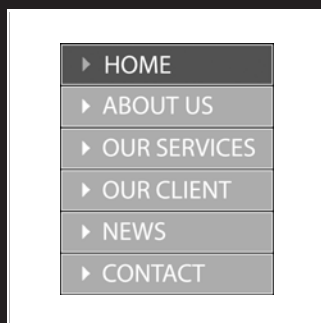


5 STYLING LISTS AND CREATING NAV BARS



It is in our nature to try to organize the world around us. Scientists create lists of animals, plants, and chemical elements. Magazines create lists of the top 10 movies, the latest fashion trends, or the worst-dressed celebrities. People write shopping lists, to-do lists, and lists to Santa. We just love making lists.

Lists provide us with a way of grouping related elements and, by doing so, we give them meaning and structure. Most web pages contain some form of list, be it a list of the latest news stories, a list of links to your favorite web pages, or a list of links to other parts of your site. Identifying these items as lists and marking them up as such can help add structure to your HTML documents, providing useful hooks with which to apply your styles.

In this chapter you will learn about

- Styling lists with CSS
- Using background images as bullets
- Creating vertical and horizontal nav bars
- Using sliding doors tabbed navigation
- Creating CSS image maps
- Creating remote rollovers
- Using definition lists

Basic list styling

Basic list styling is very simple. Say you start with this simple to-do list:

```
<ul>
<li>Read emails</li>
<li>Write chapter 5</li>
<li>Go shopping</li>
<li>Cook dinner</li>
<li>Watch Scrubs</li>
</ul>
```

To add a custom bullet you could use the `list-style-image` property. However, this doesn't give you much control over the position of your bullet image. Instead, it is more common to turn list bullets off and add your custom bullet as a background image on the list element. You can then use the background image positioning properties to accurately control the alignment of your custom bullet.

Internet Explorer and Opera control list indentation using left margin, whereas Safari and Firefox choose to use left padding. As such, the first thing you will want to do is remove this indentation by zeroing down the margin and padding on the list. To remove the default bullet, you simply set the list style type to none:

```
ul {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  list-style-type: none;
}
```