

CSS Selectors Cheatsheet

Element selectors

Element -- selects all h2 elements on the page

```
h2 {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Group -- selects all h1, h2 and h3 elements on the page

```
h1, h2, h3 {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Class and ID selectors

Class -- selects all elements with class attribute containing foo or only p elements with that class

```
.foo {
  bar: fum;
}
p.foo {
  bar: fum;
}
```

ID -- selects the element with 'baz' id attribute value

```
#foo {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Contextual selectors

Descendant -- selects all p elements within the infinite-level hierarchy of element #foo descendants

```
#foo p {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Adjacent sibling -- selects the sibling element p that is immediately next to h2 element

```
h2 + p {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Child -- selects all p elements that are immediate children of #foo element

```
#foo > p {
  bar: fum;
}
```

General sibling -- selects all elements p that are siblings to the h2 element

```
h2 ~ p {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Pseudo-class selectors

Pseudo-class selectors for link and user states

Unvisited link -- applies to link elements that have not been visited

```
a:link {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Visited link -- applies to link elements that have been visited

```
a:visited {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Focus state -- applies to selected .foo element that is ready for input

```
.foo:focus {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Hover state -- applies when mouse pointer is over the .foo element

```
.foo:hover {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Active state -- applies when .foo element is in process of being clicked

```
.foo:active {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Pseudo-class selectors that apply to siblings

First child -- selects the specified .foo element when it is the first child of its parent

```
.foo:first-child {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Last child -- selects the specified .foo element when it is the last child of its parent

```
.foo:last-child {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Only child -- selects the specified .foo element when it is the only child of its parent

```
.foo:only-child {
  bar: fum;
}
```

First of type -- selects the h2 element when it is the first element of its type within its parent element

```
h2:first-of-type {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Last of type -- selects the h2 element when it is the last element of its type within its parent element

```
h2:last-of-type {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Only of type -- selects the h2 element when it is the only element of its type within its parent element

```
h2:only-of-type {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Nth child -- selects the nth .foo child element

```
.foo:nth-child(n) {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Nth last child -- selects the nth .foo child element counting backwards

```
.foo:nth-last-child(n) {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Nth of type -- selects the nth h2 child element of its type

```
h2:nth-of-type(n) {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Nth last of type -- selects the nth h2 child element of its type counting backwards

```
h2:nth-last-of-type(n) {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Useful n values:

odd OR 2n+1 -- every odd child or element

even OR 2n -- every even child or element

n -- every nth child or element

3n -- every third child or element (3, 6, 9, ...)

3n+1 -- every third child or element starting with 1 (1, 4, 7, ...)

n+6 -- all but first five children or elements (6, 7, 8, ...)

-n+5 -- only first five children or elements (1, 2, ..., 5)

Pseudo-element selectors

First letter -- selects the first letter of the specified .foo element, commonly used with :first-child to target first paragraph

```
.foo:first-letter {
  bar: fum;
}
```

First line -- selects the first line of the specified .foo element, commonly used with :first-child to target first paragraph

```
.foo:first-line {
  bar: fum;
}
```

Before -- adds generated content before the .foo element when used with content property

```
.foo:before {
  bar: fum;
  content: 'baz';
}
```

After -- adds generated content after the .foo element when used with content property

```
.foo:after {
  bar: fum;
  content: 'baz';
}
```

Attribute selectors

Present -- selects .foo elements with bar attribute present, regardless of its value

```
.foo[bar] {
  fum: baz;
}
```

Exact -- selects .foo elements where the bar attribute has the exact value of fum

```
.foo[bar="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Whitespace separated -- selects .foo elements with bar attribute values contain specified partial value of fum(whitespace separated)

```
.foo[bar~="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Hyphen separated -- selects .foo elements with bar attribute values contain specified partial value of fumimmediately followed by hyphen (-) character

```
.foo[bar|="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Begins with -- selects .foo elements where the bar attribute begins with fum

```
.foo[bar^="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Ends with -- selects .foo elements where the bar attribute ends with fum

```
.foo[bar$="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Contains -- selects .foo elements where the bar attribute contains string fum followed and preceded by any number of other characters

```
.foo[bar*="fum"] {
  baz: qux;
}
```

Misc selectors

Not -- selects .foo elements that are NOT .bar elements

```
.foo:not(.bar) {
  fum: baz;
}
```

Root -- selects the highest level parent element in the DOM

```
:root {
  foo: bar;
}
```

Empty -- selects .foo elements that have no children or whitespace inside

```
.foo:empty {
  bar: fum;
}
```

In-range and Out-of-range -- selects .foo elements that have values in or out of range

```
.foo:in-range {
  bar: fum;
}
```

```
.foo:out-of-range {
  bar: fum;
}
```