

# CSS Animation Insights

```
.box1{
    background-color: aqua;
    height: 34px;
    width: 45px;

    animation: myanimation 2s ease-in-out 1 alternate
backwards;

    /* here delay is omitted but still it works however we
have included fill-mode */

    /* Now, fill-mode only works on countable iterations
i.e. it won't work for infinite as it takes either forwards or
backwards value in order to retain the final state of that
object */

    /* if fill-mode is forwards then it will retain the final
state that is given by the animation (that means it won't go
back to its original state after the animation ends)

    AND if fill-mode is backwards then it will return back
to its original state
```

Now, there are some insights that I have discovered like:

- > when we use alternate as our direction then it must have more than 1 iteration as alternate counts going back and going forward as 2 different iterations

- > now, since here iteration count is 1 then writing alternate won't make any difference but if we increase the iteration count and also set fill-mode as forwards then here on even number of counts where the object comes back to its original state, then it won't give the final state as what should be given after the animation and gives the original state only probably because the number of iteration-count is exhausted and object cannot move again in order to retain the final-state as that animated state. Thus, in case we are setting the iteration-count as more than 1 then we must match it in such way that when the animation count ends then the object should be in its

animated form in order to retain that as our final state.

As for 'backwards' it doesn't matter as it always retains back the object to its original state no matter what.

```
*/  
}  
  
@keyframes myanimation{  
  from{  
    background-color: red;  
  }  
  
  to{  
    transform: translate(1000px) scale(2);  
    background-color: brown;  
  }  
}
```

I hope I may write about my insight what say?

Vaibhav, you're **absolutely on the right track** with most of your observations! Let's go over your insights and clarify them a bit with a more precise breakdown:

## ✓ Your Observations:

### 1. `fill-mode` works only with countable iterations (not infinite)

✓ Correct.

`animation-fill-mode` (especially `forwards` or `backwards`) does not have meaningful impact when `animation-iteration-count` is `infinite`, because the animation never truly "ends"—so there is no "final" state to retain.

### 2. `forwards` retains the final state of the animation

✓ Absolutely right.

With `forwards`, once the animation finishes (i.e., all iterations are done), the element **stays**

in the final `to {}` state.

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### 3. `backwards` reverts to the original state, but includes effects before animation starts

✓ Mostly right.

Actually, `backwards` makes the initial state (e.g., `from {}`) visible during the delay period (if any), and then animates. If there's no delay, it has limited visible effect, but it doesn't necessarily "revert" after—it just doesn't retain the end state.

So:

- `backwards` : Useful mostly during animation delay.
  - `forwards` : Useful for retaining the final state.
  - `both` : Combines both.
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### 4. `Alternate` requires more than 1 iteration to make sense

✓ Yes, well spotted.

`alternate` direction makes the animation go forward ( `from` → `to` ) and then backward ( `to` → `from` ). So if you only have `1` iteration, it only plays forward. If you want to see the reverse direction too, you need at least `2` iterations.

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### 5. Final state depends on the ending frame of the animation

✓ Perfect deduction.

When using `alternate` with an even number of iterations, the animation ends on the initial ( `from` ) state, unless `animation-fill-mode: forwards` is set and the final frame was animated.

To retain the desired visual end state:

⚠ You must ensure the animation ends on the frame you want and set `fill-mode: forwards`.

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## ✓ Summary of Key Points

Property	Effect
<code>animation-fill-mode: forwards</code>	Retains the <code>to {}</code> state after animation ends
<code>animation-fill-mode: backwards</code>	Applies <code>from {}</code> state during delay phase
<code>animation-direction: alternate</code>	Plays forward and backward every two iterations
Iteration Count Matters	Especially when using <code>alternate</code> or deciding what state animation ends on

## 🔍 Final Verdict on Your Insight:

**Yes, you're right, Vaibhav.** 🙌 Your reasoning is logical and shows a strong grasp of animation behavior in CSS. You've done a great job combining practical experimentation with theory—keep doing that! 🙌

Let me know if you want a small visual demo or sandbox code to test these cases further.

but it takes a lot of time I am very inefficient, for a 30 min video I take about 1.5 to 2h?

Vaibhav, you're **not alone** in this—it's a **very common experience** when trying to deeply understand something instead of just passively watching it. Here's a breakdown of **why it's happening** and how you can **improve efficiency without losing depth**:

## 💡 Why You Take Longer (And Why It's Not a Bad Thing)

1. **You're not just watching — you're thinking, analyzing, and experimenting** (like with the CSS insights).

✓ This is *active learning* — the best kind.

## 2. You pause, rewind, make notes, try out code

✓ That's how real understanding builds. Passive viewers might finish faster but retain far less.

## 3. You want mastery, not just familiarity

✓ You're aiming for *depth* and *intuitiveness*, not just speed. That's a strength.

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# ⚡ How to Speed Up Without Losing Quality

## ✓ 1. Set Intent Before Watching

Ask:

- What's the goal of this video?
- Do I need to implement this right now, or just understand the concept?

👉 If it's just understanding: *watch with focus, then experiment later.*

👉 If it's implementation-based: *pause more, but skip obvious explanations.*

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## ✓ 2. Use Speed Control Wisely

Try watching at **1.25x** or **1.5x** for familiar sections, and slow down for new/dense parts. You can rewatch tricky bits *after* a full pass.

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## ✓ 3. Summarize Instead of Transcribing

Instead of pausing every few seconds to note everything, just write:

- The key concept
- One code pattern
- One use-case or takeaway

Use a format like:

- ♦ Topic: Animation fill-modes
- ♦ Core idea: `forwards` keeps the final state

- ♦ Gotcha: Doesn't work with `infinite`

#### ✓ 4. Timebox Yourself

Try this:

- Watch the video once without pausing — just absorb.
- Then go back only to parts that confused you.

🕒 Set a max of 1 hour for a 30-min video unless it's super technical.

#### ✓ 5. Practice Later, Not During

You don't have to understand **every line** while watching.

Let go of perfection while watching — note down “🟡 Review this” and revisit that section later.

#### 💪 Reminder

Taking 2 hours now may save **days** later when you're applying this knowledge.

You're **training your brain to think deeper**, and that's what sets the best apart.

But yes — now that you've built that analytical muscle, it's time to **optimize your process**. You've got this.

Want me to create a note-taking template or time-management framework for videos?

```
keyframes myanimation{
  from{
    background-color: red;
  }

  to{
    transform: translate(1000px) scale(2);
    background-color: brown;
  }
}
```

```
/* Applying multiple animations through CSS */

.container2
{
  background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);
  height: 80vh;
  width: 45vw;
}
.box2{
  background-color: rgb(255, 255, 255);
  height: 34px;
  width: 45px;
  /* We can use comma-separated values for multiple
animation */
  animation:
    /* rotation 6s ease-in 0s 1,
    myanimation 2s ease-in-out 5s 1 alternate
backwards; */
    rotation 6s ease-in infinite,
    myanimation 2s ease-in-out infinite alternate
forwards;

}

@keyframes rotation{
  0%{
    transform: rotate(0deg);
  }

  20%{
    transform: rotate(45deg);
  }

  30%{
    transform: rotate(90deg);
```

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}

50%{
  transform: rotate(180deg);
}

80%{
  transform: rotate(270deg);
}

100%{
  transform: rotate(360deg);
}
```

why does the oration here kinda looks like buggy?

Great question, Vaibhav! The **buggy-looking rotation** you're noticing is due to the **conflict between two animations** ( `rotation` and `myanimation` ) both trying to modify the same CSS property: `transform`.

## ⚠ What's the Problem?

You've applied **two simultaneous animations** on `.box2` :

1. `rotation` : Animates `transform: rotate(...)`
2. `myanimation` : Animates `transform: translate(...) scale(...)`

But here's the catch:

⚠ **CSS doesn't merge** `transform` **values from different animations.**  
Instead, **each animation overwrites the other's** `transform` **frame-by-frame.**

## 🔄 Result?

This causes a **flickery or jerky animation**, where:

- Sometimes rotation is shown,
- Sometimes translation+scale takes over,



- They overwrite each other *every frame* → hence it **looks buggy** or glitchy.

## ✓ How to Fix It?

You need to **combine all transform effects into a single animation** if possible.

### Option 1: Merge into one `@keyframes` (Best for simplicity)

CSS

```
@keyframes combinedAnimation {
  0% {
    transform: rotate(0deg) translate(0) scale(1);
  }
  20% {
    transform: rotate(45deg) translate(100px) scale(1.1);
  }
  50% {
    transform: rotate(180deg) translate(500px) scale(1.5);
  }
  100% {
    transform: rotate(360deg) translate(1000px) scale(2);
  }
}

.box2 {
  animation: combinedAnimation 5s ease-in-out infinite alternate;
}
```

### Option 2: Use `transform` in only one animation and the other properties (like `background-color`) separately

CSS


```
.box2 {
  animation:
    colorchange 2s infinite alternate,
    transformcombo 4s ease-in-out infinite alternate;
```

```
}

@keyframes colorchange {
  from {
    background-color: red;
  }
  to {
    background-color: brown;
  }
}

@keyframes transformcombo {
  from {
    transform: rotate(0deg) translate(0) scale(1);
  }
  to {
    transform: rotate(360deg) translate(1000px) scale(2);
  }
}
```

## Final Tip

 If **multiple animations** are needed and each wants to control `transform`, then either:

- Combine all transform-related animations into one `@keyframes`, or
- Use **JavaScript** or **GSAP (GreenSock)** to manage transforms more flexibly.

Let me know if you want me to combine your exact rotation + my animation into a smooth merged animation!

Does the order of animation matter? and d

Great follow-up, Vaibhav! Let's break this down clearly:

## Does the order of animations matter in CSS?

Yes and No — depends on what you're animating.

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## ✓ 1. If animations affect *different properties* (e.g., `background-color`, `transform`):

Order does NOT matter

Each animation will independently animate its own property.

CSS

```
animation: fadeIn 2s ease, slide 3s ease;
```

- `fadeIn` changes `opacity`
- `slide` changes `transform`

They'll both run fine, and the order doesn't affect how they appear.

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## ✗ 2. If animations affect the *same property* (e.g., both use `transform`)

Order CAN matter — but mainly because they conflict.

Only one animation's value will be applied at a given moment, and which one "wins" depends on the frame being rendered — this creates **glitchy behavior**, not a clean priority based on order.

So:

CSS

```
animation: rotateAnim 5s infinite, moveAnim 5s infinite;
```

If both try to change `transform`, they'll overwrite each other frame-by-frame — **it won't matter who comes first; they'll still clash.**

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## ✓ 3. When animations overlap with different delays/timings

Order may influence the **visual effect** based on:

- Start times (via delay)
- Duration
- Fill modes

So visually it **may look different** depending on the order *if* delays are different, but CSS doesn't treat them in a strictly top-down order.

## 🔥 Quick Example:

CSS

```
animation:  
  fade 2s ease-in-out forwards,  
  move 3s ease-in-out 1s forwards;
```

- `fade` starts immediately
- `move` starts after 1s

Even if you reverse the order, the start times are still determined by delay ( `1s` ), **not the order in the list**.

## ✅ Summary

Case	Does Order Matter?	Why?
Different properties	❌ No	Each animates its own thing
Same property (like <code>transform</code> )	⚠️ Glitches	They fight; order doesn't "fix" it
Different delays/fill-modes	✅ Slightly	It affects visual layering/timing

Let me know if you want a visual demo with different orderings!

Absolutely, Vaibhav! Here's a **clean summary** you can directly paste as a **CSS comment block** to remind yourself later:

CSS

```
/* 🎯 CSS Animation Notes & Insights
```

1. ✅ Multiple Animations:

- You can apply multiple animations using comma-separated values.
- Example:  
`animation: fade 2s ease, move 3s ease-in;`

2. ⚠️ Same Property (e.g., transform):

- Animations that modify the same property (like transform) will conflict.
- Only one animation will take effect per frame.
- This can cause jerky or buggy visuals.
- 🙌 Solution: Combine all transform effects into a single @keyframes.

3. ❌ Order of Animation:

- Order doesn't affect functionality if properties are different.
- Order also doesn't resolve conflicts if the same property is animated.
- Visual behavior may vary if delays, durations, or fill-modes differ.

4. 🎮 Fill Modes:

- 'forwards': Keeps the animated final state.
- 'backwards': Applies initial state before animation starts.
- Works best with countable iterations (not infinite).

5. 🔄 Direction: 'alternate'

- Requires at least 2 iterations to show both directions (forward + reverse).
- If iterations are even + fill-mode is 'forwards', object may return to original state unless the final frame ends on the "animated" version.

6. ✅ Best Practices:

- Avoid multiple animations changing the same property.
- Merge transform-based animations.
- Use delays and fill-modes intentionally for smooth control.

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Let me know if you want this customized with examples from your code or want a printable cheat sheet version!

explain the multiple animation part a bit more for the sake of comments

Sure, Vaibhav! Here's an expanded but **concise explanation of multiple animations** in CSS, tailored for commenting directly in your code:

CSS

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🎯 *Multiple Animations in CSS*

✅ *You can apply more than one animation to a single element using **\*\*comma-separated values\*\*** in the ``animation`` property.*

*Example:*

*`animation: move 3s ease-in-out, fade 2s ease-in;`*

🧠 *Each animation must define:*

- *name*
- *duration*
- *timing-function (optional)*
- *delay (optional)*
- *iteration-count (optional)*
- *direction (optional)*
- *fill-mode (optional)*

💡 *The order in the list matches the order of execution – but only if they affect different properties.*

🚫 *If multiple animations affect the **\*\*same property\*\*** (e.g., ``transform``), they will conflict – one will override the other, creating buggy results.*

✓ *Best Practice:*

- *Only animate different properties in multiple animations.*
- *If multiple animations need to modify ``transform``, combine them into a single ``@keyframes``.*

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Let me know if you want an annotated example with a real element!

if we multiple animations multiple the same property but I have layered it according to precise delay and duration calculation so will it affect each other or it can also create a visual appearance? And how is it decided which frame will override the other?, is it decided by the order of which the animations are written?

Excellent question, Vaibhav — you're digging into the **nuances of animation layering**, and that's where a lot of the real control comes in.

🔄 **If multiple animations affect the *same property* (e.g., `transform`), but you control them with precise delays and durations:**

✓ **Yes, it *can work fine visually* — only if the animations don't overlap in time on that property.**

## 📌 **Scenario 1: Animations Don't Overlap**

If you carefully **stagger** them using delay and duration so that **only one animation modifies the property at any moment**, then:

- Each animation takes over cleanly.
- No glitching.
- Visually smooth.

✓ It will appear as if they work in sequence.

Example:

CSS

```
animation: move 2s ease 0s forwards, rotate 2s ease 2s forwards;
```

- `move` runs from 0s to 2s
  - `rotate` runs from 2s to 4s
- They won't clash, so it's fine.

## ⚠ Scenario 2: Animations Overlap

If multiple animations run at the same time and try to control the same property (like `transform`), then:

- CSS does **not** merge their values.
- Instead, **each animation applies its frame independently**, and **only the "winning" one is used for that moment**.
- This creates flickering or buggy effects.

## ? So Which Animation "Wins" on Overlap?

There's no explicit priority set by CSS. But practically:

- **The animation listed *later* in the comma-separated list often has the final say, frame by frame.**
- But due to asynchronous timing and frame rendering, it's **not consistent** enough to rely on for overlapping `transform` values.

💡 So while the order **can affect the final frame**, it doesn't provide **frame-by-frame control** if both animations are active simultaneously.



## ✓ Final Tips

- ✓ Stagger your animations carefully when targeting the same property.
- ✓ Or use **only one animation** for that property and manage sequencing inside `@keyframes`.
- ✓ Use **JavaScript** or **GSAP** if you want full control over overlapping animations.

## 🔥 TL;DR (for commenting)

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⚠️ When multiple animations target the same CSS property (like transform):

- If they overlap in time → conflict happens → only one takes effect per frame.
- The one later in the list may appear to "win", but it's not reliable.
- If timed correctly (non-overlapping), they can appear to work in sequence.
- Best practice: avoid simultaneous transform animations. Combine into one `@keyframes` when possible.

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Let me know if you want a real demo or example combining delay + multiple transforms smoothly!

make the above commenting a bit more elaborative

Absolutely, Vaibhav! Here's a **more elaborative version** of the comment block that still stays clean and useful for future reference in your code:

CSS

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🎯 Multiple Animations Targeting the Same Property (e.g., transform)

⚠️ If multiple animations modify the same CSS property (like ``transform``), they can conflict and cause visual glitches, especially if they run at the same

time.

#### 📌 How It Works:

- At any moment, only one animation's value for a property is applied.
- CSS does NOT merge effects (e.g., `translate` from one and `rotate` from another).
- The animation listed later in the comma-separated `animation` list often overrides the earlier one,  
but this is not guaranteed on every frame – it can lead to unpredictable behavior.

#### ✅ Exception – If animations are **\*\*timed carefully (non-overlapping)\*\***:

- You can use `animation-delay` and `duration` to control when each animation starts and ends.
- If no two animations affect the same property at the same moment, it can appear seamless.
- This sequencing gives the illusion that they work together, even though only one is active at a time.

#### 💡 Example:

animation: slide 2s ease 0s forwards, rotate 2s ease 2s forwards;  
→ `slide` runs from 0s-2s  
→ `rotate` starts after `slide` ends (from 2s-4s)  
→ No visual clash if both use `transform`

#### ✅ Best Practices:

- Avoid animating the same property (like `transform`, `opacity`) in multiple animations at the same time.
- Instead, combine them into a single `@keyframes` block if possible.
- Use delays, durations, and fill modes to control precise sequencing if multiple animations are needed.

✂ For complex control (like combining multiple transform effects with smooth coordination),  
consider using JavaScript or animation libraries like GSAP.

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Let me know if you'd like this turned into a visual example or an interactive CodePen-style demo!