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Tile Colors in Smart Tiles: Theme Accent and Predefined Colors

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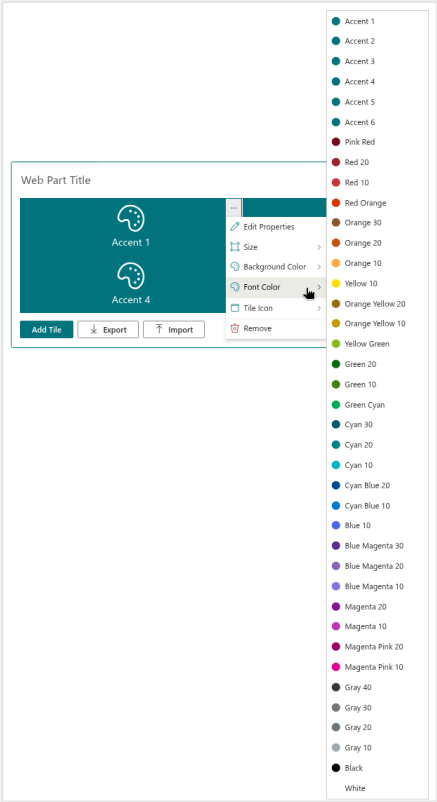
Introduction

Color is the fastest way to group tiles and to make a panel look like part of the site rather than an addition to it. Every tile in Smart Tiles has a **Background Color** and a **Font Color**, both chosen from the same palette: six accent colors that follow the theme of the site, thirty-one predefined colors, black and white. This article lists the colors, explains how the accent colors behave and suggests how to combine them.

Choosing a color

1 Open the page in edit mode and click the **...** button of the tile.
2 Point to **Background Color** or **Font Color**.
3 Click a color in the submenu. Each entry shows a circle in its color; the current color is marked with a filled check box.

The change is applied at once. The two menus hold the same colors, so any color can be used for the background of one tile and the text of another.



The Font Color menu

A new tile starts with **Accent 1** as the background and **White** as the font color.

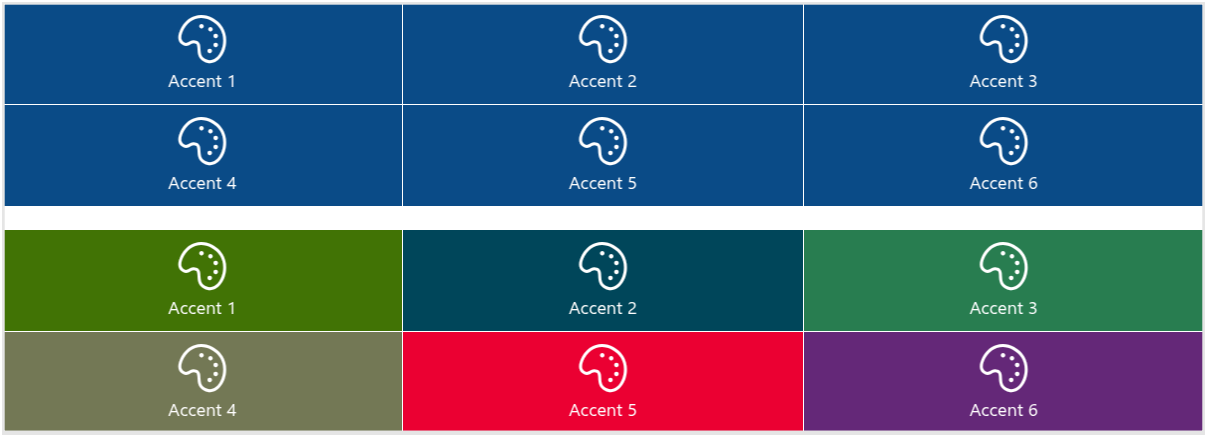
Accent colors

Accent 1 to **Accent 6** are not fixed colors. They refer to the six content accent colors of

the theme applied to the site, so a tile with an accent color changes together with the theme: switch the site from the blue theme to the green one, and every Accent 1 tile turns green with it. Panels built with accent colors therefore look at home on any site they are copied to, and survive a rebranding without being edited.

Where the six accent colors come from:

- **Modern themes** created in the SharePoint admin center or with the theme generator define all six content accents; each theme has its own set.
- **Custom themes** may leave some or all of the content accents undefined. An accent entry the theme does not define falls back to the primary accent color of the theme — on such sites **Accent 2** to **Accent 6** typically all produce the same color as **Accent 1**.



Accent tiles follow the site theme

Warning

Because accent colors depend on the theme, a panel exported from one site may look different on another. If the exact colors matter — for corporate colors, for instance — use the predefined colors instead.

Predefined colors

The predefined colors are the shared color palette of Fluent UI, the design system of Microsoft 365. They do not change with the theme. The number after a name is the shade from the Fluent UI palette: 10 is the base shade, 20 and 30 are progressively darker, 40 darker still.

Name	Value	Name	Value
Pink Red	`#750b1c`	Cyan 10	`#00b7c3`

Name	Value	Name	Value
Red 20	#a4262c	Cyan Blue 20	#004e8c
Red 10	#d13438	Cyan Blue 10	#0078d4
Red Orange	#da3b01	Blue 10	#4f6bed
Orange 30	#8e562e	Blue Magenta 30	#5c2e91
Orange 20	#ca5010	Blue Magenta 20	#8764b8
Orange 10	#ffaa44	Blue Magenta 10	#8378de
Yellow 10	#fce100	Magenta 20	#881798
Orange Yellow 20	#986f0b	Magenta 10	#c239b3
Orange Yellow 10	#c19c00	Magenta Pink 20	#9b0062
Yellow Green	#8cbd18	Magenta Pink 10	#e3008c
Green 20	#0b6a0b	Gray 40	#393939
Green 10	#498205	Gray 30	#7a7574
Green Cyan	#00ad56	Gray 20	#69797e
Cyan 30	#005b70	Gray 10	#a0aeb2
Cyan 20	#038387		

Two more entries complete the list: **Black** (#000000) and **White** (#ffffff).



The predefined colors

What the font color affects

The **Font Color** is used for the title, the description and the icon of the tile when the icon comes from the **Standard icon** set — those icons are drawn as text and take the

color of the text. File type, App, Azure and Vitextra icons and custom images keep their own colors.

The description is drawn slightly transparent, so it appears a little lighter than the title in the same color.

Combining colors

- **Contrast first.** White text on Red 10, Green 20, Cyan Blue 10 or any Gray is easy to read; on Yellow 10, Orange 10 or Gray 10 use Black. The lighter base shades — Orange 10, Yellow 10 — are better suited to black text; the 20, 30 and 40 shades to white.
- **One family per panel.** Tiles in several shades of one family — Cyan 10, 20 and 30, for instance — look deliberate; six unrelated bright colors look like a test pattern.
- **Group by color.** Give all HR links one color and all IT links another, and the panel explains itself without headings.
- **Accent for the site, predefined for the brand.** Use accent colors for panels that should blend with whatever theme the site has, and predefined colors when the tiles carry fixed corporate colors.

Note

Tiles do not change with a dark theme by themselves: a White tile stays white on a dark page. Accent colors are the easy way to a panel that works in both light and dark themes, since the theme supplies a suitable accent in each case.

Tip

A photograph can replace the background color of a tile; see KB10245. Setting a Background Image for a Tile. The icon sets and how they react to the font color are described in KB10243. Choosing Icons for Tiles.

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