

CSS Overflow

The CSS `overflow` property specifies whether to clip content or to add scrollbars when the content of an element is too big to fit in a specified area.

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The `overflow` property has the following values:

- `visible` - Default. The overflow is not clipped. It renders outside the element's box
- `hidden` - The overflow is clipped, and the rest of the content will be invisible
- `scroll` - The overflow is clipped, but a scrollbar is added to see the rest of the content
- `auto` - If overflow is clipped, a scrollbar should be added to see the rest of the content

Note: The `overflow` property only works for block elements with a specified height.

Note: In OS X Lion (on Mac), scrollbars are hidden by default and only shown when being used (even though `overflow:scroll` is set).

Visible

By default, the overflow is `visible`, meaning that it is not clipped and it renders outside the element's box:

You can use the overflow property when you want to have better control of the layout. The overflow property specifies what happens if content overflows an element's box.

Example

```
div {  
  width: 200px;  
  height: 50px;  
  background-color: #eee;  
  overflow: visible;  
}
```

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