

CSS Overflow

1. Overflow:

- a. The **overflow** property is used to control what happens when the content inside a box (like a `<div>`) is too big to fit in the space you've given it (height or width).
- b. With overflow, you can control whether to clip content or add scrollbars when an element's content is too big to fit in a specified area.

2. It is a shorthand for:

- a. It is shorthand for the `overflow-x` and `overflow-y` properties.
- b. **Note** ⇒ that this property only works for **block elements** with a specified height.

3. Syntax:

```
.box {  
    overflow: value;  
}
```

4. What can overflow do?

- a. When content is too big for a box, you can decide:
 - Should the content be cut off (hidden)?
 - Should the content flow outside the box?
 - Should you add scrollbars so users can scroll and see it?

5. Values:

- a. **visible**: This is the default value of the property. Content is not cut off. It will overflow outside the box.

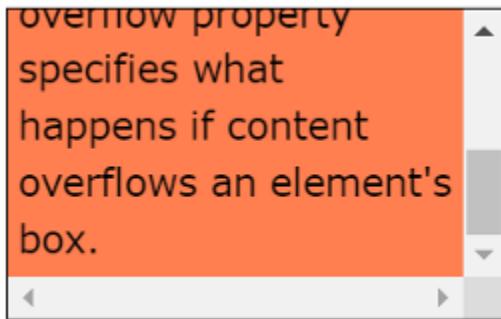
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happens if content overflows an element's box.

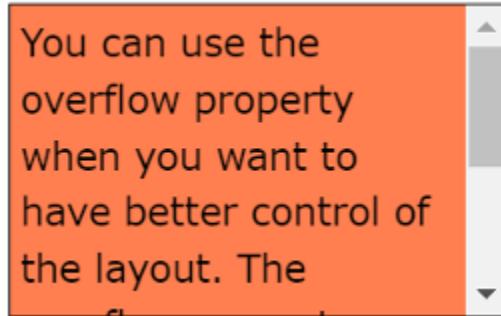
- b. **hidden**: Content that overflows is hidden. Extra content is cut off and not shown. No scrollbar will appear.

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- c. **scroll**: Content is cut off, but you can scroll to see the hidden parts. Scrollbars always appear, even if they're not needed.



- d. **auto**: Only adds scrollbars when needed (if content is too much). Smart and most commonly used.



6. **overflow-x:**

- a. Sometimes you only want to control one direction.
- b. **overflow-x** controls how content behaves horizontally (left to right) if it overflows the container.

7. **overflow-y:**

- a. **overflow-y** controls how content behaves vertically (top to bottom) if it overflows the container.

8. **Example** ⇒

```
.box {  
    overflow-x: auto; /* scrolls left-right if needed */  
    overflow-y: hidden; /* hides top-bottom overflow */  
}
```