

## CSS FUNCTION

Functions are reusable pieces of code which perform specific tasks. Functions are passed “arguments” between parentheses, each of which is used by the function in a specific way. CSS functions become important when thinking about responsive design.

### 1. calc()

To perform calculations. The most powerful use cases for calc include:

- Mixing units
- The ability to nest `calc( calc ( ) - calc ( ) )`

Example:

```
1  :root {
2  --header: 3rem;
3  --footer: 40px;
4  --main: calc(100vh - calc(var(--header) + var(--footer)));
5  }
```

In the example above, calc() is handling the math for us even though we are mixing vh, rem and px units.

### 2. min()

To select the smallest value within the parentheses.

Example:

```
1  #iconHolder {
2  width: min(150px, 100%);
3  height: min(150px, 100%);
4  box-sizing: border-box;
5  border: 6px solid blue;
6  }
```

### 3. max()

To select the largest value within the parentheses.

Example:

```
1  width: max(100px, 4em, 50%);
```

### 4. clamp()

To specify a value within a range. Clamp() takes 3 values:

```
font-size: clamp(320px, 80vw, 60rem);
```

1. the smallest value (320px)
2. the ideal value (80vw)
3. the largest value (60rem)

clamp() is a great way to make elements fluid and responsive.

Note: We don't need to call calc() when using calculation inside a min(), max(), or clamp().

## A. Uses cases & example (<https://web.dev/articles/min-max-clamp>)

### 1. Perfect width

- Use the clamp() function to set a minimum and maximum width.
- Use the min() function to set a maximum width.
- Use the max() function to set a minimum width.

Note: from the visual example, in this case clamp() is recommended than min() and max()

### 2. Manage padding

This idea let an element have additional padding at larger screen sizes, but keep a minimum padding at smaller screen sizes.



To do this, we can yous either:

: calc((100vw - var(--contentWidth)) / 2), or max(2rem, 50vw - var(--contentWidth) / 2).

### 3. Fluid/responsive typography

Uses clamp() to set a minimum font size, maximum font size, and allow scaling between those sizes.



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Note: Limiting maximum font sizes using max() or clamp() might prevent users from scaling the text to 200% of its original size. Make sure to test the results with zoom.

## B. More uses cases & example

- <https://ishadeed.com/article/css-min-max-clamp/>
- <https://moderncss.dev/practical-uses-of-css-math-functions-calc-clamp-min-max/>