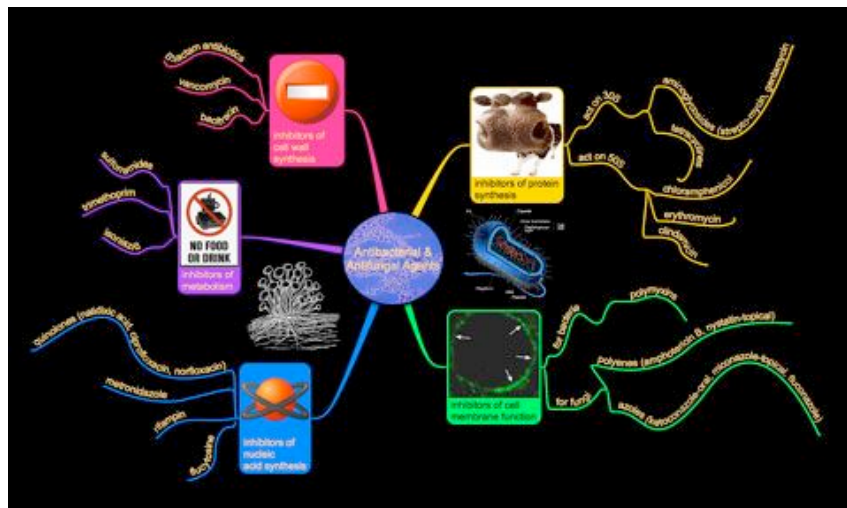


Black background showing through a translucent image

In many cases, we may not have an image in the background, but there are still a lot of different effects you can get just by changing the background color. Very often with the background colors, it is easy to use colors that are too overpowering, so unless you need that really dramatic effect, I would suggest that you stick to pale off-white colors. You can see the impact of a simple change in background and text colors in the following two Mind Maps (in this case, deliberately used to create dramatic effect):



You get quite a different feel just by changing the colors like this.

Another option is to use tiled images on the background, where the image is repeated multiple times across the canvas. With tiled images, you could do things like this:



Useful links

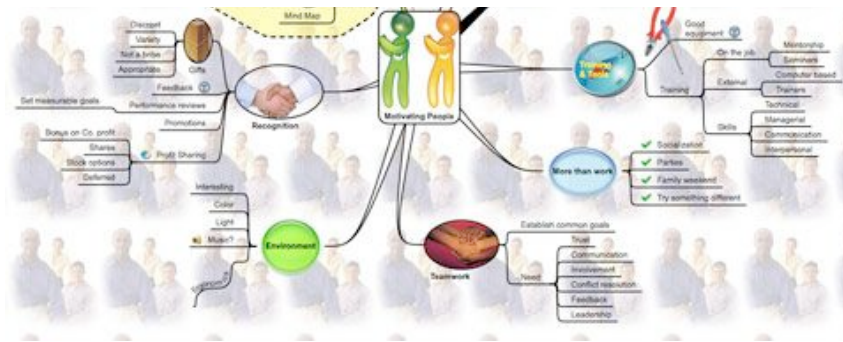


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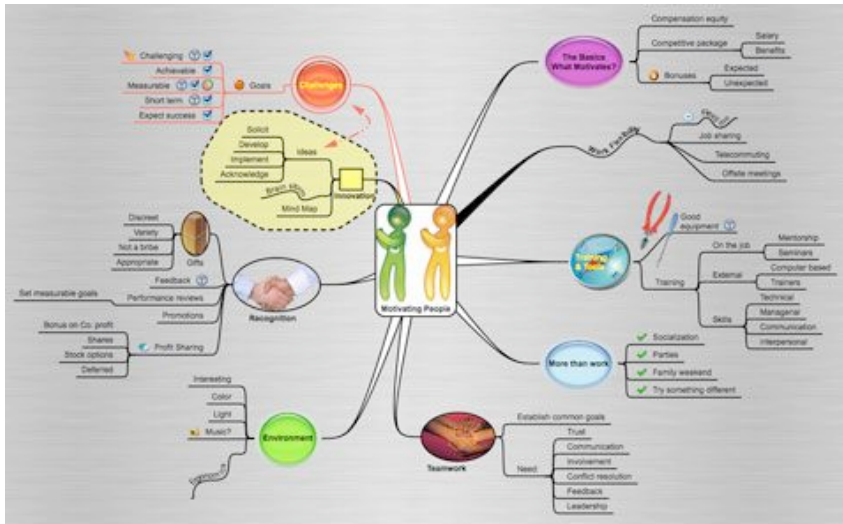


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Now if we wanted a different, more "business-like" Mind Map, we could take that same Mind Map and use a different tiled background image like this:



Going back to the first example Mind Map, we see some interesting things about the way the images are used on the branches. The Mind Map title has an image on it, with rounded corners, and several of the other branches have oval pictures. Did we need to crop the images to those shapes to get them to fit? No, we just set the branch shape and text position to be as we want them to appear, and let NovaMind do the image cropping:

<p>"Butterflies & Poppies"</p>	<p>"A Pair of Shoes" 1885</p>	<p>Vincent Willem van Gogh March 1853 - July 1890</p>
<p>Oval with a solid border line, and the text below the branch.</p>	<p>Rectangular branch with rounded corners, and solid line and filled with the same color as the line, and the text at the bottom.</p>	<p>Rectangular branch with no line drawn, rounded corners, and the text in the middle position, but with a couple of newlines to push it lower down on the picture</p>

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Homework Exercise

Try out the following ways of using images:

- A single background image.
- A tiled background image. Adjust the opacity and background colors and see what effect you can create.
- Put an image on a branch, and change the branch to be different shapes, and try with the text above, below and centered with each branch shape.
- Add some attached graphic images, and try placing them in front of the branch or behind the branch.

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Our next email will show you some methods for using NovaMind for study.

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