

CSS Margins



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Introduction CSS Margins



- Margins are used to create space around elements, outside of any defined borders.
- With CSS, you have full control over the margins. There are properties for setting the margin for each side of an element (top, right, bottom, and left).



Margin-Individual Sides



margin-top

margin-right

margin-bottom

margin-left

values:

auto - the browser calculates the margin

length - specifies a margin in **px**, pt, cm, etc.

% - specifies a margin in % of the width of the containing element

inherit - specifies that the margin should be inherited from the parent element



Margin-Short Hand Property



To shorten the code, it is possible to specify all the margin properties in one property.

margin: 25px 50px 75px 100px;

margin-top

top margin is 25px

margin-right

right margin is 50px

margin-bottom

bottom margin is 75px

margin-left

left margin is 100px

```
p {  
  margin: 25px 50px 75px;  
}
```




The Auto Value



- You can set the margin property to auto to horizontally center the element within its container.
- The element will then take up the specified width, and the remaining space will be split equally between the left and right margins.

```
div {  
  width: 300px;  
  margin: auto;  
  border: 1px solid red;  
}
```



The inherit value



This example lets the left margin of the `<p class="ex1">` element be inherited from the parent element (`<div>`):

```
div {  
  border: 1px solid red;  
  margin-left: 100px;  
}  
  
p.ex1 {  
  margin-left: inherit;  
}
```



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