

CSS Attribute Selectors

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Style HTML Elements With Specific Attributes

It is possible to style HTML elements that have specific attributes or attribute values.

CSS [attribute] Selector

The `[attribute]` selector is used to select elements with a specified attribute.

The following example selects all `<a>` elements with a `target` attribute:

Example

```
a[target] {  
    background-color: yellow;  
}
```

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CSS [attribute="value"] Selector

The `[attribute="value"]` selector is used to select elements with a specified attribute and value.

The following example selects all `<a>` elements with a `target="_blank"` attribute:

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```
a[target="_blank"] {  
    background-color: yellow;  
}
```

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CSS [attribute~="value"] Selector

The `[attribute~="value"]` selector is used to select elements with an attribute value containing a specified word.

The following example selects all elements with a title attribute that contains a space-separated list of words, one of which is "flower":

Example

```
[title~="flower"] {  
    border: 5px solid yellow;  
}
```

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The example above will match elements with title="flower", title="summer flower", and title="flower new", but not title="my-flower" or title="flowers".

CSS [attribute]="value" Selector

The `[attribute]="value"` selector is used to select elements with the specified attribute starting with the specified value.

The following example selects all elements with a class attribute value that begins with "top":

Note: The value has to be a whole word, either alone, like class="top", or followed by a hyphen(-), like class="top-text"!

Example

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```
background: yellow;
```

```
}
```

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CSS [attribute^="value"] Selector

The `[attribute^="value"]` selector is used to select elements whose attribute value begins with a specified value.

The following example selects all elements with a class attribute value that begins with "top":

Note: The value does not have to be a whole word!

Example

```
[class^="top"] {  
    background: yellow;  
}
```

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CSS [attribute\$="value"] Selector

The `[attribute$="value"]` selector is used to select elements whose attribute value ends with a specified value.

The following example selects all elements with a class attribute value that ends with "test":

Note: The value does not have to be a whole word!

Example

```
[class$="test"] {  
    background: yellow;  
}
```

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The `[attribute*="value"]` selector is used to select elements whose attribute value contains a specified value.

The following example selects all elements with a class attribute value that contains "te":

Note: The value does not have to be a whole word!

Example

```
[class*="te"] {  
    background: yellow;  
}
```

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Styling Forms

The attribute selectors can be useful for styling forms without class or ID:

Example

```
input[type="text"] {  
    width: 150px;  
    display: block;  
    margin-bottom: 10px;  
    background-color: yellow;  
}  
  
input[type="button"] {  
    width: 120px;  
    margin-left: 35px;  
    display: block;  
}
```

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