

How do I add a border to an image in HTML?

Asked 13 years, 11 months ago Modified 8 years, 4 months ago Viewed 209k times

How can I add a border to an image using HTML?

30

html

css



Share Edit Follow Flag

edited Feb 24, 2009 at 18:53



SilentGhost

301k ● 65 ● 304 ● 291

asked Feb 20, 2009 at 16:55



jack smith

4 Do you mean the border w3.org/TR/CSS21/box.html#border-properties? – Gumbo Feb 20, 2009 at 16:58

10 Answers

Sorted by:

Highest score (default)

Here is some HTML and CSS code that would solve your issue:

47

CSS

```
.ImageBorder
{
    border-width: 1px;
    border-color: Black;
}
```

HTML

```

```

Share Edit Follow Flag

edited Feb 24, 2009 at 20:44



community wiki

2 revs

RSolberg

2 Didn't work for me. I had to do ".ImageBorder (\n) { (\n) border: 1px solid #000000; (\n)}", a la Diodeus's answer, in the CSS file. – EddyTheB Aug 9, 2012 at 17:57

Sounds like you may have something else going on... Maybe competing styles? – RSolberg Aug 13, 2012 at 3:33

- 1  You need to add solid to the above Css to get it to show border-style:solid; – [bobbdelsol](#) Oct 26, 2017 at 20:36 



Two ways:

47

```

```



or



```

```


Share Edit Follow Flag


answered Feb 20, 2009 at 16:58





[Diodeus - James MacFarlane](#)

112k ● 32 ● 154 ● 176

- 5  whilst this is strictly correct in that it's HTML, a CSS approach is almost certainly the best answer
– [annakata](#) Feb 20, 2009 at 17:07

 +annakata's comment. You'd also preferably place the CSS in an external style sheet. – [Jack Sleight](#) Feb 20, 2009 at 17:09

- 1  An external style sheet is best, but may be difficult if you're a beginner. The poster seems to be one.
– [Diodeus - James MacFarlane](#) Feb 20, 2009 at 17:26

 If you create a file with .css as the extension and then add this line between the HTML <head> tags you'll be just fine. <link href="CSS/MyStyle.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" /> – [RSolberg](#) Feb 20, 2009 at 17:41



You can also add padding for a nice effect.

17

```

```



Share Edit Follow Flag

answered Feb 20, 2009 at 16:59



[Trevor Bramble](#)

8,283 ● 4 ● 29 ● 28



I also prefer CSS over HTML; HTML is about content, CSS about presentation.

10

With CSS you have three options.



1. Inline CSS (like in Trevor's and Diodeus' solutions). Hard to maintain, and doesn't guarantee consistency: you'll have to check yourself that every image has the same border-width and



border-color.



2. Internal stylesheet. Solves the consistency issue for all images on the page having `class="hasBorder"`, but you'll have to include a stylesheet for each page, and again make sure "hasBorder" is defined the same each time.
3. External stylesheet. If you include a link to the external CSS file on each page *all* images with `class="hasBorder"` on all pages will have the same border.

Example using internal stylesheet:

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
<title>Image with border</title>

<style type="text/css">
  img.hasBorder { border:15px solid #66CC33; }
</style>

</head>

<body>
  
</body>
</html>
```

If you want an external stylesheet, replace the `<style>...</style>` block with

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="somestylesheet.css" />
```

Share Edit Follow Flag

answered Feb 20, 2009 at 20:00



[stevenvh](#)

3,019 ● 9 ● 41 ● 52



You're correct regarding inline styles. I considered how to apply css outside the scope of the question, and used inline styling for brevity. – [Trevor Bramble](#) Feb 21, 2009 at 23:16



CSS

6

```
img{border:2px solid black;}
```



Share Edit Follow Flag

answered Aug 28, 2012 at 14:46



[Subin](#)

3,406 ● 1 ● 33 ● 63



border="1" ON IMAGE tag or using css border:1px solid #000;

6

[Share](#) [Edit](#) [Follow](#) [Flag](#)

edited Jan 8, 2013 at 10:51



Ruchit Rami

2,275 ● 4 ● 26 ● 53

answered Feb 20, 2009 at 16:57



AJM

31.7k ● 48 ● 153 ● 242

Jack,

2

You can learn a great deal about borders, and how to use them at http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_border.asp. That being said, there are a couple different ways you could accomplish this.

Below is how I generally do it, but reading the documentation on w3schools you may come upon your own desired method.

```
.addBorder {  
  /* Thickness, Style, and Color */  
  border: 1px solid #000000;  
}  
  

```

Edit:

I noticed the original question was not "How to add a border to an image," but instead it was "how to add in a box around an image using html?" The question was re-written by others, so I'm not 100% sure you wanted a border on your image.

If you just wanted a box around your images, you could use a DIV, with it's own styles:

```
.imageBox {  
  background-color:#f1f1f1;  
  padding:10px;  
  border:1px solid #000000;  
}  
  
<div class="imageBox">  
    
</div>
```

[Share](#) [Edit](#) [Follow](#) [Flag](#)

answered Feb 20, 2009 at 22:26



Sampson

263k ● 74 ● 535 ● 560

as said above simple line of code will fix your problems

0

```
border: 1px solid #000;
```

There is another option to add border to your image and that with photoshop you can see how it's done with this tutorial below: <http://bannercheapdesign.com/articles-and-tutorials/learn-how-to-add-border-to-your-banner-design-using-photoshop/>

Share Edit Follow Flag

edited Oct 16, 2014 at 21:36



chopper

6,519 ● 6 ● 36 ● 53

answered Oct 16, 2014 at 20:52



user3718754

33 ● 6



This is not a good answer, and it smells suspiciously like spam. *Five years* after the question was asked, and two years after marko's comment explaining why image editing answers are bad, you contribute only a link to a tutorial on how to use another proprietary software to do exactly the same thing. -1.

– wizzwizz4 Oct 8, 2016 at 12:23

0

The correct way depends on whether you only want a specific image in your content to have a border or there is a pattern in your code where certain images need to have a border. In the first case, go with the style attribute on the img element, otherwise give it a meaningful class name and define that border in your stylesheet.

Share Edit Follow Flag

answered Feb 20, 2009 at 17:29



Сыч

930 ● 1 ● 8 ● 15

-1

The answers above are very good I'm sure. But for dim-wits, like me, I recommend Snagit 10. You can give an image a border in any width, style, and color before inserting it into your webpage. They do a full working program on 30 day trial.

Share Edit Follow Flag

answered Dec 7, 2011 at 21:17



Pete Shotton

1

1 which is of course fine until you want to restyle your website or repurpose the image. There's a good reason best practice is to separate content and presentation. – marko Nov 5, 2012 at 0:19