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CSS counter() Function

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Example

Create a counter for the page (in the body selector). Increment the counter value for each <h2> element, and add the text "Section *<value of the counter>*:" before each <h2> element:

```
body {
  counter-reset: section;
}

h2::before {
  counter-increment: section;
  content: "Section " counter(section) ": ";
}
```

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Definition and Usage

The counter() function returns the current value of the named counter, as a string.

Version:	CSS3

Browser Support

Function					
counter()	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CSS Syntax

```
counter(countername, counterstyle)
```

Value	Description
countername	Required. The name of the counter (which is the same name used for the counter-reset and counter-increment properties)
counterstyle	Optional. The style of the counter (can be a list-style-type value)

More Examples

Example

Set the style of the counter:

```
body {
  counter-reset: section;
}

h2::before {
  counter-increment: section;
  content: "Section " counter(section, upper-roman) ": ";
}
```

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