

CSS3 Multiple Columns

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CSS3 Multi-column Layout

The CSS3 multi-column layout allows easy definition of multiple columns of text - just like in newspapers:

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Browser Support

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

Numbers followed by -webkit- or -moz- specify the first version that worked with a prefix.

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column-count	50.0	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0	37.0

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column-gap	50.0 4.0 -webkit-	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0 3.1 -webkit-	37.0 15.0 -webkit- 11.1
column-rule	50.0 4.0 -webkit-	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0 3.1 -webkit-	37.0 15.0 -webkit- 11.1
column-rule-color	50.0 4.0 -webkit-	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0 3.1 -webkit-	37.0 15.0 -webkit- 11.1
column-rule-style	50.0 4.0 -webkit-	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0 3.1 -webkit-	37.0 15.0 -webkit- 11.1
column-rule-width	50.0 4.0 -webkit-	10.0	2.0 -moz-	9.0 3.1 -webkit-	37.0 15.0 -webkit- 11.1
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CSS3 Multi-column Properties

In this chapter you will learn about the following multi-column properties:

- column-count
- column-gap
- column-rule-style
- column-rule-width
- column-rule-color
- column-rule
- column-span
- column-width

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CSS3 Create Multiple Columns

The `column-count` property specifies the number of columns an element should be divided into.

The following example will divide the text in the `<div>` element into 3 columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-count: 3; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-count: 3; /* Firefox */  
  column-count: 3;  
}
```

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CSS3 Specify the Gap Between Columns

The `column-gap` property specifies the gap between the columns.

The following example specifies a 40 pixels gap between the columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-gap: 40px; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-gap: 40px; /* Firefox */  
  column-gap: 40px;  
}
```

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CSS3 Column Rules

The `column-rule-style` property specifies the style of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-rule-style: solid; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-rule-style: solid; /* Firefox */  
}
```

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The `column-rule-width` property specifies the width of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-rule-width: 1px; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-rule-width: 1px; /* Firefox */  
  column-rule-width: 1px;  
}
```

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The `column-rule-color` property specifies the color of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-rule-color: lightblue; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-rule-color: lightblue; /* Firefox */  
  column-rule-color: lightblue;  
}
```

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The `column-rule` property is a shorthand property for setting all the column-rule-* properties above.

The following example sets the width, style, and color of the rule between columns:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-rule: 1px solid lightblue; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-rule: 1px solid lightblue; /* Firefox */  
  column-rule: 1px solid lightblue;  
}
```

Specify How Many Columns an Element Should Span

The `column-span` property specifies how many columns an element should span across.

The following example specifies that the `<h2>` element should span across all columns:

Example

```
h2 {  
  -webkit-column-span: all; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  column-span: all;  
}
```

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Specify The Column Width

The `column-width` property specifies a suggested, optimal width for the columns.

The following example specifies that the suggested, optimal width for the columns should be 100px:

Example

```
div {  
  -webkit-column-width: 100px; /* Chrome, Safari, Opera */  
  -moz-column-width: 100px; /* Firefox */  
  column-width: 100px;  
}
```



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CSS3 Multi-columns Properties

The following table lists all the multi-columns properties:

Property	Description
<u>column-count</u>	Specifies the number of columns an element should be divided into

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	Specifies the gap between the columns
	A shorthand property for setting all the column-rule-* properties
	Specifies the color of the rule between columns
	Specifies the style of the rule between columns
1	Specifies the width of the rule between columns
	Specifies how many columns an element should span across
	Specifies a suggested, optimal width for the columns
	A shorthand property for setting column-width and column-count

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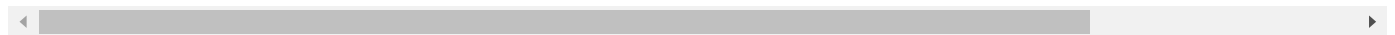
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