

# Horizontal Navigation Bar

There are two ways to create a horizontal navigation bar. Using **inline** or **floating** list items.

## Inline List Items

One way to build a horizontal navigation bar is to specify the `<li>` elements as inline, in addition to the "standard" code above:

### Example

```
li {  
    display: inline;  
}
```

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Example explained:

- `display: inline;` - By default, `<li>` elements are block elements. Here, we remove the line breaks before and after each list item, to display them on one line

## Floating List Items

Another way of creating a horizontal navigation bar is to float the `<li>` elements, and specify a layout for the navigation links:

### Example

```
li {  
    float: left;  
}
```

```
a {  
    display: block;  
    padding: 8px;  
    background-color: #dddddd;  
}
```

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Example explained:

- `float: left;` - use float to get block elements to slide next to each other
- `display: block;` - Displaying the links as block elements makes the whole link area clickable (not just the text), and it allows us to specify padding (and height, width, margins, etc. if you want)
- `padding: 8px;` - Since block elements take up the full width available, they cannot float next to each other. Therefore, specify some padding to make them look good
- `background-color: #dddddd;` - Add a gray background-color to each a element

**Tip:** Add the background-color to `<ul>` instead of each `<a>` element if you want a full-width background color:

## Example

```
ul {  
    background-color: #dddddd;  
}
```