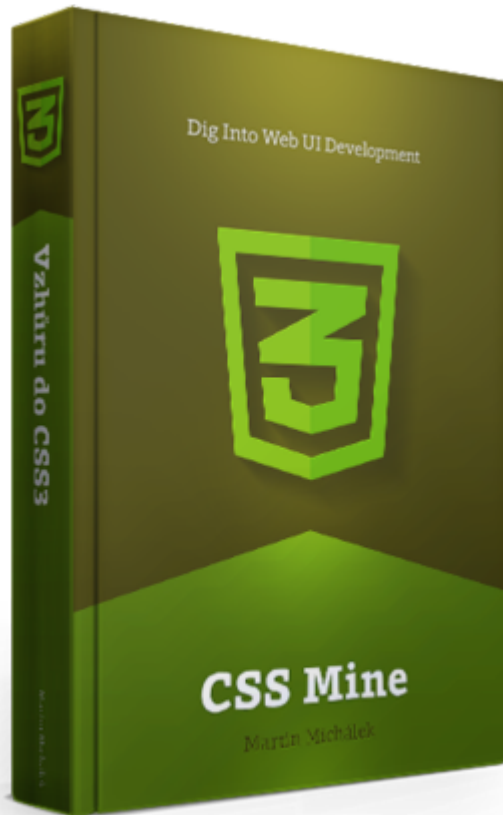


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CSS3 Text Overflow – A Way To Wrap Text



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Text overflow is a way to limit text that exceeds the width of the element and to insert an ellipsis (three dots “...”).

```
text-overflow: ( clip | ellipsis | <_string_> );
```

When showing `text-overflow: ellipsis` in my lectures, I always get two reactions. One half of the audience is bored, saying: “Hm, I have been using this for two years already...” And the other half? Enthusiastically taking notes: “I must use this first thing tomorrow!”

However, the catch when using the `ellipsis` value is that it will apply to any single line of text in block elements and three dots (“...”) will be shown if the line overflows. Nevertheless, it is still a time saver.

Navigation Example

Imagine a navigation bar where you do not want the text to be wrapped onto the next line. Plus, you do not know its length or the width of the box it is in.

In such a case, just extend the `ellipsis` declaration with two other declarations that will ensure that the text stays on one line:

```
text-overflow: ellipsis;  
overflow: hidden;  
white-space: nowrap;
```

Try resizing the browser window at this example URL: cdpn.io/e/FelkJ.

Browser Support

`text-overflow: ellipsis` is supported in all browsers, even in IE6, so there is no problem using it.

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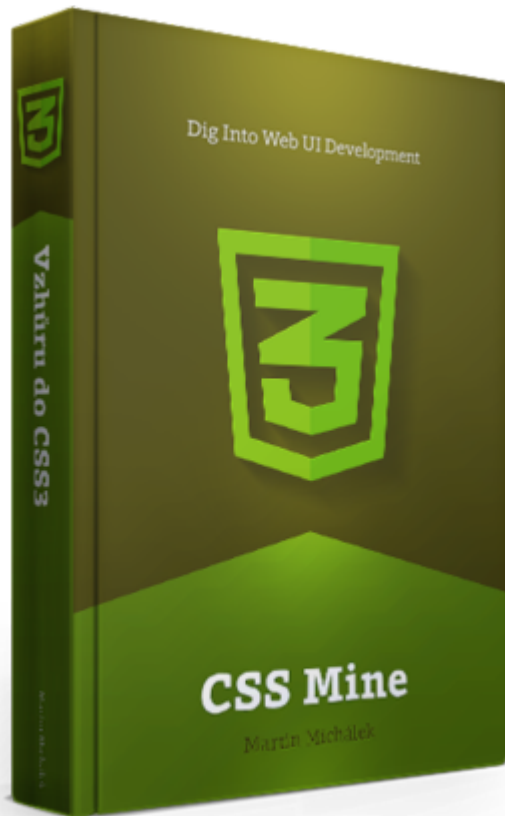
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