

It's now possible to generate preview images for social networks ([Twitter](#), Slack, LinkedIn...).



This great idea come from a [conversation](#) I had with Luciano Mammino (aka [@Loige](#)). I basically took 85% of his code. Thanks Luciano 😊

How to do it?

1. Open 2 terminals:

```
# Terminal 1
npm run dev

# Terminal 2
npm run generatePostPreviewImages
# ..you can also specify the url (if different from
http://localhost:8000/)
npm run generatePostPreviewImages http://localhost:1234/
```

2. In the post's header, add the generated images:

```
title: My blog post
# ...
imageShare: ./social-media-card-generator-share.png
```

Gatsby will first create extra url suffixed by `/image_share` (i.e. `http://localhost:8000/gatsby-starter-morning-dew-v1-1/image_share`). Then, Puppeteer will take a snapshot and add it to your `post` folder.

💡 **Quick tip:** If you want to recreate this pictures

```
# delete all share images
find ./content -name "*-share.png" -type f -delete
```

If you want to skip the file generation for some posts, add `generate-card: false` to the post's header.

```
---
title: My blog post
# ...
generate-card: false
---
```