

# CSS background Property

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## Example

Set different background properties in one declaration:

```
body {  
  background: lightblue url("img_tree.gif") no-repeat fixed center;  
}
```

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## Definition and Usage

The **background** property is a shorthand property for:

- [background-color](#)
- [background-image](#)
- [background-position](#)
- [background-size](#)
- [background-repeat](#)
- [background-origin](#)
- [background-clip](#)
- [background-attachment](#)

It does not matter if one of the values above are missing, e.g. `background:#ff0000 url(smiley.gif);` is allowed.

	HTML	CSS	JAVASCRIPT			
<b>Default value:</b>	<i>see individual properties</i>					
<b>Inherited:</b>	no					
<b>Animatable:</b>	yes, <i>see individual properties</i> . <a href="#">Read about animatable</a>					<a href="#">Try it</a>
<b>Version:</b>	CSS1 + new properties in CSS3					
<b>JavaScript syntax:</b>	<code>object.style.background="red url(smiley.gif) top left no-repeat"</code>					<a href="#">Try it</a>

## Browser Support

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

Property					
background	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	3.5

**Note:** See individual browser support for each value below.

## CSS Syntax

```
background: bg-color bg-image position/bg-size bg-repeat bg-origin
bg-clip bg-attachment initial|inherit;
```

**Note:** If one of the properties in the shorthand declaration is the `bg-size` property, you must use a / (slash) to separate it from the `bg-position` property, e.g. `background:url(smiley.gif) 10px 20px/50px 50px;` will result in a background image, positioned 10 pixels from the left, 20 pixels from the top, and the size of the image will be 50 pixels wide and 50 pixels high.

**Note:** If using multiple background-image sources but also want a background-color, the background-color parameter needs to be last in the list.

## Property Values



HTML

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*background-image*

Specifies ONE or MORE background images to be used

1

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*background-position*

Specifies the position of the background images

1

Demo &gt;

*background-size*

Specifies the size of the background images

3

Demo &gt;

*background-repeat*

Specifies how to repeat the background images

1

Demo &gt;

*background-origin*

Specifies the positioning area of the background images

3

Demo &gt;

*background-clip*

Specifies the painting area of the background images

3

Demo &gt;

*background-attachment*

Specifies whether the background images are fixed or scrolls with the rest of the page

1

initial

Sets this property to its default value.  
[Read about \*initial\*](#)

3

inherit

Inherits this property from its parent element. [Read about \*inherit\*](#)

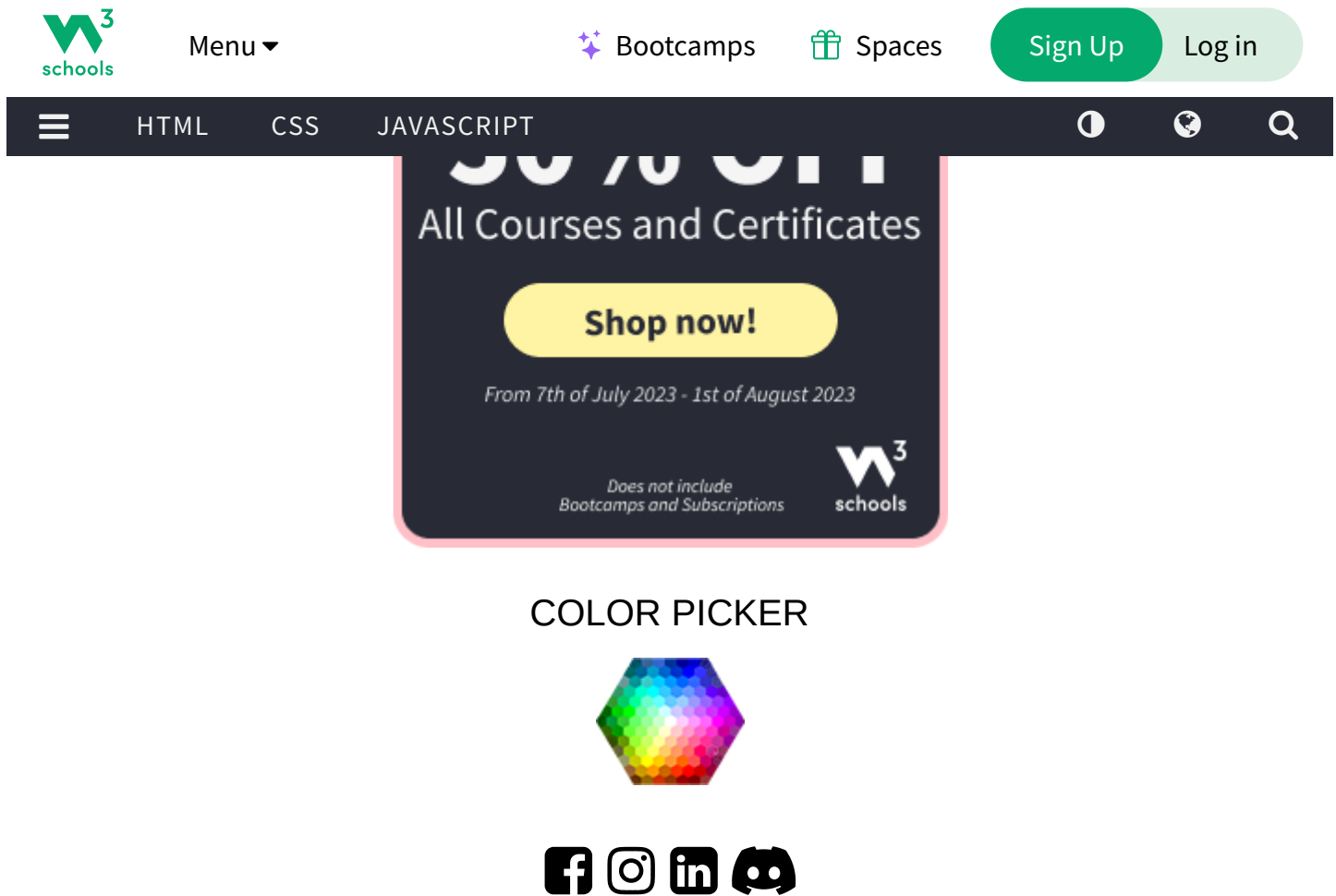
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