

2D Transform in CSS

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Transform in CSS are attributes used to "transform" the original elements, allowing us to change position, shape or rotate elements in dimensions.

There are two common types: 2D and 3D transformation.

(**Transformation** is a generic method of changing the shape, size and position of an element).

In this article, TipsMake.com will work with you to learn about 2D Transform, values and usage as well as the most specific examples for you to easily visualize.

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What is 2D Transform?

2D Transform are properties used to handle 2D moving effects.

The syntax for creating transforms is as follows:

```
transform: value;
```

The commonly used values are *translate ()*, *rotate ()*, *scale ()*, *skewX ()*, *skewY ()*, *matrix ()*. As follows:

Value	Description
translate (x, y)	Move element by x-axis and y-axis
translateX (n)	Move element by x-axis
translateY (n)	Move element by y-axis
scale (x, y)	Change width and height of the element
scaleX (n)	Change the width of the element
scaleY (n)	Change the height of the element
rotate (angle)	Rotate the element in an angle
skew (x-angle, y -angle)	Format element tilted by an angle
skewX (angle)	Element format tilted by an angle x axis
skewY (angle)	The element format is tilted by an angle along the y axis
matrix (n, n, n, n, n, n)	The element format is tilted by an angle along the y matrix axis

Combine scale, skew and translate

Transform translate ()



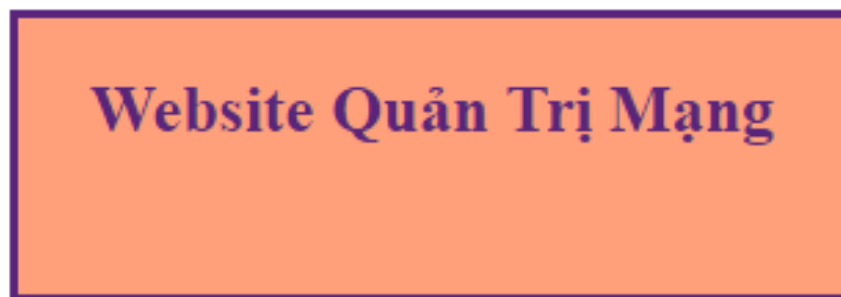
Translate () moves an element from its current position to the given parameters in the X axis and Y axis. X is translated horizontally and Y is vertically translated.

Example : Move element

to 100 pixels right, back down to less than 50 pixels from the current position

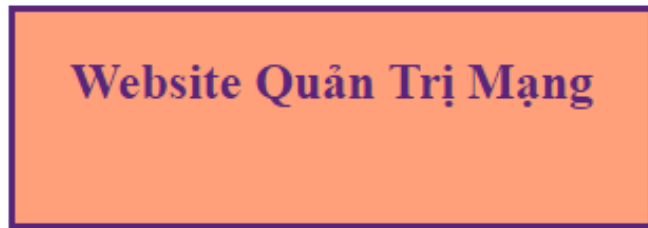
```
div {  
  -ms-transform: translate(100px,50px); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: translate(100px,50px); /* Safari */  
  transform: translate(100px,50px);  
}
```

Original image:



(* The examples in the article are all transformed from this image)

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Rotate () in Transform CSS used to rotate an element clockwise or counterclockwise at a certain angle, the unit used is degree (deg). The positive angle rotates in a clockwise direction, and the angle is negative.

Example : Rotate element

clockwise 20 deg:

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: rotate(20deg); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: rotate(20deg); /* Safari */  
  transform: rotate(20deg);  
}
```



Full code:

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Transform scale ()



Scale () used to change the width and height of the element. Understand simply that you can zoom the element up or down arbitrarily, with x being the horizontal zoom and y being the vertical zoom. Scale has no units that are scaled to the root element, for example, 1 is left intact and doubled, 3 is 3 .

Example: Increase element

Twice the width and three times its original height

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: scale(1.5,2); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: scale(1.5,2); /* Safari */  
  transform: scale(1.5,2);  
}
```



Full code:

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Transform skewX ()

SkewX () tilts an element along the X axis with the transmission angle.

Example: Tilt element

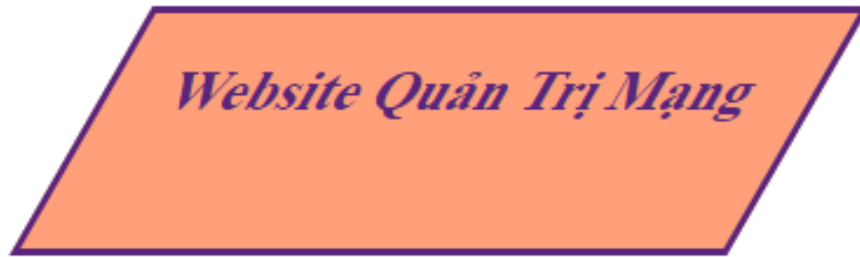
30 degrees on the X axis:

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: skewX(30deg); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: skewX(30deg); /* Safari */  
  transform: skewX(30deg);  
}
```

skewX (30deg)



skewX (-30deg)



Transform skewY ()

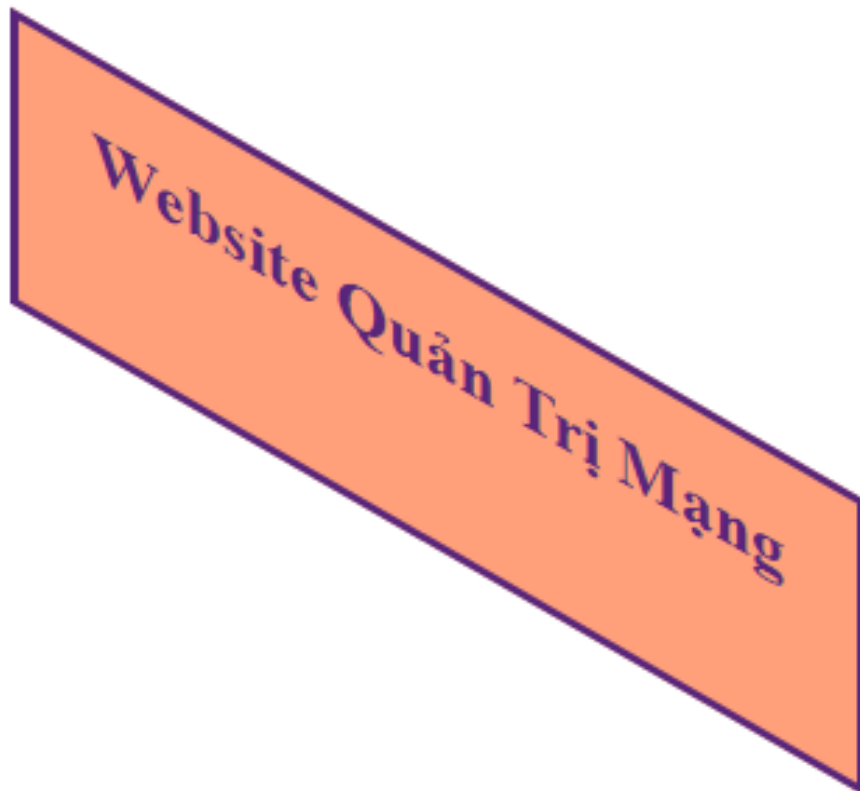
SkewY () tilts an element along the Y axis with the transmission angle.

Example: Tilt element

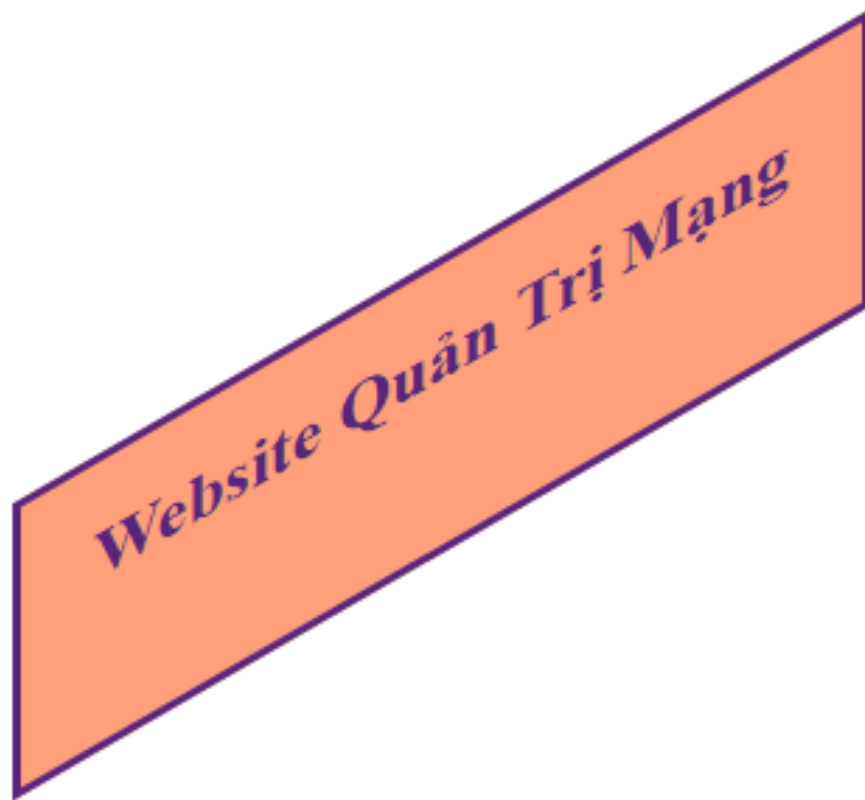
30 degrees on the Y axis:

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: skewY(30deg); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: skewY(30deg); /* Safari */  
  transform: skewY(30deg);  
}
```

skewY (30deg)



skewY (-30deg)



Transform skew ()

Skew () is a combination of both *skewX* and *skewY*, tilting an element by both the X and Y axes with the input angle.

Example: Tilt element

30 degrees on the X axis and 10 degrees on the Y axis.

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: skew(30deg, 10deg); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: skew(30deg, 10deg); /* Safari */  
  transform: skew(30deg, 10deg);  
}
```



Full code:

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If the second parameter in skew () is not specified, the program will automatically understand that number is x and y will have a value of 0. So the following example will tilt the element

20 degrees according to the X axis:

```
div {  
  -ms-transform: skew(20deg); /* IE 9 */  
  -webkit-transform: skew(20deg); /* Safari */  
  transform: skew(20deg);  
}
```

Transform matrix ()



Matrix () is a combination of all methods 2D Transform, synthesis of scale, skew and translate. Matrix () has six parameters, containing functions that allow you to rotate, zoom and move elements.

Syntax of matrix:

```
matrix(scaleX(),skewY(),skewX(),scaleY(),translateX(),translateY())
```

For example:

```
div {  
-ms-transform: matrix(1, -0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0); /* IE 9 */  
-webkit-transform: matrix(1, -0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0); /* Safari */  
transform: matrix(1, -0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0);  
}
```

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