# How to center block elements using CSS1?

### Step 1: Define the external width

- We need to define the external width.  
- Block-level elements have the default width of 100% of the webpage, so for centering the block element, we need space around it.  
- So for generating the space, we are giving it a width.

### Step 2: Set the left-margin and the right-margin of the element to auto

- Since we produced a remaining space by providing external width so now we need to align that space properly that’s why we should use margin property.  
- Margin is a property that tells how to align a remaining space.  
- So for centering the element you must set left-margin to auto and right-margin to auto.

## Example

element {  
 width:200px;  
 margin: auto;  
}