

Learn CSS By Use Cases

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Properties cursor



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Intro

The cursor property sets which mouse cursor to display on screen, when the user hovers their mouse over it. It helps with accessibility and speed of use by offering a visual cue that something is happening. Cursors are not present when viewing a website on mobile, but are still a very important part of desktop UX.

Syntax

No shorthand, no longhand, it accepts just one single property value. Again we see property specific pre-defined keywords where multi word values are separated by a dash character. It doesn't get more simple than adding a cursor so always incorporate them into your work.

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Special Power

No real special power it just adds a professional finish to your projects. On the contrary, visual cues like cursors can contribute massively to the overall experience your website creates.

Tips

When encountering cursor types, you'll find that there are a few more than I've mentioned here. In my opinion, the others are fairly unpractical and you should stick to my core set. It's also worth mentioning that what you think would be a “disabled” cursor, is actually called “not-allowed” – but that's just CSS I guess. The move cursor is reserved for drag and drop which would involve JavaScript.

pointer

Elements that are clickable

⌚ See Times

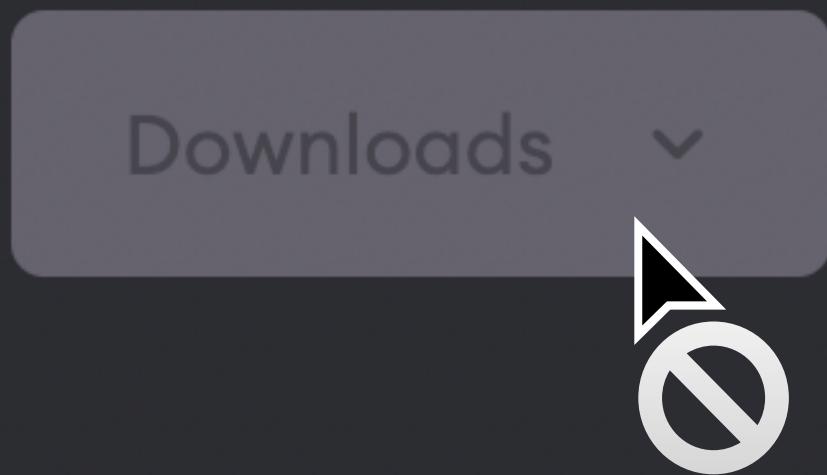


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.button { cursor: pointer; }
```

Most practically used on buttons or anchors

not-allowed

Elements that are disabled



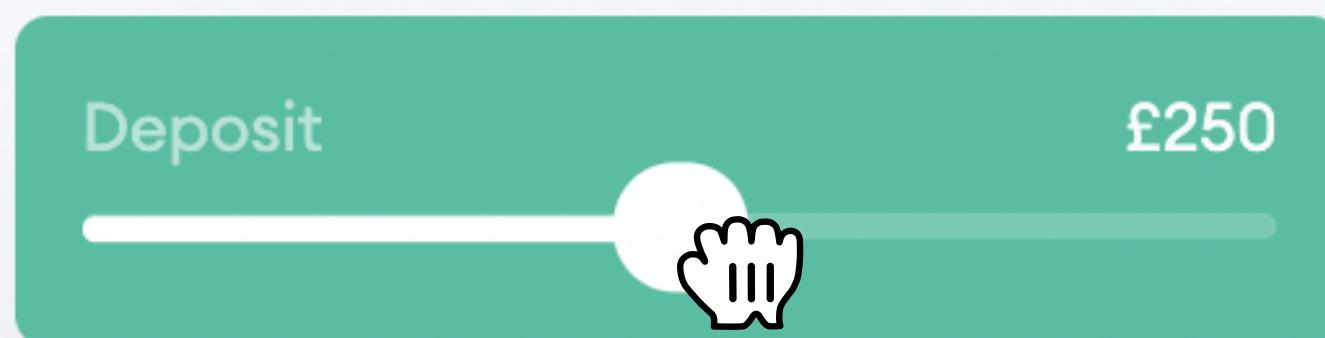
```
.button:disabled { cursor: not-allowed; }
```

Can be used on button, input, textarea but not anchor



grab

Elements that can be dragged



```
.handle { cursor: grab; }
```

Most practically used on the input range element



default

Elements where text can't be selected

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```
.active { cursor: default; }
```

Having text that looks selectable on an active menu item can make your work look unprofessional

move

Elements that can be moved

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```
.card { cursor: move; }
```

Most practically used on div or list (li) elements

col-resize

Elements for resizing columns

	User	Age
<input type="radio"/>	John Smith Developer	32
<input type="radio"/>	Elvis Harris Designer	24

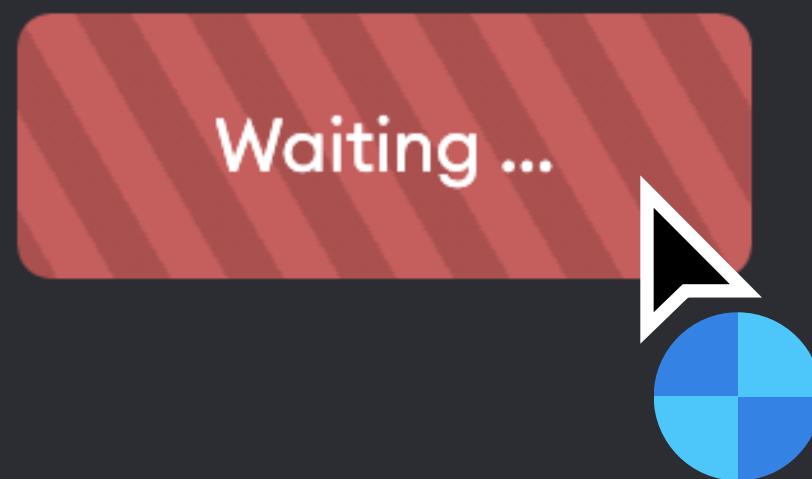
```
.column-border { cursor: col-resize; }
```

Most practically used on table columns. Pseudo elements are great for this use case which we'll learn later on



wait

Elements that portray a loading state



```
.button { cursor: wait; }
```

Most practically used on buttons, loaders and progress bars

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Knowledge Gained

- 🏆 Cursor defines which mouse cursor to display on screen when hovered
- 🏆 Cursors help with accessibility, speed of use and also add a professional finish to website projects – when viewed on desktop
- 🏆 Not present on mobile devices but are an important part of desktop UX
- 🏆 Cursor only accepts pre-defined keywords specific to the property



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