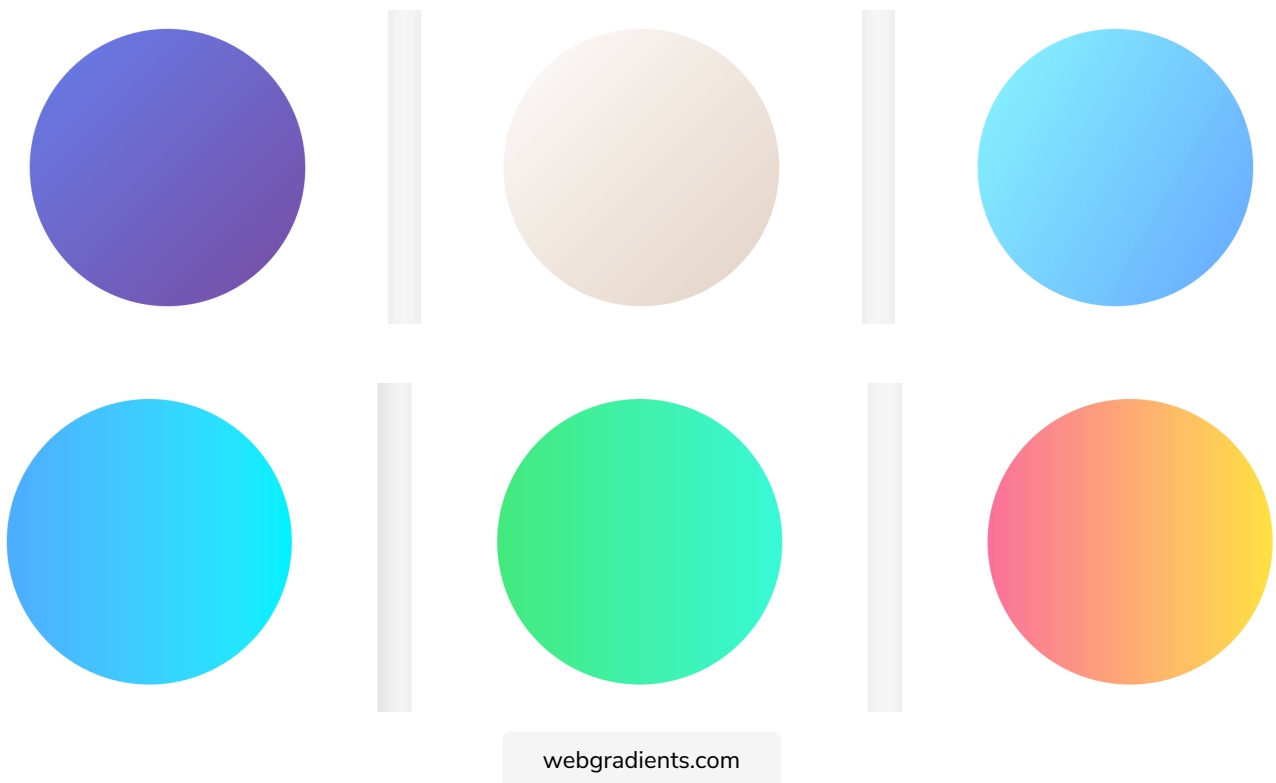# Introducing Gradients

Gradients let you display smooth transitions between two or more specified colors. If you've worked with design software such as sketch or photoshop, then you should already be used to what gradients are. Let's have a look at gradients in CSS.

Before the advent of CSS3, you mostly had to use images to create graidents on the web. Now we can save users their bandwidth and download time by doing so with CSS - leads to a faster website, in theory.

So, what is a gradient?

Generally speaking, a gradient is a graduated blend between two or more colors .

Here are examples:

webgradients.com

Within the circes above, you can see blends of colors. These are referred to as gradients.

Types of Gradients

In CSS, there are two different types of gradients. Linear gradients and Radial gradients. In this course, we will take a good look at the former.

Let's get started in the next lesson.