

CSS Multiple Columns

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CSS Multi-column Layout

The CSS multi-column layout allows easy definition of multiple columns of text - just like in newspapers:

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CSS Multi-column Properties

In this chapter you will learn about the following multi-column properties:

- `column-count`
- `column-gap`
- `column-rule-style`
- `column-rule-width`
- `column-rule-color`
- `column-rule`
- `column-span`
- `column-width`

Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports the property.

Property	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-count	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-gap	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-rule	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-rule-color	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-rule-style	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-rule-width	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
column-span	50.0	10.0	Not supported	9.0	37.0

column-width	50.0	10.0	52.0	9.0	37.0
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CSS Create Multiple Columns

The `column-count` property specifies the number of columns an element should be divided into.

The following example will divide the text in the `<div>` element into 3 columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-count: 3;  
}
```

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CSS Specify the Gap Between Columns

The `column-gap` property specifies the gap between the columns.

The following example specifies a 40 pixels gap between the columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-gap: 40px;  
}
```

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CSS Column Rules

The `column-rule-style` property specifies the style of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-rule-style: solid;  
}
```

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The `column-rule-width` property specifies the width of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-rule-width: 1px;
```

```
}
```

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The `column-rule-color` property specifies the color of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-rule-color: lightblue;  
}
```

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The `column-rule` property is a shorthand property for setting all the `column-rule-*` properties above.

The following example sets the width, style, and color of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  column-rule: 1px solid lightblue;  
}
```

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Specify How Many Columns an Element Should Span

The `column-span` property specifies how many columns an element should span across.

The following example specifies that the `<h2>` element should span across all columns:

Example

```
h2 {  
  column-span: all;  
}
```

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Specify The Column Width

The `column-width` property specifies a suggested, optimal width for the columns.

The following example specifies that the suggested, optimal width for the columns should be 100px:

Example

```
div {  
  column-width: 100px;  
}
```

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CSS Multi-columns Properties

The following table lists all the multi-columns properties:

Property	Description
<u>column-count</u>	Specifies the number of columns an element should be divided into
<u>column-fill</u>	Specifies how to fill columns
<u>column-gap</u>	Specifies the gap between the columns
<u>column-rule</u>	A shorthand property for setting all the column-rule-* properties
<u>column-rule-color</u>	Specifies the color of the rule between columns
<u>column-rule-style</u>	Specifies the style of the rule between columns
<u>column-rule-width</u>	Specifies the width of the rule between columns
<u>column-span</u>	Specifies how many columns an element should span across
<u>column-width</u>	Specifies a suggested, optimal width for the columns
<u>columns</u>	A shorthand property for setting column-width and column-count

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