

Pseudo Class and Element Cascading Style Sheets (CSS3)







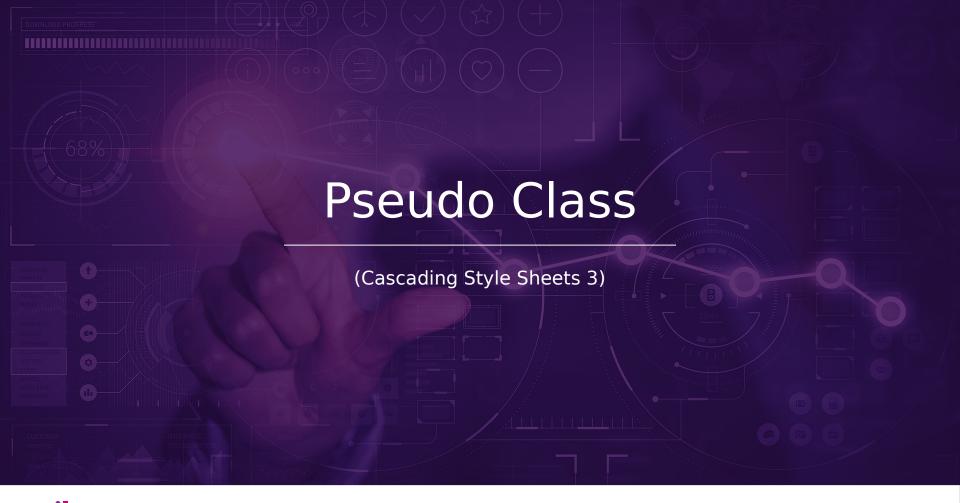
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Pseudo-class

- A CSS pseudo-class is a keyword added to a selector that specifies a special state of the selected element(s)
- Pseudo-classes let you apply a style to an element in relation to
 - Content of document tree
 - External factors such as
 - History of the navigator (like :visited on links)
 - Status of its content (like :checked on certain form elements)
 - Position of the mouse (like :hover mouse hover over an element)



Pseudo-class

- Example :hover can be used to change a button's color when the user hovers the mouse pointer over it
- Usage
 - Style an element when user hover mouse over it
 - Style visited and unvisited links differently
 - Style an element when it gets focus



Pseudo-class Syntax

```
Syntax:
selector:pseudo-class { /* no space character before or after colon */
property: value;
}
```

```
Example : /* change the font color when hovering over link
associated with anchor element */
a:hover {
    color : deeppink;
}
```



Anchor Pseudo-classes

```
Example:

a:link { color : blue; } /* Unvisited link */

a:visited { color : purple; } /* visited link */

/* font color when hovering mouse pointer over link */

a:hover { color : deeppink; }

a:active { color : green; } /* font color of active link */
```



Standard Pseudo-classes

:active	:first	:lang()	:nth-of-type()	:root
:any	:first-child	:last-child	:only-child	:scope
:any-link	:first-of-type	:last-of-type	:only-of-type	:target
:checked	:fullscreen	:left	:optional	:valid
:default	:focus	:link	:out-of-range	:visited
:dir()	:hover	:not()	:read-only	
:disabled	:indeterminate	:nth-child()	:read-write	
:empty	:in-range	:nth-last-child()	:required	
:enabled	:invalid	:nth-last-of-type()	:right	







Pseudo-element

- A CSS pseudo-element is a keyword added to a selector that lets you style a specific part of the selected element(s)
- This selector allow you to style the elements or parts of the elements without adding any IDs or classes to them
- Only one pseudo-element can be used in a selector
- It must appear after the simple selectors in the statement



Pseudo-element

```
Syntax:

/* no space character before or after double colon */
selector::pseudo-element {
    property: value;
}
```



Pseudo-element

```
Example:
/* The first line of every paragraph element */
p::first-line {
 color: blue;
 /* text-transform: uppercase; */
p::first-letter {
  color: red;
  font-size: xx-large;
```



Pseudo element Vs class

- As a rule, double colons (::) should be used instead of a single colon (:)
- This distinguishes pseudo-classes from pseudo-elements
- This distinction was not present in older versions of the W3C spec
- Therefore, most browsers support both syntaxes for the original pseudo-elements



Standard Pseudo-elements

::after	::backdrop
::before	::placeholder
::cue	::marker
::first-letter	::spelling-error
::first-line	::grammar-error
::selection	









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