Element: clientTop property

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The **`clientTop`** read-only property of the Element interface returns the width of the top border of an element in pixels.

All that lies between the `offsetTop` and `clientTop` is the element's border. This is because the `offsetTop` indicates the location of the top of the border (not the margin) while the client area starts immediately below the border, including padding. Therefore, the `clientTop` value is always equal to the `border-top-width`, rounded to integer. For example, if the computed `border-top-width` is zero, then `clientTop` is also zero.

Value

An integer.

Examples

In the following example, the client area has a white background and a 24px black `border-top`. The `clientTop` value is the distance from where the margin (yellow) area ends and the padding and content areas (white) begin: that is, 24px.

HTML

```
<div id="container">
  <div id="contained">
    <p>
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      commodo consequat.
    </p>
  </div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
#container {
  margin: 3rem;
  background-color: rgb(255 255 204);
  border: 4px dashed black;
}

#contained {
  margin: 1rem;
  border-top: 24px black solid;
  padding: 0px 28px;
  overflow: auto;
  background-color: white;
}
```

Result

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See also

- Determining the dimensions of elements
- HTMLElement.offsetTop
- Element.scrollTop
- Element.clientHeight
- Element.clientWidth
- Element.clientLeft
- Element.getBoundingClientRect()

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