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Position the Header Image: Walkthrough

The quality of your cover image greatly impacts the quality of your site. Check out [this blog post](#) for tons of awesome and free stock image sites. Hopefully you'll find something that you love. Make sure your images are at least 1200x800 so they will look good on a computer monitor. When you find one that you like, save it to your computer.



To implement your background image like Brendon's example site, add the `background-image` property to your CSS. By adding this to a CSS class, the image you specify will be rendered in the background of the specified element. You'll need to have your image accessible to the internet for it to work on Codepen, so you can upload it to any image hosting service that you might be familiar with, including [Photobucket](#), [imgur](#), or [tinypic](#). Then, just include the image's url in the `background-image` property to the `.masthead` class:

```
.masthead {  
  background-image: url('http://i.imgur.com/dCgHi.jpg');  
}
```

There are two other important properties to go with `background-image`: `background-size` and `background-repeat`. You can use `background-size` to control how the background stretches to fill the element. One commonly

used setting for `background-size` is `cover`. This will make the element stretch to completely cover the specified element, but preserve its aspect ratio. It's one of the best settings to use for a large background image like a cover image. Still having trouble getting the header just right? In the next assignment an example solution is provided.

Note

The example also has a little strip of color at the very top of the `masthead` cover image. Use the `border-top` property in your CSS to accomplish the same effect.



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