

CSS Code for WordPress Menus

To change the font characteristics of a WordPress menu, you can use custom CSS. The specific CSS code you'll need depends on your theme, but the general approach is to target the navigation menu and its list items and then apply the desired font properties.

Finding the Correct CSS Selector

First, you need to identify the CSS selector for your menu. The most common selectors are:

- `.main-navigation`
- `#primary-menu`
- `#site-navigation`
- `.menu`

You can find the exact selector for your theme by using the Inspect tool in your web browser. Right-click on your menu and select "Inspect" or "Inspect Element." Look for a `<ul>` or `<nav>` tag with a class or ID that identifies it as the main menu.

CSS Properties to Change Font Characteristics

Once you have your selector, you can use the following CSS properties to change the font characteristics of your menu items:

- `font-family`: Changes the typeface.
- `font-size`: Adjusts the size of the font.
- `font-weight`: Controls the boldness (e.g., normal, bold, 400, 700).
- `color`: Changes the color of the text.
- `text-transform`: Specifies capitalization (e.g., uppercase, lowercase, capitalize).
- `letter-spacing`: Adjusts the space between characters.

Example CSS Code

Here are some examples of CSS code you can use. Replace `.main-navigation` with your theme's specific menu selector.

To change the font family, size, and weight for all menu items:

```
.main-navigation a {
    font-family: "Helvetica Neue", sans-serif;
    font-size: 16px;
    font-weight: 500;
}
```

To change the color of the menu text:

```
.main-navigation a {
    color: #333; /* Dark gray */
}
```

To make the menu items uppercase and add letter spacing:

```
.main-navigation a {  
  text-transform: uppercase;  
  letter-spacing: 1px;  
}
```

To style the menu item when a user hovers over it:

```
.main-navigation a:hover {  
  color: #0073aa; /* WordPress blue */  
  text-decoration: underline;  
}
```

How to Add the CSS to WordPress

There are two main ways to add this custom CSS to your WordPress site:

- WordPress Customizer: Navigate to Appearance > Customize in your WordPress dashboard. Click on Additional CSS and paste your code into the text area. This is the safest and recommended method.
- Child Theme's style.css file: If you have a child theme, you can add the CSS to its style.css file. This is a good option for more extensive customizations, as it won't be overwritten when the parent theme is updated.
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