



CSS Outline

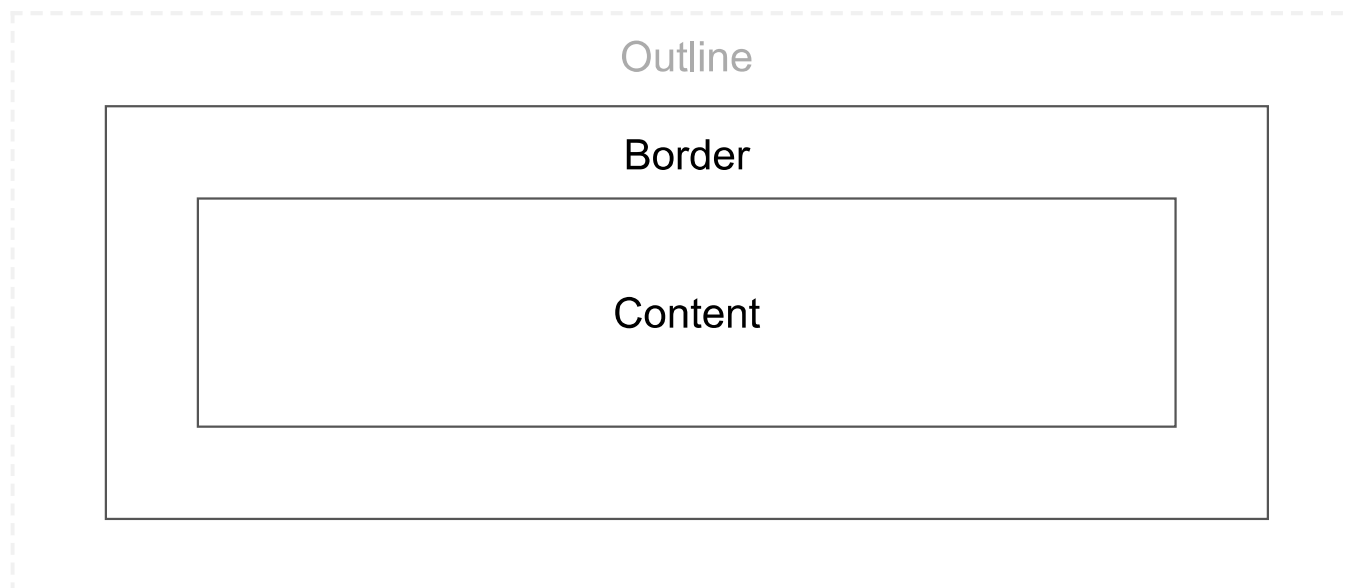
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This element has a black border and a green outline with a width of 10px.

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An outline is a line that is drawn around elements, **OUTSIDE** the borders, to make the element "stand out".



CSS has the following outline properties:

- `outline-style`
- `outline-color`
- `outline-width`
- `outline-offset`
- `outline`

Note: Outline differs from borders! Unlike border, the outline is drawn outside the element's border, and may overlap other content. Also, the outline is NOT a part of the element's dimensions; the element's total width and height is not affected by the width of the outline.

CSS Outline Style

The `outline-style` property specifies the style of the outline, and can have one of the following values:

- `dotted` - Defines a dotted outline
- `dashed` - Defines a dashed outline
- `solid` - Defines a solid outline
- `double` - Defines a double outline
- `groove` - Defines a 3D grooved outline
- `ridge` - Defines a 3D ridged outline
- `inset` - Defines a 3D inset outline
- `outset` - Defines a 3D outset outline
- `none` - Defines no outline
- `hidden` - Defines a hidden outline

The following example shows the different `outline-style` values:

Example

Demonstration of the different outline styles:

```
p.dotted {outline-style: dotted;}  
p.dashed {outline-style: dashed;}  
p.solid {outline-style: solid;}  
p.double {outline-style: double;}  
p.groove {outline-style: groove;}  
p.ridge {outline-style: ridge;}  
p.inset {outline-style: inset;}  
p.outset {outline-style: outset;}
```

Result:

A dotted outline.

A dashed outline.

A solid outline.

A double outline.

A groove outline. The effect depends on the outline-color value.

A ridge outline. The effect depends on the outline-color value.

An inset outline. The effect depends on the outline-color value.

An outset outline. The effect depends on the outline-color value.

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Note: None of the other outline properties (which you will learn more about in the next chapters) will have ANY effect unless the `outline-style` property is set!

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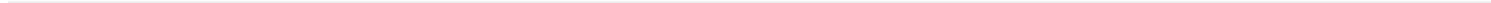
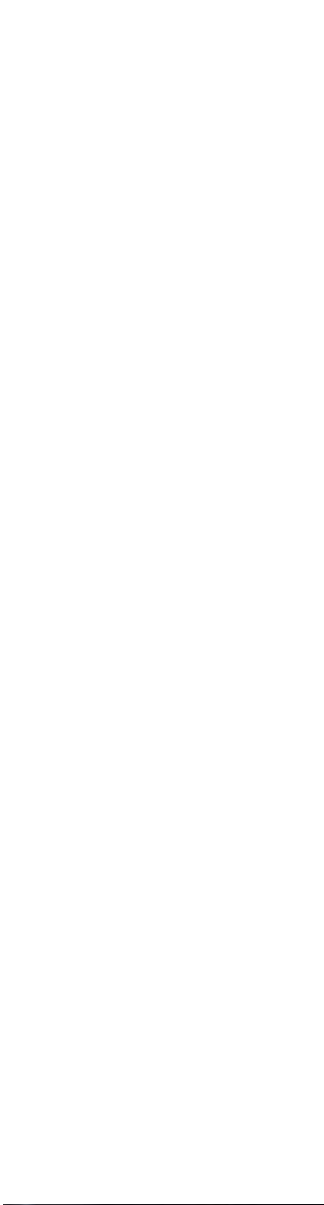
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