

Animation on the Web

Animating SVG graphics with CSS



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Hello!

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I have been involved with the web/internet since the late 90's. My first job was designing and developing at a dot-com.

I am by no means an expert, there is always more to learn.

I currently design and build stuff on the web.

Interests:

PWA's, Javascript, React.js, so much to learn ...

What are SVG Graphics?

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) is an XML-based vector image format for two-dimensional graphics with support for interactivity and animation. The SVG specification is an open standard developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) since 1999. SVG images and their behaviors are defined in XML text files.

The takeaway is:

Being a vector graphic as opposed to bitmap means they are resolution independent. They will maintain a sharp edge regardless of size or device.

Why use SVG Graphics?

Scalability:

SVG graphics maintain the same resolution regardless of device or pixel density.

File size:

SVG graphics are generally smaller files sizes and only need to be generated once. Saves production time on UI elements.

Dynamic Graphics:

SVG graphics can be manipulated on the fly by with code. Used for charts and graphs, and dashboards.

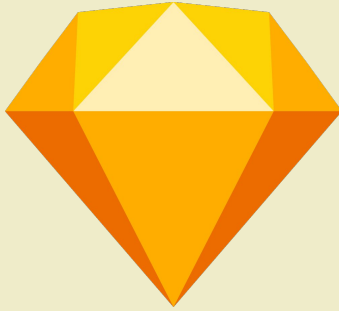
Great for UI elements

Tools to create and edit SVG graphics



Adobe Illustrator

Part of the Adobe
Creative Suite



Sketch

Only available on Mac



InkScape

Free option

How to add SVG graphics to HTML

 element

```

```

Inline

```
<svg width="300" height="200">  
  <rect />  
</svg>
```

CSS3 Animations

An animation lets an element gradually change from one style to another.

You can change as many CSS properties you want, as many times you want. A lot of opportunity for manipulation.

To use CSS3 animation, you must first specify some keyframes for the animation.

Keyframes hold what styles the element will have at the duration of the animation.

CSS3 Animations

(code)

```
.pulse-effect {  
    animation: pulse .5s infinite;  
    -ms-animation: pulse .5s infinite;  
    -webkit-animation: pulse .5s infinite;  
}
```

```
@keyframes pulse {  
    0% {opacity: 1;}  
    50% {opacity: .5;}  
    100% {opacity: 1;}  
}
```

For better browser support, use prefixes.

SVG Browser Support

SVG (basic support) - REC Global 97.25% + 0.63% = 97.88%

Method of displaying basic Vector Graphics features using the embed or object elements. Refers to the SVG 1.1 spec.

Current aligned Usage relative Date relative Show all

IE	Edge *	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari *	Opera Mini *	Android Browser *	Chrome for Android
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Notes Known issues (4) Resources (7) Feedback

² IE9-11 desktop & mobile don't properly scale SVG files. Adding height, width, viewBox, and CSS rules seem to be the best workaround.

<https://caniuse.com/#search=svg>

Let's take a look (demo)



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Resources

Vivus:

Vivus is a lightweight JavaScript class (with no dependencies) that allows you to animate SVGs, giving them the appearance of being drawn.

<https://maxwellito.github.io/vivus/>

Snap.svg

The JavaScript SVG library for the modern web

<http://snapsvg.io/>

XML Formatting:

<https://www.freeformatter.com/xml-formatter.html>

Q&A

