

coding standards in CSS

“writing clean code is a matter of professionalism”

rule #1

Write valid CSS

Adhere at least to CSS2.1.

Think about graceful degradation / progressive enhancement.



rule #2

Selectors

```
.book-navigation .page-next {  
}  
.book-navigation .page-previous {  
}  
  
.book-admin-form {  
}
```

Selectors should

- 1 be on a single line
- 2 have a space after the previous selector
- 3 end in an opening brace
- 4 be closed with a closing brace on a separate line without indentation
- 5 A blank line should be placed between each group, section, or block of multiple selectors of logically related styles

rule #3

Multiple Selectors

Multiple selectors should each be on a single line, with no space after each comma

```
#forum_td.posts,  
#forum_td.topics,  
#forum_td.replies,  
#forum_td.pager_{  
...  
}
```

NO SPACE

rule #4

Properties

All properties should be on the following line after the opening brace. Each property should:

```
#forum_description {  
  color: #efefef;  
  font-size: 0.9em;  
  margin: 0.5em;  
}
```

- 1 be on its own line
- 2 be indented with two spaces, i.e., no tabs
- 3 have a single space after the property name and before the property value
- 4 end in a semi-colon

rule #5

Properties with multiple values

Where properties can have multiple values, each value should be separated with a space.

```
font-family: helvetica, sans-serif;
```

SPACE

rule #6

Comments

In line with PHP coding standards, block level documentation should be used as follows, to describe a section of code below the comment.

```
/**  
 * Documentation here.  
 */
```

Shorter inline comments may be added after a property, preceded with a space:

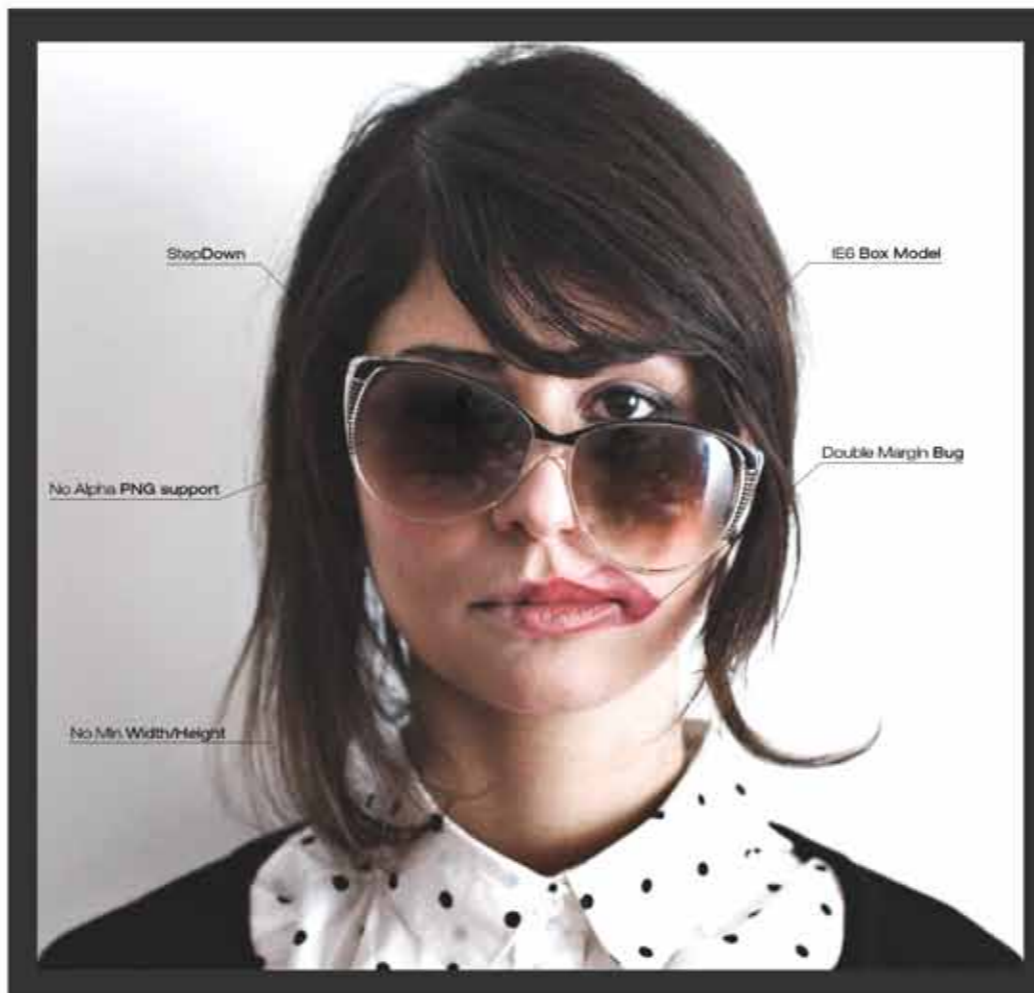
```
background-position: 0.2em 0.2em; /* LTR */
```

SHORTER INLINE COMMENT

CSS Mess



any normal browser



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