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A number of CSS style properties can be used to create a marquee effect as an alternative to the tag(deprecated">HTML tag(deprecated). A marquee effect is especially useful in HTML apps on cell phones and other mobile devices with limited screen space to display content that does easily fit the screen width. This may be one reason the earliest support for the marquee style is in the Safari browser, where it can be used for HTML applications on iOS devices (iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch).

Check out the examples of marquees in Safari on your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch.

Marquee Style Properties

Property*	Values and Description
overflow: auto	auto (default, required)
overflow-style: marquee	marquee (required) indicates the content is to be animated with a marquee effect
white-space: nowrap	nowrap (required)
	white-space: nowrap is required, especially with marquee-style: alternate to restrict the marquee content to a single line, otherwise it would just wrap onto as many lines as needed
marquee-direction: forward marquee-direction: reverse	The initial direction that the marquee is moved. With marquee-loop > 1 and marquee-style: alternate, the marquee will be moved in the opposite direction when animation in the specified direction has completed.
* includes possible values for enumerated properties	

	forward (default) at any fixed location, the marquee appears in the order that someone would normally read it reverse the marquee appears in reverse of normal reading order
marquee-loop	a positive integer (default 1), zero (0) or the keyword infinite.
marquee-style: scroll marquee-style: slide marquee-style: alternate	scroll (default) the marquee will scroll on, go all the way across and scroll off again slide
	depending on marquee-loop, the marquee will scroll in and either stop or disappear just before starting the next loop iteration
	alternate the marquee will initially be visible and just scroll back and forth
marquee-speed: slow marquee-speed: normal marquee-speed: fast	slow normal (default) fast
-overflow-x: -webkit-marquee	equivalent to overflow-style: marquee -webkit-marquee indicates the content is to be animated with a marquee effect
-webkit-marquee	shorthand notation for marquee properties in the form: <var>direction</var> <var>increment<!-- var--> <var>repetition</var> <var>style</var> <var>speed</var></var>
-webkit-marquee-direction: auto -webkit-marquee-direction: forwards -webkit-marquee-direction: backwards	equivalent to marquee-direction The initial direction that the marquee is moved. With -webkit-marquee-repetition-
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-webkit-marquee-direction: right -webkit-marquee-direction: up -webkit-marquee-direction: down -webkit-marquee-direction: ahead -webkit-marquee-direction: reverse	property > 1 and _webkit-marquee_style-property: alternate, the marquee will be moved in the opposite direction when animation in the specified direction has completed. auto (default)
-webkit-marquee-repetition	equivalent to marquee-loop
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	a positive or zero count for the number of times that animation of the marquee will be repeated
-webkit-marquee-style: none -webkit-marquee-style: scroll -webkit-marquee-style: slide -webkit-marquee-style: alternate	equivalent to marquee-style none the marquee will not move unless style is changed scroll the marquee will scroll on, go all the
	slide depending on marquee-loop, the marquee will scroll in and either stop or disappear just before starting the next loop iteration
	alternate the marquee will initially be visible and just scroll back and forth
-webkit-marquee-speed	equivalent to marquee-speed distance over a period of time in the format <var>distance</var> / <var>time<!-- var--> or a keyword: slow normal</var>
	fast
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Marquee Examples

The first browsers that these examples work in are the WebKit browsers, except for the shorter example with marquee-style: alternate, which works in Safari but not Chrome.

This uses marquee-style: scroll, so it scrolls off the screen then scrolls back on.

This uses marquee-style: slide, so it slides on, disappears and then slides on again.

This uses marquee-style: alternate, so it bounces back and forth.

If the marquee content is longer than the screen width and marquee-style: alternate is used then the text will move back and forth in order to show all of it.

In the last example, some left and right padding is added with the padding: 0 1em style property in order to give the user a little time to read the first and last word at each end.

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