

## Cross-browser compatibility with CSS Sculptor

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Getting your CSS designs to display perfectly in all browsers can be a cumbersome and confusing process. Older browsers, such as Internet Explorer 6 struggle to display certain CSS properties correctly.

This document contains numerous tips on how to handle some of the most common issues with cross-browser compatibility.

### What Do You Need to Start?

- CSS Sculptor

### Most Common Issues

The following are the most common issues reported regarding cross-browser compatibility and CSS Sculptor layouts.

#### Height

Do not use **height: auto** when trying to achieve cross-browser compatibility. Instead, use **height: 100%**.

#### Font size and Line height

If you increase the font-size property, you will also need to increase the line-height property. Line-height should be at least the same size as the font-size.

#### Padding

Padding affects the total width and height of your elements.

The total width of a div is equal to:

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width + right-padding + left-padding
```

The total height of a div is equal to:

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height + top-padding + bottom-padding
```

#### Borders

Dotted borders will not display in Internet Explorer 6 or older. These borders will display as dashed borders in these browsers.

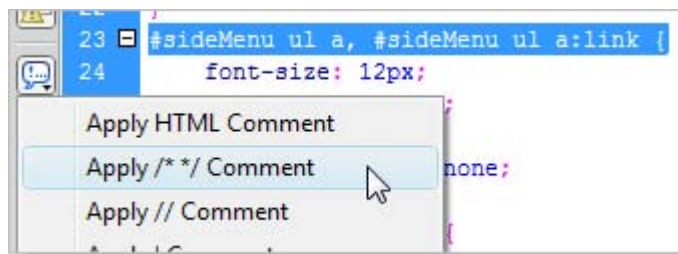
## Troubleshooting CSS Sculptor issues

Follow this procedure for troubleshooting issues and narrowing down what the cause may be.

### Comment out the CSS

To narrow down where the conflict occurs, follow these steps.

1. In Dreamweaver, open the CSS style sheet that is being used by your page.
2. Highlight each CSS selector and apply a comment.
  - From the Coding panel, choose the **Apply Comment** option.
  - Select **Apply /\*\*/ Comment**.

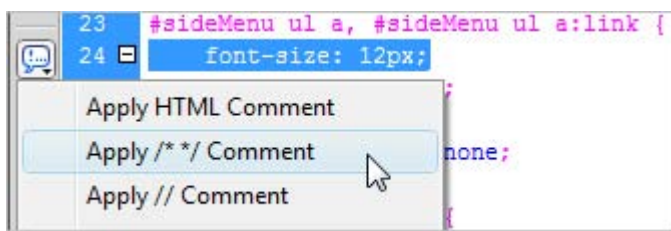


*This wraps code around the selector that prevents it from being applied to your page.*

3. Save your style sheet and preview your page.

Keep commenting out CSS selectors until the problem goes away. Once the problem goes away, remove all other comments, leaving only the most recently added comment.

If the problem persists, comment out one line at a time inside the selector.



Continue to comment out each style line by line until you have discovered the style that is causing the problem. Once this is determined, you can investigate whether you need this style, and how it should be handled for cross-browser compatibility.