

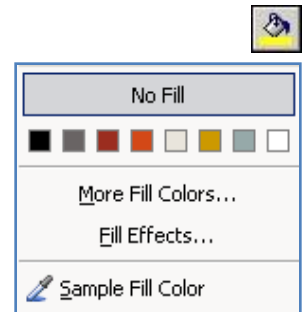
ADDING BACKGROUND COLOR TO TEXT

A color background can be added to text by filling the text frame with a color or pattern. There are three types of color backgrounds that can be created. These are:

- ❖ **Solid Color** – Used to draw the reader’s attention to a specific area.
- ❖ **Gradient Fill** – The color fades from lighter to darker. It is used to create a feeling of movement or to add dimension.
- ❖ **Patterns** – Used to give texture to a publication.

Adding a Background Color

- ❖ Click the text frame to which a background color is to be added.
- ❖ Click the **Fill Color** button on the **Formatting** toolbar (see illustration at right).
- ❖ Click the color that is to be used to fill the text box.
- ❖ To view additional colors, click the **More Colors** button.
 - Click the color that is to be used for the text box from the gallery of colors.
 - Click **OK** to exit the dialog box and apply the color.



Adding a Fill Effect Background

- ❖ Click the text frame to which the gradient fill color is to be added.
- ❖ Click the **Fill Color** button on the **Formatting** toolbar.
- ❖ Click the **Fill Effects** link.
- ❖ Choose a **Fill Effect** from the gallery of options that appears such as **Gradient**, **Texture**, **Pattern**, **Picture**, and **Tint**.
- ❖ Click on the individual tabs to select the type of Fill Effect to apply to the background.
- ❖ When all the options have been chosen, click **OK** to exit the dialog box.