

CSS PRO TIPS

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part two

CSS Pro Tips For Your Big Brain

make it a bigger brain



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For form elements

Set :focus

Sighted keyboard users rely on the focus feature to see where the keyboard events go in the page. Make focus for form elements stand out and consistent. Win-win for all.

```
a:focus,  
button:focus,  
input:focus,  
select:focus,  
textarea:focus {  
  box-shadow: none;  
  outline: #000 dotted 2px;  
  outline-offset: 1px;  
}
```



Literally anything

Vertically centering

The blessing of flexbox and grid has wiped most of our tears away. Could you imagine writing more than 3-4 lines of code just to center something? Ew.



```
body {  
  height: 100vh;  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



```
body {  
  height: 100vh;  
  display: grid;  
  place-items: center;  
}
```



Cool idea, bad accessibility

Comma-Separated lists

Adding commas to lists does definitely sound cool and it makes you feel like a hacker when you add this cool one line trick (well, technically, 3).

```
ul > li:not(:last-child)::after {  
  content: ",";  
}
```

Now, while this looks great, it's **not cool accessibility** wise, specifically screen readers. If you try to copy/paste the list, that won't work either. **Try this at home** but don't try this at work (you may get fired).



Who needs JavaScript?

Negative nth-child

Yeah you read that right. You can select items using negative nth-child from 1 to n.

```
/* select items 1 to 3 */  
li:nth-child(-n+3) {  
  display: block;  
}
```

If you don't wanna select the first, let's say, 3 items, you can reverse that bad boy using :not()

```
/* select all items EXCEPT the first 3 */  
li:not(nth-child(-n+3)) {  
  display: block;  
}
```



Icons = SVG

Use SVG for Icons

If you're thinking of icons, then you should be thinking of SVGs. They go hand-in-hand. It's simple. ChAnGe mY mInD.

```
.logo {  
  background: url("logo.svg");  
}
```



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