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CSS TEXT STYLING

cheatsheet

This is cheatsheet focuses on the CSS properties and values you can use to style your text.

ANATOMY OF A CSS BLOCK

HERE'S A CSS BLOCK:

```
1  HTML tag {
2      property1: value;
3      property2: value;
4      property3: value;
5      property4: value;
6  }
```

WHICH MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS:

```
1  p {
2      color: purple;
3      width: 200px;
4      font-size: 24px;
5      font-family: comic sans;
6  }
```

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color

Sets the font color. Accepts either the color name or the hex value of the color.

```
1  color: purple;
2  color:#800080;
```

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font-family

Sets the font for the text. Will accept any web safe font (which is about 20, depending on the browser) - we will cover all the web safe fonts in the next step. Can be a prioritized list of fonts; if the first font listed is not available in the browser, it will default to the second, and so on. You can also write `sans-serif` or `serif` and the font will default to the browser's sans serif or serif font.

```
1    font-family: Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
```

text-align

Sets the alignment of the text – `left` (default), `right`, `center`, or `justify` – the same options you have in Word.

```
1    text-align:center;
```

font-style

For if you want to italicize your text CSS instead of <em> HTML tags. `Font-style` takes the values `normal` (default), `italic`, and `oblique`.

```
1    font-style:italic;
```

font-weight

Style your text **bold** without the <strong> HTML tags; takes the values `normal`, `bold`, `bolder`, `lighter`, or a number from `100` to `900`.

```
1    font-weight:bold;
```

text-transform

Allows you to make all your text uppercase or lowercase; takes the values `capitalize`, `uppercase`, and `lowercase`.

```
1    text-transform:uppercase;
```

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font-variant

This is a fun one - you can actually make your text small caps by giving this attribute the descriptor: `small-caps`.

```
1    font-variant: small-caps;
```

text-decoration

`Underline`, `overline`, `line-through`, `none`. This can be used to remove the default underline on elements.

```
1    text-decoration:none;
```

line-height

The default is for the line-height to be equivalent to the font-size. If you want to make it smaller or bigger, you set it with the `line-height` property. Accepts pixels, em, numbers, and percentages.

```
1    line-height:150%;
```

text-indent

Sets the width of the tab indent - takes pixels, ems, or percentages

```
1    text-indent: 3em;
```

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