

Adding Custom Backgrounds in MS Teams

Caution:

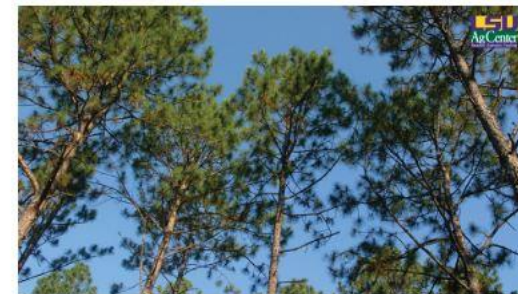
Backgrounds can be a distraction to your presentation and can send the wrong message. For security reasons do not use backgrounds from an unknown source.

- The original “Blur background” is still available
- Limit to jpg and png; gifs will not be animated. You and your background image **will show up mirrored** in the meeting launch and self view. This is a standard setup for all video conferencing tools (FaceTime, Zoom, Google Hangouts) because we as humans are used to seeing ourselves in a mirror, not straight on. It’s simply meant to make you feel comfortable and, frankly, not distract you when in your meeting. **Everyone else will see you and your background as normal, not mirrored.**

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First you will need to go to the backgrounds created by AgCenter Communications:

<https://www.lsuagcenter.com/profiles/tblanchard/articles/page1585690095590>



Save your image /s in the Uploads folder below:

C:\Users*<your username>*\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Teams\Backgrounds\Uploads

For Mac:

*/users/<your username>/Library/Application
Support/Microsoft/Teams/Backgrounds/Uploads*

Troubleshooting Microsoft Teams Background Effects

There are minimum requirements your hardware must meet.

<https://lsuagctr.sharepoint.com/sites/KB/SitePages/Troubleshooting-Microsoft-Teams-Background.aspx>

Beware free backgrounds

- Because they are so fun, and many people use them, especially younger kids, they are perfect for malware, viruses, hidden “easter eggs” and other nefarious hacks.
- It is highly recommended to use backgrounds provided by a known professional entity like AgCenter Communications.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Stout, dstout@agcenter.lsu.edu

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The screenshot displays the Office 365 application launcher. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "LSU AgCenter" and "Office 365", a search bar, and system icons. Below this, the "All Apps" section is visible. A large red arrow points down to the "IT Training" application icon, which is circled in red. The "IT Training" icon is a blue square with a white circle containing the letters "IT". Other application icons include "Excel", "Word", "PowerPoint", "Outlook", "OneDrive", "SharePoint", "Teams", and "Access".