## **CSS**

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) describe how documents are presented on screens, in print, or perhaps how they are pronounced. W3C has actively promoted the use of style sheets on the Web since the consortium was founded in 1994.

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) provide easy and effective alternatives to specify various attributes for the HTML tags. Using CSS, you can specify a number of style properties for a given HTML element. Each property has a name and a value, separated by a colon (:). Each property declaration is separated by a semi-colon (;).

### **Example**

First let's consider an example of HTML document which makes use of <font> tag and associated attributes to specify text color and font size:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML CSS</title>
</head>
<body>
<font color="green" size="5">Hello, World!</font>
</body>
</html>
```

We can re-write above example with the help of Style Sheet as follows:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML CSS</title>
</head>
<body>

cp style="color:green;font-size:24px;">Hello, World!
</body>
</html>
```

You can use CSS in three ways in your HTML document:

- **External Style Sheet**: Define style sheet rules in a separate .css file and then include that file in your HTML document using HTML <link> tag.
- **Internal Style Sheet**: Define style sheet rules in header section of the HTML document using <style> tag.
- **Inline Style Sheet**: Define style sheet rules directly along-with the HTML elements using **style** attribute.

Let's see all the three cases one by one with the help of suitable examples.

## **External Style Sheet**

If you need to use your style sheet to various pages, then its always recommended to define a common style sheet in a separate file. A cascading style sheet file will have extension as **.css** and it will be included in HTML files using <link> tag.

### **Example**

Consider we define a style sheet file **style.css** which has following rules:

```
.red{
    color: red;
}
.thick{
    font-size:20px;
}
.green{
    color:green;
}
```

Here we defined three CSS rules which will be applicable to three different classes defined for the HTML tags. I suggest you should not bother about how these rules are being defined because you will learn them while studying CSS. Now let's make use of the above external CSS file in our following HTML document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML External CSS</title>
link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="/html/style.css">
</head>
<body>
This is red
This is thick
This is green
This is thick and green
</body>
</html>
```

# **Internal Style Sheet**

If you want to apply Style Sheet rules to a single document only, then you can include those rules in header section of the HTML document using <style> tag.

Rules defined in internal style sheet overrides the rules defined in an external CSS file.

## **Example**

Let's re-write above example once again, but here we will write style sheet rules in the same HTML document using <style> tag:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML Internal CSS</title>
<style type="text/css">
  color: red;
}
.thick{
  font-size:20px;
}
   .green{ color:green;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
This is red
This is thick
This is green
This is thick and green
</body>
</html>
```

## **Inline Style Sheet**

You can apply style sheet rules directly to any HTML element using **style** attribute of the relevant tag. This should be done only when you are interested to make a particular change in any HTML element only.

Rules defined inline with the element overrides the rules defined in an external CSS file as well as the rules defined in <style> element.

### **Example**

Let's re-write above example once again, but here we will write style sheet rules along with the HTML elements using **style** attribute of those elements.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML Inline CSS</title>
</head>
<body>
This is red
This is thick
This is green
This is green
This is thick
This is thick and green
</body>
</html>
```

## **SYNTAX**

CSS comprises of style rules that are interpreted by the browser and then applied to the corresponding elements in your document. A style rule is made of three parts:

- Selector: A selector is an HTML tag at which a style will be applied. This could be any tag like <h1> or etc.
- Property: A property is a type of attribute of HTML tag. Put simply, all the HTML attributes are converted into CSS properties. They could be color, border, etc.
- **Value:** Values are assigned to properties. For example, *color* property can have the value either *red* or #F1F1F1 etc.

You can put CSS Style Rule Syntax as follows:

```
selector { property: value }
```

**Example:** You can define a table border as follows:

```
table{ border :1px solid #C00; }
```

Here table is a selector and border is a property and the given value 1px solid #C00 is the value of that property.

You can define selectors in various simple ways based on your comfort. Let me put these selectors one by one.

## The TypeSelectors

This is the same selector we have seen above. Again, one more example to give a color to all level 1 headings:

```
h1 {
    color: #36CFFF;
}
```

# The Universal Selectors

Rather than selecting elements of a specific type, the universal selector quite simply matches the name of any element type:

```
* {
    color: #000000;
}
```

This rule renders the content of every element in our document in black.

# The Descendant Selectors

Suppose you want to apply a style rule to a particular element only when it lies inside a particular element. As given in the following example, the style rule will apply to <em> element only when it lies inside the tag.

```
ul em {
   color: #000000;
}
```

## The Class Selectors

You can define style rules based on the class attribute of the elements. All the elements having that class will be formatted

according to the defined rule.

```
_black {
    color: #000000;
}
```

This rule renders the content in black for every element with class attribute set to *black* in our document. You can make it a bit more particular. For example:

```
h1_black {
    color: #000000;
}
```

This rule renders the content in black for only <h1> elements with class attribute set to *black*.

You can apply more than one class selectors to a given element. Consider the following example:

```
This para will be styled by the classes center and bold.
```

# The IDSelectors

You can define style rules based on the *id* attribute of the elements. All the elements having that *id* will be formatted according to the defined rule.

```
#black {
    color: #000000;
}
```

This rule renders the content in black for every element with *id* attribute set to *black* in our document. You can make it a bit more particular. For example:

```
h1#black {
    color: #000000;
}
```

This rule renders the content in black for only <h1> elements with id attribute set to black.

The true power of *id* selectors is when they are used as the foundation for descendant selectors. For example:

```
#black h2 {
   color: #000000;
}
```

In this example, all level 2 headings will be displayed in black color when those headings will lie within tags having *id* attribute set to *black*.

## The ChildSelectors

You have seen the descendant selectors. There is one more type of selector, which is very similar to descendants but have different functionality. Consider the following example:

```
body > p { color:
    #000000;
}
```

This rule will render all the paragraphs in black if they are a direct child of the <body> element. Other paragraphs put inside other elements like <div> or would not have any effect of this rule.

## The Attribute Selectors

You can also apply styles to HTML elements with particular attributes. The style rule below will match all the input elements having a type attribute with a value of *text*:

```
input[type="text"]{
  color: #000000;
}
```

The advantage to this method is that the <input type="submit" /> element is unaffected, and the color applied only to the desired text fields.

# **Grouping Selectors**

You can apply a style to many selectors if you like. Just separate the selectors with a comma, as given in the following example:

```
h1, h2, h3 {
color: #36C;
font-weight: normal;
letter-spacing: _4em;
margin-bottom: 1em;
text-transform: lowercase;
}
```

This define style rule will be applicable to h1, h2 and h3 element as well. The order of the list is irrelevant. All the elements in the selector will have the corresponding declarations applied to them.

You can combine the various *class* selectors together as shown below:

```
#content, #footer

{ position: absolute;

left: 510px;

width: 200px;
}
```

## **MEASUREMENTS:**

We have listed out all the CSS Measurement Units along with proper Examples:

Unit	Description	Exam ple
%	Defines a measurement as a percentage relative to another value, typically an enclosing element.	p {font-size: 16pt; line- height: 125%;}
Cm	Defines a measurement in centimeters.	div {margin-bottom: 2cm;}

em	A relative measurement for the height of a font in em spaces. Because an em unit is equivalent to the size of a given font, if you assign a font to 12pt, each "em" unit would be 12pt; thus, 2em would be 24pt.	p {letter-spacing: 7em;}
Ex	This value defines a measurement relative to a font's x-height. The x-height is determined by the height of the font's lowercase letter x.	. ,
In	Defines a measurement in inches.	p {word-spacing: .15in;}
mm	Defines a measurement in millimeters.	p {word-spacing: 15mm;}

# **BACKGROUND PROPERTIES:**

You can set the following background properties of an element: The **background-color** property is used to set the background color of an element.

- The **background-image** property is used to set the background image of an element.
- The **background-repeat** property is used to control the repetition of an image in the background.
- The **background-position** property is used to control the position of an image in the background.
- The **background-attachment** property is used to control the scrolling of an image in the background.
- The **background** property is used as a shorthand to specify a number of other background properties.

## Set the Background Color

Following is the example, which demonstrates how to set the background color for an element.

```
This text has a yellow background color.
```

## Set the Background Image

```
This table has background image set.
```

## Repeat the Background Image

The following example demonstrates how to repeat the background image if an image is small. You can use *no-repeat* value for the *background-repeat* property if you don't want to repeat an image. In this case, the image will display only once.

By default, the background-repeat property will have a repeat value.

The following example which demonstrates how to repeat the background image vertically.

The following example demonstrates how to repeat the background image horizontally.

## Set the Background Image Position

The following example demonstrates how to set the background image position 100 pixels away from the left side.

The following example demonstrates how to set the background image position 100 pixels away from the left side and 200 pixels down from the top.

# **FONT PROPERTIES:**

You can set the following font properties of an element:

- The **font-family** property is used to change the face of afont.
- The font-style property is used to make a font italic or oblique.

- The **font-variant** property is used to create a small-caps effect.
- The **font-weight** property is used to increase or decrease how bold or light a font appears.
- The **font-size** property is used to increase or decrease the size of a font.
- The **font** property is used as shorthand to specify a number of other font properties.

### Font family:

```
This text is rendered in either georgia, garamond, or the default
serif font depending on which font you have at your system.
```

### Font style:

### **Font Variant:**

```
 This
text will be rendered as small caps
```

## Font weight:

```
This font is bold.

This font is bolder.

This font is 900 weight.
```

#### Font size:

```
This font size is 20 pixels

This font size is small

This font size is large
```

#### Font stretch:

```
If this doesn't appear to work, it is likely that
your computer doesn't have a condensed or expanded
version of the font being used.
```

# **TEXT PROPERTIES:**

- The **color** property is used to set the color of atext.
- The **direction** property is used to set the text direction.
- The **letter-spacing** property is used to add or subtract space between the letters that make up a word.
- The **word-spacing** property is used to add or subtract space between the words of a sentence.
- The **text-indent** property is used to indent the text of a paragraph.
- The **text-align** property is used to align the text of a document.
- The text-decoration property is used to underline, overline, and strikethrough text.

- The **text-transform** property is used to capitalize text or convert text to uppercase or lowercase letters.
- The **white-space** property is used to control the flow and formatting of text.
- The **text-shadow** property is used to set the text shadow around a text.

#### Text color:

```
This text will be written in red.
```

### **Text direction:**

```
This text will be renedered from right to left
```

## Space between the characters:

```
This text is having space between letters.
```

## Space between the words:

```
This text is having space between words.
```

#### **Text Indentation:**

```
This text will have first line indented by 1cm and this line will remain at its actual position this is done by CSS text-indent property.
```

### **Text alignment:**

```
This will be right aligned.

This will be center aligned.

This will be left aligned.
```

### **Text Decoration:**

```
This will be underlined

 This
will be striked through.

 This
will have a over line.

This text will have blinking effect
```

#### **Text transform:**

```
This will be capitalized

 This
will be in uppercase

 This
will be in lowercase
```

### **Text Shadowing:**

```
If your browser supports the CSS text-shadow property,
this text will have a blue shadow.
```

# **IMAGE PROPERTIES:**

CSS plays a good role to control image display. You can set the following image properties using CSS.

- The **border** property is used to set the width of an image border.
- The height property is used to set the height of an image.
- The width property is used to set the width of animage.
- The -moz-opacity property is used to set the opacity of an image.

## Image border:

```
<img style="border:0px;" src="/images/css.gif" />
<br/>
```

```
<img style="border:3px dashed red;" src="/images/css.gif" />
```

### Image height:

### **Image Width:**

# **LINK PROPERTIES:**

To set different properties of a hyper link using CSS. You can set the following properties of a hyperlink:

We will revisit the same properties when we will discuss Pseudo-Classes of CSS.

- The :link signifies unvisited hyperlinks.
- The **:visited** signifies visited hyperlinks.
- The **:hover** signifies an element that currently has the user's mouse pointer hovering over it.
- The **:active** signifies an element on which the user is currently clicking. Usually, all these properties are kept in the header part of the HTML document.

Remember a:hover MUST come after a:link and a:visited

in the CSS definition in order to be effective. Also, a:active MUST come after a:hover in the CSS definition as follows:

```
<style type="text/css">
a:link {color: #000000}
a:visited {color: #006600}
a:hover {color: #FFCC00}
a:active {color: #FF00CC}
</style>
```

#### Set the color of the link:

```
<style type="text/css">
a:link {color:#000000}
</style>
```

### Set color for visited link:

```
<style type="text/css">
a:visited {color: #006600}
</style>
<a href="/html/index.htm">Click this link</a>
```

### Set color when hover:

```
<style type="text/css">
a:hover {color: #FFCC00}
</style>
<a href="/html/index.htm">Bring Mouse Here</a>
```

## Set color for active link:

```
<style type="text/css">
a:active {color: #FF00CC}
</style>
<a href="/html/index.htm">Click This Link</a>
```

## **TABLE PROPERTIES:**

You can set the following properties of a table:

- The **border-collapse** specifies whether the browser should control the appearance of the adjacent borders that touch each other or whether each cell should maintain its style.
- The border-spacing specifies the width that should appear between table cells.
- The caption-side captions are presented in the <caption>
  element. By default, these are rendered above the table in the
  document. You use the caption-side property to control the
  placement of the table caption.
- The **empty-cells** specifies whether the border should be shown if a cell is empty.
- The **table-layout** allows browsers to speed up the layout of a table by using the first width properties it comes across for the rest of a column rather than having to load the whole table before rendering it.

### **Border collapse:**

```
<style type="text/css">
table.one {border-collapse:collapse;}
table.two {border-collapse:separate;}
td.a {
    border-style:dotted;
    border-width:3px;
    border-color:#000000;
    padding: 10px;
}
```

```
td.b {border-style:solid;
   border-width:3px;
   border-color:#333333;
   padding:10px;
}
</style>
<caption>Collapse Border Example</caption>
 Cell A Collapse Example
 Cell B Collapse Example
<br />
<caption>Separate Border Example</caption>
 Cell A Separate Example
 Cell B Separate Example
```

## **Border spacing:**

The border-spacing property specifies the distance that separates the adjacent cells' borders. It can take either one or two values; these should be units of length.

If you provide one value, it applies to both vertical and horizontal borders. Or you can specify two values, in which case, the first refers to the horizontal spacing and the second to the vertical spacing:

**NOTE:** Unfortunately, this property does not work in Netscape 7 or IE 6.

```
<style type="text/css">
table.one {
   border-collapse:separate;
   width:400px;
   border-spacing:10px;
}
table.two {
```

```
border-collapse:separate;
 width:400px;
  border-spacing:10px 50px;
}
</style>
<caption>Separate Border Example with border-spacing</caption>
 Cell A Collapse Example
 Cell B Collapse Example
<br />
<caption>Separate Border Example with border-spacing</caption>
 Cell A Separate Example
 Cell B Separate Example
```

## **Caption property:**

The caption-side property allows you to specify where the content of a <caption> element should be placed in relationship to the table. The table that follows lists the possible values.

This property can have one of the four values *top, bottom, left*, or *right*. The following example uses each value.

**NOTE:** These properties may not work with your IE Browser.

```
This caption will appear at the top
</caption>
 Cell A
 Cell B
<br />
<caption class="bottom">
This caption will appear at the bottom
</caption>
 Cell A
 Cell B
<br />
<caption class="left">
This caption will appear at the left
</caption>
 Cell A
 Cell B
<br />
<caption class="right">
This caption will appear at the right
</caption>
 Ce|| A
 Cell B
```

## **Empty cell property:**

The empty-cells property indicates whether a cell without any content should have a border displayed.

This property can have one of the three values - show, hide, or inherit.

Here is the empty-cells property used to hide borders of empty cells in the element.

```
<style type="text/css">
table_empty{
  width:350px;
  border-collapse:separate;
  empty-cells:hide;
}
td_empty{
  padding:5px;
  border-style:solid;
  border-width:1px;
  border-color:#999999;
}
</style>
Title one
Title two
Row Title
value
value
```

```
Row Title
value
```

## **Table layout property:**

The table-layout property is supposed to help you control how a browser should render or lay out a table.

This property can have one of the three values: *fixed, auto*, or *inherit*. The following example shows the difference between these properties.

**NOTE:** This property is not supported by many browsers, so do not rely on this property.

```
<style type="text/css">
table auto
table-layout: auto
}
table fixed
{
table-layout: fixed
}
</style>
10000000
100
<br />
```

## **Border property:**

There are three properties of a border you can change:

- The **border-color** specifies the color of a border.
- The border-style specifies whether a border should be solid, dashed line, double line, or one of the other possible values.
- The border-width specifies the width of a border.

## **Border Property:**

```
<style type="text/css">
p.example1{
    border:1px solid;
    border-bottom-color:#009900; /* Green */
    border-top-color:#FF0000; /* Red */
    border-left-color:#330000; /* Black */
    border-right-color:#00000CC; /* Blue */
}
p.example2{ border:1px
    solid;
border-color:#009900;
}
</style>
class="example1">
```

```
This example is showing all borders in different colors.

This example is showing all borders in green color only.
```

## **Border style properties:**

The border-style property allows you to select one of the following styles of border:

- **none:** No border. (Equivalent of border-width:0;)
- solid: Border is a single solid line.
- **dotted:** Border is a series of dots.
- dashed: Border is a series of short lines.
- double: Border is two solid lines.
- **groove:** Border looks as though it is carved into the page.
- **ridge:** Border looks the opposite of groove.
- **inset:** Border makes the box look like it is embedded in the page.
- outset: Border makes the box look like it is coming out of the canvas.
- **hidden:** Same as none, except in terms of border-conflict resolution for table elements.

You can individually change the style of the bottom, left, top, and right borders of an element using the following properties:

- border-bottom-style changes the style of bottom border.
- **border-top-style** changes the style of top border.
- border-left-style changes the style of left border.
- **border-right-style** changes the style of right border. The following example shows all these border styles:

```
 This is a border with
```

```
none width.
style:solid;">This is a solid
border.
style:dashed;">This is a dahsed
border.
style:double;">This is a double
border_
style:groove;"> This is a groove
border_
border-style:ridge"> This is
aridgeborder.
style:inset;">This is a inset
border_
style:outset;">This is a outset
border_
This is a hidden border.
```

#### **Border width:**

The border-width property allows you to set the width of an element borders. The value of this property could be either a length in px, pt, or cm, or it should be set to *thin, medium, or thick.* 

You can individually change the width of the bottom, top, left, and right borders of an element using the following properties:

- border-bottom-width changes the width of bottom border.
- **border-top-width** changes the width of top border.
- border-left-width changes the width of left border.
- border-right-width changes the width of right border. The following example shows all these border width:

```
This is a solid border whose width is 4px.

This is a solid border whose width is 4pt.

 This is a solid border whose width is thin.
 This is a solid border whose width is thin.

 This is a solid border whose width is medium;
```

# **MARGINS:**

We have the following properties to set an element margin.

- The **margin** specifies a shorthand property for setting the margin properties in one declaration.
- The **margin-bottom** specifies the bottom margin of an element.
- The **margin-top** specifies the top margin of an element.
- The margin-left specifies the left margin of an element.
- The margin-right specifies the right margin of an element. Now, we will see how to use these properties with examples.

#### **MARGIN PROPERTY:**

```
<style type="text/css">p
{margin: 15px}
all four margins will be 15px

p {margin: 10px 2%}
top and bottom margin will be 10px, left and right margin will be 2% of the total width of the document
```

```
 all
four margins will be 15px
top and bottom margin will be 10px, left and right margin will be 2% of the
total width of the document.
top margin will be 10px, left and right margin will be 2% of the total width
of the document, bottom margin will be -10px
top margin will be 10px, right margin will be 2% of the total width of the
document, bottom margin will be -10px, left margin will be set by the
browser
```

## LISTS:

We have the following five CSS properties, which can be used to control lists:

- The list-style-type allows you to control the shape or appearance of the marker.
- The list-style-position specifies whether a long point that wraps to a second line should align with the first line or start underneath the start of the marker.
- The **list-style-image** specifies an image for the marker rather than a bullet point or number.
- The **list-style** serves as shorthand for the preceding properties.
- The **marker-offset** specifies the distance between a marker and the text in the list.

Now we will see how to use these properties with examples.

## List style type:

```
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</u>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</u>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</0|>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</0|>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</0|>
```

### List type position:

```
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</u>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</u>
Maths
Social Science
Physics
</0|>
<|i>Maths</|i>
Social Science
Physics
</0|>
```

### List style property:

```
Maths
Social Science
```

```
Physics

Maths
Social Science
Physics
```

### **PADDING:**

Padding property allows you to specify how much space should appear between the content of an element and its border:

The value of this attribute should be either a length, a percentage, or the word *inherit*. If the value is *inherit*, it will have the same padding as its parent element. If a percentage is used, the percentage is of the containing box.

The following CSS properties can be used to control lists. You can also set different values for the padding on each side of the box using the following properties:

- The **padding-bottom** specifies the bottom padding of an element.
- The **padding-top** specifies the top padding of an element.
- The **padding-left** specifies the left padding of an element.
- The **padding-right** specifies the right padding of an element.
- The paddingserves as shorthand for the preceding properties. Now, we will see how to use these properties with examples.

```
 This
is a paragraph with a specified bottom padding
```

This is another paragraph with a specified bottom padding in percent

NOTE: Similarly it will be for all the other sides.

# **DIMENSONS:**

We have the following properties that allow you to control the dimensions of a box.

- The **height** property is used to set the height of a box.
- The **width** property is used to set the width of abox.
- The **line-height** property is used to set the height of a line oftext.
- The max-height property is used to set a maximum height that a box can be.
- The **min-height** property is used to set the minimum height that a box can be.
- The **max-width** property is used to set the maximum width that a box can be.
- The min-width property is used to set the minimum width that a box can be.

## **SCROLLBARS:**

CSS provides a property called *overflow*, which tells the browser what to do if the box's contents is larger than the box itself. This property can take one of the following values

```
<style type="text/css">
.scroll{
    display:block; border:
    1px solid red;
    padding:5px;
    margin-top:5px;
    width:300px;
```

```
height:50px;
    overflow:scroll;
    }
_auto{
    display:block; border:
     1px solid red;
    padding:5px;
    margin-top:5px;
    width:300px;
    height:50px;
    overflow:auto;
    }
</style>
Example of scroll value:
<div class="scroll">
I am going to keep lot of content here just to show you
how scrollbars works if there is an overflow in an
element box. This provides your horizontal as well as
vertical scrollbars.
</div>
<br />
Example of auto value:
<div class="auto">
I am going to keep lot of content here just to show you
how scrollbars works if there is an overflow in an
element box. This provides your horizontal as well as
vertical scrollbars.
</div>
```

### **Relative positioning:**

Relative positioning changes the position of the HTML element relative to where it normally appears. So "left:20" adds 20 pixels to the

element's LEFT position.

You can use two values *top* and *left* along with the *position* property to move an HTML element anywhere in an HTML document.

- Move Left Use a negative value for *left*.
- Move Right Use a positive value for *left*.
- Move Up Use a negative value for top.
- Move Down Use a positive value for top.

**NOTE:** You can use the *bottom* or *right* values as well in the same way as *top* and *left*.

Here is an example:

### **Absolute Positioning:**

An element with **position: absolute** is positioned at the specified coordinates relative to your screen top-left corner.

You can use two values *top* and *left* along with the *position* property to move an HTML element anywhere in HTML document.

- Move Left Use a negative value for *left*.
- Move Right Use a positive value for left.
- Move Up Use a negative value for top.
- Move Down Use a positive value for top.

**NOTE:** You can use *bottom* or *right* values as well in the same way as top and left.

Here is an example:

### **Fixed Positioning:**

Fixed positioning allows you to fix the position of an element to a particular spot on the page, regardless of scrolling. Specified coordinates will be relative to the browser window.

You can use two values *top* and *left* along with the *position* property to move an HTML element anywhere in the HTML document.

- Move Left Use a negative value for left.
- Move Right Use a positive value for *left*.
- Move Up Use a negative value for top.
- Move Down Use a positive value for top.

**NOTE:** You can use *bottom* or *right* values as well in the same way as *top* and *left*.

#### **PSEUDO CLASSES:**

Pseudo-classes are used to add special effects to some selectors. You do not need to use JavaScript or any other script to use those effects. A simple syntax of pseudo-classes is as follows:

```
selector:pseudo-class {property: value}
```

CSS classes can also be used with pseudo-classes:

```
selector.class:pseudo-class {property: value}
```

The most commonly used pseudo-classes are as follows:

Value	Description
:link	Use this class to add special style to an unvisited link.

:visited	Use this class to add special style to a visited link.
:hover	Use this class to add special style to an element when you mouse over it.
:active	Use this class to add special style to an active element.
:focus	Use this class to add special style to an element while the element has focus.
:first- child	Use this class to add special style to an element that is the first child of some other element.
:lang	Use this class to specify a language to use in a specified element.

### **PSEUDO ELEMENTS:**

pseudo-elements are used to add special effects to some selectors. You do not need to use JavaScript or any other script to use those effects. A simple syntax of pseudo-element is as follows:

```
selector:pseudo-element {property: value}
```

CSS classes can also be used with the pseudo-elements:

```
selector.class:pseudo-element {property: value}
```

The most commonly used pseudo-elements are as follows:

Value	Description
:first-line	Use this element to add special styles to the first line of the text in a selector.
:first-letter	Use this element to add special style to the first letter of the text in a selector.

:before	Use this element to insert some content before an element.	
:after	Use this element to insert some content after an element.	