Add a custom icon and header link on your homepage

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Do you want to add an icon with text to your homepage? This can be a great way to encourage people to jump to a particular category or resource or encourage awareness of specific issues or content.

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

The end-result will look something like this:



Create the snippet

1. Go to **Snippets** in the lefthand navigation. The **Snippets** page opens.
2. Select **+ Create New Snippet**. If you're not familiar with creating snippets, refer to Create a snippet for more detailed instructions.
3. Enter a **Snippet Name** for your snippet, like `Homepage icon and link`. The **Merge Code Name** is automatically calculated from the name.
4. Enter a **Snippet Description**. When anyone tries to insert a snippet using the editor, this description will be shown to them, so make it useful.
5. Select the **Snippet Content** dropdown and select **Code Editor**:

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

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```
<div class="homepage-callout-icon">
 <!--Adjust the URL below to point to the location you want to use -->
 <a href="/help/breaking-news">
  <!--Font Awesome 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="/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 Font Awesome life preserver ring icon. To change this:**
   - **Head to the free Font Awesome icons.**
   - **Browse or search for an icon you'd like to use.**
   - **Select it and copy the HTML it displays for the icon.**

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- Replace the HTML in row 5 with the HTML you copied from Font Awesome.

9. In row 7: Update the text you want displayed with the icon by editing this line. Make sure you keep it wrapped in `<div>` and `</div>`.
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 `.hg-minimalist-theme div.homepage-callout-icon a`.
12. Rows 22-42: Choose one of the **alignment options** and delete or comment out the other two. The code sample defaults to left alignment if you don't make a selection here.
13. *Optional:* If you'd like the linked icon and text to be visible only to certain reader groups, select those reader groups using the boxes in the **Restrict to Reader Groups** section.
14. When you're done making adjustments, select **Create**.

With your snippet created, follow the instructions to Add the snippet to your homepage.

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

```
<div class="homepage-callout-icon">
 <!--Adjust the URL below to point to the location you want to use -->
 <a href="/docs/release-notes">
  <!--FontAwesome icon. Can be replaced with code for other FA icons -->
   <i class="fa-regular fa-newspaper"></i>
  <!--Text you want displayed below the icon-->
  <div>Latest Releases!</div>
 </a>
</div>
<style>
 /* Style for icon */
 .homepage-callout-icon i {
  max-width: 240px;
  color: #1d284f;
  font-size: 48px;
 }
 /* Style for hyperlink text */
 .hg-minimalist-theme div.homepage-callout-icon a {
  color: #1d284f;
 }
 /* Center*/
 .homepage-callout-icon {
  text-align:center;
  margin: 20px 0;
 }
</style>
```

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Add the snippet to your homepage

1. Copy the **Merge Code Value** of the snippet.
2. Go to **Customize > Style (HTML & CSS)**.
3. In the **Customize HTML, CSS, and JS** section, select **Custom HTML**.
4. Select **Homepage** from the **Select HTML section to edit** dropdown.
5. Paste the merge code value where you'd like your icon and link to appear in your homepage. This may take some trial and error.
    - To place it below the search bar but above the category icons, enter it on a new line between the hg-article-body div and the div with the icon-cats template in it, for example, here it is in row 7:

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

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

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

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    - To place it between the title and the search bar, enter it on a new line between the h1 with the homepage title merge code and the large-search template, for example, here it is in row 3:

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


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

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6. **Save** your changes.

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