

What's a solid starting point (global reset) for a CSS file?

Browsers often have different ways of rendering the same element. For example we expect lists to be left-indented. Firefox does this by applying a left padding of 40 pixels to an unordered list (``). Either Opera or Internet Explorer achieves the same effect by applying a *margin* of 40 pixels.

Now this is fine and dandy if you don't want to change that indent value.

Let's say you test in Firefox want to pull the list back a little so you:

```
ul { padding-left: 30px; }
```

Looks good... until some other browser adds that 30 pixels of padding onto their 40 pixels of margin. Crap. The original solution proposed was simple and elegant:

```
ul {  
  padding:0;  
  margin:0;  
}
```

It also broke forms and obviously is not inclusive of everything for a true "global whitespace reset." You can read more on this implementation (which was revised) on the now classic leftjustified.net post.

Yahoo! have their [own CSS Reset](#), which has a broader scope. Not sure setting h1 through h6 at 100% is an improvement over default behaviour though. ^^

An alternate (still in progress) reset [is up at Eric Meyers website](#), and has evolved through a couple comment heavy blog posts.

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