Sponsored Stories for Premium and Marketplace

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What are Sponsored Stories?

People are naturally interested in things their friends care about. That’s why the News Feed is such a central part of Facebook: News Feed stories give friends an easy way to show each other what they like.

Now with Sponsored Stories, you can increase the visibility of these powerful News Feed stories when they relate to your organization or business. No matter how many fans you have, they are only a portion of the people you can reach on Facebook. Sponsored Stories broaden your reach by allowing your fans to help their friends discover your brand and connect with your campaign objectives. Like Facebook Ads, Sponsored Stories are non-disruptive and respect people’s privacy settings. There are seven types of Sponsored Stories that each surface different types of content.

How Sponsored Stories work:

1. A person engages with your Page, App, Place or Domain.

2. Normally, a story about this activity can be generated on their friends’ News Feeds, which their friends may or may not see due to the dynamic nature of News Feed.

3. By including Sponsored Stories with your Facebook Ads campaign, this person’s friends can also see the story appear in the right-hand side of Facebook.

Sponsored Stories also support the content that your Facebook Page publishes to its fans. The dynamic nature and unique algorithm behind each person’s News Feed means that each person’s experience is different on Facebook. For Page owners, this means that some of your fans do not see your valuable Page posts (status updates, videos, photos) in their News Feed. Sponsored Stories for Page Posts allows Page owners to ensure your fans see the content that your Page publishes.
Sponsored Stories Types

All Sponsored Stories are 240 px wide and have variable height. Since they’re generated from the actions people take with your business, you do not need to add a creative to your Sponsored Stories campaign.

1. Page Like Story

What happens: Someone liked your Page directly from Facebook or from the Like Box on your website at any point in time.

What you can do: You can use the Page Like Story to make sure his friends know about this action.

Friend’s Photo & Name
The photo and link take you to this friend’s profile

Page Image Thumbnail
50px wide, 50px high (same as thumbnail managed by Page; aspect ratio is preserved). Takes you to Page

Page Name
Full name of Page is preserved (up to 70 characters)

Like
Clicking on it makes you a fan of the Page, inline
2. Page Post Story

**What happens:** You published a post from your Facebook Page to your fans.

**What you can do:** You can use the Page Post Story to make sure that more of your fans see your most recent Page post*.

*Note: excludes posts with language or location filtering

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**Page Name & Photo**

Take you to Page. Full name of Page is preserved (up to 70 characters)

**Comment & Like Tags**

Take you to the permalink for the News Feed story, where you can comment and/or like the story as well

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**Page Post**

Takes you to the permalink for the News Feed story

**Share**

Allows you to share the Page post on your profile or send as a message to a friend

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- If **Page post is an image alone**: max dimensions of 90px wide, 90px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for photo title
- If **Page post is an image with comment**: 50px wide, 50px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for photo title; 100 character maximum (followed by ellipses) for comment
- If **Page post is a video alone***: 90px wide, 90px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for video title
- If **Page post is a video with comment***: 50px wide, 50px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for video title; 100 character maximum (followed by ellipses) for comment

*Note: Premium Sponsored Stories have video-play capabilities inline, while Marketplace Sponsored Stories do not.
3. Page Post Like Story

What happens: One of your fans liked one of your Page posts in the last seven days.

What you can do: You can use the Page Post Like Story to make sure his friends know about this action.

- If the liked Page post is a status update: 100 character maximum (followed by ellipses)
- If the liked Page post is an image alone: max dimensions of 90px wide, 90px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for photo title
- If the liked Page post is an image with comment: 50 px wide, 50px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for photo title; 100 character maximum (followed by ellipses)
- If the liked Page post is a video alone*: 90px wide, 90px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for video title
- If the liked Page post is a video with comment*: 50px wide, 50px high (aspect ratio is preserved); 70 character maximum for video title; 100 character maximum (followed by ellipses) for comment

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4. App Used and Game Played Story

What happens: Someone used your App or played your Game at least twice or for at least 10 minutes in the last month.

What you can do: You can use the App Used and Game Played Story to make sure his friends know about this action.

Friend’s Photo & Name The photo and link take you to this friend’s profile

App Image Thumbnail 50px wide, 50px high (same as thumbnail managed by App; aspect ratio is preserved). Takes you to the Canvas App page

App Name Full title of the App story is preserved (up to 70 characters). Takes you to the Canvas App page

Play Takes you to the Canvas App page
5. App Share Story

What happens: Someone shared a story from your App in the last seven days.

What you can do: You can use the App Share Story to make sure his friends know about this action.

Friend’s Photo & Name
The photo and link take you to this friend’s profile

App Image Thumbnail 50px
wide, 50px high (same as thumbnail managed by Application; aspect ratio is preserved) Takes you to the Canvas App page

Comment by Friend (if applicable)
100 character maximum (followed by ellipses)

App Name
Full title of application story is preserved (up to 70 characters). Takes you to the Canvas App page

Comment and Like Tags
Take you to the permalink for the News Feed story, where you can comment and/or like the story as well
6. Check-in Story

**What happens:** Someone checked in and/or claimed a deal at one of your claimed Places in the last seven days using Facebook Places.

**What you can do:** You can use the Check-in Story to make sure his friends know about this action.

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**Friend’s Photo & Names**
The photo and link take you to this friend’s profile.

**Place Image Thumbnail**
50px wide, 50px high (same as thumbnail managed by Place Page; aspect ratio is preserved). Goes to parent Page (Page admin specifies default landing tab for people who are not yet fans of the Page).

**Comment and Like Tags**
Take you to the permalink for the News Feed story, where you can comment and/or like the story as well.

**Place Name**
Full name of Place is preserved (up to 70 characters). Goes to parent Page (Page admin specifies default landing tab for people who are not yet fans of the Page).

**Comment by Friend (if applicable)**
100 character maximum (followed by ellipses).

**Like**
If the person viewing the Sponsored Story is not already a fan of your Place, they will have the option to Like your Place from the Sponsored Story. For Sponsored Stories promoting check-ins to Places that are connected to a parent Page, the person viewing the Sponsored Story who is not already a fan of your Page will have the option to Like your parent Page from the Sponsored Story.
7. Domain Story

What happens: Someone liked a piece of content on your website using the Like button, shared a piece of content from your website using the Share button, or pasted a link to your website in his status update in the last seven days.

What you can do: You can use the Domain Story to make sure his friends know about this action.
## Summary: 7 Sponsored Stories types

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<td>Domain</td>
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<td>Someone liked a piece of content on your website using the Like button, shared a piece of content from your website using the Share button, or pasted a link to your website in his status update in the last seven days.</td>
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Create Marketplace Sponsored Stories in 5 easy steps

**Step 1** Go to http://www.facebook.com/ads/create

**Step 2** Select the Destination you want to promote

In the ‘Destination’ drop-down menu, please select the Page, Place, App or Domain that you want to promote using Sponsored Stories. If you want to promote stories coming from your Domain, you will first need to claim your Domain. This process should take your developer about five minutes to complete and simply involve adding tags to the header of your webpage. Claiming your Domain will also allow you to get access to [Insights for Domains](#), a Facebook dashboard providing detailed analytics about the people who interact with content on your website. To claim your domain, please click [here](#) and follow the instructions under “Claiming a Domain”.

![Advertise on Facebook](image_url)
Step 3  Select the type of stories you want to promote

Under ‘Type’, please select ‘Sponsored Stories’. The type of Sponsored Stories that you will be able to select under ‘Story Type’ will vary:

- **For a Page**, you will be able to choose a Page Like Story, a Page Post Story or a Page Post Like Story
- **For a Place**, you will be able to choose a Page Like Story, a Page Post Story, a Page Post Like Story or a Check-in Story
- **For an App that is a Game**, you will be able to choose an App Share Story or a Game Played Story
- **For an App that is not a Game**, you will be able to choose an App Share Story or an App Used Story
- **For a Domain**, you will only be able to select a Domain Story

In order to create several types of Sponsored Stories, you have to go through the create flow each time you want to create a new type.

Please refer to pages 3 to 9 of this guide to determine which type of Sponsored Stories will help you achieve your marketing objectives.
Step 4  Select your targeting criteria

Sponsored Stories are targeted to people who are eligible to see the story in their News Feed. You can narrow down your target audience further using the same targeting options that are available for Marketplace Ads. For more information about these targeting criteria, please visit the Guide to Facebook Ads at http://www.facebook.com/adsmarketing/

! Please be aware that using additional targeting options will reduce your reach.

Step 5  Set up your campaign budget, pricing and scheduling

You can set up your campaign budget, pricing and scheduling for Sponsored Stories the same way you would for Marketplace Ads. You can learn more about it by visiting the Guide to Facebook Ads at http://www.facebook.com/adsmarketing/

Recommendation: Increase organic actions

Sponsored Stories depend on the amount of organic actions people take with your Page, Place, App or Domain. Therefore, we recommend that you use both Sponsored Stories and Facebook Ads. Your ad campaign will increase the number of actions people take with your content, while Sponsored Stories will broaden the reach of those actions. Additionally, we advise you to put social plugins on prominent locations your website and give people compelling reasons to share content from your site in order to increase to number of organic stories about your business.