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Thread: [why won't text position on auto in CSS?](#)

randomFunParty - November 17, 2019, 5:12 pm

So I am having trouble with the margins when making a clone for the BBC news website.

```
Code <!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en" dir="ltr">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>BBC News Tech</title>
    <style type="text/css">
      #topbar {
        width: 1000px;
        margin:0 auto;
        height: 40px;
      }

      body {
        margin: 0;
        padding: 0;
      }
      #logo {
        margin-top: 8px;
        width: 100px;
        float:left;
        margin-right: 8px;
      }

      .topbar-section {
        float: left;
        border-left: 1px #CCCCCC solid;
        height:100%;
      }

      #signin-image {
        width:25px;
        margin: 12px 15px;
        float: left;
      }

      #signin-text {
        font-weight:bold;
        font-size: 90%;
        margin-top: 11px;
        position: relative;
        top:11px;
        padding-right:13px;
      }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="topbar">
      <div id="topbar-section">
        <div id="logo">
          <img alt="BBC News Tech logo" data-bbox="100 488 221 521"/>
        </div>
        <div id="signin">
          <div id="signin-image">
            <img alt="Signin image" data-bbox="100 708 205 723"/>
          </div>
          <div id="signin-text">
            Sign in
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
.topbar-menu {  
  font-weight: bold;  
  font-size: 90%;  
  padding: 13px 15px 0 15px;  
  height: 27px;  
}
```

```
#more-arrow {  
  width:16px;  
  margin-left:20px;  
}
```

```
#search-box {  
  background-color: #E4E4E4;  
  border: none;  
  font-weight: bold;  
  font-size: 14px;  
  padding: 5px;  
  margin: 5px 0 5px 5px;  
  float:left;  
}
```

```
#magnifying-glass {  
  float:left;  
  height: 26px;  
  margin-top:5px;  
}
```

```
.clear{  
  clear: both;  
}
```

```
#menu-bar-container {  
  background-color: #B81919;  
  width: 100%;  
  height: 70px;  
}
```

```
#menu-bar {  
  width:100%;  
  margin: 0 auto;  
}
```

```
h1 {  
  padding: 0;  
  margin: 0;  
  color: white;  
  font-size: 40px;  
  font-weight:normal;  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding-top: 10px;  
}
```

```
</style>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="topbar">

    

    <div id="signin-div" class="topbar-section">

      
      <span id="signin-text">Sign in</span>
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      News
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      Sport
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      Weather
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      iPlayer
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      TV
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section topbar-menu">
      More
      
    </div>

    <div class="topbar-section">

      <input id="search-box" type="text" value="Search">
      <input type="image" id="magnifying-glass" src="images/magnifying-glass.png" alt="">
    </div>

  </div>

  <div class="clear"></div>

  <div id="menu-bar-container">
```

```
<div id="menu-bar">
  <h1>NEWS</h1>
</div>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

Just trying to clone BBC news website as exercise. I'm having a lot of trouble replicating the menu but I think it will work if I take the time to make it work but I'm having a hard time figuring out what I'm doing wrong. Obviously, it has something to do with the CSS right?

Nachfolger - November 17, 2019, 5:24 pm

What exactly are you talking about?

Assuming you mean centered vertically, use a flexbox for the .topbar-menu item.

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  padding: 13px 15px 0 15px;
  height: 27px;
  display: flex;
  justify-content: center;
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<https://liveweave.com/#&togetherjs=PRzJUqcoBj>

randomFunParty - November 17, 2019, 6:51 pm

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[HTML, CSS and JavaScript demo - Liveweave](#)

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Nachfolger - November 18, 2019, 4:19 pm

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result [\(Click to View\)](#)

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result ([Click to View](#))

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```
Code #menu-bar-2-container {  
  width: 100%;  
  margin: 0 auto;  
  height: 40px;  
  background-color: #dc423c;  
  justify-content: center;  
}
```

```
#menu-bar-2 {  
  width: 1000px;  
}
```

Why doesn't my new code work the same way? I set the width to 1000px. Should be different, no?

Nachfolger - November 19, 2019, 3:22 am

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