CREATING A SLIDER

INTRODUCTION:

StrikingR has 3 different types of sliders:

1. 4 different built-in sliders which use a custom post type to show individual slides:
   i. Nivo Slider (also shortcoded)
   ii. Accordion Slider
   iii. Roundabout Slider
   iv. Ken Burner Slider (also shortcoded)
2. The Revolution Slider built-in as a plugin
3. The portfolio images widget, which is a swipable, responsive slider which draws upon the portfolio custom post to display portfolio featured images, with all of the filtering options of this custom post.

There is no limit to the number of slideshows in StrikingR. You can have 10 slideshows on a page if desired, and as many in a website as can be dreamed up! The Roundabout & Accordion slider are for available solely in the Feature Header Area. Three sliders -> Nivo, Ken Burner and Revolution Slider are also available via shortcode to be placed anywhere in webpage content.

BASIC SLIDE CREATION:

Slides for the 4 sliders listed in #1 above are created using the **Slider items/Add New** menu link in the Wordpress Dashboard. Click on "*Add New*" will bring you to the **Add New Slider Item** panel, which is used to create a single new slide for any of the 4 built in sliders. The image below illustrates all the important aspects of this panel:

A single slider item requires all the following elements in order to be able to be used in a slideshow:

- A title in the title field.
- A category to be grouped within
- A featured image – which is the actual image that will show in the slideshow
- A order number to set the order of the slides (optional)

Featured Image:

The featured image of any post type in Wordpress is the image that is "attached" to the post and which can be shown independently from the rest of the post content. How it is displayed depends upon how a theme is built for its post types and its templates. For StrikingR slider items, use the Featured Image Metabox to attach <u>1 image only</u> to the slider item, and this image is the image displayed in a slideshow. <u>Do not put any images into the post content field</u>. The StrikingR code draws upon the Featured Image only for displaying a slider image.

Slideshow Grouping by Categories:

Slider items should be are grouped into categories. The actual selection process for showing slides in a slider is by choosing a category to display, not by choosing single slides.

Example: if there are 4 images to be shown in the Home webpage of the site, then there should be 4 separate slider items created, one for each image, and they would be grouped into one category, most likely called "homepage" or something similar. As you will see below, you will then select this category "homepage" using a setting in the **Page Options Metabox** when deciding upon the contents of a slideshow.

Slideshow Order.

The order of which the slide show items are presented can be influenced by adjusting its order attribute. Slider items in a category normally will display in the order of their creation (which is order by Wordpress id#). But using the order attribute, the order can be reset to a sequential format with each slide showing according to the number position assigned to it.
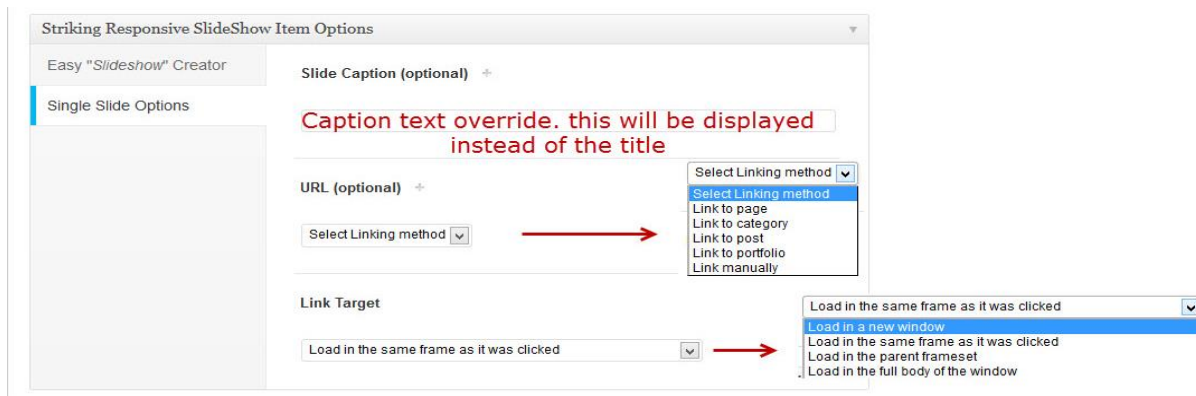
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INDIVIDUAL SLIDER ITEM SETTINGS

Below the slider item content editor is the Slideshow Item Options metabox. This metabox has 2 admin tabs:

1. Easy Slideshow Creator
2. Single Slide Options.

The Easy Slideshow Creator tab is explained in the next section below. The Single Slide Option admin tab is used when creating individual slider items for the 4 built-in sliders as detailed in the 2 preceding pages..

All of the settings in Single Slide Options are optional, and used as follows:
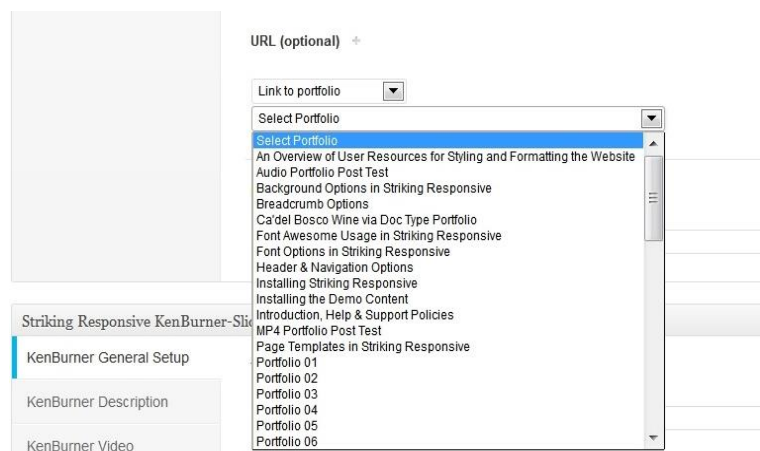
Slide Caption (Optional):

All of the slider support captions. The caption by default will be the Slider Item Title drawn from the Title field. However, any content placed in the caption field will be displayed instead of the title. If you do not see a caption being displayed, go to the Slideshow Panel / admin tab for the slider type, and check to see that the caption setting is enabled. Shortcoded sliders have their own separate caption On/Off setting.

URL (optional) / Link Target

Slider items have the ability to have clicking on the picture link to another target in the site, or externally.

Use the URL setting to make a selection per the above image. When one of the options is clicked up, for example Link to Page, a new selector will appear with a scrollable list of pages from which to select for the linking url.

And as usual, one can also set the way in which one links using the Link Target setting.
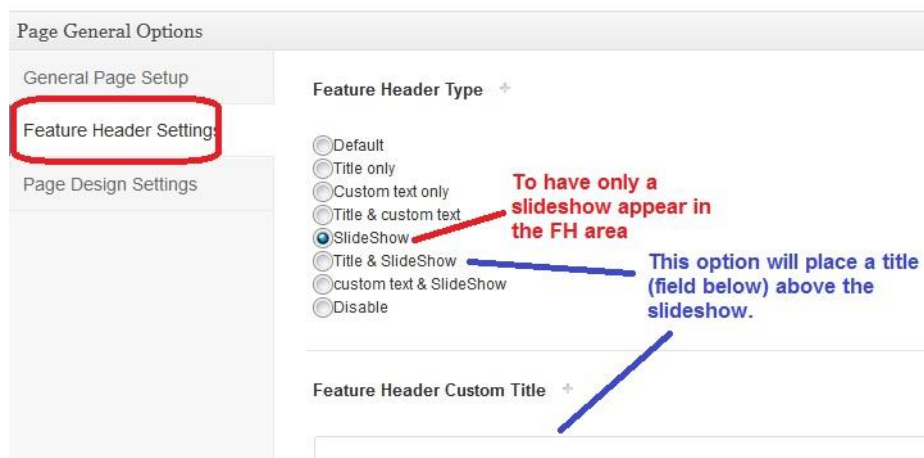
Displaying the slideshow created above:

So now undoubtedly we have created 3 or 4 slides, and grouped them all in a category. Each slide has a title, a featured image, has been grouped into the category, and perhaps has a custom caption, and might even be linking to somewhere else in the website if clicked upon. So how to display?

At the outset of this slider section it was indicated that certain sliders are only available in the feature header area, and others are also shortcoded.   Following are the instructions for each option:

DISPLAYING A SLIDESHOW IN THE FEATURE HEADER OF A WEBPAGE:

Below any page or post in editing is found the **Page General Options** Metabox containing 3 admin tabs with settings. We need the **Feature Header Settings** tab as it contains all the settings for choosing what content to show in the Feature Header area.

As per the above diagram, go to this tab, and select *Slideshow* in the **Feature Header Type** setting. Next go further down and you will see 3 other settings: Slideshow Source, Slideshow Number, and Slideshow Type. Here is where the slideshow output is determined for this webpages feature header area.

Scroll the list in the Slideshow source to find what you want to display. Notice that it shows slide categories, and also Blog Post Categories and Portfolio Categories.   The "Built-In" sliders can also show the featured images of Blog and Portfolio posts!

After making the appropriate selections, "Update" the panel you are editing, and then go view the webpage, and now the slideshow selected will display in the feature header area.