

CSS LEVEL 1 AND CSS-P QUICK REFERENCE CHARTS

1. BRIEF PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

Property	Description	Page Refs.
background	Shorthand for setting next five background properties (color, image, attachment, image position and image tiling rules)	79, 200, 576
background-attachment	Set background to scroll with the page (default) or to remain fixed with the page scrolling on top of it.	200, 576-578
background-color	Sets the background color for an element. Note that background color is <i>opaque</i> , and hides whatever is behind it.	56-57, 73, 78, 192-193, 578
background-image	Sets (using a URL) the image to use as a background. The image is tiled according to the rules set by <code>background-repeat</code> .	78, 135-136, 193, 579
background-position	Set position for initial placement of the background image -tiling starts from this position. Applies only to block elements.	195-199, 579
background-repeat	Define how the background image is tiled (e.g., left-to-right only, top-to-bottom only, or not at all).	193-195, 580
border	Shorthand for setting identical border widths and properties for all four borders around an element.	580
border-bottom	Sets the border properties (size, style and color) for the border at the bottom of an element.	135, 181-189, 581
border-bottom-width	Sets the width of the border at the bottom of an element. With inline elements, this does not affect line spacing.	174, 181-189, 582
border-color	Shorthand for setting the color for all four borders. The default color is set by the <code>color</code> property.	583
border-left	Sets the border properties (size, style and color) for the border at the left of an element.	135, 584
border-left-width	Sets the width of the border to the left of an element. With inline elements this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's left.	174, 175-181, 585
border-right	Sets the border properties (size, style and color) for the border at the right of an element.	585
border-right-width	Sets the width of the border to the left of an element. With inline elements, this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's right.	174, 175-181, 586
border-style	Shorthand for setting the style (solid, dashed, etc.) for all four borders around an element.	587
border-top	Sets the width of the border at the top of an element. With inline elements this does not affect line spacing.	56-57, 115, 135, 587
border-top-width	Sets the width of the border at the top of an element. With inline elements this does not affect line spacing.	174, 181-189, 588
border-width	Shorthand for setting the widths of all four borders of an element.	588
clear	Clear an element to move down so that the margin is clear to the left (<code>clear: left</code>), to the right (<code>clear: right</code>) or to both margins (<code>clear: both</code>). (Analogous to - and replaces - the HTML markup <code><br clear="left"></code> , etc.)	276-277, 279, 590
color	Set the foreground (i.e., text) color. This is also the default color for element borders.	56-57, 83-87, 591
display	Defines the display type (i.e. block, inline, or list-item) for the element. The value "none" removes the element from display -- the page is formatted as if the element were not part of the document.	200-201, 310, 329, 594
float	Float an element to the left or right (or turn floating off). This "floats" an element within the block element the element is directly inside. (Analogous to - and replaces - <code>align="left"</code> (etc.) attributes on HTML <code>img</code> elements).	140, 201, 204, 265, 268-270, 340, 596
font	Shorthand for setting properties of the text font (family, size, weight, variant, style, and line height)	596
font-family	Specify the desired font family for the text in an element. Given as a comma-separated list of desired fonts, in decreasing order of preference.	55-57, 73-76, 448, 450-451, 597
font-size	Sets the desired size for text inside the element.	57, 76-77, 451, 598
font-style	Sets the style (e.g., italic) for text inside the element.	73, 77, 598
font-variant	Set the variant (e.g. small-caps) for text inside the element.	73, 77, 79, 80, 451, 599
font-weight	Set the weight or boldness for text inside the element.	73, 77, 599
height	Sets the height for an element. Relevant only for block elements, replaced elements (such as inline images), and absolutely positioned element (see <code>position</code>).	128-131, 173, 174, 181-189, 204-206, 600
letter-spacing	Adjust the spacing between letters relative to a default value. Negative values can lead to overlapping letters.	77, 602
line-height	Set the line height or spacing between lines inside a block element.	169-173, 602
list-style	Shorthand for setting the three list style properties described below.	189, 603
list-style-image	Set (using a URL) an image to use as the marker for the list items. This overrides the marker set by <code>list-style-type</code> .	189-191, 603
list-style-position	Set whether list items should wrap around the list item marker (<code>inside</code>) or should line up next to the marker (<code>outside</code>).	188-191, 603
list-style-type	Set the type of the list, and the marker to use for the items (e.g., circles, digits, roman numbers, etc.)	188-191, 604
margin	Shorthand for setting the margins on all four sides of an element (can set different margin settings on each side)	173-174, 604
margin-bottom	Set the margin length (positive or negative) at the top of an element. With inline elements, this does not affect line spacing to the next line.	174, 181-189, 269-273, 605
margin-left	Set the margin length (positive or negative) to the left of an element. With inline elements, this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's left.	173-181, 269-273, 605
margin-right	Set the margin length (positive or negative) to the right of an element. With inline elements, this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's right.	174,-181, 269-273, 282, 606
margin-top	Set the margin length (positive or negative) at the top of an element. With inline elements, this does not affect line spacing from the preceding line.	174, 181-189, 269-273, 282, 606
padding	Shorthand for setting padding space on all sides of an element (can set different padding sizes for all four sides)	115, 135-136, 173-174, 610
padding-bottom	Set padding space at the bottom of an element. With inline elements, this does not affect line spacing.	174, 181-189, 611
padding-left	Set padding space for the left side of an element. . With inline elements this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's left.	174, 175-181, 612
padding-right	Set padding space for the right side of an element. With inline elements, this <i>does</i> affect spacing between the element and text to it's right.	174-181, 613
padding-top	Set padding space at the top of an element. With inline elements, this does not affect line spacing.	174, 181-189, 613

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Property	Description	Page Refs.
text-align	Set text alignment (left, right, justify, center) for text inside a block element. (Analogous to - and replaces - align="left" (etc.) attributes on HTML block elements such as p or div).	147, 164, 204, 371, 615
text-decoration	Set the text decoration (underline, strike-through, etc.) for the text content.	73, 77-78, 616
text-indent	Set the indent (positive or negative) for the first line of a block element. Negative value produce a 'hanging' indent.	164-165, 617
text-transform	Transforms text before it is displayed, (e.g., to uppercase, to lowercase, or capitalize all first letters)	78, 617
vertical-align	Define how an element is vertically aligned relative to adjacent content, (e.g., super- or subscripts, middle-alignment, baseline-alignment, etc.) Applies only to inline elements.	115, 131-134, 139, 370, 619
white-space	Defines how white space should be handled inside the element (e.g., preserve them (like inside an HTML pre element), collapse them, or disallow line wrapping in the absence of line breaks)	166-168, 621
width	Sets the width for an element, Relevant only for block elements and replace elements (such as inline images).	128-131, 173-174,-181, 204-206, 375-377, 621
word-spacing	Adjust the spacing between words relative to the default value. Negative values may cause words to overlap. Applies only to block elements.	78, 164, 623

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clip	Sets a clipping window for positioned elements -- content outside the window can be <i>clipped</i> (see overflow).	310, 315, 3316-317, 590
left	Defines the position of the left side of a positioned element relative to a well-defined origin. The origin depends on how the element is positioned (absolute or relative).	310, 312-314, 319-321, 601
overflow	Defines how clipped content should be displayed. The value clip means that content outside the clipping window is clipped, while scroll calls for scrollbars inside the clipping window, if needed.	310, 315-319, 182-184, 281-282, 610
position	Sets the positioning model for an element: absolute and relative define the special CSS-Positioning models; the default is static, which corresponds to the standard (non-positioned) mechanism.	309, 310-317, 613
top	Defines the position of the top side of a positioned element relative to a well-defined origin. The origin depends on how the element is positioned (absolute or relative).	310, 312-314, 319-321, 618
visibility	Sets whether or not the element content is visible or invisible.	310, 324-329, 382-385, 620
z-index	Positioned elements can appear one above the other - z-index defines the order in which they appear (relative to the other specially positioned elements).	310, 311, 314-315, 322-326, 623

2. PSEUDO-ELEMENTS, PSEUDO-CLASSES AND SPECIAL DECLARATION DESCRIPTIONS

Term	Description	Page Refs.
A) Pseudo-Elements		
:first-line	Selects for the first line in a block element, and applies only to block elements (e.g. p:first-line)	168-170
:first-letter	Selects for the first letter in an element (e.g., span:first-letter)	168-170
B) Pseudo-Classes		
:link	Select for hypertext links that are links to elsewhere (i.e., have an href attribute) (e.g. a:link)	108-109, 110, 112
:visited	Selects for hypertext links that are links to elsewhere and that have already been visited by the user.	108,109, 110-112
:active	Selects for hypertext links that are links to elsewhere and that are active (i.e., the user has selected the link)	110, 112
:hover (CSS Level 2)	Selects for elements the mouse pointer is "hovering" above: often used to change the background color behind links when the mouse "rolls over" the link. (e.g. a:link:hover)	109-111, 111-112
C) Other CSS Declarations		
!important	Appears at the end of a declaration (e.g., color: red !important) and raises the 'weight' of the declaration so that it overrides all others that might apply to the same element.	87, 443, 445-448
@import	Used to import an external style sheet inline into the current style sheet. Must appear at the start of the style sheet. (E.g., import url(http://somewhere.org/styles/mystyle.css);)	443-445, 446

3. CSS LEVEL 1 SELECTOR DESCRIPTIONS

Selector Example	Description	Page Refs.
div.main	Class-based selector: Selects all div elements having the attribute class="main"	56, 81, 460
pre#special	ID-based selector: Selects all pre elements having the attribute id="special" (Note: there can be only one such elements -- no two elements in a document can have the same id attribute value)	82, 84, 460
.main	Select for all elements of any type having the attribute class="main"	81, 460
div.main em	Contextual selector: Selects for em elements that are somewhere inside a div element having the attribute class="foo"	82, 460
a.navbar:visited	Selects for a elements corresponding to already visited hypertext links that also have the attribute class="navbar"	108-112, 460
span	Element-based selector: Selects for all span elements	55-56, , 460
p em, div.foo	Grouped selector: Selects for all em elements somewhere inside a p element, and also, selects for all div elements of class="foo".	56, 460

Page References: Refer to pages in *The XHTML 1.0 Language and Design Sourcebook*

4. PROPERTY VALUES, ELEMENTS TO WHICH THEY APPLY, AND BROWSER SUPPORT (TABLE KEY ON NEXT PAGE)

Property	Supported Values	Inherit? (Y = yes)	Elements it applies to:	Browser Support						
				NN4.x	NN6	IE4.x	IE5	IE5.5	OP3.6	OP4.02
background	shorthand for background properties		A	P,B	Y	B	Y	Y	P	Y,B
background-attachment	scroll, fixed		A	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y
background-color	color, transparent		A	P,B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
background-image	url (<i>urlstring</i>), none		A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
background-position	several possible values (see text)		B, R	—	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y
background-repeat	no-repeat, repeat, repeat-x, repeat-y		A	P	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y
border	shorthand for border properties		A	P,B	Y	Y			Y,P	Y
border-bottom	shorthand for bottom border properties		A	—	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y,P	Y
border-bottom-width	medium, thick, thin, length		A	Y	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
border-color	1 to 4 color values		A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
border-left	shorthand for left border properties		A	—	Y	P	P (Y Mac)		Y,P	Y
border-left-width	medium, thick, thin, length		A	P	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
border-right	shorthand for right border properties		A	—	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y,P	Y
border-right-width	medium, thick, thin, length		A	Y	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
border-style	1 to 4 values, each being dashed, dotted, double, groove, inset, none, outset, ridge, solid		A	P	Y	P	P	P	Y	Y
border-top	shorthand for top border properties		A	—	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y,P	Y
border-top-width	medium, thick, thin, length		A	Y	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
border-width	shorthand for four border widths		A	B	Y	P	P	Y	Y	Y
clear	both, left, none, right		A	B	Y	B (Y Mac)	B (Y Mac)	Y	P (no left)	Y
color	color	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
display	block, inline, list-item, none		A	B	Y	B	P (Y Mac)	P	P,B (no lists)	Y
float	left, none, right		A	B/	Y	B/	B (Y Mac)	Y	Y,B	B
font	shorthand for font properties	Y	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
font-family	comma-separated font names	Y	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
font-size	xx-small, x-small, small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, larger, smaller, length, num%	Y	A	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y
font-style	normal, italic, oblique	Y	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
font-variant	normal, small-caps	Y	A	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
font-weight	bolder, lighter, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900	Y	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
height	auto, length, num%		B, R, AP	P,B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
letter-spacing	normal, length	Y	A	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
line-height	normal, length, num, num%	Y	B	P,B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
list-style	shorthand for list properties	Y	L	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
list-style-image	url (<i>urlstring</i>), none	Y	L	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
list-style-position	inside, outside	Y	L	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
List-style-type	circle, disc, none, square, decimal, lower-alpha, lower-roman, upper-alpha, upper-roman	Y	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
margin	shorthand for margin properties		A	P,B	Y	P,B	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
margin-bottom	auto, length, num%		A	B	Y	P,B	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
margin-left	auto, length, num%		A	B	Y	P,B	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	B
margin-right	auto, length, num%		A	B	Y	P,B	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	B
margin-top	auto, length, num%		A	B	Y	P,B	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
padding	shorthand for padding properties		A	B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	B	Y
padding-bottom	length, num%		A	B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
padding-left	length, num%		A	B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
padding-right	length, num%		A	B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
padding-top	length, num%		A	B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
text-align	center, justify, left, right	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
text-decoration	none, or one or more of blink, line-through, overline, underline		A	P	Y	P(no blink)	P(no blink)	P(no blink)	P(no blink)	Y
text-indent	length, num%	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
text-transform	capitalize, lowercase, none, uppercase	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P,B	Y
vertical-align	baseline, sub, super, top, text-top, middle, bottom, text-bottom, num%		I	P,B	Y	P	P (Y Mac)	P	P,B	Y

PROPERTY VALUES AND SUPPORT... (CONT.)

Property	Values	Inherit? (Y = yes)	Elements it applies to:	Browser Support						
				NN4.x	NN6	IE4.x	IE5.x	IE5.5	OP3.6	OP4.02
white-space	normal, nowrap, pre	Y	B	P	Y	—	— (Y Mac)	P	—	Y
width	auto, length, num%		B, R, AP	B	Y	B	B (Y Mac)	Y	Y, B	Y
word-spacing	normal, length	Y	A	—	Y	— (Y Mac)	— (Y Mac)	—	Y	Y

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clip	auto, rect (len1, len2, len3, len4)		AP	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	—
left	auto, length, num%		AP, RP	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	B
overflow	none, clip, scroll		AP, RP	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	P
position	absolute, relative, static		A	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	B
top	auto, length, num%		AP, RP	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	B
visibility	hidden, inherit, visible	(Y if inherit)	A	B (no visible)	Y	B	Y	Y	—	B
z-index	auto, int		AP, RP	Y	Y	B	Y	Y	—	—

Pseudo-Elements, Pseudo-Class and Special CSS Declarations

:first-line				—	Y	—	— (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
:first-letter				—	B	—	— (Y Mac)	Y	Y	Y
:link				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
:visited				B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
:active				B	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	—
:hover (CSS Level 2)				—	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y
!important				—	Y	Y (Win only)	Y	Y	Y	Y
@import				—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

KEY: "ELEMENT IT APPLIES TO" AND "BROWSER SUPPORT" COLUMNS

NN4, NN6 Netscape Navigator 4 and 6	OP3.6, OP4.02 Opera 3.6 and 4.02	IE4, IE5, IE5.5 Microsoft Internet Explorer 4, 5 and 5.5	NOTE: IE 5.5 available on Windows 9x/NT/2000 Only
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"Element it Applies to" Column		"Browser Support" Column	
Value	Meaning	Value	Meaning
A	Applies to <i>all</i> elements	— (long dash)	Not supported
B	Applies to <i>block-level</i> elements (e.g., div , p)	Y	All values supported
I	Applies to <i>inline</i> elements (e.g. span , em)	P	Partial support -- some values not supported
R	Applies to <i>replaced</i> elements (e.g. img)	B	Some bugs in implementation
AP	Applies to <i>absolutely positioned</i> elements	B!	Severe bugs in implementation
RP	Applies to <i>relatively positioned</i> elements	Mac, Win	Macintosh- or Windows -specific E.g.: P, (Y Mac)

KEY: TERMS USED IN PROPERTY VALUE DESCRIPTIONS

User-defined property values (Italicized)		Margin/Padding/Border Shorthand Assignment Rules	
Value	Description	Value Assignment	Meaning
<i>urlstring</i>	A partial or complete URL	property: v1	All sides given value v1
<i>color</i>	A color specified as a <i>named color</i> (see Appendix A), or as an RGB code using the syntax <i>#rrggbb</i> , <i>#rgb</i> , <i>rgb (red, green, blue)</i> or <i>rgb (red%, green%, blue%)</i>	property: v1 v2 v3	Top given value v1, right given value v2, bottom given value v3, left given value v2
<i>length</i>	A length specified in relative (em, ex) or absolute (cm, mm, in, pc, pt, px) length units. Can be a positive or, depending on the property, a negative value.	property: v1 v2 v3 v4	Top given value v1, right given value v2, bottom given value v3, left given value v4
<i>num; num%</i>	A real number; or a percentage (real) length value.	property: v1 v2	Top and bottom given value v1; right and left given value v2
<i>int</i>	A positive or negative integer.		

5. USEFUL WEB REFERENCES

http://webreview.com/pub/guides/style/style.html	http://www.richinstyle.com/bugs/table.html
CSS Tips and browsers bug workarounds:	http://www.utoronto.ca/ian/books/xhtml12/exerpt/css-4a.html http://www.css.nu/faq/index.html http://css.nu/pointers/bugs.html