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What is a pseudo-class?

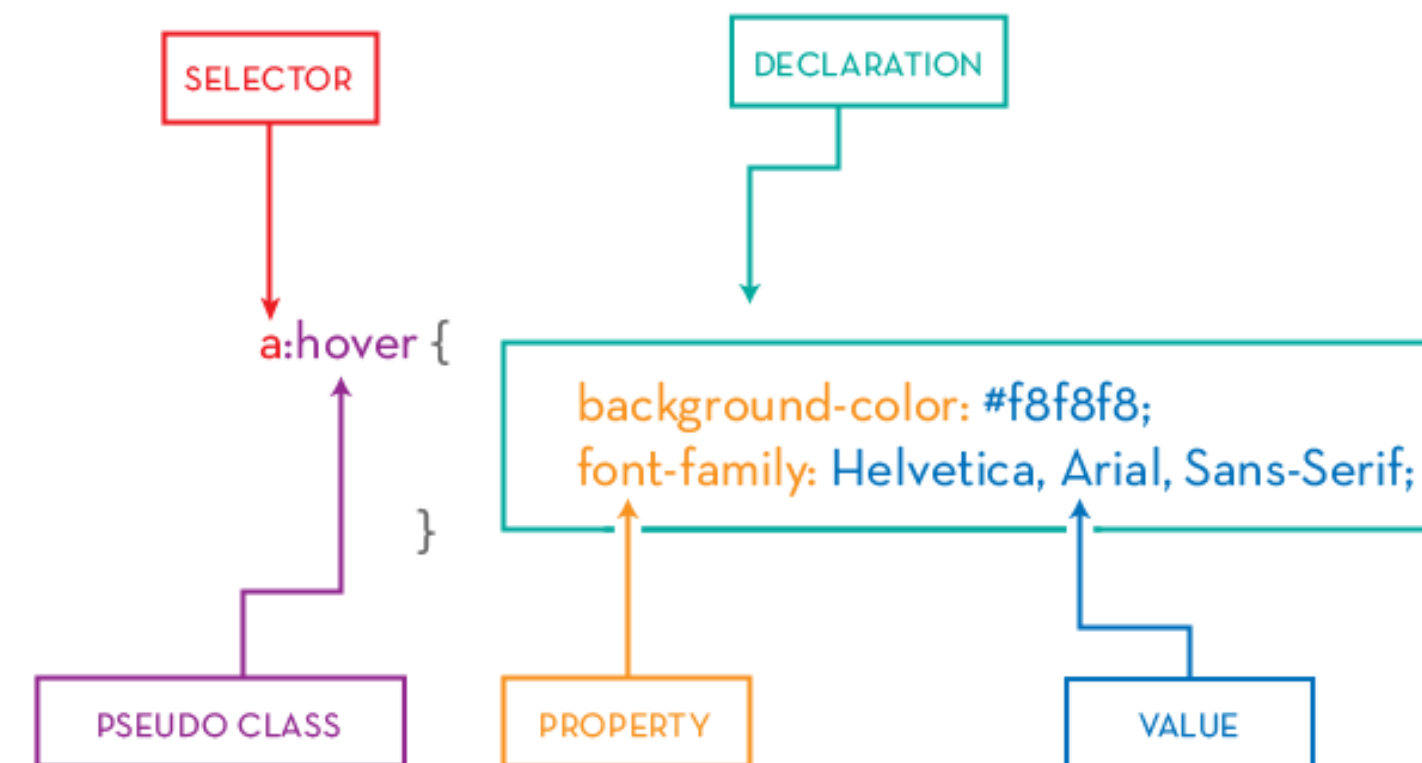
A pseudo-class is a selector that selects elements that are in a specific state, e.g. they are the first element of their type, or they are being hovered over by the mouse pointer. They tend to act as if you had applied a class to some part of your document, often helping you cut down on excess classes in your markup, and giving you more flexible, maintainable code.

Pseudo-classes enable you to target an element when it's in a particular state, as if you had added a class for that state to the DOM

Declaration (*selector:state*)

:pseudo-class-name

CLASS SELECTOR WITH PSEUDO CLASS CSS RULE





Pseudo-classes

selector:hover

- selects links on mouseover

a:link

- selects the unvisited links

a:visited

- selects the visited links.

a:active

- selects the active links
(a link the moment it is clicked)

selector:empty

- selects every element that has no children)

selector:first-child / selector:last-child

- selects every elements that is the first/last element (child) of its container (parent).

selector:nth-child(number)

- selects every element that is the nth element (child) of its container (parent).



`I am link 😊!`

```
15
16 .isHover {
17     color: red;
18     font-size: 20px;
19     border-bottom: 1px solid transparent;
20     text-decoration: none;
21 }
22
23 // HOVER
24 .isHover:hover,
25 .isHover:visited:hover,
26 .isHover:active:hover {
27     color: rgb(195, 0, 255);
28     border-bottom-color: rgb(195, 0, 255);
29 }
30
31 // FOCUS
32 .isHover:focus,
33 .isHover:focus:hover {
34     color: green;
35     outline: 2px dotted green;
36     border-bottom-color: transparent;
37 }
38
39 // ACTIVE
40 .isHover:active {
41     color: rgb(0, 195, 255);
42     border-bottom-color: rgb(0, 195, 255);
43 }
44
```






```
<div class="isHover-box">  
  <span> </span>  
</div>
```

```
46  
47  .isHover-box {  
48    margin-top: 40px;  
49    width: 200px;  
50    border: 1px solid #eee;  
51    height: 200px;  
52    box-shadow: 0 0 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.08);  
53  
54    display: flex;  
55    align-items: center;  
56    justify-content: center;  
57    cursor: pointer;  
58    transition: all 300ms ease;  
59  }  
60  
61  
62  .isHover-box:hover {  
63    box-shadow: 0 4px 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.15);  
64    background-color: #f5ff6c;  
65    font-size: 50px;  
66  }  
67  
68  .isHover-box:hover span {  
69    rotate: 45deg;  
70  }  
71
```




```
<ul class="lists">
  <li>First Item</li>
  <li>Second Item</li>
  <li>Third Item</li>
  <li>Fourth Item</li>
</ul>
```

```
73 // child
74 .lists li:first-child{
75 |   color:  red;
76 }
77
78 .lists li:last-child{
79 |   color:  green;
80 }
81
82 .lists li:nth-child(3) {
83 |   color:  orange;
84 }
85
```



```
<form action="#" method="post">
  <div>
    <input type="text" placeholder="Full name">
  </div>
  <div>
    <input type="email" placeholder="Your email" required>
  </div>
  <div>
    <input type="email" placeholder="Confirm your email" disabled>
  </div>
  <div>
    <input type="radio" name="gender" id="male"><label for="male">Male</label>
    <input type="radio" name="gender" id="female"><label for="female">Female</label>
  </div>
  <div>
    <button type="submit">Send</button>
  </div>
</form>
```

```
87 input[type="text"],
88 input[type="email"] {
89   height: 40px;
90   border: 1px solid #eee;
91   padding: 0 10px;
92   font-size: 14px;
93   margin: 0 0 15px;
94 }
95
96 input[type="text"]:disabled,
97 input[type="email"]:disabled {
98   opacity: 0.5;
99 }
100
101 input[type="text"]:focus,
102 input[type="email"]:focus {
103   border-color: var(--maincolor);
104   outline: 2px solid transparent;
105 }
106
107 input[type=checkbox],
108 input[type=radio]{
109   margin-right: 5px;
110   margin-bottom: 20px;
111 }
112
113 label {
114   margin-right: 15px;
115 }
116
117
118 input[type=checkbox]:checked + label,
119 input[type=radio]:checked + label {
120   color: var(--maincolor);
121   font-weight: 500;
122 }
123
124 input[type="submit"],
125 button {
126   border: 2px solid var(--maincolor);
127   text-transform: uppercase;
128   background-color: rgba(#43e97b, 0.1);
129   font-size: 14px;
130   font-weight: 600;
131   letter-spacing: 2px;
132   padding: 10px 30px;
133   transition: all 300ms ease;
134 }
135
136 input[type="submit"]:active,
137 button:active {
138   padding-left: 50px;
139   padding-right: 50px;
140 }
141
```



Pseudo-classes (HTML Form)

input:focus

- selects input on focus state

input:checked (checkbox/radio)

- selects the checked element

input:disabled / input:enabled

- selects the disabled/enabled element

input/button:active

- selects the active element

input:read-only

- selects the read-only element

input:required

- selects the required element



Pseudo-classes (others)

:lang

- The CSS :lang pseudo-class allows to specify the special rules for different languages

:root

- The CSS :root pseudo-class matches the document's root element (<html> element):



What is a pseudo-element?

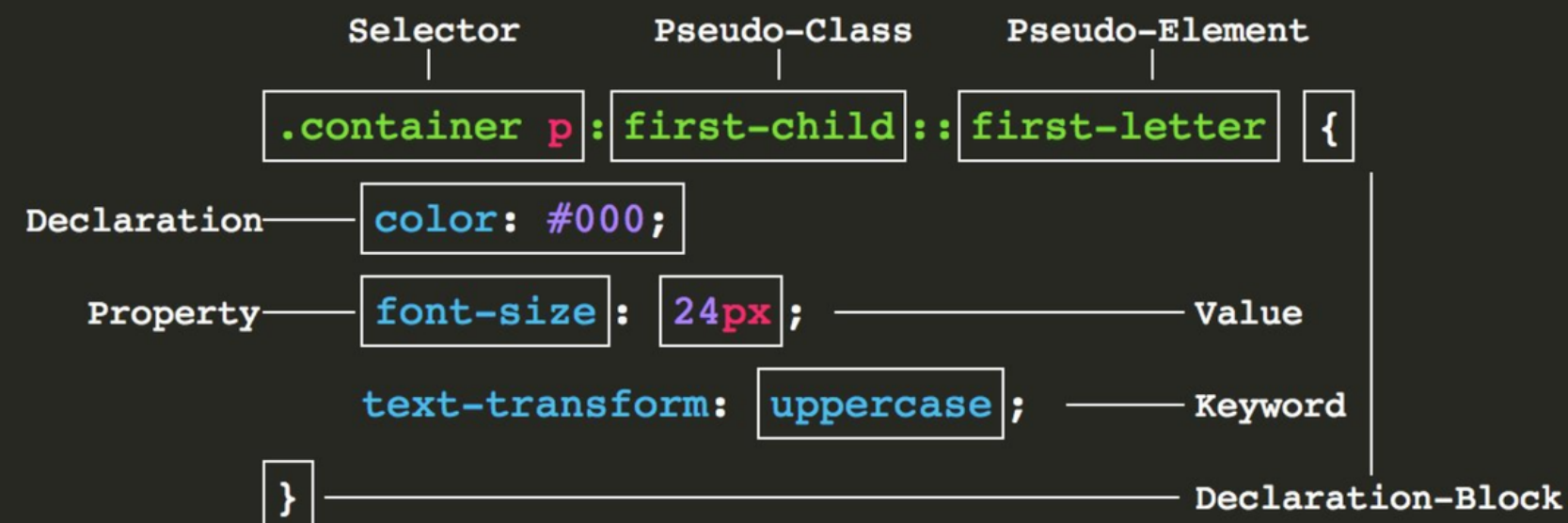
Pseudo-elements behave in a similar way. However, they act as if you had added a whole new HTML element into the markup, rather than applying a class to existing elements. Pseudo-elements start with a double colon ::.

Pseudo-elements act as if you had added a whole new element to the DOM, and enable you to style that.

Declaration (*selector:state*)

::pseudo-element-name

CSS RULESET





Pseudo-elements

selector::first-line

- To add the special effect to your first line of the text use the ***:first-line*** pseudo-element.
font/color/background/decoration/letter-spacing etc.

selector::first-letter

- To add the special effect to your first character of the text use the ***:first-letter*** pseudo-element.
font/color/background/decoration/letter-spacing etc.

selector::before

- The ***:before*** pseudo-element places content before the content of an element.

selector::after

- The ***:after*** pseudo-element places content after the content of an element.

selector::selection

- The ***:selection*** pseudo-element matches the portion of an element that is selected by a user.
color/background/cursor/outline