



# Using clamp() to constraint a container width

Reading [min\(\), max\(\), and clamp\(\): three logical CSS functions to use today](#) presented an interesting case for using [clamp\(\)](#): Controlling the width of a text-container.

In typography books we're told that text should be between 45 and 75 characters wide. Until I saw the example, I hadn't thought about using clamp in combination with the [ch](#) length unit to express this requirement.

In the following code snippet, we tell the browser that we want the width of the article to be 50% of the screen width but no smaller than 45ch or larger than 75ch, regardless of the viewport size.

```
article {  
  width: clamp(45ch, 50%, 75ch);  
}
```