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# [**HTML – How to center a span container?**](http://heelpbook.altervista.org/2012/html-how-to-center-a-span-container/)

A **div** is a block element and will **span** the **width** of the container unless a **width** is set. A **span** is an *inline element* and will have the **width** of the text inside it. Currently, in this first code we are trying to set **align** as a *css property*.

**Align** is an attribute.

<span align="center" style="border:1px solid red;">  
 This is some text in a div element!  
</span>

However, the **Align** attribute is *deprecated*, you should use the CSS **text-align** property on the *container*.

<div style="text-align: center;">  
 <span stlye="border:1px solid red;">  
 This is some text in a div element!  
 </span>  
</div>