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Thread: DOCTYPE causing CSS position not to work?

Nessie - *July 22, 2012, 6:03 pm*

Here's a snippet of my code... (Changed some stuff, such as the title).

Code <html>

```
<head>
<title>EXAMPLE</title>
<style>
A:link, A:visited{
color:red;
text-decoration:none;
}
</style>
</head>

<body>


<div style="position:fixed;top:155;left:35">
.
</div>

</body>

</html>
```

When I preview that, everything looks good. The "." is in the correct position.

But then when I add <!DOCTYPE html> (I'm pretty sure that's the correct doctype) the positioning doesn't work...

Code <!DOCTYPE html>

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This is in Firefox, but I've tested in other browsers. I've also tried using other doctypes...

Hopefully someone can help me :)

Dylan Wins - *July 22, 2012, 6:10 pm*

Try this:

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
```

or try this:

Code <html>

```
<head>
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and if any of those didn't work, try this:

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I hope I helped! =)

SavageBoys - *July 22, 2012, 6:25 pm*
Specify a doctype before styling, this is common sense.

You created a style without rules, then added rules, what do you expect.

I'm not 100% sure but there have been other doctypes that dislike inline styling, the new html5 doctype might as well.

Nessie - *July 22, 2012, 6:39 pm*
Dylan Wins...

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Dylan Wins - *July 22, 2012, 8:04 pm*
(Jul 22, 2012 06:39 PM)Nessie Wrote: [CITE] Dylan Wins...

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That works but it still doesn't specify a doctype first... don't I need to do that?You need to specify your scripts for them to work properly.

Example:

```
<style type="text/css">
</style>
```

...and with the DOCTYPES, it all depends.

There is HTML 4.01 Strict, Transitional, and Frameset.

Strict:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
```

Transitional:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
```

Frameset:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Frameset//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/frameset.dtd">
```

You can try these 3.

I hope I helped. =)