



Background Builder v2.0
User Guide



Background Builder Introduction

Background Builder plugin component for Xcelsius 2008 is capable of producing an unlimited combination of textures, colors, and filters to create stunning aesthetics not possible with standard background components. Background Builder consists of a single background interface with flexible options to achieve a look and feel only attainable with a graphic designer's touch.

Background Builder is a single graphical container with extended properties to combine color, styles, and textures to create professional looking graphics. Fine tune appearance properties, including bevel and drop shadows, to achieve a sleek design without consuming any more memory or disk space than a standard background component.

More Information

If you have any questions about this document please contact Centigon Solutions support at:

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For more information, documentation, or templates for Background Builder, visit the website at <http://www.centigonsolutions.com/components/backgroundbuilder.html>

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Install Requirements

Client Requirements

Xcelsius 2008 Service Pack 1 and Greater
Adobe Flash player 9 and higher

Install Disk Space

2 MB

Upgrading from Version 1.X

Existing Background Builder 1.x installs, require no additional steps to migrating existing dashboards. Upon installing Background Builder, all properties will remain intact. For any additional questions about upgrading and migration, feel free to contact Centigon Solutions support at:

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Install Directions

1. Open Xcelsius 2008 Service Pack 1 or higher.
2. Click File>Manage Add-Ons
3. Click on Install Add-On.
4. Navigate and to the downloaded Background Builder.xlsx file.
5. Close the Add-On Manager
6. Re-open Xcelsius 2008 to access Background Builder in the Backgrounds folder.

Properties Sheet Overview

General Tab

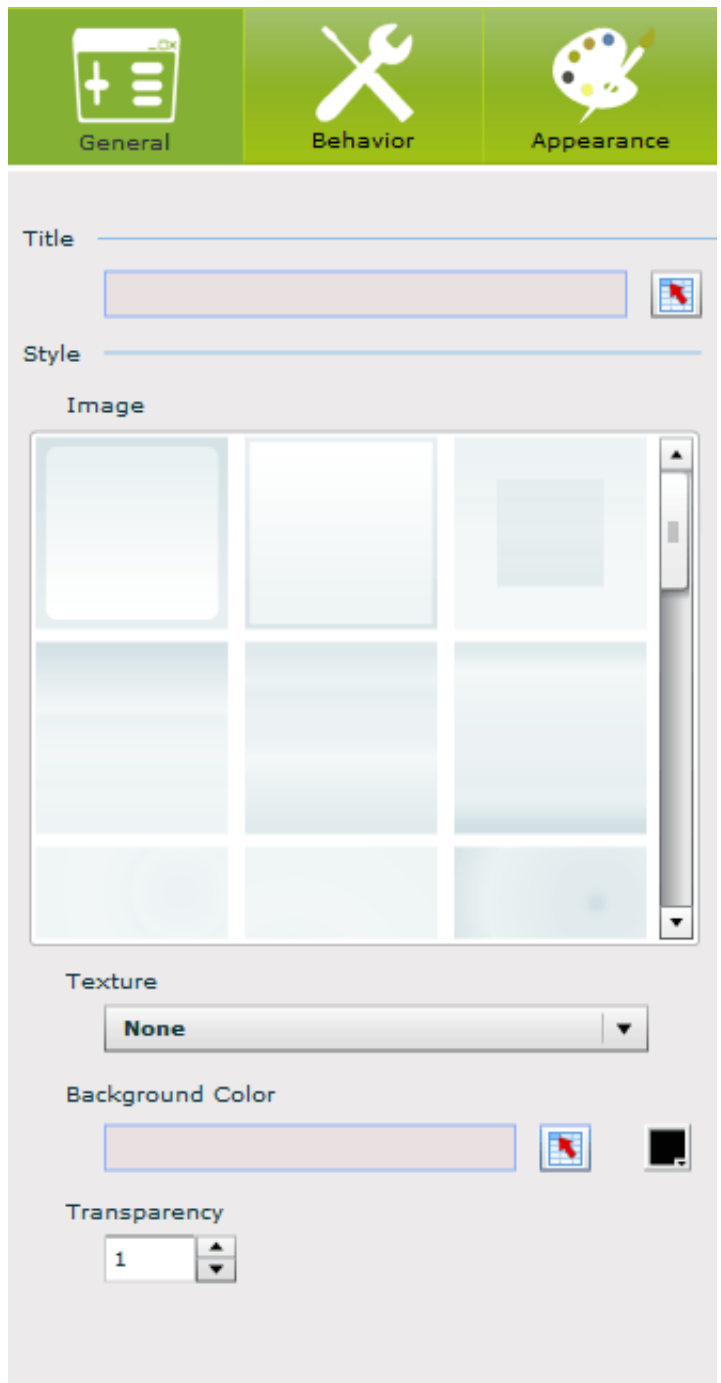
Title- Enter or bind text that is displayed at the top of the background component. The title size, alignment, and style can be modified in the Appearance tab.

Image- Select one of 20 professionally designed background image overlays to enhance the dashboard aesthetics. The images consist of stylized gradients that add depth to the Background Builder's color.

Texture- Add additional depth with opaque textures. Textures are tiled across the background as it is re sized on the canvas.

Background Color- Click on the color chooser icon to select a color from a standard web palette. This color chooser does not inherit the color options from Xcelsius. Custom colors must be added in a hexadecimal color code for custom colors.

Transparency- The background transparency will affect the entire Background Builder component and all selected Textures and Images.



Properties Sheet Overview

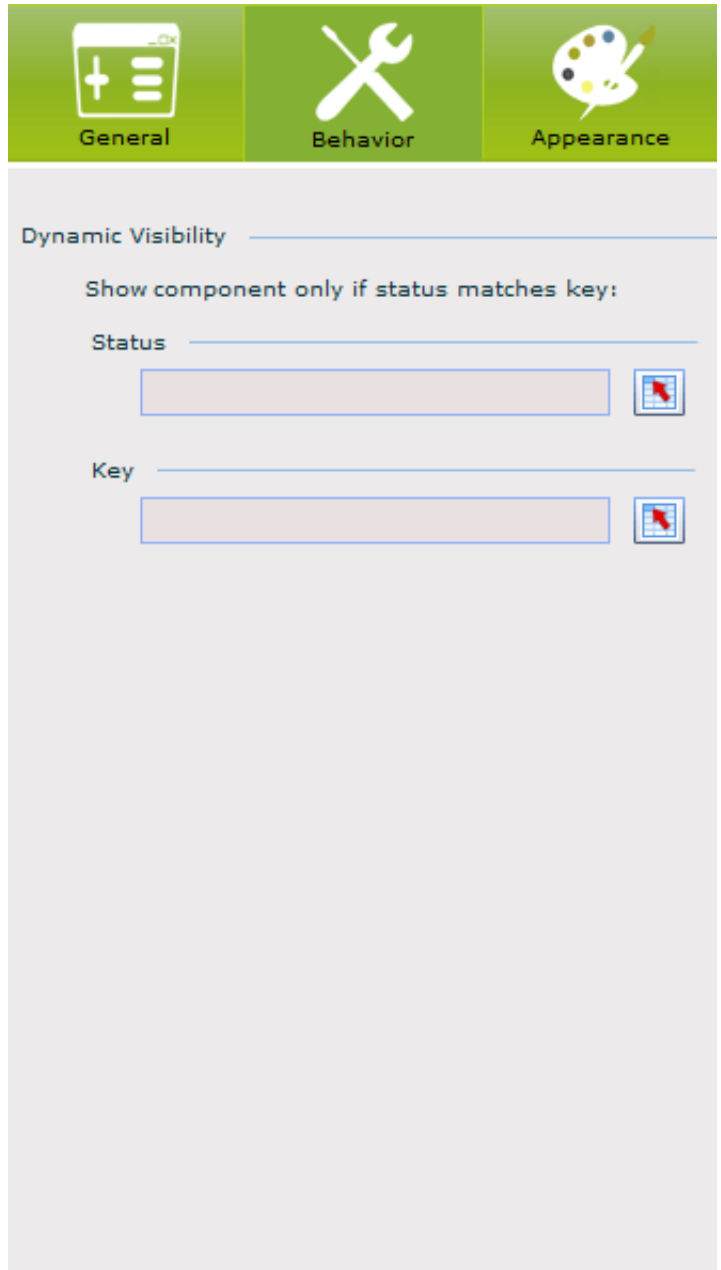
Behavior Tab

Dyanmic Visibility- Dynamic Visibility will enable Background Builder to show or hide with the dashboard.

Status- Status lets you select a cell in the embedded spreadsheet to control the visibility of the component. If the value in the Status cell equals the value of the Key, the component will be displayed.

Note: Do not link Status to a cell or range of cells that are already linked within the same component (for example, Data ranges). The overlap will cause those data sources in the component to not refresh if changed dynamically.

Key-Key lets you specify the value that the Status must match for the component to become visible. Enter the value in the box or use the cell selector to bind the value to a cell in the embedded spreadsheet.



The screenshot shows the Behavior tab selected in the Properties Sheet. The tab bar at the top has three icons: a calendar for 'General', crossed wrench and screwdriver for 'Behavior', and a paint palette for 'Appearance'. Below the tabs, the 'Dynamic Visibility' section is expanded. It contains the instruction 'Show component only if status matches key:'. There are two input fields: 'Status' and 'Key'. Each field has a light gray text box and a small icon to its right that looks like a spreadsheet with a red arrow pointing to a cell, used for selecting a cell from the embedded spreadsheet.

Properties Sheet Overview

Appearance Tab

Show Title- Enabling the check box will display the Title property.

Title Properties- Change the Title properties including font, text size, color, style and alignment.

Letter Spacing- Modify the spacing between letters within the Title text.

Corner Radius- Modify the corner radius resulting in rounded or squared edges. Reducing the corner radius to 0, results in squared corners.

Shadow- The drop shadow will create depth to a background component. A drop shadow is typically grey scale but can be changed to another color. To remove the drop shadow, move the distance slider to the left.

Bevel- The inner bevel provides a subtle depth to a Background Builder component, specifically when layering backgrounds on top of each other.

Show Header- The header toggle provides an opaque header graphic, located at the top of the Background Builder component. This header is typically used to create contrast or enclosure for a title or important information.

Show Header Highlight- The header highlight is a subtle graphical highlight located at the top of the background builder that can be turned off by de-selecting the check box.

Header Height- Expand or reduce the size for an enabled Header by dragging the slider.

Show Footer- The header highlight is a subtle graphical highlight located at the bottom of the background builder that can be turned off by de-selecting the check box.

Footer Height- Expand or reduce the size for an enabled Footer by dragging the slider.

The screenshot displays the 'Appearance' tab of a software interface, which is divided into three main sections: 'Text', 'Container', and 'Header/Footer'. The 'Text' section includes a 'Show Title' checkbox (checked), a font dropdown set to 'Verdana', a font size dropdown set to '14', and a 'Letter Spacing' control set to '0'. The 'Container' section features a 'Corner Radius' slider set to '0'. The 'Shadow' section has a 'Distance' slider set to '10'. The 'Bevel' section has a 'Distance' slider set to '8'. The 'Header' section includes a 'Show Header' checkbox (unchecked), a 'Show Header Highlight' checkbox (checked), a 'Header Color' dropdown, and a 'Height' slider set to '50'. The 'Footer' section includes a 'Show Footer' checkbox (unchecked), a 'Footer Color' dropdown, and a 'Height' slider set to '20'. Each color dropdown includes a color selection icon and a black square icon.

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Information Tab

*All elements on the Information tab require an internet connection.

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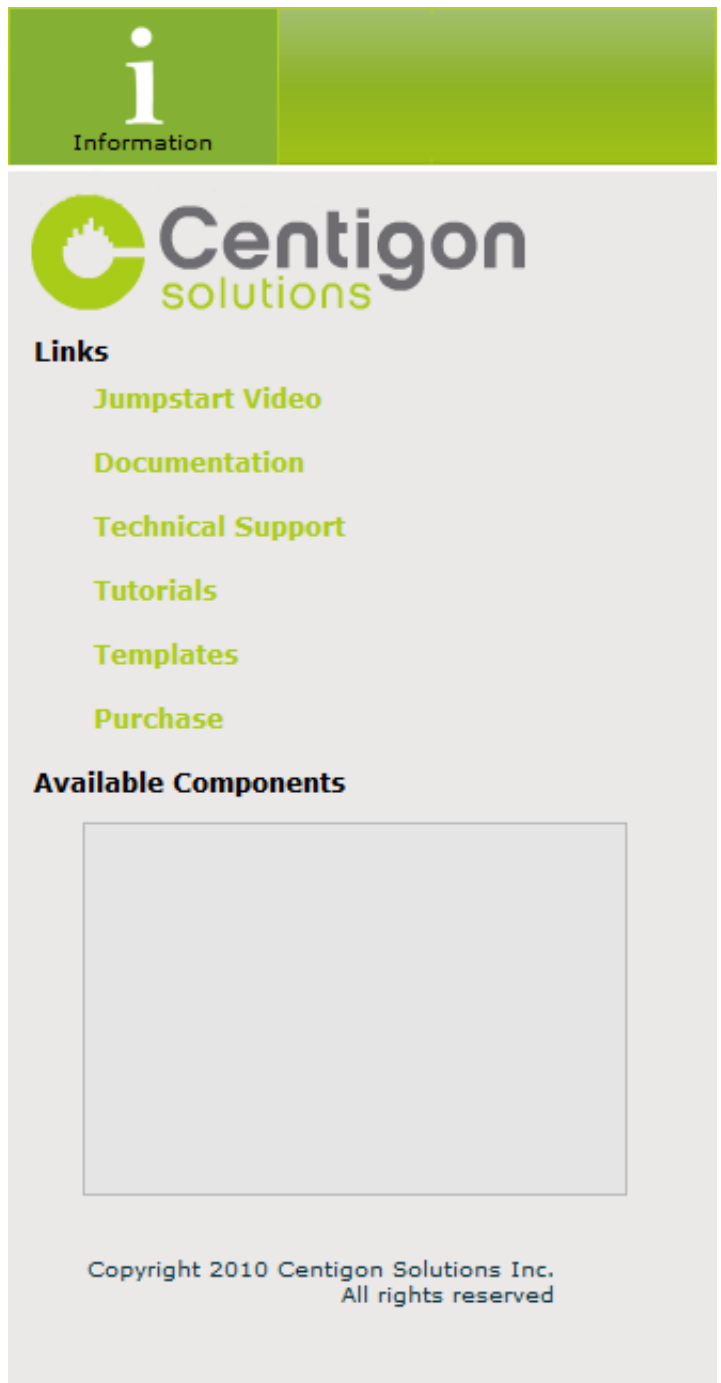
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The image shows a UI mockup for the 'Information' tab. It features a green header with a white lowercase 'i' and the word 'Information' below it. Below the header is the Centigon Solutions logo, which consists of a green circular icon with a white gear-like shape inside, followed by the text 'Centigon solutions' in a sans-serif font. Underneath the logo is a section titled 'Links' in bold black text. This section contains a list of links: 'Jumpstart Video', 'Documentation', 'Technical Support', 'Tutorials', 'Templates', and 'Purchase', all in green text. Below the links is a section titled 'Available Components' in bold black text, followed by a large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border. At the bottom of the mockup, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright 2010 Centigon Solutions Inc. All rights reserved'.