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Get Started With Cascading Style Sheets

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FONT

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
font-family	[[<family-name> <generic-family>],]* [<family-name> <generic-family>]	all elements	yes	n/a
	default: UA-specific			
font-style	normal italic oblique	all elements	yes	n/a
font-variant	normal small-caps	all elements	yes	n/a
font-weight	normal bold bolder lighter 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900	all elements	yes	n/a
font-size	<absolute-size> <relative-size> <length> <percentage>	all elements	yes	relative to parent element's font size
	default: medium			
font (shorthand property)	[<font-style> <font-variant> <font-weight>]? <font-size> [/<line-height>]? <font-family>]	all elements	yes	allowed on <font-size> and <line-height>
	default: not defined			

COLOR AND BACKGROUND

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
color	<color>	all elements	yes	n/a
	default: UA-specific			
background-color	transparent <color>	all elements	no	n/a

background-image	none <url>	all elements	no	n/a
background-repeat	repeat repeat-x repeat-y no-repeat	all elements	no	n/a
background-attachment	scroll fixed	all elements	no	n/a
background-position	[<percentage> <length>]{1,2} [top center bottom] [left center right]	block-level and replaced elements	no	refer to the size of the element itself
background (shorthand property)	<background-color> <background-image> <background-repeat> <background-attachment> <background-position>	all elements	no	allowed on <background-position>
	default: 0% 0%			
	default: not defined			

TEXT

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
word-spacing	normal <length>	all elements	yes	n/a
letter-spacing	normal <length>	all elements	yes	n/a
text-decoration	none [underline overline line-through blink]	all elements	no	n/a
	default: none			
vertical-align	baseline sub super top text-top middle bottom text-bottom <percentage>	inline elements	no	refer to the 'line-height' of the element itself
text-transform	none capitalize uppercase lowercase	all elements	yes	n/a
text-align	left right center justify	block-level elements	yes	n/a
	default: UA-specific			
text-indent	<length> <percentage>	block-level elements	yes	refer to parent element's width
	default: 0			
line-height	normal <number> <length> <percentage>	all elements	yes	relative to the font size of the element itself

BOX

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
margin-top	<length> <percentage> auto	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
	default: 0			
margin-right	<length> <percentage> auto	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
	default: 0			

margin-bottom	<length> <percentage> auto default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
margin-left	<length> <percentage> auto default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
margin (shorthand property)	[<length> <percentage> auto] {1,4} default: not defined	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
padding-top	<length> <percentage> default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
padding-right	<length> <percentage> default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
padding-bottom	<length> <percentage> default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
padding-left	<length> <percentage> default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
padding	[<length> <percentage>]{1,4} default: 0	all elements	no	refer to parent element's width
border-top-width	medium thin thick <length>	all elements	no	n/a
border-right-width	medium thin thick <length>	all elements	no	n/a
border-bottom-width	medium thin thick <length>	all elements	no	n/a
border-left-width	medium thin thick <length>	all elements	no	n/a
border-width (shorthand property)	[thin medium thick <length>] {1,4} default: not defined	all elements	no	n/a
border-color	<color>{1,4} default: the value of the 'color' property	all elements	no	n/a
border-style	none dotted dashed solid double groove ridge inset outset	all elements	no	n/a
border-top (shorthand property)	<border-top-width> <border-style> <color> default: not defined	all elements	no	n/a
border-right (shorthand property)	<border-right-width> <border-style> <color> default: not defined	all elements	no	n/a

<u>border-bottom</u> (shorthand property)	<border-bottom-width> <border-style> <color>	all elements	no	n/a
	default: not defined			
<u>border-left</u> (shorthand property)	<border-left-width> <border-style> <color>	all elements	no	n/a
	default: not defined			
<u>border</u> (shorthand property)	<border-width> <border-style> <color>	all elements	no	n/a
	default: not defined			
<u>width</u>	auto <length> <percentage>	block-level and replaced elements	no	refer to parent element's width
<u>height</u>	auto <length>	block-level and replaced elements	no	n/a
<u>float</u>	none left right	all elements	no	n/a
<u>clear</u>	none left right both	all elements	no	n/a

CLASSIFICATION

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
<u>display</u>	block inline list-item none	all elements	no	n/a
<u>white-space</u>	normal pre nowrap	block-level elements	yes	n/a
<u>list-style-type</u>	disc circle square decimal lower-roman upper-roman lower-alpha upper-alpha none	elements with 'display' value 'list-item'	yes	n/a
<u>list-style-image</u>	none <url>	elements with 'display' value 'list-item'	yes	n/a
<u>list-style-position</u>	outside inside	elements with 'display' value 'list-item'	yes	n/a
<u>list-style</u> (shorthand property)	<keyword> <position> <url> default: not defined	elements with 'display' value 'list-item'	yes	n/a

POSITIONING

property	values	applies to	inherited	% values
<u>position</u>	static absolute relative	all elements	no	n/a
<u>left</u>	auto <length> <percentage>	elements with the 'position' property of type 'absolute' or 'relative'	no	refer to parent element's width and height. If parent's height is set to 'auto',

top	auto <length> <percentage>	elements with no the 'position' property of type 'absolute' or 'relative'		percentage is undefined. refer to parent element's width and height. If parent's height is set to 'auto', percentage is undefined.
z-index	auto <integer>	positional elements	no	n/a
width	auto <length> <percentage>	block-level and replaced elements, elements with 'position' property value of 'absolute'	no	refer to parent element's width and height. If parent's height is 'auto', percentage of height is undefined
height	auto <length> <percentage>	block-level and replaced elements, elements with 'position' property value of 'absolute'	no	refer to parent element's width and height. If parent's height is 'auto', percentage of height is undefined
clip	auto <shape>	elements with no the 'position' property of type 'absolute'	no	n/a
overflow	visible hidden scroll auto	elements with no the 'position' property of type 'absolute'	no	n/a
visibility	inherit visible hidden	all elements	if value is 'inherit'	n/a

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