

Floating & Fixed Position elements

CSS "Float"

Block elements can be positioned alongside each other using the CSS property float: left or right. The clear property can also be used, set as left|right|both. Float is only supported on block elements (i.e. not SPAN etc.) and is not fully compliant with the CSS specification. Float only works properly if a width is set for the float, otherwise the width is set to the maximum available (full width, or less if floats already set).

Margin-right can still be set for a float:right and vice-versa.

A block element next to a float has the padding adjusted so that content fits in the remaining width. Text next to a float should wrap correctly, but backgrounds and borders will overlap and/or lie under the floats in a mess.

NB The width that is set defines the width of the content-box. So if you have two floats with width=50% and either of them has padding, margin or border, they will not fit together on the page.

This is text in a <div> element that is set to float:left and width:54%.

This is text in a <div> element that is set to float:right and width:28%. It also has an image with float:right inside. With this exception, you cannot nest elements with the float property set inside one another.



This is text that follows a <div> element that is set to clear:both.

CSS "Position"

At the bottom of the page are two DIV elements with position:fixed and position:absolute set

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