

CSS Layout - display: inline-block

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The display: inline-block Value

Compared to `display: inline`, the major difference is that `display: inline-block` allows to set a width and height on the element.

Compared to `display: block`, the major difference is that `display: inline-block` does not add a line-break after the element, so the element can sit next to other elements.

The following example shows the different behavior of `display: inline`, `display: inline-block` and `display: block`:

Example

```
span.a {  
  display: inline; /* the default for span */  
  width: 100px;  
  height: 100px;  
  padding: 5px;  
  border: 1px solid blue;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}  
  
span.b {  
  display: inline-block;  
  width: 100px;  
  height: 100px;  
  padding: 5px;  
  border: 1px solid blue;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}  
  
span.c {  
  display: block;
```

```
width: 100px;
height: 100px;
padding: 5px;
border: 1px solid blue;
background-color: yellow;
}
```

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Using inline-block to Create Navigation Links

One common use for `display: inline-block` is to display list items horizontally instead of vertically. The following example creates horizontal navigation links:

Example

```
.nav {
  background-color: yellow;
  list-style-type: none;
  text-align: center;
  padding: 0;
  margin: 0;
}

.nav li {
  display: inline-block;
  font-size: 20px;
  padding: 20px;
}
```

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Exercise [?]

Drag and drop the correct property and value to display list items horizontally using `inline-block`.

```
.nav li {  
  :  
}
```

display

block

inline-block

font-size

20px

padding

10px


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CSS Property

Property	Description
<u>display</u>	Specifies the display behavior (the type of rendering box) of an element

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