

CSS calc() not working

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Is there a limit to the number of CSS calc() functions that can be used in a single expression?

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```
div {
  left: calc((100%/54)*26);
  left: -webkit-calc((100%/54)*26);
}
```

This does NOT work:

```
div {
  left: calc(((100%/54)*14)-140px);
  left: -webkit-calc(((100%/54)*14)-140px);
}
```

Of course, the latter is what I need, because I need to offset a few pixels, but as soon as I try to do that, the value seems to just go to zero. Any insight is appreciated!

CSS

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To quote MDN

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The `+` and `-` operators must always be surrounded by whitespace. The operand of `calc(50% -8px)` for instance will be parsed as a percentage followed by a negative length, an invalid expression, while the operand of `calc(50% - 8px)` is a percentage followed by a minus sign and a length. The `*` and `/` operators do not require whitespace, but adding it for consistency is allowed, and recommended.

Space your stuff out, and it will probably work.

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Thanks Ryan. That was exactly it. Much appreciated. – itsmikem Feb 19 '13 at 21:24

Eric, you seem to have edited my question. I'm new here. How did you do that and how can I ensure I format my questions better? – [itsmikem](#) Feb 19 '13 at 21:25

@MichaelMendelsohn No problem. Always glad to help. There's a pretty comprehensive [FAQ on formatting and editing](#) available. – R

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