

# Points and Picas

What are Points and Picas in CSS? Points (and Picas) are absolute length units, more like centimeters and millimeters. They aren't widely used in CSS except for print and other traditional media.

Really? Points. Picas?

I feel a little sad that I have to write this. Well, just so you know, the internet will be shut down if you use points on the web 🙄

Points (and Picas) are absolute length units, more like centimeters and millimeters. What this means is that their units are fixed and a length expressed in any of these will apply exactly that size. Therefore they are not recommended for screen sizes because screen sizes vary so much.

Points (and Picas) are best suited for print and other traditional medium. Do not use them.

For what it's worth, 1 Pica = 12 Points

## Example

Don't do this:

```
1 p {  
2   font-size: 12pt  
3   /*DO NOT DO THIS!!*/  
4 }
```



There's one use case where **points** and **picas** come handy. This is in styling a web page for **print**.

This is useful because the medium is taken off screens onto paper or other print media.

Let's take a look at the `em` unit next.