

a smaller line height. An effect similar to double spacing can be achieved by setting the line height to 2.0. This is too much for most cases, but it is sometimes required.

Because this property specifies the *minimum* distance between the baselines of the lines, an inline element with a larger line height or an inline image may cause lines to be farther apart than expected.

## THE WORD-SPACING PROPERTY

The **word-spacing** property enables you to adjust the amount of spacing between words. Each font has a normal word spacing – the amount of space that is put between words – that should be used in the “ideal” situation (ideal according to the font’s designer). Browsers try to use this value. However, you may sometimes want to achieve certain effects with your text by expanding or shrinking the word spacing.

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Name:	word-spacing
Value:	normal   <length>
Initial:	normal
Applies to:	all elements
Inherited:	yes
Percentages:	N/A

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There are two values:

- `normal` – Word spacing is left up to the browser. This is the default.
- `Length` – Either an absolute or relative value.

Any length value is added to the normal word spacing; thus, 0 and `normal` mean the same thing.

**word-spacing** is an inherited property. The amount of word spacing is computed once for the parent element and the *result* is inherited by all of its children. The value is not computed again for its child elements even if they have a different font size. For example, if the current font size of the parent element is 10pt and the word spacing is set to 1em, its child elements will inherit a word spacing of 10pt no matter their font size.