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Thread: [3 options on a signup dropdown menu, need each of these to have a colour.](#)

Makaveli. - May 8, 2016, 2:55 pm

Basically, I have a signup form in the backend of a WordPress site and it includes a dropdown menu of 'GREEN,AMBER,RED' which then displays these sign ups on the front end in a table, kind of like a database I'm guessing.

Screenshot: <https://imgur.com/a/Z4zxk>

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Like this: <https://imgur.com/p6EEqGI>

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Thanks.

Dr1ps - May 9, 2016, 1:55 am

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Giving them a class is your best pick. If you go to the code that status is being set, you can tweak it to automatically add your class.

If there is an if statement, just add your classes.

If it's grabbing the statuses off a database, add an if statement and then add your classes.

Then you just apply the CSS you want to the classes.

kznamst - May 9, 2016, 2:52 am

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SteezyHB - May 9, 2016, 5:36 am

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D3xus - May 9, 2016, 10:39 am

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Rushax - May 9, 2016, 10:52 am

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Here is something I snatched off stack overflow:

Quote:Browsers always try to "fail silently". What this means is that even though your HTML is invalid, the browser will try to guess what your intent was, and handle it accordingly.

There are browsers though that don't do that. So this isn't just for the looks, it would also not work for some.

SteezyHB - May 9, 2016, 2:25 pm

(May 9, 2016 10:39 AM)D3xus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Huge quote

Thanks for the detailed information, the link about specificity is also some nice information to learn.

comp - May 9, 2016, 4:22 pm

It's probably better to just parse the date on the template and give the element a class depending on the date like you mentioned on your previous post, no need to create the color entry for each element.