Lightbox

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`settings.lightbox` is a specific setting that you can enable for supported blocks. It enables a lightbox feature that expands an image when a site visitor clicks on an image.

This setting is only available as of WordPress 6.4 and is specific to the core Image block (`core/image`).

Lightbox settings

The `lightbox` setting is specific to the Image block, so the following examples will be shown in that context.

The `lightbox` property is an object that has two nested properties that you can configure:

- **`enabled`:** Whether to enable the lightbox feature for the Image block. The default value is `undefined` (the equivalent of being disabled).
- **`allowEditing`:** Whether to show the **Expand on click** option in the interface, which allows the user to enable/disable lightbox for individual images. Defaults to `true`.

Here is a look at the default `theme.json`:

```
{
    "version": 2,
    "settings": {
        "blocks": {
            "core/image": {
                "lightbox": {
                    "allowEditing": true
                }
```

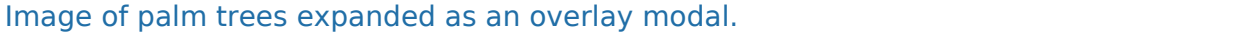
```
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Enabling lightbox for images

To enable the lightbox feature for Image blocks used throughout the site, you must set `settings.blocks.core/image.lightbox.enabled` to true in `theme.json`:

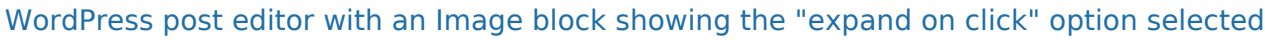
```
{
    "version": 2,
    "settings": {
        "blocks": {
            "core/image": {
                "lightbox": {
                    "enabled": true
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

On the front-end of the site, visitors will be able to expand the image when clicking on it. The image will then overlay the entire screen (including an **x** button for closing the overlay), as shown below:



Disabling user editing

By default, WordPress will show an **Expand on Click** option under the **Settings** tab for the Image block:



This control allows your theme's users to enable or disable the lightbox feature on a per-block basis.

To disallow user editing, you must set `settings.blocks.core/image.lightbox.allowEditing` to `false` in `theme.json`:

```
{
    "version": 2,
    "settings": {
        "blocks": {
            "core/image": {
                "lightbox": {
                    "allowEditing": false
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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