# Setting Color in CSS

## Color Types

In CSS, color can be represented by name, hex, rgb, and rgba.

#### Named Colors

Using color names is the easiest way to set a color, but it provides the least amount of flexibility.

```
.blue-bg {
    background-color: blue;
    color: red;
}
```

A full list of the named colors can be found here: https://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css\_colors.asp

#### **HEX**

HEX colors provide a shorthand for expressing an RGB color. These are sometimes called web colors.

The format for HEX colors are #00ff00 where the first 2 characters after the # represent the Red color, the second 2 characters represent the Green color, and the third 2 characters represent the Blue color.

FF represents 100% of the color, and 00 represents 0% of the color. For instance, blue is #0000FF (a shorthand notation is #00F) which has no red or green but 100% blue.

Examples:

```
.red {
    color: #FF0000;
}
.green {
    color: #00FF00;
}
.blue {
    color: #0000FF;
}
```

#### RGB and RGBa

rgb let's you specify each color as a number between 0 and 255. The format is:

```
.red {
    color: rgb(255,0,0);
}
```

rgba let's you specify an additional value between 0 and 1 for the opacity. 0 is completely transparent and 1 is completely opaque.

```
.red-tint {
    color: rgba(255,0,0,.5);
}
```

### Font Color

Following normal CSS naming, you would think that changing the font color would be font-color, but it's actually just color.

```
.red-text {
   color: red;
}
```

The background can be set with background or background-color.

```
.red-bg {
    background: red;
}
```