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## Toptal's Quick and Practical CSS Cheat Sheet

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Cascading Style Sheets, or [CSS](#) for short, is a style sheet language written in a markup language. CSS defines the

presentation, look and formatting elements of Web documents, such as the layout, colors and fonts.

CSS syntax is comprehensive, and it is not easy to always know the exact syntax, or know all the available CSS properties and corresponding values. To help [CSS developers and designers](#), Toptal created a quick reference guide and offered it to the community as a free download. The CSS reference guide includes CSS syntax, the most important selectors, properties, sizes and units, and other useful CSS information in a short and informative format. We hope you will find the CSS cheat sheet a valuable resource.

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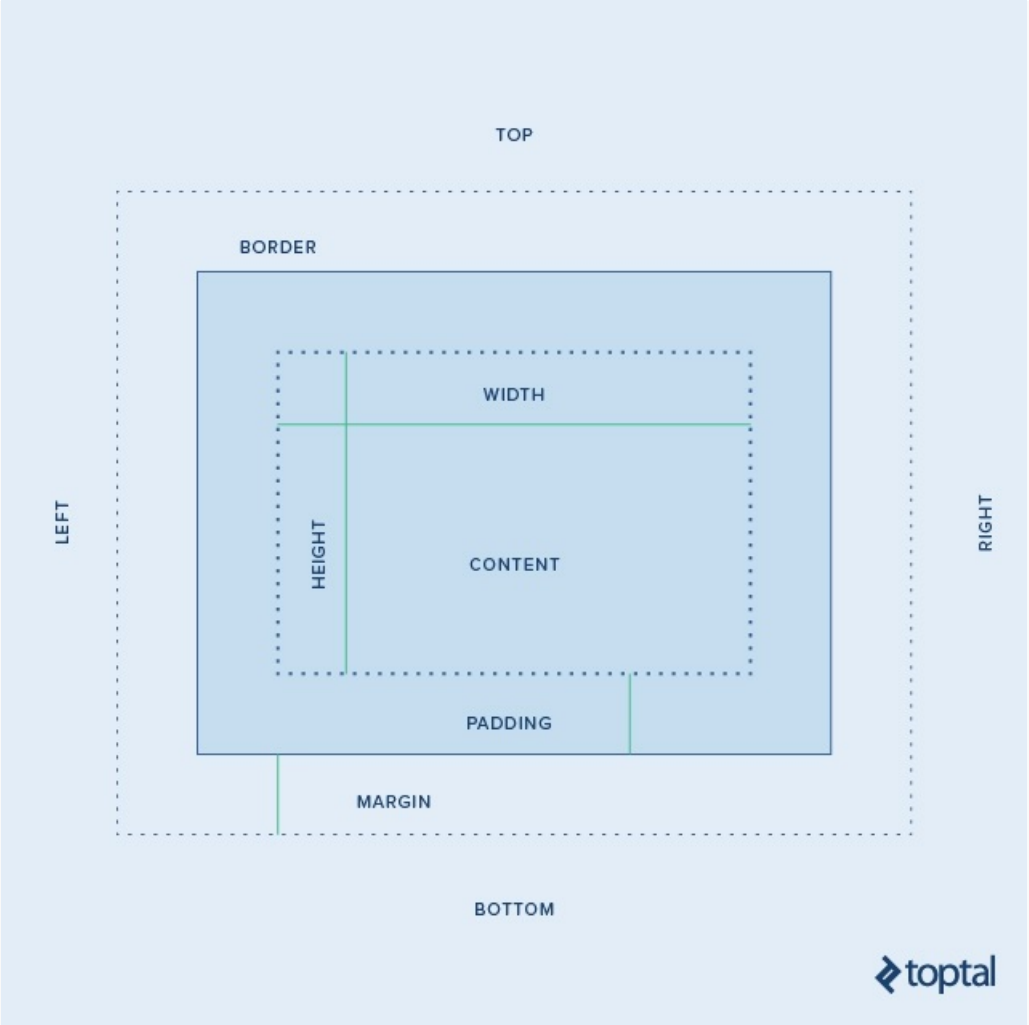


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## CSS Cheat Sheet

| Syntax  | Box Model |
|---|-----------|
| <pre>/* Comments */  @media type {   selector {     property: value;   } }</pre> <p><i>Note: media type is optional</i></p> |           |
| <p>Inline Style</p> <pre>&lt;tag style="property: value;"&gt;</pre>   |           |
| <p>Embedded Style</p> <pre>&lt;head&gt;   &lt;style type="text/css"&gt;     selector { property: value; }</pre>             |           |

```
</style>
</head>
```



External Style Sheet

```
<head>
  <link rel="stylesheet"
        type="text/css"
        href="style.css" />
</head>
```

Selectors

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| *          | All elements                |
| tag        | All tag elements            |
| tag *      | All elements within tag     |
| tag tag2   | tag2 elements within tag    |
| tag, tag2  | All tag and tag2 elements   |
| tag > tag2 | tag2 is a child of tag      |
| tag + tag2 | tag2 preceded by tag        |
| .class     | Elements with class 'class' |
| tag.class  | All tags with class 'class' |
| #id        | Element with id 'id'        |

Boxes

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| margin       | margin-top<br>margin-right<br>margin-bottom<br>margin-left                         |
| padding      | padding-top<br>padding-right<br>padding-bottom<br>padding-left                     |
| border       | border-top<br>border-right<br>border-bottom<br>border-left                         |
| border-color | border-top-color<br>border-right-color<br>border-bottom-color<br>border-left-color |
| border-style | border-top-style<br>border-right-style<br>border-bottom-style<br>border-left-style |
| border-width | border-top-width<br>border-right-width<br>border-bottom-width<br>border-left-width |

Size and colors

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| tag#id           | Tag with id 'id'   |
| Pseudo-selectors |  |
| :active          | Adds style to active element                                 |
| :after           | Adds content after element                                   |
| :before          | Ads content before element                                   |
| :first-child     | Adds style to first child                                    |
| :first-letter    | Adds style to first character                                |
| :first-line      | Adds style to first line                                     |
| :focus           | Adds style to focused element                                |
| :hover           | Adds style when mouse is over                                |
| :link            | Adds style to unvisited link                                 |
| :visited         | Adds style to visited link                                   |
| Text             |  |
| font-family      | Specifies the font family                                    |
| font-size        | Specifies the font size                                      |
| font-style       | normal   italic   oblique   inherit                          |
| font-variant     | normal   small-caps   inherit                                |
| font-weight      | normal   bold   bolder   lighter   int (100- 900)   inherit  |
| color            | Sets the color of text                                       |
| line-height      | normal   int   %   inherit                                   |
| text-align       | left   right   center   justify   inherit                    |
| text-decoration  | none   underline   overline   line-through   blink   inherit |
| text-indent      | int   %   inherit  |
| text-transform   | none   capitalize   uppercase   lowercase   inherit          |
| vertical         | int   %   baseline   |

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Relative sizes           | em   rem   ex   ch                             |
|                          | vw   vh   vmin   vmax   %                      |
| Absolute sizes           | cm   mm   in                                   |
|                          | px   pt   pc                                   |
| Colors                   | Hex #ff00ff                                    |
|                          | RGB rgb(255,0,255)                             |
| Positioning              |  |
| position                 | absolute   fixed   relative   static   inherit |
| float                    | left   right   none   inherit                  |
| top, right, bottom, left | Sets the offset from the edge                  |
| clear                    | left   right   both   none   inherit           |
| display                  | Specifies element placing in the document flow |
| overflow                 | visible   hidden   scroll   auto   inherit     |
| visibility               | visible   hidden   collapse   inherit          |
| z-index                  | auto   int   inherit                           |
| Dimensions               |  |
| height                   | auto   int   %   inherit                       |
| max-height               | none   int   %   inherit                       |
| max-width                | none   int   %   inherit                       |
| min-height               | int   %   inherit                              |
| min-width                | int   %   inherit                              |
| width                    | auto   int   %   inherit                       |
| Other                    |  |

|              |  |            |   |
|--------------|--|------------|---|
| -align       | sub   super   top   text-top middle   bottom   text-bottom   inherit |            |   |
| white        | normal   nowrap   pre   pre-line   pre-wrap   inherit                | background | Format:<br>background (color) (image) (repeat) (position) |
| -space       |  | cursor     | Set the type of cursor                                    |
| word-spacing | normal   length   inherit  | quotes     | Set type of quotation marks                               |

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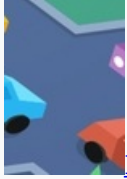


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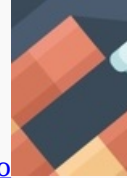


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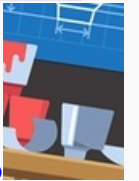


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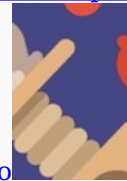


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