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# PatternSkinCssCookbook Recipe: Center the page with a border

This recipe shows how to put a border around the page, while centering the page horizontally. The example on this page uses a gradient image as background - on top of a gray base color. You can choose to set no image of course.


This line loads the extra style definition:

```
* Set USERSTYLEURL = %PUBURLPATH%/SYSTEMWEB%/PatternSkinCssCookbookCenterPageBorder/ce
```

You can write this line in DefaultPreferences, in SitePreferences, in WebPreferences, in your user topic or on a single page.

Add the dynamic link to the logo image to the topic text:

```
<style type="text/css" media="all">
#patternScreen {
background-image:url ("%PUBURLPATH%/SYSTEMWEB%/PatternSkinCssCookbookCenterPageBorder/grad
background-repeat:repeat-x;
}
#patternPageShadow {
background-image:url ("%PUBURLPATH%/SYSTEMWEB%/PatternSkin/striped_pageshadow.gif");
}
</style>
```


 If you don't write this overloading style in a template and use an external .css file, you need to set the image to the absolute url:

```
<style type="text/css" media="all">
#patternScreen {
background-image:url ("%ATTACHURLPATH%/gradient_page.gif");
background-repeat:repeat-x;
}
</style>
```

You can always write a <style> in a topic - all current browsers support this - but the page won't validate as valid XHTML.

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