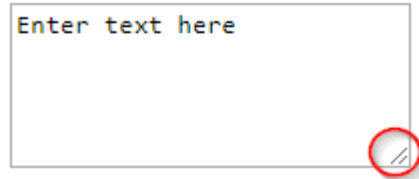# How to disable resizable property of textarea?

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I want to disable the resizable property of a `textarea` .

Currently, I can resize a `textarea` by clicking on the bottom right corner of the `textarea` and dragging the mouse. How can I disable this?

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```
Enter text here
```

html   css

edited Mar 15 at 5:43

daaawx
894   1   9   11

asked Mar 8 '11 at 16:15

user549757
12.5k   4   13   20

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4   @JDIsaaks - further, allowing resize in certain situations can break layout and printabilit (an important aspect of a current mission-critical project). –
cale_b Nov 23 '12 at 19:35

8   Sometimes you really do want a non-resizeable textarea. For instance, in this case, when you're (conditionally) converting a textarea into something
that just looks like a label. It looks really odd to have a label with a random floating grabber way off to the side. – neminem Jan 21 '15 at 17:20

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18 Answers

The following CSS rule disables resizing behavior for `textarea` elements:

To disable it for some (but not all) `textarea` s, there are a [couple of options](#).

To disable a specific `textarea` with the `name` attribute set to `foo` (i.e., `<textarea name="foo"></textarea>`):

```css
textarea[name=foo] {
  resize: none;
}
```

Or, using an `id` attribute (i.e., `<textarea id="foo"></textarea>`):

```css
#foo {
  resize: none;
}
```

The [W3C page](#) lists possible values for resizing restrictions: none, both, horizontal, vertical, and inherit:

```css
textarea {
  resize: vertical; /* user can resize vertically, but width is fixed */
}
```

Review a decent [compatibility page](#) to see what browsers currently support this feature. As Jon Hulka has commented, the dimensions can be [further restrained](#) in CSS using max-width, max-height, min-width, and min-height.

> ## Super important to know:
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> This property does nothing unless the overflow property is something other than visible, which is the default for most elements. So generally to use this, you'll have to set something like overflow: scroll;
>
> Quote by Chris Coyier, http://css-tricks.com/almanac/properties/r/resize/

edited Jun 20 '18 at 11:54   answered Mar 8 '11 at 16:17

Mosh Feu   Donut
17.5k 11 57 92   **81.5k** 14 118 136

Is there a solution for Firefox, Opera and/or IE? – Šime Vidas Mar 8 '11 at 16:31

22   as per davidwalsh.name/textarea-resize - use resize:vertical or resize:horizontal to constrain resizing to one dimension. Or use any of max-width, max-height, min-width and min-height. – Jon Hulka Nov 17 '12 at 20:23

3   Am I the only one who finds it weird to set this using css and not attributes? Why can't I then set disabled or checked or other properties using CSS ... – Buksy Aug 8 '16 at 13:15

6   @Buksy Because "disabled" is a state, not a visual property. Thus it's logical that it shouldn't be decided by a *styling* language. – Kroltan Sep 8 '16 at 13:01 ✎

In CSS ...

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```
textarea {
    resize: none;
}
```

answered Mar 8 '11 at 16:17

Jeff Parker
6,518   1   17   24

I found 2 things

100 first

```
textarea{resize:none}
```

this is a css3 *which is not released yet* compatable with **Firefox4+ chrome and safari**

another format feature is to *overflow:auto* to get rid of the right scrollbar taking into account *dir* attribute

code and different browsers

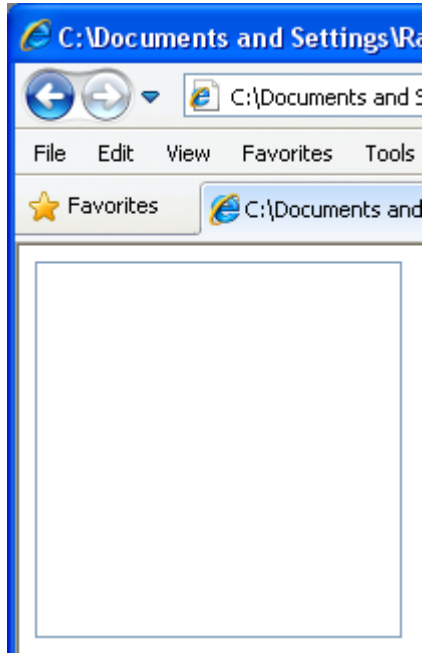*Basic html*

```
</head>
<body>
    <textarea style="overflow:auto;resize:none" rows="13" cols="20"></textarea>
</body>
</html>
```

Some browsers

- IE8

- FF 17.0.1
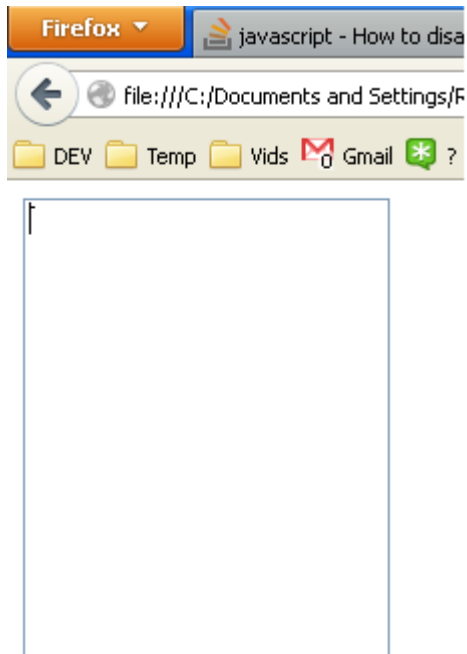
- chrome
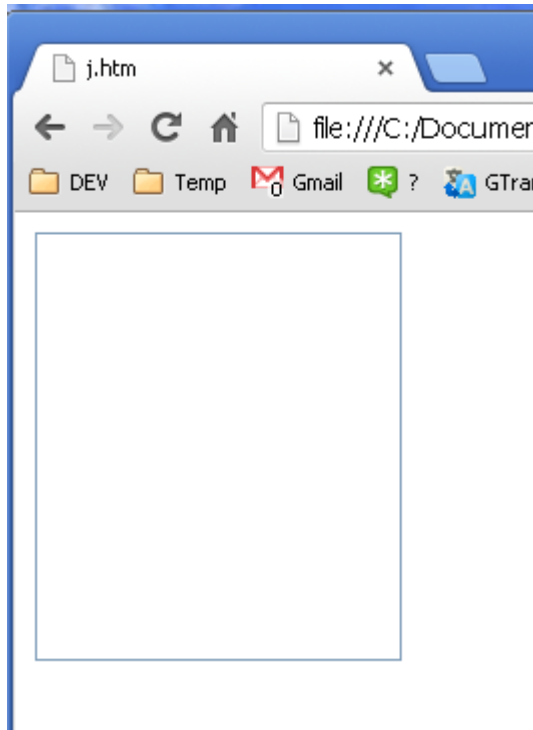
answered Dec 27 '12 at 20:58

Rami Jamleh
1,352   1   9   8

CSS3 has a new propery for UI elements that will allow you to do this. The property is the resize property. So you would add the following to your stylesheet to disable resizing of all textarea elements:

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```
textarea { resize: none; }
```

This is a CSS3 property; use a compatibility chart to see browser compatibility.

Personally, I would find it very annoying to have resizing disabled on textarea elements. This is one of those situations where the designer is trying to "break" the user's client. If your design can't accommodate a larger textarea, you might want to reconsider how your design works. Any user can add `textarea { resize: both !important; }` to their user stylesheet to override your preference.

But that would be the user *intentionally breaking* their layout, rather than a user who just needs to resize his/her `texarea` and ends up making something not work – Redwolf Programs Apr 15 at 12:35

```
<textarea style="resize:none" rows="10" placeholder="Enter Text" ></textarea>
```

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answered Nov 6 '13 at 9:19

Imtiaz Ali Baigal
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If you need deep support you can use old school technique

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```
textarea {
    max-width:/*desired fixed width*/ px;
    min-width:/*desired fixed width*/ px;
    min-height:/*desired fixed height*/ px;
    max-height:/*desired fixed height*/ px;
}
```

answered Feb 12 '15 at 12:14

yevgeniy
508 5 13

6   Also use `resize:none` with this solution to prevent the handle appearing in the bottom corner which frustratingly doesn't work. – MacroMan Jul 17 '15 at 9:55

This can be do in html easy

This works for me. Default value is `true` for `draggable` attribute.

edited Jul 22 '15 at 3:43 　　　　　answered Jul 21 '15 at 5:18

Thusitha
Wickramasinghe
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This is an HTML 5 attribute, so only newer browsers will support. I read somewhere IE supports it from 9 onwards. – Antony D'Andrea Sep 8 '15 at 15:11

3 　This working in most browsers. in every latest browser. – Thusitha Wickramasinghe Nov 9 '15 at 11:04

it won't prevent textarea from resizing – Mishko Vladimir Dec 27 '16 at 18:14

You simply use: `resize: none;` in your CSS.

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The **resize** property specifies whether or not an element is resizable by the user.

Note: The resize property applies to elements whose computed overflow value is something other than "visible".

Also **resize** not supported in IE at the moment.

Here are different properties for resize:

No Resize:

```
textarea {
  resize: none;
}
```

Resize both ways (vertically & horizontally):

```
textarea {
  resize: both;
}
```

```
textarea {
  resize: vertical;
}
```

Resize horizontally:

```
textarea {
  resize: horizontal;
}
```

Also if you have `width` and `height` in your CSS or HTML, it will prevent your textarea be resized, with a broader browsers support.

edited Jun 3 '17 at 18:15   answered Jun 1 '17 at 13:11

Alireza
60.5k   14   197   131

To disable the resize property, use the following CSS property:

`resize: none;`

- You can either apply this as an inline style property like so:

  `<textarea style="resize: none;"></textarea>`

- or in between `<style>...</style>` element tags like so:

  ```
  textarea {
      resize: none;
  }
  ```

edited May 10 '18 at 13:19   answered Jun 12 '16 at 10:43

Quentin   Webeng
684k   79   929   1083   **5,634**   3   15   39

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CSS3 can solve this problem. Unfortunately it's only supported on [60% of used browsers](#) nowadays.

For IE and iOS you can't turn off resizing but you can limit the `textarea` dimension by setting its `width` and `height`.

```
/* One can also turn on/off specific axis. Defaults to both on. */
textarea { resize:vertical; } /* none|horizontal|vertical|both */
```

[See Demo](#)

edited Nov 1 '15 at 20:58   answered Oct 30 '15 at 23:26

Oriol
4,480   1   25   33

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You can simply **disable textarea** property like this:

```
textarea{
    resize: none;
}
```

To disable **vertical** or **horizontal** resizing, use

```
resize: vertical;
```

or

```
resize: horizontal;
```

answered May 28 '18 at 7:09

user7122338

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try this:

```
#foo {
    resize: none;
}


<textarea rows="4" cols="50" name="foo" id="foo">
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services to individual and corporate clients globally. http://minisoft.com.bd
</textarea>
```

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answered Jul 5 '18 at 9:59

Rafiqul Islam
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With `@style` , you can give it a custom size and disable the resize feature `(resize: none;)` .

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```
@Html.TextAreaFor(model => model.YourProperty, new { @style = "width: 90%; height:
180px; resize: none;" })
```

edited Aug 30 '18 at 19:21   answered Aug 30 '18 at 16:00

Baptiste Mille-Mathias   Carlos de Jesus Baez
1,219   2   17   22   **121**   1   4

Hello, thanks for your answer, next time please format the code. – Baptiste Mille-Mathias Aug 30 '18 at 16:33 ✏

This is asp.net MVC based answer. Very nice. – yogihosting Dec 27 '18 at 15:23

Adding !important makes it work:

outline is just to avoid the blue outline on certain browser

3   Don't abuse `!important` attribute. Meaningless to fix the width & height if CSS attribute `resize: none` can remove the resize feature – Raptor Apr 5 '16 at 3:44

To disable resize for all textarea

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```
textarea {
    resize: none;
}
```

To disable resize for a specific `textarea` Add an attribute `name` or an `id` and set it to something. In this case, it is named `noresize`

```html
<textarea name='noresize' id='noresize'> </textarea>
```

CSS

```css
/*  using the attribute name */
textarea[name=noresize]{
resize: none;
}
/* or using the id */

#noresize{
resize: none;
}
```

You can try with jQuery also

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```
$('textarea').css("resize", "none");
```

edited Dec 15 '16 at 8:15   answered Dec 15 '16 at 8:08

Santosh Khalse

6,994   2   30   34

2   You should use more jquery. You're not using it enough. :) – Filip Savic Jun 25 '18 at 10:01 ✏

I have created a small demo to show how resize properties work. I hope it will help you and others as well.

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```css
.resizeable {
  resize: both;
}

.noResizeable {
  resize: none;
}

.resizeable_V {
  resize: vertical;
}

.resizeable_H {
  resize: horizontal;
}


<textarea class="resizeable" rows="5" cols="20" name="resizeable" title="This is
Resizable.">
This is Resizable. Lorem ipsum, or lipsum as it is sometimes known, is dummy text used
in laying out print, graphic or web designs. The passage is attributed to an unknown
typesetter in the 15th century who is thought to have scrambled parts of Cicero's De
Finibus Bonorum et Malorum for use in a type specimen book.
</textarea>
```

```
used in laying out print, graphic or web designs. The passage is attributed to an
unknown typesetter in the 15th century who is thought to have scrambled parts of
Cicero's De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum for use in a type specimen book.
</textarea>

<textarea class="resizeable_V" title="This is Vertically Resizable." rows="5" cols="20"
name="resizeable">
This is Vertically Resizable. Lorem ipsum, or lipsum as it is sometimes known, is dummy
text used in laying out print, graphic or web designs. The passage is attributed to an
unknown typesetter in the 15th century who is thought to have scrambled parts of
Cicero's De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum for use in a type specimen book.
</textarea>

<textarea class="resizeable_H" title="This is Horizontally Resizable." rows="5"
cols="20" name="resizeable">
This is Horizontally Resizable. Lorem ipsum, or lipsum as it is sometimes known, is
dummy text used in laying out print, graphic or web designs. The passage is attributed
to an unknown typesetter in the 15th century who is thought to have scrambled parts of
Cicero's De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum for use in a type specimen book.
</textarea>
```

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answered Jun 13 at 5:18

Ambuj Khanna
399 4 19

Use `resize` css property.

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```
textarea {
  resize:none;
}
```

It will disable the resizable property of all textarea.

To Disable specific textarea use below instructions

To disable the resizable property of a textarea with id textarea1 use this code

```css
#textarea1 {
 resize:none;
}
```

To disable the resizable property of a `textarea` with name `textareaname1` use this code

```css
textarea[name="textareaname1"] {
 resize:none;
}
```

answered Aug 23 at 5:49

Gokul Raj K.N.
140   15

protected by Josh Crozier May 11 '14 at 15:03

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