

For almost 14 years, the W3C has been developing and hosting [Web Quality Tools](#) used every day by **millions of Web developers and Web designers**. All these tools are **free, open-source** and provides the Web with a fair, reliable help in building Web content that works now and will work in the future. All the tools listed on that page are Web-based, and are available as downloadable sources or as free services on the [w3.org](#) site.

## W3C VALIDATOR

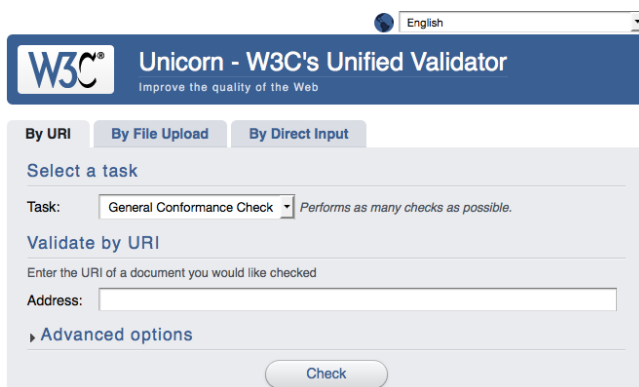
The W3C validator checks the [markup validity](#) of Web documents in HTML, XHTML, SMIL, MathML, etc.

## CSS VALIDATOR

The [CSS validator](#) checks Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and (X)HTML documents that use CSS stylesheets.

## UNICORN

[Unicorn](#) is W3C's unified validator, which helps people improve the quality of their Web pages by performing a variety of checks. Unicorn gathers the results of the popular HTML and CSS validators, as well as other useful services, such as Internationalization, RSS/Atom feeds and http headers.



The screenshot shows the W3C Unicorn Unified Validator interface. At the top, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. Below this is a blue header bar with the W3C logo and the text 'Unicorn - W3C's Unified Validator' and 'Improve the quality of the Web'. The main content area has three tabs: 'By URI' (selected), 'By File Upload', and 'By Direct Input'. Under 'By URI', there is a 'Select a task' section with a dropdown menu set to 'General Conformance Check' and a description 'Performs as many checks as possible.'. Below this is a 'Validate by URI' section with a text input field for the 'Address' and a 'Check' button. There is also a link to 'Advanced options'.

## LINK CHECKER

The [W3C Link Checker](#) looks for issues in links, anchors and referenced objects in a Web page, CSS style sheet, or recursively on a whole Web site. For best results, it is recommended to first ensure that the documents checked use Valid [\(X\)HTML Markup](#) and [CSS](#).

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NOTE: *Good tools cost a lot to develop, support, host and maintain: with your help, we can make the validators better, faster, friendlier, and maintain a great, free service for all of the Web. Find out about the [W3C Validator Donation Program](#) that supports the development of W3C Validators.*