URL below to point to the location you want to use -->
  <a href="/help/breaking-news">
    <!--FontAwesome icon. Can be replaced with code for other FA icons -->
    <i class="fa-solid fa-newspaper"></i>
    <!--Text you want displayed below the icon-->
    <div>Breaking News!</div>
  </a>
</div>
<style>
  /* Style for icon */
  .homepage-callout-icon i {
    max-width: 240px;
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  .homepage-callout-icon {
    text-align:center;
    margin: 20px 0;
  }
</style>
```

Save Changes

Back

### Visibility

- ☐ Hide from PDFs
- ☐ Include snippet content in article blurbs

### Restrict to Reader Groups

- ☒ None / Show to all readers
- ☐ Success
- ☐ Production
- ☐ Support

### References

- 0 article references
- 0 category references

Sample completed snippet using Center alignment

## Add the snippet to your home page

1. Copy the Merge Code Value of the snippet.
2. Go to Settings > Style.
3. Below the preview pane, select Custom HTML.
4. Select Home Page from the dropdown.
5. Paste the merge code value where you'd like it to appear in your home page. This may take some trial and error, but we have a few suggestions:
  - For knowledge bases using search, to place the snippet below the search bar area but above the category panels, add it immediately after the hg-article-body div:

Custom CSS

Custom HTML

Custom <head>

Custom HTML [Home Page](#)

<div class="ko-homepage-top">

<h1 class="hg-article-title xcolor">[homepage("title")]</h1>

[template("large-search")]</div>

</div>

<div class="hg-article">

<div class="hg-article-body">

{{snippet.breakingNews}}

<div>[template("icon-cats,max=8,col=4,desc=0")]</div>

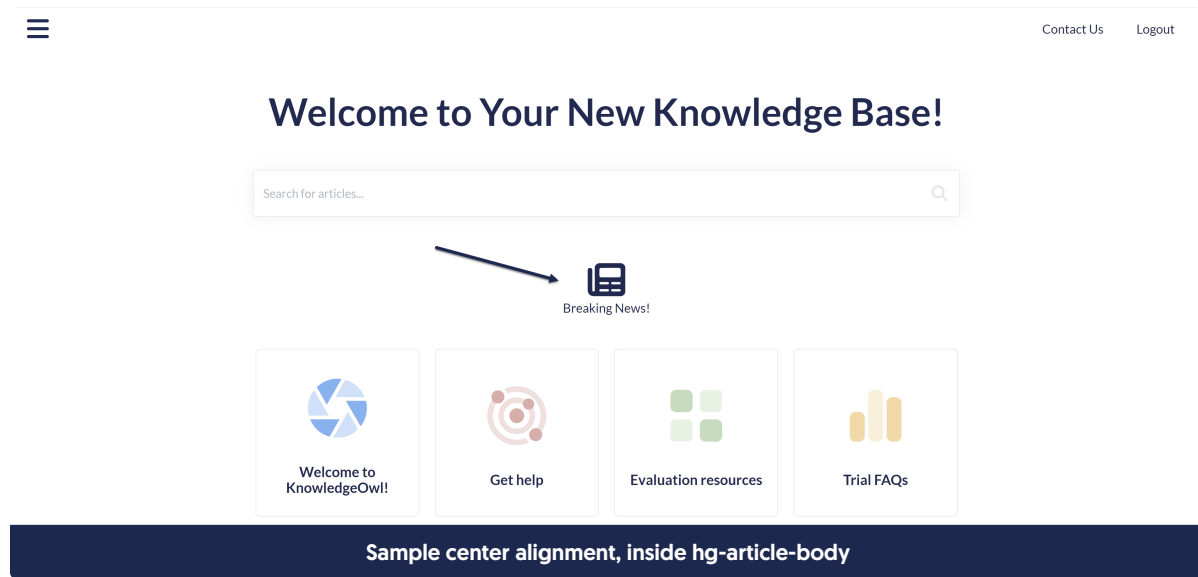
<div>[homepage("body")]</div>

<div class="homepage-widgets row">

<div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>Popular Articles</h3>[template("pop-articles")]</div>

<div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>New Articles</h3>[template("new-articles")]</div>

Which will display here, using center alignment:



- For home pages with no search, add it between the hg-article-title h1 and the hg-article-body div:

Custom CSS

Custom HTML

Custom <head>

Custom HTML [Home Page](#)

<div class="hg-article">

<h1 class="hg-article-title" >[homepage("title")]</h1>

{{snippet.homepageCOVID-19}}

<div class="hg-article-body">

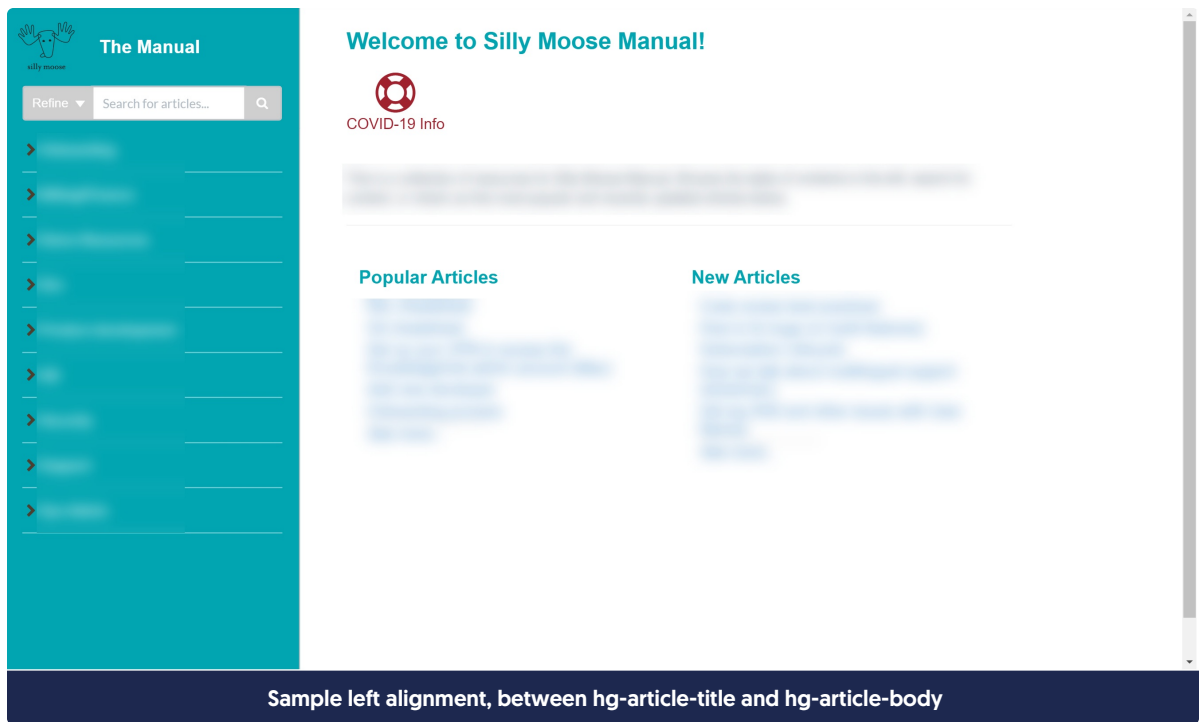
[homepage("body")]</div>

</div>

-- Select a Merge Code --

Save

Which will display here, using left alignment:



6. **Save your changes.**