**CSS Image Opacity / Transparency**

Creating transparent images with CSS is easy.

The CSS opacity property is a part of the CSS3 recommendation.

## Example 1 - Creating a Transparent Image

The CSS3 property for transparency is opacity.

First we will show you how to create a transparent image with CSS.

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<style>

img {

opacity: 0.4;

filter: alpha(opacity=40); /\* For IE8 and earlier \*/

}

</style>

</head>

<body>

<h1>Image Transparency</h1>

<img src="klematis.jpg" width="150" height="113" alt="klematis">

</body>

</html>

## Example 2 - Image Transparency - Hover Effect

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<style>

img {

opacity: 0.4;

filter: alpha(opacity=40); /\* For IE8 and earlier \*/

}

img:hover {

opacity: 1.0;

filter: alpha(opacity=100); /\* For IE8 and earlier \*/

}

</style>

</head>

<body>

<h1>Image Transparency</h1>

<img src="klematis.jpg" width="150" height="113" alt="klematis">

<img src="klematis2.jpg" width="150" height="113" alt="klematis">

<p><b>Note:</b> In IE, a !DOCTYPE must be added for the :hover selector to work on other elements than the a element.</p>

</body>

</html>

## Example 3 - Text in Transparent Box

<html>  
<head>  
<style>  
div.background {  
    background: url(klematis.jpg) repeat;  
    border: 2px solid black;  
}  
  
div.transbox {  
    margin: 30px;  
    background-color: #ffffff;  
    border: 1px solid black;  
    opacity: 0.6;  
    filter: alpha(opacity=60); /\* For IE8 and earlier \*/  
}  
  
div.transbox p {  
    margin: 5%;  
    font-weight: bold;  
    color: #000000;  
}  
</style>  
</head>  
<body>  
  
<div class="background">  
  <div class="transbox">  
    <p>This is some text that is placed in the transparent box.</p>  
  </div>  
</div>  
  
</body>  
</html>