

# CSS font-family Property

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## Example

Specify the font for two paragraphs:

```
p.a {  
  font-family: "Times New Roman", Times, serif;  
}  
  
p.b {  
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
}
```

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## Definition and Usage

The **font-family** property specifies the font for an element.

The **font-family** property can hold several font names as a "fallback" system. If the browser does not support the first font, it tries the next font.

There are two types of font family names:

- **family-name** - The name of a font-family, like "times", "courier", "arial", etc.
- **generic-family** - The name of a generic-family, like "serif", "sans-serif", "cursive", "fantasy", "monospace".






Start with the font you want, and always end with a generic family, to let the browser pick a similar font in the generic family, if no other fonts are available.

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Default value:	<i>depends on the browser</i>
Inherited:	yes
Animatable:	no. <a href="#">Read about animatable</a>
Version:	CSS1
JavaScript syntax:	<code>object.style.fontFamily="Verdana,sans-serif"</code> <a href="#">Try it</a>

## Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports the property.

Property					
font-family	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	3.5

## CSS Syntax

```
font-family: family-name|generic-family|initial|inherit;
```

## Property Values

Value	Description	Demo
<i>family-name / generic-family</i>	A prioritized list of font family names and/or generic family names	<a href="#">Demo &gt;</a>
initial	Sets this property to its default value. <a href="#">Read about <i>initial</i></a>	

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