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The look of an HTML table can be greatly improved with CSS:

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Table Borders





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The example below specifies a black border for , , and elements:

Firstname	Lastname
Peter	Griffin
Lois	Griffin

Example

```
table, th, td {
 border: 1px solid black;
}
```

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Notice that the table in the example above has double borders. This is because both the table and the and elements have separate borders.

Collapse Table Borders

The border-collapse property sets whether the table borders should be collapsed into a single border:

Firstname	Lastname
Peter	Griffin
Lois	Griffin

Example

```
table {
  border-collapse: collapse;
}
```



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If you only want a border around the table, only specify the border property for :

```
Firstname Lastname
Peter Griffin
Lois Griffin
```

Example

```
table {
  border: 1px solid black;
}
```

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Table Width and Height

Width and height of a table are defined by the width and height properties.

The example below sets the width of the table to 100%, and the height of the <th> elements to 50px:





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Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

Example

```
table {
  width: 100%;
}
th {
  height: 50px;
```

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Horizontal Alignment

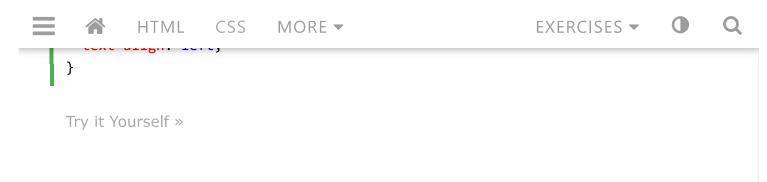
The text-align property sets the horizontal alignment (like left, right, or center) of the content in or .

By default, the content of elements are center-aligned and the content of elements are left-aligned.

The following example left-aligns the text in elements:

Firstname	Lastname	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

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Vertical Alignment

The vertical-align property sets the vertical alignment (like top, bottom, or middle) of the content in or .

By default, the vertical alignment of the content in a table is middle (for both and elements).

The following example sets the vertical text alignment to bottom for elements:

Firstname	Lastname	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

Example

```
td {
   height: 50px;
   vertical-align: bottom;
}
```

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To control the space between the border and the content in a table, use the padding property on and elements:

Firstname	Lastname	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

Example

```
th, td {
 padding: 15px;
  text-align: left;
}
```

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Horizontal Dividers

First Name	Last Name	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

Add the border-bottom property to and for horizontal dividers:





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```
th, td {
 border-bottom: 1px solid #ddd;
```

Hoverable Table

Use the :hover selector on to highlight table rows on mouse over:

First Name	Last Name	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100
Lois	Griffin	\$150
Joe	Swanson	\$300

Example

```
tr:hover {background-color: #f5f5f5;}
```

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Striped Tables

First Name	Last Name	Savings
Peter	Griffin	\$100





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Joe Swanson \$300

For zebra-striped tables, use the nth-child() selector and add a background-color to all even (or odd) table rows:

Example

```
tr:nth-child(even) {background-color: #f2f2f2;}
```

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Table Color

The example below specifies the background color and text color of elements:

First Name	Last Name	Savings	
Peter	Griffin	\$100	
Lois	Griffin	\$150	
Joe	Swanson	\$300	

Example

```
th {
   background-color: #4CAF50;
   color: white;
}
```

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A responsive table will display a horizontal scroll bar if the screen is too small to display the full content:

First Name	Last Name	Points	Poir						
Jill	Smith	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Eve	Jackson	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
Adam	Johnson	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
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Add a container element (like <div>) with overflow-x:auto around the element to make it responsive:

Example

```
<div style="overflow-x:auto;">
... table content ...
</div>
```

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Note: In OS X Lion (on Mac), scrollbars are hidden by default and only shown when being used (even though "overflow:scroll" is set).

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Set the position of the table caption

This example demonstrates how to position the table caption.

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Property	Description
<u>border</u>	Sets all the border properties in one declaration
<u>border-</u> <u>collapse</u>	Specifies whether or not table borders should be collapsed
<u>border-</u> <u>spacing</u>	Specifies the distance between the borders of adjacent cells
<u>caption-side</u>	Specifies the placement of a table caption
empty-cells	Specifies whether or not to display borders and background on empty cells in a table
table-layout	Sets the layout algorithm to be used for a table

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