



Text Shadows in CSS

I've always liked shadows as a way to give depth to content that would otherwise be flat and uninspiring.

My first approach at creating shadows in CSS was to use [box-shadow](#), primarily in title boxes where the entire container would have a shadow and not the individual letters.

[text-shadow](#) does the same thing for text that box-shadow does for boxes.

As presented in the example below, the four values for the text-shadow property are:

- offset-x
- offset-y
- blur-radius
- color

```
h1 {  
  color: rebeccapurple;  
  font-size: 160px;  
  text-shadow: 8px 4px 2px darkgrey;  
}
```

Shadows are a nice way to provide depth to content that would normally be flat. text-shadow does this for text and it makes for more dynamic text.

Links and Resources

- [text-shadow](#) — MDN
- [CSS Text Decoration Module Level 3](#) text-shadow specification