

CSS UNIVERSAL SELECTORS

Description

CSS universal selectors select any type of elements in an HTML page. It matches a single element. An asterisk (i.e. "*") is used to denote a **CSS universal selector**. An asterisk can also be followed by a selector. This is useful when you want to set a style for of all the elements of an HTML page or for all of the elements within an element of an HTML page.

syntax

```
* { CSS-Property: value; ..... }
```

Simple Example of CSS universal selectors

CSS code :

```
* { color: blue; /* color of all the elements should be blue */ background: silver; /* silver background is set for all the elements */ }
```

HTML code :

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```
1. <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-
   //W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
2. <html>
3. <head>
4. <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
5. <title>Simple Example of CSS universal selectors </title>
6. <link rel='stylesheet' href='simple-example-of-CSS-universal-
   selectors.css' type='text/css'>
7. </head>
8. <body>
9. <h1>Example of CSS.</h2>
10.<h2>Example of grouping of CSS universal selectors.</h2>
11.<p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Donec a urna e
   lit. Integer malesuada tempus enim nec rhoncus.</p>
12.</body>
13.</html>
```

Result

Example of CSS.

Example of grouping of CSS universal selectors.

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Advanced Example of CSS universal selectors

CSS code :

```
*[lang=fr]{color:blue;} /* sets color blue */
```

HTML code :

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```
1. <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//
   //W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
2. <html>
3. <head>
4. <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
5. <title>Advanced Example of CSS universal selectors</title>
6. <link rel='stylesheet' href='advanced-example-of-CSS-universal-
   selectors.css' type='text/css'>
7. </head>
8. <body>
9. <p>This paragraph is in english.</p>
10.<p lang="fr">Ce paragraphe est en français.</p>
11.</body>
12.</html>
```

Result

This paragraph is in english.

Ce paragraphe est en français.

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Source : <http://www.w3resource.com/css/selectors/CSS-universal-selector.php>