

# Quick CSS Reference

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This is a quick reference on how to use CSS. We've no time for long explanations, so I will include a few other resources for that sort of stuff.

For details on CSS properties, see the [w3schools CSS Reference](#) or the [DevGuru CSS Index](#). You can also read [An Introduction to CSS](#) on the W3C's site (they are in charge of standards on the web).

Enough of that, We're trying to get some work done here!

## Where to put CSS

You can put your CSS directly on the page use a <style> tag, like so:

```
<style type="text/css">
[your CSS goes here]
</style>
```

or without the <style> tags in a file with a .css extension (all.css, for example).

To call a .css file on your page:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="/all.css" />
```

This is assuming that you are using a CSS file called "all.css" that is in the root of your site. Again, this is a fast reference - not an exhaustive one.

## Style a tag

To make every <h2> red:

```
h2 {color:red;}
```

## Style a class

To make everything with a class of "hey" bold:

```
.hey {font-weight:bold;}
```

Examples:

```
<p class="hey">do re me</p>
```

The whole paragraph will be bold

```
<p>do <span class="hey">re</span> me</p>
```

Only "re" will be bold.

## Style an id

To make the element with an id of "dave" have a yellow background:

```
#dave {background-color:yellow;}
```

Examples:

```
<div id="dave">Some highlighted text</div>
```

```
<h2 id="dave">A highlighted header (still text)</h2>
```

### Style a tag with a class

To make only a td with a class of "number" aligned right (align the contents of the cell to the right):

```
td.number {text-align:right;}
```

### Conclusion

That's it! I may add more or make corrections, but the goal here is for a very fast reference. More detailed information can easily be found elsewhere.