

KNOWLEDGE BASE ARTICLE

Setting a Background Image for a Tile



Disclaimer

For the purposes of this Disclaimer:

- **Company** (referred to as either "the Company", "We", "Us" or "Our" in this Disclaimer) refers to Vitextra SIA, LV-1009 Riga, Matīse iela 61 - 25.
- **Document** refers to the Knowledgebase Article.
- **You** means the individual accessing the Document, or the company, or other legal entity on behalf of which such individual is accessing or using the Document, as applicable.
- **Website** refers to Vitextra, accessible from <https://vitextra.com>

Disclaimer

The information contained in the Document is for general information purposes only.

The Company assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the contents of the Document.

In no event shall the Company be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any damages whatsoever, whether in an action of contract, negligence, or other torts, arising out of or in connection with the use of the contents of the Document. The Company reserves the right to make additions, deletions, or modifications to the contents in the Document at any time without prior notice.

Errors and Omissions Disclaimer

The information given by the Document is for general guidance on matters of interest only. Therefore, errors can occur even if the Company takes every precaution to ensure that the Document's content is current and accurate. Plus, given the changing nature of laws, rules, and regulations, there may be delays, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information contained in the Document.

The Company is not responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the results obtained from the use of this information.

Fair Use Disclaimer

The Company may use copyrighted material that the copyright owner has not explicitly authorized. The Company is making such material available for criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, or research.

The Company believes this constitutes a "fair use" of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the United States Copyright law.

If You wish to use copyrighted material from the Document for your own purposes that go beyond fair use, You must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

"Use at Your Own Risk" Disclaimer

All information in the Document is provided "as is", with no guarantee of completeness, accuracy, timeliness or of the results obtained from the use of this information, and without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, but not limited to warranties of performance, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

The Company will not be liable to You or anyone else for any decision made or action taken in reliance on the information given by the Service or for any consequential, special or similar damages, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Disclaimer, You can contact Us by email: support@vitextra.com.

Table Of Contents

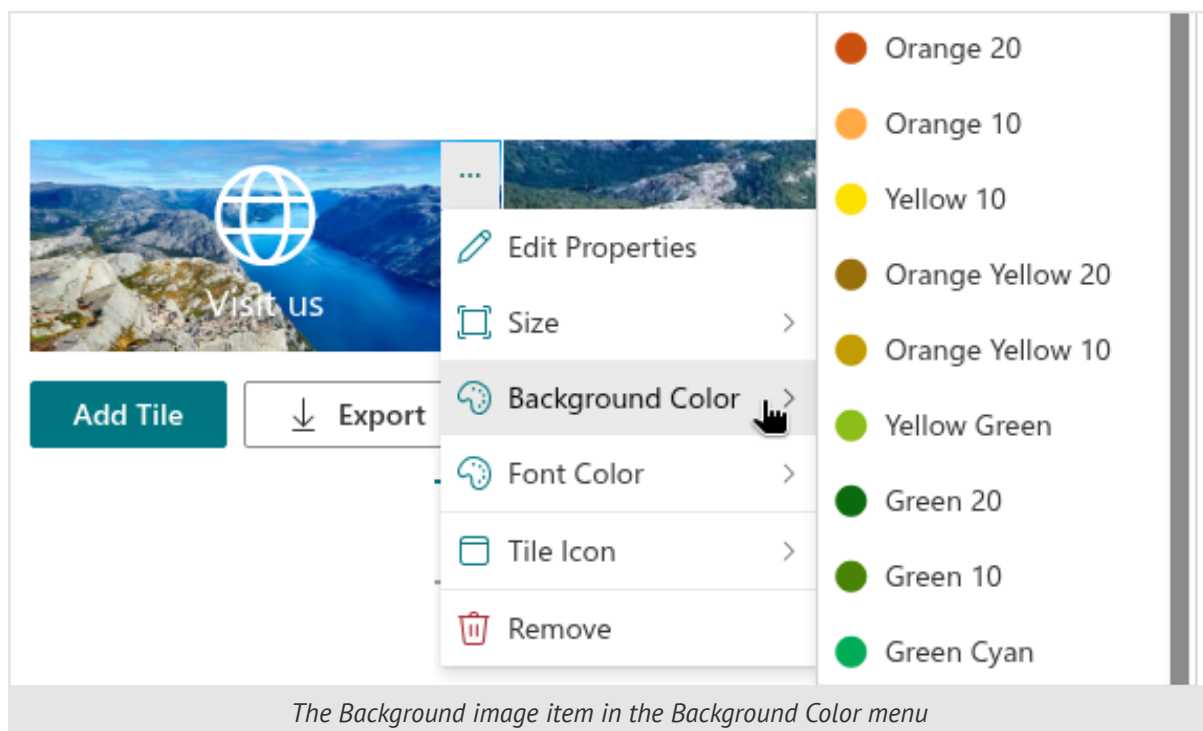
Introduction	4
Setting the image	4
How the image is displayed	4
The color underneath	5
Keeping the text readable	5
The YouTube thumbnail	6
Image requirements	6
Removing the image	6
Terms	8

Introduction

A colored tile with an icon is clear and compact; a tile with a photograph is inviting. [Smart Tiles](#) lets any tile carry a background image instead of a flat color – a picture of the office for *Visit us*, a product shot for a launch page, a team photo for the department site. This article explains how to set the image, how it is displayed and how to keep the tile readable.

Setting the image

- 1 Open the page in edit mode and click the ... button of the tile.
- 2 Point to **Background Color** and choose **Background image** – the first item of the submenu.
- 3 In the **Image** dialog, type or paste the address of the image into the **Image URL** field, or browse the libraries of the site and click the image.
- 4 Click **Apply**.



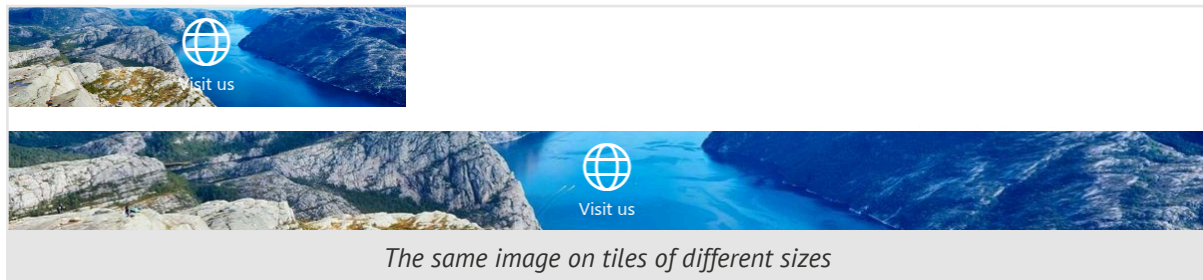
The Background image item in the Background Color menu

The **Image** dialog is the same one used for custom icon images: the **Image URL** field accepts an address beginning with **https://** or a path beginning with **/**, and the list below it browses the **document libraries** of the current site folder by folder, showing the images as thumbnails. The dialog is described in detail in [KB10244. Using a Custom Image as a Tile Icon](#).

How the image is displayed

The image fills the entire tile: it is scaled so that it covers the tile completely and is centered, and whatever does not fit is cropped at the edges. The tile keeps its proportions – its width is set by the **Size** of the tile and its height by the content and the **Internal Indent** – so the same image is cropped differently on a Small and on a Full Width tile.

The icon, the title and the description are drawn over the image, in the **Font Color** of the tile.



The color underneath

The background color of the tile does not disappear when an image is set: it is painted under the image and shows through while the image loads, through transparent areas of a PNG, and if the image cannot be loaded at all. Choose a color close to the overall tone of the picture, so that a tile that is still loading does not flash in a different color.

Note

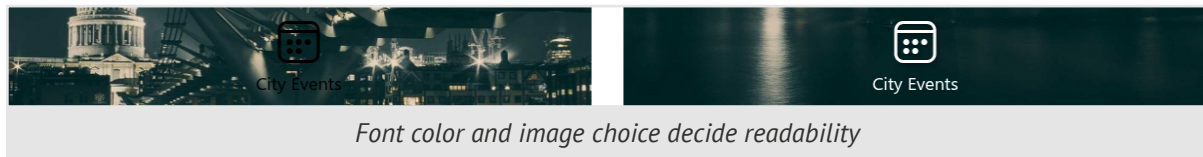
Choosing a color in the **Background Color** menu removes the background image: a tile has either an image or a color as its background, never both. The color that was painted under the image becomes the visible background again.

Keeping the text readable

Text over a photograph is only as readable as the contrast between them. A few habits help:

- pick images with a **calm area** – sky, wall, water – where the title will sit, or crop the image so that such an area is in the center;
- use **white text** on dark pictures and **black text** on light ones, and set the **Font Color** accordingly;
- enable **Shadow** in the web part settings: the drop shadow under the icon separates it from a busy background;

- consider hiding the **title** for image tiles that speak for themselves, and putting the name into the **Description** instead, so that it still appears in the tooltip.



The YouTube thumbnail

When the link of a tile points to a YouTube video, the **Background Color** menu gains one more item above **Background image: Thumbnail**. It uses the preview image of the video as the background, without storing an image address in the tile. On the published page a thumbnail tile shows only the play button; its title and description remain in the tooltip.

Image requirements

- The address must use **https://** or be a path on the current tenant; visitors must have read access to the image.
- Keep the file reasonably small – a photograph of 1200 pixels on its longer side, saved as JPEG or WebP, is enough for a Full Width tile and loads quickly on every page where the panel is used.
- Images with a transparent background show the tile color through the transparent areas, which can be used for watermark-style designs.

Warning

Images are loaded by the visitor's browser from the address in the tile. Store the images in a library that every visitor of the page can read – **Site Assets** of the same site is the usual choice. A visitor without access sees the background color only.

Removing the image

Either choose a color in the **Background Color** menu, or open **Background image** again and click **Remove image** in the dialog. The tile returns to its background color.

Tip

The colors available for tiles and their font are described in [KB10043. Tile Colors in Smart Tiles](#).

Learn more about the product: <https://vitextra.com/en/products/smart-tiles>

Terms

Document Library

A special type of list that stores files, folders, and information about them. Like a list, a document library can contain personal or shared views, item-level permissions, and so on.