**Pseudo Classes & Pseudo Elements:**

Pseudo-classes and pseudo-elements in CSS are selectors used to style elements in special ways, but they have different purposes and syntax.

## Definitions and Differences

* Pseudo-class: Targets an element based on its state or user interaction, such as when a user hovers over a link or an element is the first child. It uses a single colon : followed by the pseudo-class name. Example: a:hover changes style when a link is hovered.
* Pseudo-element: Styles a specific part of an element, like the first letter or before/after content of an element. It uses a double colon :: followed by the pseudo-element name. Example: p::first-line styles only the first line of a paragraph.

## Key Difference Table

| **Aspect** | **Pseudo-Class** | **Pseudo-Element** |
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| What i targets | Element state or condition | Specific part of an element |
| Syntax | Single colon : | Double colon :: |
| Use | Styling states (hover, focus) | Styling parts (first-line, before) |
| Examples | :hover, :active | ::before, ::first-letter |

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## Syntax Examples and Usage

* Pseudo-class syntax:

css

selector:pseudo-class {

property: value;

}

Example:

css

a:hover {

color: green;

}

* Pseudo-element syntax:

css

selector::pseudo-element {

property: value;

}

Example:

css

p::first-line {

color: blue;

font-weight: bold;

}

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## When to Use

* Use pseudo-classes to style elements based on interaction or dynamic states (hover, focus, visited links).
* Use pseudo-elements to style specific parts of elements or insert content before/after elements for enhanced styling.

## Use on Popular Web Pages

Many prominent web pages indexed by Google use pseudo-classes and pseudo-elements extensively for interactive effects, content styling, and design improvements, especially sites rich in content like news portals, e-commerce pages, and blogs. Websites heavily dependent on CSS frameworks also apply these features to enhance user experience with minimal JavaScript.

For specific examples, top-ranking web pages often use pseudo-classes like :hover on buttons and links and pseudo-elements like ::before and ::after to add decorative icons or styling cues.