

Windows 8 Start Screen has been both lauded and loathed since its unveiling. Microsoft claims that the new Start Screen proposes a better way of user interaction, but to a vast majority of folks, Microsoft has actually doomed the OS by shrinking desktop usage. Whatever the case is, the Start Screen surely feels like it lacks some customization options. While you can pin any application (including both Modern and standard UI apps) to the Start Screen and personalize the background, there are no customization options for the tiles. A few days ago, we covered a Windows Store app called [Custom Tile Maker](#), which lets you design and pin a grid of your own Start Screen tiles from an image of your choice, but the app is merely cosmetic; it doesn't allow launching custom apps from the tiles. XDA member Argony-OT has developed a tool called **OblyTile** that lets you do just that. Not only can you launch applications through these custom tiles, you can also associate them with web URLs, network shared directories, files or folders to quickly access the target location from the Start Screen.

Creating a new tile with this application is just a piece of cake. After launching it, type in the *Tile Name*

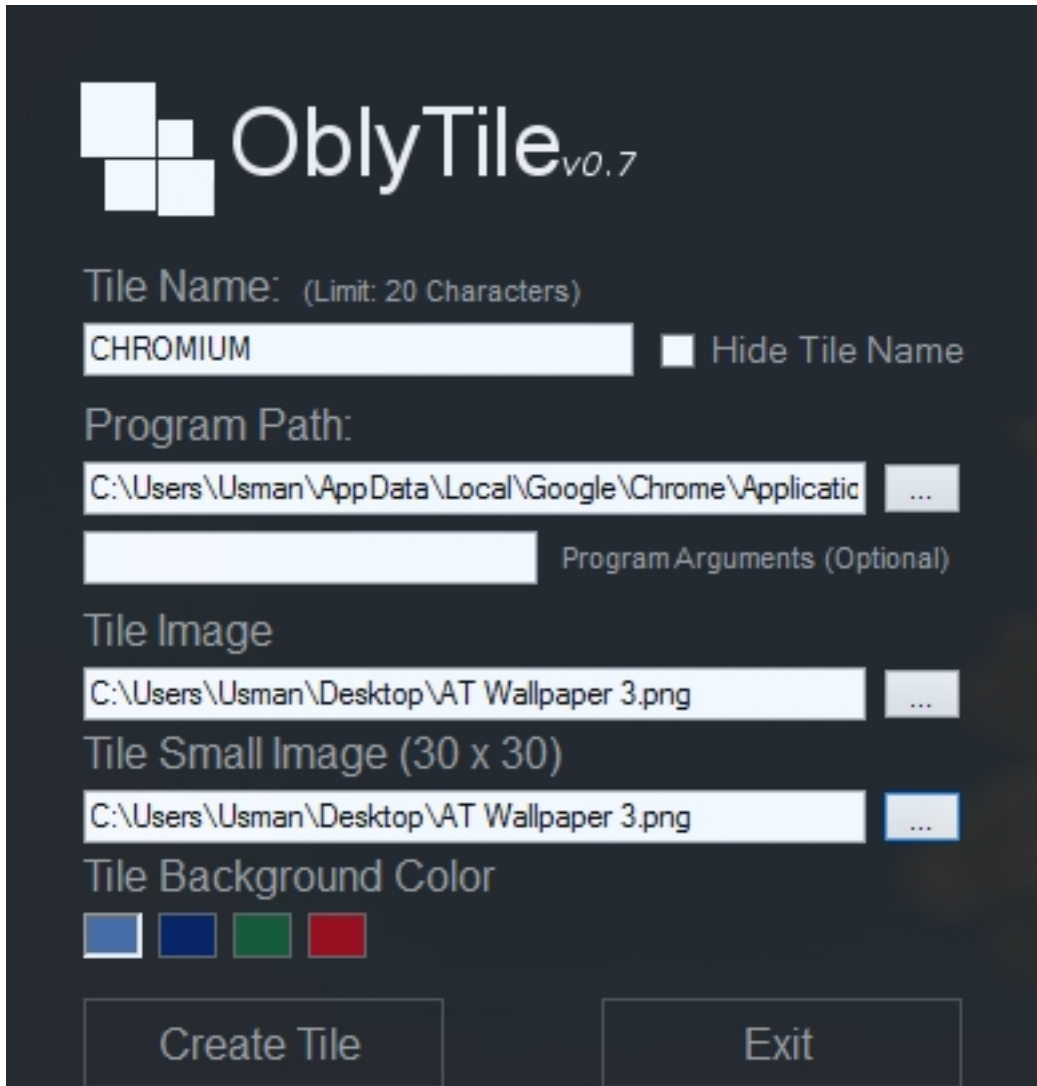
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*Hide Tile Name*

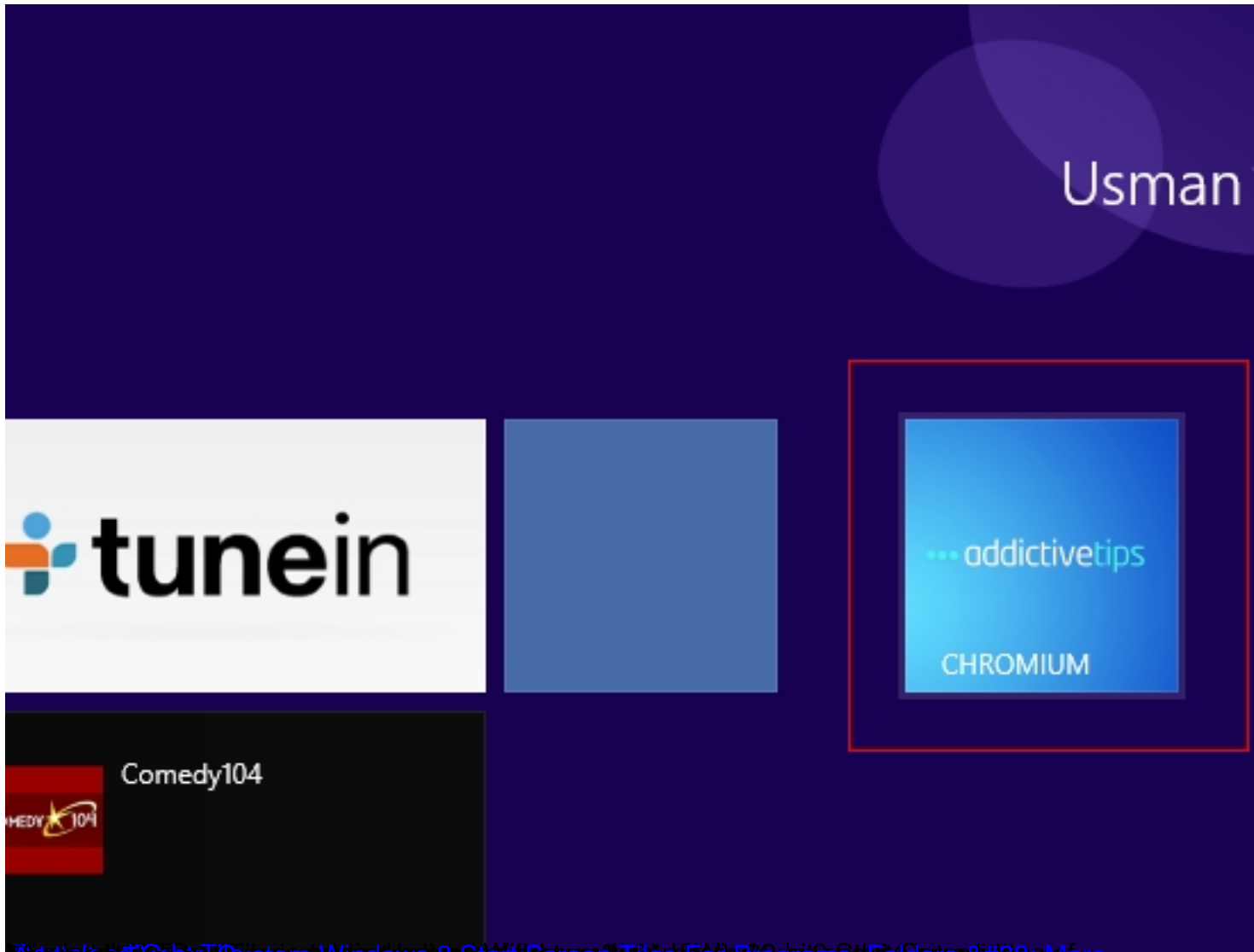
option) and then select the target file that you want to associate with the tile. The application supports almost all types of files, which means, not just limited to apps, but you can assign an image, video or audio file, as well.

*Program Argument*

is optional, and should you want to input an argument, for instance, command-line argument then enter it here.



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