

Style backgroundColor Property

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Example

Set a background color for a document:

```
document.body.style.backgroundColor = "red";
```

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Definition and Usage

The backgroundColor property sets or returns the background color of an element.

Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports the property.

Property					

backgroundColor

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Syntax

Return the backgroundColor property:

```
object.style.backgroundColor
```

Set the backgroundColor property:

```
object.style.backgroundColor = "color|transparent|initial|inherit"
```

Property Values

Value	Description
<i>color</i>	Specifies the background color. Look at CSS Color Values for a complete list of possible color values
transparent	Default. The background color is transparent (underlying content will shine through)
initial	Sets this property to its default value. Read about <i>initial</i>
inherit	Inherits this property from its parent element. Read about <i>inherit</i>

Technical Details

Default Value:	transparent
Return Value:	A String, representing the background color
CSS Version	CSS1

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Example

Set a background color of a specific <div> element:

```
document.getElementById("myDiv").style.backgroundColor = "lightblue";
```

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Example

Return the background color of a specific <div> element:

```
alert(document.getElementById("myDiv").style.backgroundColor);
```

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Example

Return the background color of a document:

```
alert(document.body.style.backgroundColor);
```

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