

How Background Positions Work

The `background-position` property defines how a background is positioned within the styled element.

Here's how it is applied.

Assuming we had a empty `div` with a background image applied like so:

```
div {  
  background-image: url(.../path/to/image)  
}
```



we could specify the exact position where we want this image. Let me explain.

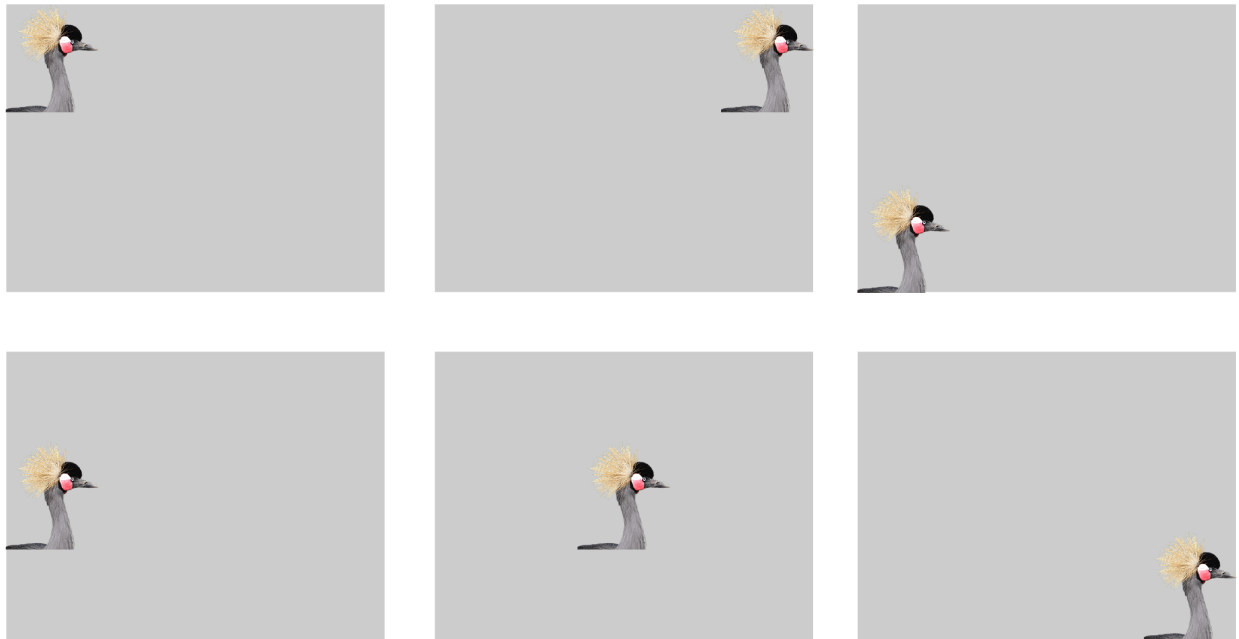
Example

If the applied background image were that of the bird below:



We can control the exact position where the background image will be applied.

See the image below:



In the image above, the `div` is represented by the grey box. The background image (the bird) is positioned in many different ways as seen above.

Conceptually, that's basically all there is to positioning backgrounds.

Now that you have a glimpse of how the positioning backgrounds may be useful, let's delve into the details.

In the next lesson, we will see the three ways a background image may be positioned.