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# CSS Selector Reference

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## CSS Selectors

CSS selectors are used to "find" (or select) the HTML elements you want to style.

Use our [CSS Selector Tester](#) to demonstrate the different selectors.

## CSS Simple Selectors

The simple selectors select elements based on element-name, id, and class. In addition, there is the universal selector (\*).

Selector	Example	Example description
<u><i>element</i></u>	p	Selects all <p> elements
<u><i>#id</i></u>	#firstname	Selects the element with id="firstname"
<u><i>*</i></u>	*	Selects all elements
<u><i>.class</i></u>	.intro p.intro	Selects all elements with class="intro" Selects all <p> elements with class="intro"



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Selector	Example	Example description
<code>[attribute]</code>	<code>[lang]</code>	Selects all elements with a lang attribute
<code>[attribute=value]</code>	<code>[lang="it"]</code>	Selects all elements with lang="it"
<code>[attribute~=value]</code>	<code>[title~="flower"]</code>	Selects all elements with a title attribute containing the word "flower"
<code>[attribute =value]</code>	<code>[lang "en"]</code>	Selects all elements with a lang attribute value equal to "en" or starting with "en-"
<code>[attribute^=value]</code>	<code>[href^="https"]</code>	Selects all elements with a href attribute value that begins with "https"
<code>[attribute\$=value]</code>	<code>[href\$=".pdf"]</code>	Selects all elements with a href attribute value ends with ".pdf"
<code>[attribute*=value]</code>	<code>[href*="w3schools"]</code>	Selects all elements with a href attribute value containing the substring "w3schools"

## CSS Nesting Selector

Selector	Example	Example description
<code>&amp;</code>	<code>&amp;</code>	Applies styles for an element within the context of another element

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