

# Viewing, Managing, and Sharing 360° Panoramas

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## QUESTION

How do I view, manage, or share a 360° panorama using Chief Architect?

## ANSWER


360° renderings can be exported from within the Chief Architect 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

360° panoramas must first be saved to the Chief Architect Cloud before they can be shared or embedded.

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

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

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

**Note:** If you do not have a camera view open, the "Export 360 Panorama" option will be grayed out and inaccessible.

3. 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.

**Export 360 Panorama File**

Width:  Pixels

Height:  Pixels

☒ Limit Dimensions to Powers of Two

☒ Retain Aspect Ratio

☐ Save to Disk

☐ Save to Project ☐ Save to Assets ☐ Save to File

Project:

Name:

☐ Save as Backdrop

Name:

☒ Save to Chief Architect Cloud

☒ Create New ☐ Replace Existing

Name:

Description:

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.


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

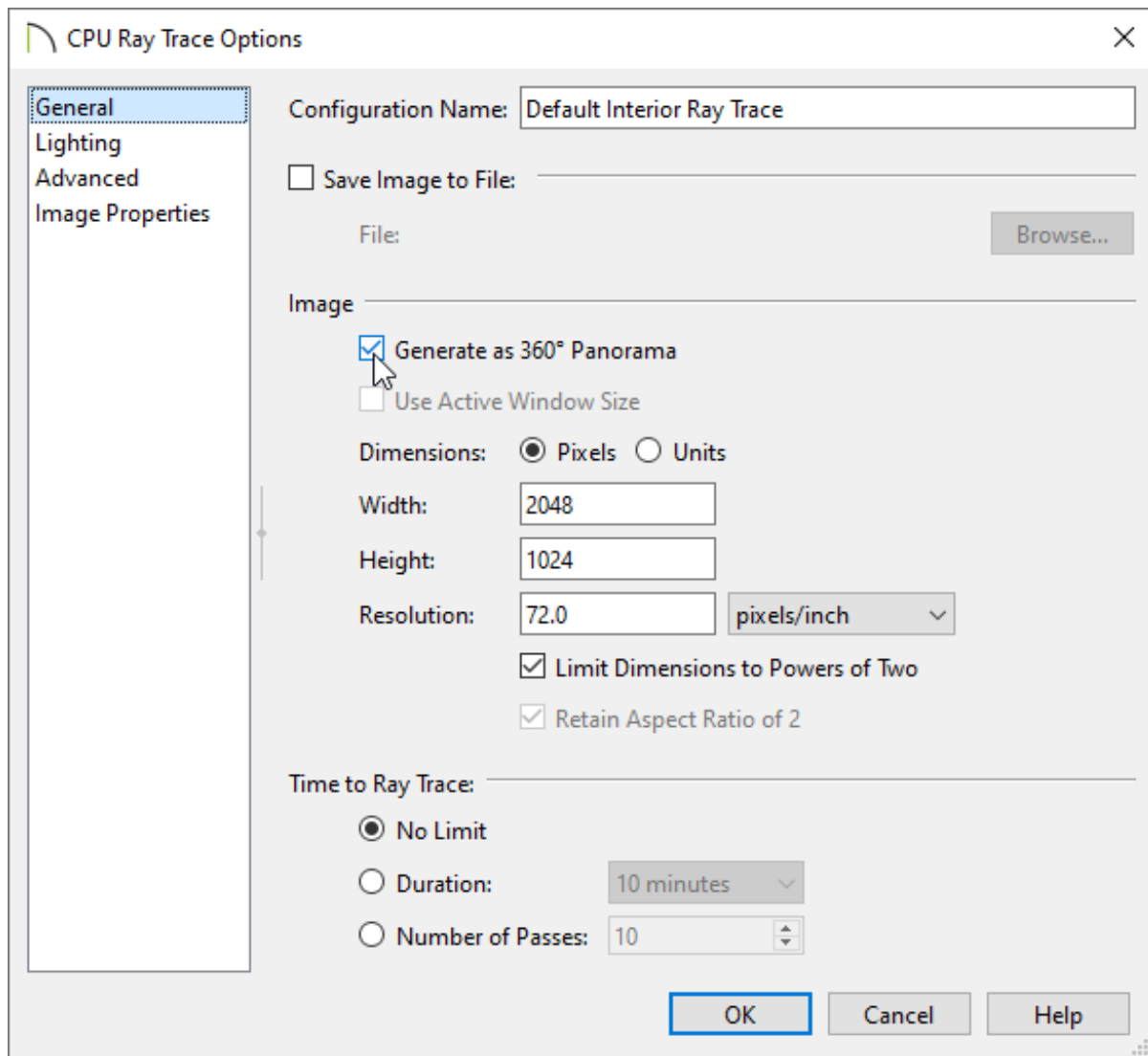
## To export a 360° CPU ray trace rendering to the Chief Architect Cloud\*



*\*CPU ray tracing has been deprecated and is no longer available in X17 and newer versions. If you're using X17 or a newer version, utilize GPU ray tracing and follow the steps above.*

1. From the menu select **3D> Create Perspective View> Full Camera** , then click and drag to place the camera.

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

2. From the menu, select **3D> CPU Ray Trace** .
3. In the **CPU Ray Trace Current View** dialog that opens, click the **Edit** button.
4. On the **GENERAL** panel of the **CPU Ray Trace Options** dialog, check the **Generate as 360° Panorama** box, specify the **Dimensions** and **Resolution** of the image, as well as any other ray trace options that are desired, then click **OK**.



5. Click **Ray Trace** to start the CPU Ray Trace engine.
6. When the ray trace has reached the desired result, select **File> Stop Ray Trace**  from the menu, then navigate to **File> Export 360 Panoramic Ray Trace to Cloud** .
7. If you're not already logged in, the **Chief Architect Account** dialog will display. Login to the online account that is associated with your Chief Architect license.
8. In the **Export 360 Panorama File** dialog that opens next, 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.

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

## To view, manage, or share a 360° panorama

1. Sign in to your [Chief Architect Account \(https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/\)](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 panorama, 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.

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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.

- 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.

### Share 360° Panorama

Direct Link	E-mail	Embed
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #f9f9f9; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <a href="https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/360/view?share=143368289322114">https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/360/view?share=143368289322114</a> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px 20px; display: inline-block; cursor: pointer;">COPY</div> </div>		

- **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.

## Share 360° Panorama

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<p>E-mail body:</p> <div><p>I would like to share my Chief Architect® 360° panorama, "Johnson Plan", with you.</p><p>To view the panorama I've shared, please visit the link below:</p><p><a href="https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/360/view?share=143368289322114">https://accounts.chiefarchitect.com/360/view?share=143368289322114</a></p><p>For more information about Chief Architect® 360° panoramas, visit <a href="https://www.chiefarchitect.com/360">https://www.chiefarchitect.com/360</a></p></div> <div><div>SEND E-MAIL</div><div>COPY</div></div>		

### ◦ 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.

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<p>Paste the following HTML into your website source code:</p> <div><pre>&lt;div data-share="143368289322114" data-version="1" class="ca-360-panorama-embed"&gt;   &lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="https://www.chiefarchitect.com/to/view-360?share=143368289322114" class="ca-360-panorama-embed-url"&gt;View &lt;strong&gt;Johnson   Plan&lt;/strong&gt;&lt;/a&gt; in Chief Architect's 360° Panorama Viewer.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;/div&gt; &lt;script async src="https://embed.chiefarchitect.com/360/embed.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;</pre></div> <div><div>COPY</div></div>		

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