

# visibility: collapse on Table Rows and Columns

A collapsed row/column takes no layout space at all - the content around it closes the gap, exactly as if it had `display: none`. This is distinct from `visibility: hidden`, which keeps reserving the element's space and only omits painting it.

## Row collapse (row 2 has `visibility: collapse`)

| Row   | Status                          |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| Row 1 | Visible                         |
| Row 3 | Follows immediately after Row 1 |

## Compare with `visibility: hidden` (row 2's space stays reserved)

| Row   | Status  |
|-------|---------|
| Row 1 | Visible |

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| Row 3 | A visible gap remains where Row 2 was |
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Column collapse (middle column has visibility: collapse)

| Column A | Column C                  |
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| Visible  | Follows Column A directly |