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THE ISSUE

The default width of a **SELECT** form control is usually <u>dependent on the width of the widest **OPTION** item in the list</u>; the width of the **SELECT** list will basically be not much greater (*but no less*) than this width.
The **HTML** standards don't allow for a way to control this width. **CSS**, on the other hand, would be perfect for controlling this, but historical support for **CSS** on form controls is rather weak.

SOLUTION

Since Netscape 4 has only the proprietary attribute that will give the desired effect, it will not hurt anything to combine the use of **CSS** and the **WIDTH** attribute.

Example

```
<select name="foo" width="300" style="width: 300px">
<option>one </option>
<option>two </option>
<option>three </option>
</select>
```