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Transform

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Overview

In this module, we will be exploring the transform property.

What is the transform property?

The transform property applies a 2D or 3D transformation to an element. This property allows you to rotate, scale, move, skew, etc., elements. It modifies the coordinate space of the CSS <u>visual formatting model</u>.

transform-origin Property

The transform-origin property allows you to change the position of transformed elements.

Note: This property must be used together with the transform property.

2D vs 3D Transformation

2D transformations can change the x- and y-axis of an element by using the following methods:

- transformMethodX() This will transform along the X-axis
- transformMethodY() This will transform along the Y-axis

3D transformations can also change the z-axis of an element, by using the following method:

• transformMethodZ() - This will transform along the Z-axis

Rotating

The rotate() method rotates an element clockwise or counter-clockwise according to a given degree.

If the degree specified is positive the element will rotate clockwise; else, if negative the element will rotate counter-clockwise.

We can also rotate along a specified axis by using one of the following methods:

- rotateX()
- rotateY()
- rotateZ()

Translate

The translate() method moves an element from its current position (according to the parameters given for the X-axis and the Y-axis)

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We can also translate along a specified axis by using one of the following methods:

- translateX()
- translateY()
- translateZ()

Scale

The scale() method increases or decreases the size of an element (according to the parameters given for the width and height).

We can also scale along a specified axis by using one of the following methods:

- scaleX()
- scaleY()
- scaleZ()

Skew

The skew() method skews an element along the X and Y-axis by the given angles.

If the second parameter is not specified, it has a zero value.

We can also skew along a specified axis by using one of the following methods:

- skewX()
- skewY()
- skewZ()

Tutorial

In this tutorial, we are going to apply the transformations listed above to a HTML element and observe the behaviour.

1. Create the following HTML Document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
     <meta charset="UTF-8">
     <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-</pre>
scale=1.0">
     <title>CSS: Transform</title>
    <style>
         div {
             border: solid red;
             width: 140px;
             height: 60px;
         }
     </style>
</head>
<body>
     <div>Watch the magic happen...</div>
 </body>
 </html>
```

The output should look something like this:

Original Document

2. Rotate the div 20 degrees clockwise - to apply a rotation to the div, we use the translate property along with the rotate() attribute and specify the degree as a parameter.

```
div {
    ...
    transform: rotate(20deg);
}
```

Change the angle to -20deg and observe the output.

3. Change the position of the transformed element to left - Set the transform-origin property to left

```
div {
    ...
    transform-origin: left;
}
```

4. Now, rotate the same div 90 degrees around it's z-axis - To do this we use the rotateZ() method and pass in the degree as parameter.

```
div {
    ...
    transform: rotate(20deg) rotateZ(90deg);
}
```

5. Move the element 200 pixels to the right and 100 pixels down from its current position - to achieve this, we use the translate() method.

```
div {
    ...
    transform: rotate(20deg) translate(200px,100px);
}
```

6. Increase the size of the div 2 times of its original width, and three times of its original height - We need to use the scale(w,h) method and supply the width and height change as parameters.

```
div {
    ...
    transform: rotate(20deg) translate(200px,100px) scale(2,3);
}
...
```

7. Skew the <div> element along the X-Axis, and 10 degrees along the Y-axis.

Exercises

1. Compare the two images below and apply the relevant transformations to achieve the output below.

Original:

Original Image

Output:

Output

▼ Solution

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
 <html lang="en">
 <head>
     <meta charset="UTF-8">
     <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-</pre>
scale=1.0">
     <title>Document</title>
     <style>
         #transformMe {
             transform: translate(100px, 250px) rotateY(180deg)
skew(-25deg, 20deg);
         }
     </style>
 </head>
 <body>
     <img src="https://i.imgur.com/ofsEnaF.png"/>
     <img id="transformMe" src="https://i.imgur.com/ofsEnaF.png"/>
 </body>
 </html>
```