

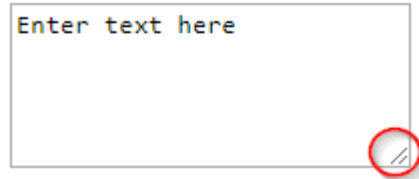
How to disable resizable property of textarea?

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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?

[html](#)[css](#)

edited Mar 15 at 5:43



[daaawx](#)

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asked Mar 8 '11 at 16:15



[user549757](#)

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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

18 Answers

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The following CSS rule disables resizing behavior for [textarea](#) elements:

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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>`):

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

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

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

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

```
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:

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



Mosh Feu

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answered Mar 8 '11 at 16:17




Donut

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

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- 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](#)

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▲ I found 2 things

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

this is a css3 *which is not released yet* compatible 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

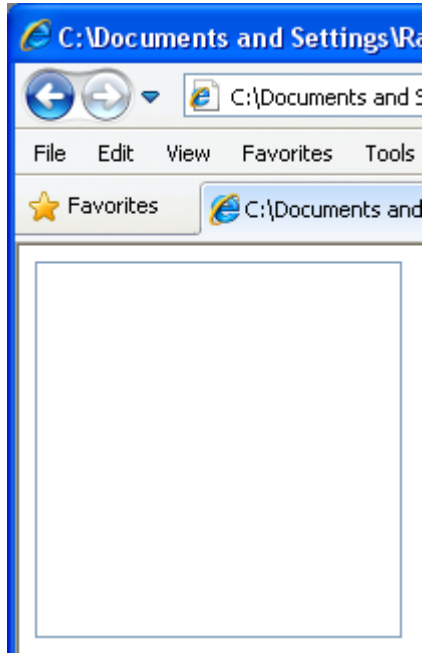
Basic html

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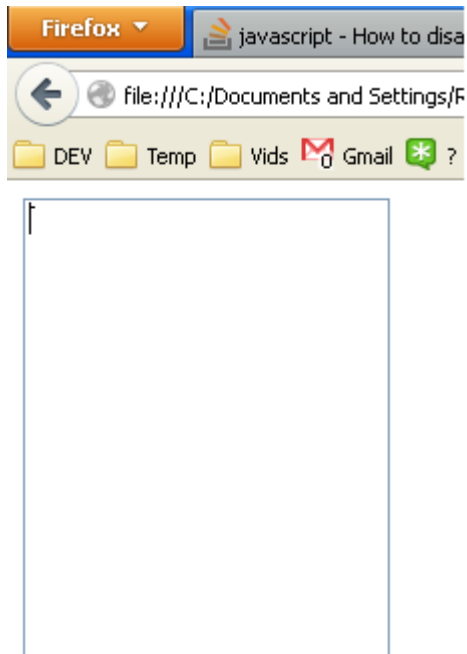
```
</head>
<body>
  <textarea style="overflow:auto;resize:none" rows="13" cols="20"></textarea>
</body>
</html>
```

Some browsers

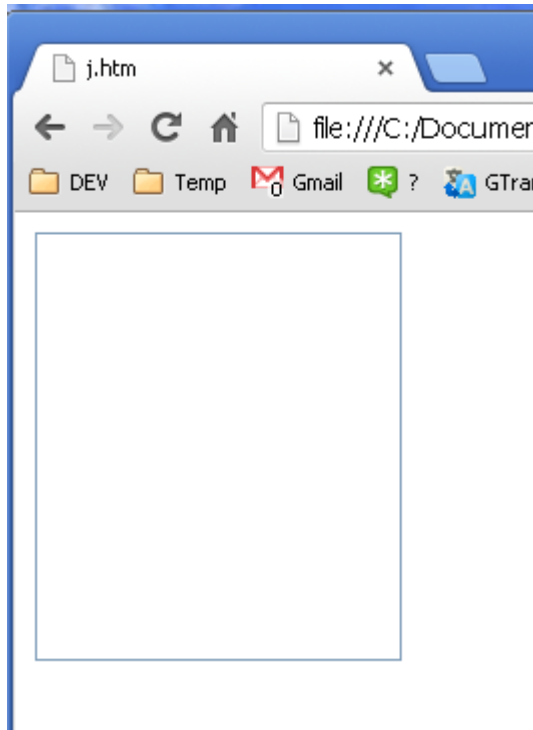
- IE8



- FF 17.0.1



- chrome



answered Dec 27 '12 at 20:58



Rami Jamleh

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CSS3 has a new property 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:

```
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.

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



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

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

```
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

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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

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▼ 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](#)

566 1 7 24

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;
}
```

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```
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](#)

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

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`resize: none;`

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- 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



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

3 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



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

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



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

```
resize: vertical;
```

or

```
resize: horizontal;
```

answered May 28 '18 at 7:09

user7122338



try this

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```
#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

**Baptiste Mille-Mathias**
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answered Aug 30 '18 at 16:00

**Carlos de Jesus Baez**
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:

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outline is just to avoid the blue outline on certain browser

answered Feb 3 '14 at 19:07



[kaelds](#)

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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`

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

CSS

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

answered Oct 25 '16 at 8:19



[Abk](#)

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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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```
.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>
```

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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>

Run code snippet

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answered Jun 13 at 5:18



[Ambuj Khanna](#)

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Use `resize: none;` 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

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

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

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

answered Aug 23 at 5:49



[Gokul Raj K.N.](#)

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protected by [Josh Crozier](#) May 11 '14 at 15:03

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