Background Classes in Tailwind CSS

1. Add Image in Background

Use bg-[url(")] to set a background image.

<div class="h-64 bg-[url('https://source.unsplash.com/random/800x600')] bg-no-repeat bg-center bg-cover">

Background Image Example

</div>

- bg-[url()] → sets the background image.
- bg-cover → resizes to cover the entire container.
- bg-center → centers the image.
- bg-no-repeat → prevents repeating.

2. Classes for Background Properties

Tailwind provides utilities for background color, repeat, position, size, attachment, and more.

<div class="bg-blue-500 bg-fixed bg-center bg-no-repeat bg-cover h-48 text-white flex items-center justify-center">

Background Properties

</div>

3. Add Gradient

You can add gradients using bg-gradient-to-* and from-, via-, to- classes.

<div class="h-32 bg-gradient-to-r from-purple-500 via-pink-500 to-red-500 text-white text-center flex items-center justify-center">

Gradient Background

</div>

- bg-gradient-to-r: gradient flows left → right.
- from-, via-, to-: define gradient colors.

4. Add Shadow

Tailwind includes several shadow classes like shadow-sm, shadow-md, shadow-lg, etc.

<div class="bg-white shadow-lg p-6 rounded w-64 text-center">

Box with Shadow

</div>

▼ 5. Mix Blend Modes

Use mix-blend-* classes to control how content blends with the background.

<div class="relative">

<div class="absolute top-0 left-0 w-full h-full bg-black mix-blend-multiply flex itemscenter justify-center text-white text-2xl">

Multiply Blend Mode

</div>

</div>

6. Interview Question

? What is the difference between bg-cover and bg-contain?

Property	Description
bg-cover	Scales image to cover the entire container, cropping if needed.
bg-contain	Scales image to fit inside the container without cropping.

Example:

<!-- Cover -->

<div class="h-64 bg-[url('https://source.unsplash.com/random')] bg-cover"></div>

<!-- Contain -->

<div class="h-64 bg-[url('https://source.unsplash.com/random')] bg-contain bg-norepeat"></div>