

# Fun with Chrome Developer Tools

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# A frequent response on the forums

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```
.entry-content a:focus, .entry-content a:hover, .entry-summary  
  box-shadow: initial;  
  -webkit-box-shadow: initial;  
}
```

should remove it.

**To add CSS:** If you are using WordPress 4.7, use the “Custom CSS” option in the customizer. If your theme has a custom CSS option, use that to add the CSS shown above. If not, install the plugin [Simple Custom CSS](#). Or, if you have Jetpack installed, enable its [Custom CSS](#) module.

Learn the [Chrome Developer Tools](#) to help you see and test changes to your CSS.

# Overview

Also known as "The Inspector".

Similar tools in Firefox, Safari, IE/Edge

Opening the Chrome DevTools

- Select More Tools > Developer Tools from the Chrome Menu.
- Right-click on a page element and select Inspect
- Use the keyboard shortcuts Ctrl+Shift+I (Windows) or Cmd+Opt+I (Mac) or F12

More info? <https://developers.google.com/web/tools/chrome-devtools/>

# Common questions solved via CSS

How do I change the color of that header?

There's too much space below the menu!

Make the tags go away without editing PHP

How does this look on an iPhone?

How do I change the submenu style?

# Disclaimer

Google changes things without notice, adding new features, moving things around.



# Demo

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FEATURED

## Template: Sticky



This is a sticky post.

Search ...



### RECENT POSTS

Elements Console Sources Network Timeline Profiles Application Security Audits

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-US" class="js">
  <head>...</head>
  <style type="text/css">...</style>
  <body class="home blog group-blog hfeed"> == $0
    ::before
    <div id="page" class="site">...</div>
    <!-- .site -->
    <script type="text/javascript" src="http://wpdemo.sterndata.com/wp-content/themes/twentytwentyone/js/skip-link-focus-fix.js?ver=20160816"></script>
    <script type="text/javascript">...</script>
    <script type="text/javascript" src="http://wpdemo.sterndata.com/wp-content/themes/twentytwentyone/js/functions.js?ver=20160816"></script>
    <script type="text/javascript" src="http://wpdemo.sterndata.com/wp-includes/js/wp-embed.min.js?ver=4.6.1"></script>
    ::after
  </body>
</html>
```

html.js body.home.blog.group-blog.hfeed

Styles Computed EventListeners DOM Breakpoints Properties

Filter :hov .cls +

```
element.style {
}
body {
  background-color: #1a1a1a;
}
body, button, input, select,
textarea {
  color: #1a1a1a;
  font-family: Merriweather, Georgia, serif;
  font-size: 16px;
  font-size: 1rem;
  line-height: 1.75;
}
body {
  style.css?ver=4.6.1:67
```

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1 2 3  
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    ::after
  </body>
</html>
```

html.js body.home.blog.group-blog.hfeed

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# The Elements

1. Inspect Pointer
2. Device Simulator
3. The Elements Tab
4. Views
  - a. Styles shows the CSS right here
  - b. Computed shows the inheritance
5. More little things with big impact
  - a. `hov trigger` - useful for sub-menus and hidden stuff
  - b. `.cls` adds a class to an element
  - c. `+` adds a selector for CSS



# But there's nothing in my CSS for that!

## Sample Page

This is an example page. It's different from a blog post because it will stay in one place and will show up in your site navigation (in most themes). Most people start with an About page that introduces them to potential site visitors. It might say something like this:

*Hi there! I'm a bike messenger by day, aspiring*

The screenshot displays a browser window with a search bar at the top right. Below it is a 'RECENT POSTS' section containing three links: 'I had to move', 'Hello world!', and 'Markup: HTML Tags and'. The main content area features a heading: *Hi there! I'm a bike messenger by day, aspiring*. The browser's developer tools are open at the bottom, showing the DOM tree on the left and the Styles pane on the right. In the DOM tree, the element `<div id="content" role="main">` is selected and circled in red. In the Styles pane, the 'Filter' section has a red circle around the '+' icon, and a red arrow points from this icon to the `div#content` rule in the list of styles.

# Editing

Click to edit

Arrow keys are fun  
for numeric values

Expand by clicking  
on arrowheads

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a sticky post. The post is titled "Template: Sticky" and is marked as "FEATURED". The content of the post includes a profile picture placeholder, the text "This is a sticky post.", and a list of items to verify. The first item in the list is "The sticky post should be distinctly recognizable in some way in comparison to normal posts. You can style the `sticky` class if you...".

The browser's developer tools are open, showing the HTML structure of the page. The following HTML code is visible:

```
<div id="primary" class="content-area">
  <main id="main" class="site-main" role="main">
    <article id="post-1241" class="post-1241 post type-post status-publish format-standard sticky hentry category-uncategorized tag-sticky-2 tag-template">
      ::before
      <header class="entry-header">
        <span class="sticky-post">Featured</span>
        <h2 class="entry-title">
          <a href="http://wpdemo.sterndata.com/?p=1241" rel="bookmark">Template: Sticky</a> == $0
        </h2>
      </header>
    </article>
  </main>
</div>
```

The developer tools also show the CSS styles for the selected element. The following CSS rule is visible:

```
.entry-title a {
  color: #lalala;
}
```

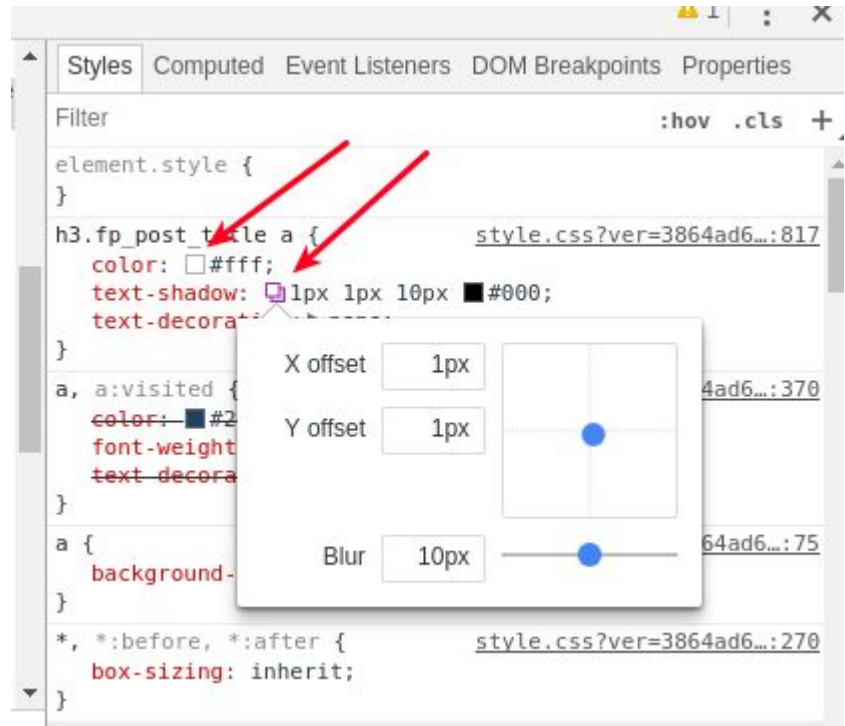
The color value "#lalala" is highlighted with a red circle.

# Look for the little icons

This is great for things like text-shadow, box-shadow, etc.

Drag and drop and see the results in real time

Color box opens a color picker



# What does the browser see? Computed results--

*This should be a pull quote: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas finibus iaculis arcu, nec vulputate quam.*

This is the Front Page content. Use this static Page to test the Front Page output of the Theme. The Theme should properly handle both Blog Posts Index as Front Page and static Page as Front Page.

If the site is set to display the Blog Posts Index as the Front Page, then this text should not be

[is "enter"\)](#)

[Jane Doe on Template: Comments](#)

[John Doe on Template: Comments](#)

## ARCHIVES

[April 2017](#)

[December 2016](#)

[January 2013](#)

[March 2012](#)

[January 2012](#)

[March 2011](#)

[October 2010](#)

[September 2010](#)

The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools interface. The left pane displays the DOM tree with the following structure:

```
<header id="masthead" class="site-header" role="banner">...</header>
<!-- #masthead -->
<div id="main" class="wrapper">
  ::before
  <div id="primary" class="site-content">
    <div id="content" role="main">
      <article id="post-701" class="post-701 page type-page status-publish hentry">
        <header class="entry-header">...</header>
        <div class="entry-content">
          <p>...</p>
          <blockquote class="alignleft"> == $0
            <p>...</p>
          </blockquote>
          <p>...</p>
          <p>...</p>
        </div>
      </article>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

The right pane shows the 'Computed' tab for the selected `blockquote` element. The following table lists the computed styles:

Property	Value
<code>border-right-width</code>	0px
<code>border-top-color</code>	rgb(68, 68, 68)
<code>border-top-style</code>	none
<code>border-top-width</code>	0px
<code>color</code>	rgb(68, 68, 68)
<code>display</code>	block
<code>float</code>	left
<code>font-family</code>	"Open Sans", Helvetica, "Open Sans", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif body.cus... style.css?ver=ad56a82...:493
<code>font-size</code>	24.5px

# Console shows errors and warnings

The screenshot shows a web browser's developer console. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Elements, Console, Sources, Network, Performance, Memory, Application, Security, and Audits. The Console tab is active, displaying a list of messages. A red error message is highlighted: "Uncaught ReferenceError: jQuery is not defined at (index):194". Below it is a blue warning message: "JQMIGRATE: Migrate is installed, version 1.4.1". The console also shows a search filter set to "top" and "Info" level. On the right side, the Styles panel is visible, showing the "body.custom-background" style rule. A red circle highlights the "1" icon in the top right corner of the console, indicating the number of items in the list.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#" class="js">
  <head>...</head>
  <body class="home blog custom-background"> == $0
    ::before
    <div id="page" class="hfeed site">...</div>
html.js | body.home.blog.custom-background
```

Console

top Filter Info 19 items hidden by filters

Uncaught ReferenceError: jQuery is not defined at (index):194

JQMIGRATE: Migrate is installed, version 1.4.1

body.custom-background {

# Responsive? We got responsive!

The screenshot shows a browser window in iPhone 6 emulation mode. The page content includes:

- Header: **Bertha**
- Text: don't you come around here anymore
- Button: Menu
- Section: **Sample Page**
- Text: This is an example page. It's different from a blog post because it will stay in one place and will

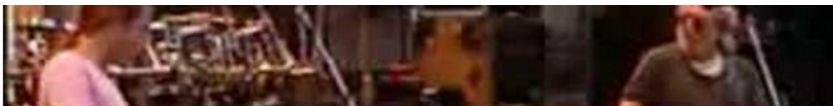
The browser's developer tools are open, showing the 'Elements' panel with the following HTML structure:

```
<[endif]-->
<![if !(IE 7) & !(IE 8)]><!-->
<html lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#">
<!--<[endif]-->
<head>...</head>
<style type="text/css">...</style>
<body class="page-template-default page page-id-2 custom-font-enabled">
  <div id="page" class="hfeed site">
    <header id="masthead" class="site-header" role="banner">
      <hgroup>...</hgroup>
      <nav id="site-navigation" class="main-navigation" role="navigation">
        <button class="menu-toggle">Menu</button> == $0
        <a class="assistive-text" href="#content" title="Skip to content">Skip to content</a>
        <div class="menu-2012-child-menu-container">...</div>
      </nav>
    <!-- #site-navigation -->
  </header>
```

The 'Styles' panel shows the following CSS rules for the selected element:

```
element.style {
}
.menu-toggle:active, .menu- style.css?ver=dbed035...:295
toggle.toggled-on, button:active,
input[type="submit"]:active, input[type="button"]:active,
input[type="reset"]:active {
  color: #757575;
  background-color: #e1e1e1;
  background-repeat: repeat-x;
  background-image: moz-linear-gradient(top, #e1e1e1, #e1e1e1);
  background-image: ms-linear-gradient(top, #e1e1e1, #e1e1e1);
  background-image: rabbit-linear-gradient(top,
```

# Settings? Of course.



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[I had to move](#)

[Hello world!](#)

Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory Application Security Audits

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!--[if IE 7]>
<html class="ie ie7" lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#"
<![endif]-->
<!--[if IE 8]>
<html class="ie ie8" lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#"
<![endif]-->
<!--[if !(IE 7) & !(IE 8)]><!-->
<html lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#"
  <!--<![endif]-->
<head>...</head>
<style type="text/css">...</style>
<body class="home page-template-default page page-id-701 custom-font-enabled">
  <div id="page" class="hfeed site">
    <header id="masthead" class="site-header" role="banner">...</header>
    <!-- #masthead -->
    <div id="main" class="wrapper">...</div>
    <!-- .site-content -->
    <footer id="colophon" class="site-footer" role="contentinfo">...</footer>
    <!-- .site-footer -->
  </div>
  <!-- .site -->
  <script type="text/javascript" src="https://s0.wp.com/wp-content/js/devicepx-jetpack.js?ver=201717"></script>
html body.home.page-template-default.page.page-id-701.custom-font-enabled div#page.hfeed.site div#main.wrapper
```

Styles Computed Event Listener

Filter

element.style {

```
html, body, div, span, apple
object, iframe, h1, h2, h3,
h5, h6, p, blockquote, pre,
big, cite, code, del, dfn,
small, strike, strong, sub,
center, dl, dt, dd, ol, ul,
legend, table, caption, tbody
article, aside, canvas, details, embed, figure,
figcaption, footer, header, hgroup, menu, nav, output,
ruby, section, summary, time, mark, audio, video {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  border: 0;
  font-size: 100%;
  vertical-align: baseline;
}
```

div {

```
display: block;
```

More tools

- Show console drawer Esc
- Search all files Ctrl+Shift+F
- Shortcuts
- Settings F1**
- Help

Dock side

## Settings

## Preferences

### Preferences

#### Workspace

#### Blackboxing

#### Devices

#### Throttling

#### Shortcuts

### Appearance

Theme: Light

Panel layout: auto

- Enable Ctrl + 1-9 shortcut to switch panels
- Don't show Chrome Data Saver warning
- Disable paused state overlay

### Elements

Color format: As authored

- Show user agent shadow DOM
- Word wrap
- Show HTML comments

### Sources

- Automatically reveal files in navigator
- Enable JavaScript source maps
- Detect indentation
- Autocompletion
- Bracket matching

Show whitespace characters: None

- Display variable values inline while debugging
- Enable CSS source maps

Default indentation: 4 spaces

- Search in anonymous and content scripts

### Console

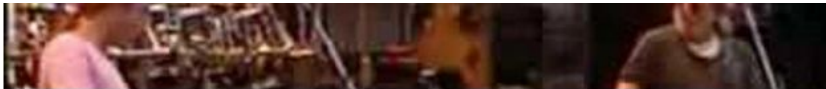
- Hide network messages
- Log XMLHttpRequests
- Show timestamps
- Autocomplete from history
- Enable custom formatters
- Preserve log upon navigation

### Extensions

Link handling: auto

### Debugger

- Disable JavaScript



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<html lang="en-US" prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns#">
<!--<![endif]-->
<head>...</head>
<style type="text/css">...</style>
<body class="home page-template-default page page-id-701 custom-font-enabled"> == $0
  <div id="page" class="hfeed site">...</div>
```

Styles Computed Event Listeners

Filter

```
element.style {
}
body.custom-font-enabled {
  font-family: "Open Sans",
  serif;
}
@media screen and (min-width:
body {
  background-color: #e6e6e6;
}
```

Dock side

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# Why is my site slow?

**Bertha**  
don't you come around here anymore

HOME HERO SLIDER TEST **SAMPLE PAGE** PAGE B PAGE A BLOG ABOUT THE TESTS LEVEL 1

Sample Page

Network

Name	Method	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Waterfall
sample-page/	GET	200	document	Other	26.9 KB	2.23 s	
style.css?ver=dbed035f3687494eba0ea5187c5d8337	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	35.9 KB	277 ms	
my-jetpack-carousel.css?ver=dbed035f3687494eba0ea5187c5d8337	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	730 B	416 ms	
css?family=Open+Sans:400italic,700italic,400,700&subset=latin,la...	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	1.1 KB	72 ms	
style.css?ver=dbed035f3687494eba0ea5187c5d8337	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	1.8 KB	491 ms	
jetpack.css?ver=4.7.1	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	63.1 KB	775 ms	
css?family=Bitter%3A400%2C700%2C400italic%7CRaleway%3A...	GET	200	stylesheet	(index)	967 B	62 ms	
jquery.js?ver=1.12.4	GET	200	script	(index)	95.3 KB	907 ms	
jquery-migrate.min.js?ver=1.4.1	GET	200	script	(index)	10.2 KB	492 ms	
wp-emoji-release.min.js?ver=dbed035f3687494eba0ea5187c5d8337	GET	200	script	(index):44	11.5 KB	139 ms	
devicepx-jetpack.js?ver=201713	GET	200	script	(index)	3.3 KB	60 ms	
navigation.js?ver=20140711	GET	200	script	(index)	1.9 KB	227 ms	

23 requests | 337 KB transferred | Finish: 3.50 s | DOMContentLoaded: 3.22 s | Load: 3.33 s

# Workflow

Test in Dev Tools

If you aren't in a child theme, use a Custom CSS Plugin

- Simple Custom CSS
- Jetpack

Disable all caching

One thing at a time -- don't be greedy



**Questions?  
Comments?  
Observations?**

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*THEN LET'S GET ON WITH IT AND PLAY!*

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