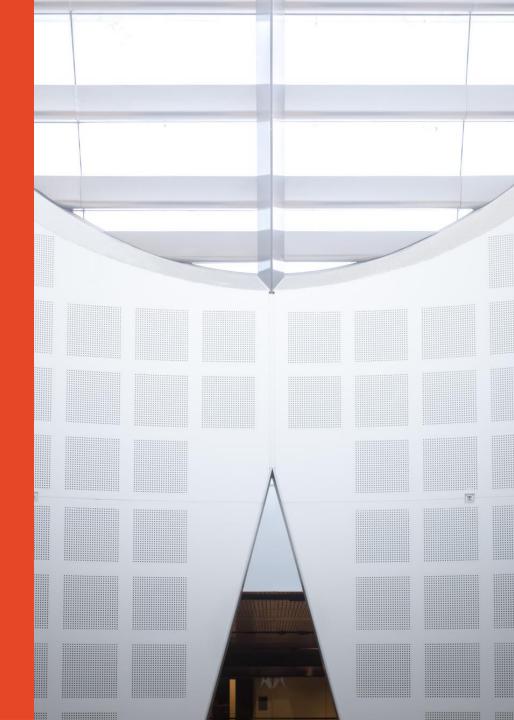
COMP5347: Web
Application Development
Introduction to HTML
and CSS

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Content based on Ch2 and Ch3 of Fundamentals of Web Development, Global Edition.

HTML

"To publish information for global distribution, one needs a <u>universally understood</u> <u>language</u>, a kind of publishing mother tongue that all <u>computers</u> may potentially understand. The publishing language used by the World Wide Web is HTML" – (from Hyper Text Markup Language)

- A <u>markup</u> language is simply a way of <u>annotating</u> a document in such a way to make the annotations distinct from the text being annotated.
 - E.g. Latex
- HTML is used world wide, standardization is essential
 - The W3C is the main standards organization for the World Wide Web.

Key events in the history of HTML

- First public specification by Tim Berners-Lee (1991)
- W3C standardization (1997)
- Frozen at 4.01 by W3C (1998)
- W3C's XTHML (XML + HTML) (late 1990s)
 - Survived till XHTML 2.0 in mid 2000
- WHATWG(Web Hypertext Application Technology Working Group) under W3C was formed by developers at Opera and Mozilla to challenge the idea of XML+HTML (mid 2000)
 - More practical approach, e.g., specify how should browsers deal with invalid mark-up
- W3C stopped work on XHTML 2.0 and adopted the work by WHATWG and named it HTML5 (2009)

HTML5 – Aims

- Specify unambiguously how browsers should deal with invalid markup.
- Provide an open, non-proprietary programming framework (via Javascript) for creating rich web applications.
- Be backwards compatible with the existing web.

HTML: Elements and Attributes

- HTML documents = text content + HTML elements
- An HTML element
 - Text, other elements, or be empty
 - Identified in the HTML document by tags
- HTML elements can also contain HTML attribute
 - name=value pair that provides more information about the HTML element

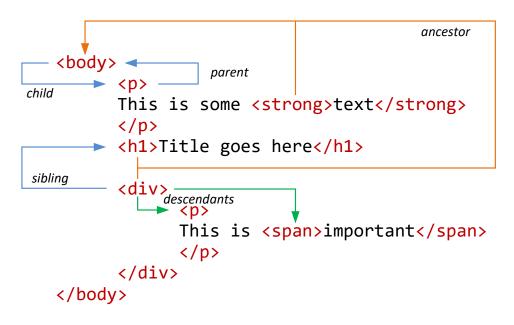
What HTML lets you do

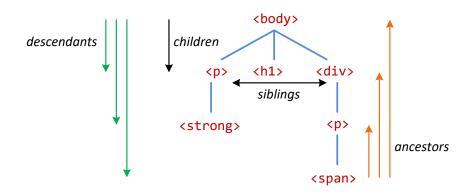
- Insert images using the tag
- Create links with the <a> tag
- Create lists with the <
- Create headings with <H1>, <H2>, ..., <H6>
- Define metatdata with <meta> tag
- And much more...

Elements and Attributes



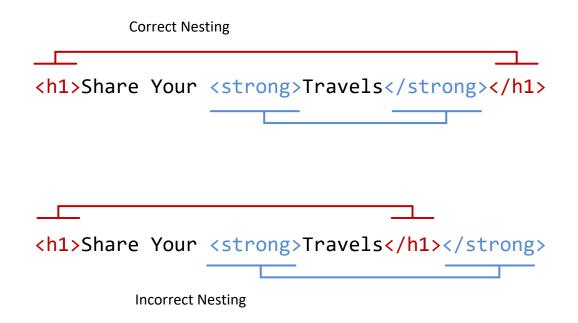
Nesting HTML elements





Nesting HTML elements

- Browsers expect proper nesting of HTML elements
 - Important for proper construction
 - A child's ending tag must occur before its parents ending tag



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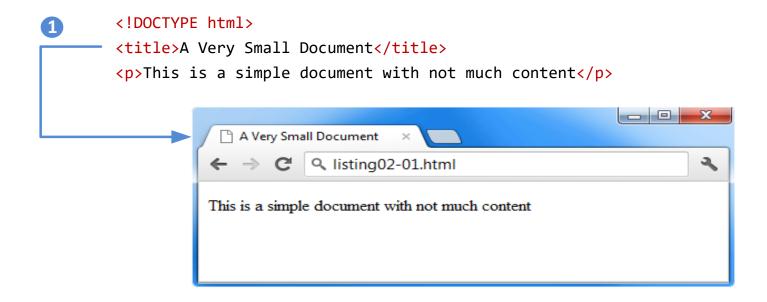
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Simplest HTML document

- The <title> element provides a broad description of the content.
- The title is typically displayed by the browser in its window and/or tab



A more complete document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head lang="en">
   <meta charset="utf-8">
   <title>Share Your Travels -- New York - Central Park</title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/main.css">
   <script src="js/html5shiv.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
   <h1>Main heading goes here</h1>
   . . .
</body>
</html>
```

DOCTYPE

- Tells the browser what type of document it is about to process
- It does not indicate the HTML version



HTML, Head, and Body

- <html>, <head>, and <body> not required in HTML 5
- Required in XHTML most web authors continue to use them
- The <html> contains all other elements (the root element)

Head and Body

- HTML pages are divided into: the head and the body
- The head contains descriptive elements about the document
- The body contains content to displayed by the browser



Inside the head

- <meta> declares the character encoding for the document, e.g.,
 UTF-8
- - specifies reference to external file (e.g., CSS stylesheet that defines the visual look)



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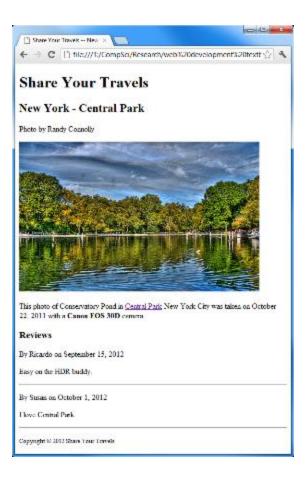
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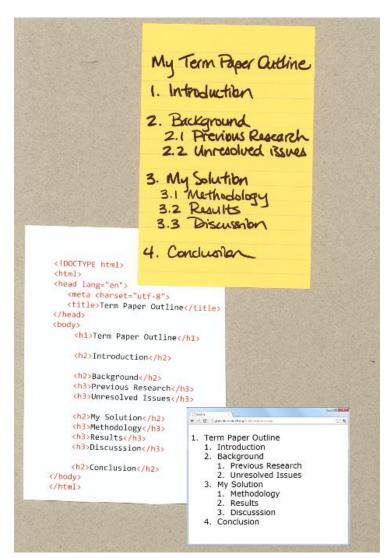
Sample Document

```
<body>
  <h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
  <h2>New York - Central Park</h2>
  Photo by Randy Connolly
  This photo of Conservatory Pond in
     <a href="http://www.centralpark.com/">Central Park</a> --
     New York City was taken on October 22, 2011 with a
     <strong>Canon EOS 30D</strong> camera.
  <img src="images/central-park.jpg" alt="Central Park" />
  <h3>Reviews</h3>
  <div>
     By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
     Easy on the HDR buddy.
  </div>
  <div>
     By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
     I love Central Park.
  </div>
  <small>Copyright &copy; 2012 Share Your Travels</small>
</body>
```



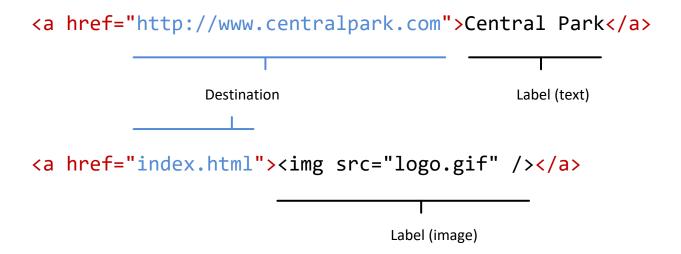
HTML Headings, Paragraphs and Division

- Six levels of headings (h1, h2, ... h6)
- Used by the browser to create a document outline for the page
 - Tool support: <u>HTML 5 Outliner</u>
- Browser's default styling (customize by CSS)
- (paragraph) container for text and HTML elements
- <div> (division) container element used for logical grouping of content



Links

- Created using the <a> element (anchor)
- Consists of: the destination and the label



HTML Types of Links (1)

```
Link to external site
<a href="http://www.centralpark.com">Central Park</a>
               Link to resource on external site
<a href="http://www.centralpark.com/logo.gif">Central Park</a>
     Link to another page on same site as this page
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
     Link to another place on the same page
<a href="#top">Go to Top of Document</a>
<a name="top">
     Defines anchor for a link to another place on same page
```

HTML Types of Links (2)

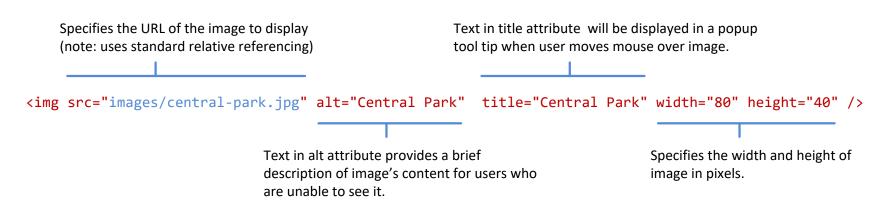
```
Link to specific place on another page
<a href="productX.html#reviews">Reviews for product X</a>
                      Link to email
<a href="mailto:person@somewhere.com">Someone</a>
                Link to JavaScript function
<a href="javascript:OpenAnnoyingPopup();">See This</a>
         Link to telephone (automatically dials the number
         when user clicks on it using a smartphone browser)
<a href="tel:+18009220579">Call toll free (800) 922-0579</a>
```

Types of Links

- Links to external sites (or to individual resources such as images or movies on an external site)
- Links to other pages or resources within the current site
- Links to other places within the current page
- Links to a particular location on another page
- Links that are instructions to the browser to start the user's email program
- Links that are instructions to the browser to execute a Javascript function

Images

- Different ways to specify images:
 - Decorative images in CSS (not in the markup)
 - Background gradients and patterns, logos, border art, etc.
 - Content images using tag
 - Images in a gallery or the image of a product in a product details pageh



Lists

Unordered lists

Collections of items in no certain order; by default rendered by the browser as a bulleted list

Ordered lists

Collections of items that have a set order; by default rendered by the browser as a numbered list

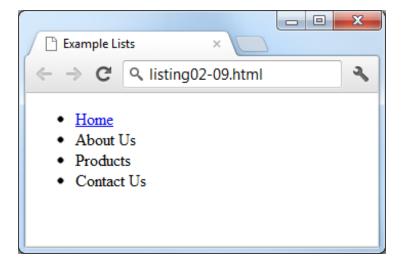
Description lists <dl>

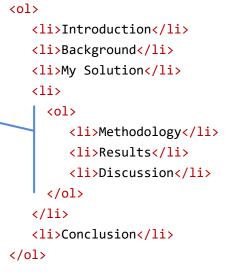
Collection of name and definition pairs

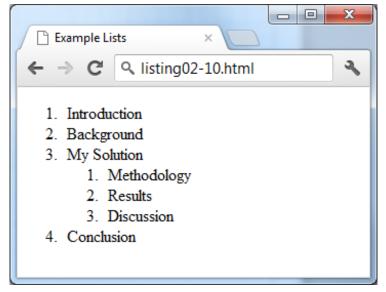
Lists

```
Notice that the list item element
can contain other HTML
elements

<a href="index.html">Home</a>
About Us
Products
Contact Us
```







HTML Elements - Special Characters

- No easy way to type them via a keyboard
- Have a reserved meaning in HTML (like"<")

Entity	Description
	Nonbreakable space
<	<
>	>
&сору;	©
™	тм

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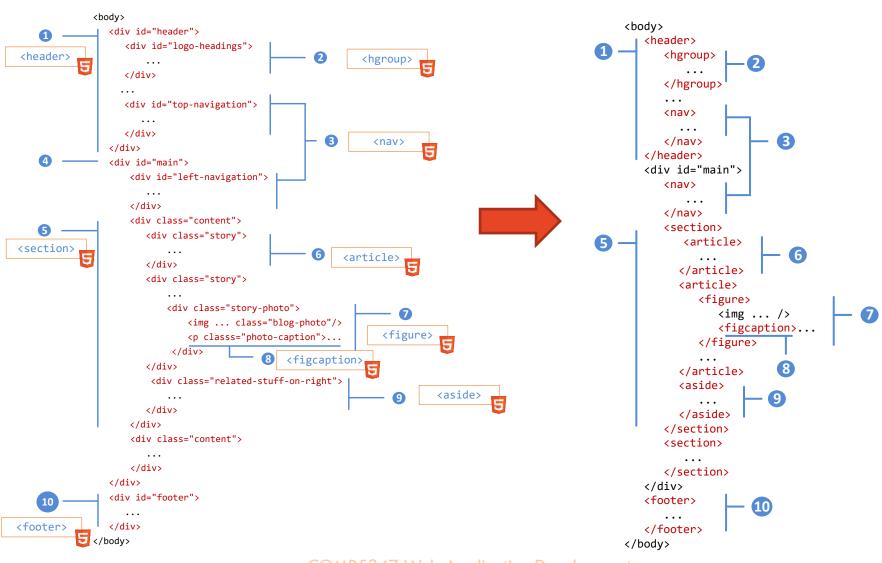
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Semantic markups

- The commonly agreed good practice
 - HTML should only focus on the <u>structure of a document</u>
 - CSS should specify how the content should be <u>displayed in a browser</u> <u>window</u>
- HTML5 has introduced many new semantic tags
 - <article>, <section>, <header>, <footer>, <aside>, etc to replace tags like
 - <div id="header">, <div id = "footer">, etc

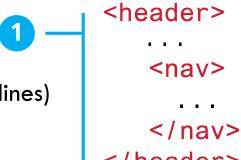
XHTML versus HTML5



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Header and Footer

- Typically the header contains
 - the site logo
 - title (and perhaps additional subtitles or taglines)
 - horizontal navigation links, and
 - perhaps one or two horizontal banners.



- The typical footer contains less important material, e.g.,
 - smaller text versions of the navigation,
 - copyright notices,
 - information about the site's privacy policy, and </footer>
 - perhaps twitter feeds or links to other social sites.

Navigation

- The <nav> represents a section of a page that contains links to other pages or to other parts within the same page
- The browser does not apply any special presentation to the <nav>
- The <nav> was intended for major navigation blocks, presumably the global and secondary navigation systems

Figure and Figure Captions

This photo was taken on October 22, 2011 with a Canon EOS 30D camera. <figure>
 Figure could be <figcaption>Conservatory Pond in Central Park</figcaption> moved to a </figure> different > location in It was a wonderfully beautiful autumn Sunday, with strong sunlight and document expressive clouds. I was very fortunate that my one day in New York was blessed with such weather! _ 0 X But it has to Figure Example exist in the ← → C Q listing02-12.html document This photo was taken on October 22, 2011 with a Canon EOS 30D camera. (i.e., the figure isn't optional) Conservatory Pond in Central Park It was a wonderfully beautiful autumn Sunday, with strong sunlight and expressive clouds. I was very fortunate that my one day in New York was blessed with such weather!

Semantic HTML

HTML 5 Element	Description / use
<main></main>	contain the main unique content of the document. It provides a semantic replacement for markup such as <div id="main"> or <div id="main-content"></div></div>
<section></section>	for a much broader element
<article></article>	for blocks of content that could potentially be read or consumed independently of the other content on the page
<aside></aside>	for sidebars, pull quotes, groups of advertising images, or any other grouping of nonessential elements

Semantic Markup – Benefits

- Maintainability
 - Easy to update and change (structure only!)
- Performance/speed
 - Faster to download and quicker to author
- Accessibility
 - Sight disabilities experience the web using voice reading software
 - Semantic web makes it easier to read
- Search Engine Optimization
 - Provides semantic elements to tell web crawlers of the important content

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Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

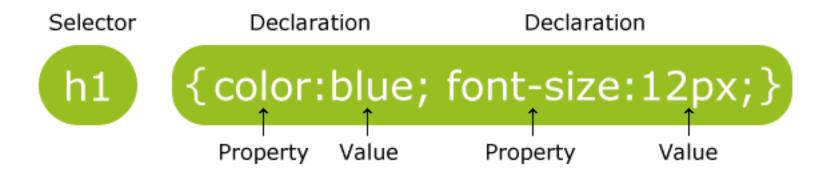
- W3C standard for describing the presentation (or appearance) of HTML elements
- With CSS, we can assign
 - font properties, colors, sizes, borders, background images, even the position of elements

CSS - brief history

- CSS came not too long after the proposal of HTML
- The first recommendation CSS Level 1 (CSS1) in 1996
- The CSS Level 2 (CSS2) was published in 1998
 - Updated version CSS2.1 became official W3C recommendation in 2011
- The current version is CSS3 with a variety of modules at different stages: recommendation, draft and so on
 - backwards-compatible with earlier versions of CSS.
- Browser support has long been an issue of CSS
 - Not all browsers have all parts of the CSS2 recommendation

CSS Syntax

- A CSS document consists of one or more style rules
- Each rule consists of a selector followed by list of declarations (property-value pairs)



CSS Syntax

- Every CSS rule begins with a selector
- The selector identifies which element/elements in the HTML document will be affected by the declarations in the rule
- Each individual CSS declaration must contain a property
- The CSS2.1 recommendation defines over a hundred different property names
- The unit of any given value is dependent upon the property.
- Some property values are from a predefined list of keywords.
 Others are values such as length measurements, percentages, numbers without units, color values, and URLs.

CSS Syntax

- Selector identifies the element(s) to be affected by the styles
 - Selector can be based on <u>name</u>, <u>class</u>, <u>id</u>, <u>attribute</u> and more
- The property name predefined by CSS standard
- The **property value** are either predefined keywords (e.g., color name) or other values (e.g., length measurement, percentage)
 - The unit of any given value is dependent upon the property

CSS Properties

Property Type	Property
Fonts	Font, font-family, font-size, font-style, font-weight, @font-face
Text	letter-spacing, line-height, text-align, text-decoration, *text-indent
Color and Background	Background, background-color, background-image, background-position, background-repeat, box-shadow, color, Opacity
Borders	border*, border-color, border-width, border-style, border-top, border-left,*, border-image*, border-radius

Units of Measurement

- Relative vs. Absolute measurements
 - Relative units are based on the value of something else, (e.g., the size of a parent element)
 - Absolute units have real world size

Unit	Description	Туре
in	Inches	Absolute
cm	Centimeters	Absolute
mm	Millimeters	Absolute
pt	Points (equal to 1/72 of an inch)	Absolute
рс	Pica (equal to 1/6 of an inch)	Absolute

Relative Units

Unit	Description	Туре
рх	Pixel. In CSS2 this is a relative measure, while in CSS3 it is absolute (1/96 of an inch).	Relative (CSS2)
		Absolute (CSS3)
em	Equal to the computed value of the font-size property of the element on which it is used. When used for font sizes, the em unit is in relation to the font size of the parent.	Relative
%	A measure that is always relative to another value. The precise meaning of % varies depending upon which property it is being used.	Relative
ех	A rarely used relative measure that expresses size in relation to the x-height of an element's font.	Relative
ch	Another rarely used relative measure; this one expresses size in relation to the width of the zero ("0") character of	Relative
	an element's font.	(CSS3 only)
rem	Stands for root em, which is the font size of the root element. Unlike em , which may be different for each	Relative
	element, the rem is constant throughout the document.	(CSS3 only)
vw, vh	Stands for viewport width and viewport height. Both are percentage values (between 0 and 100) of the viewport	Relative
	(browser window). This allows an item to change size when the viewport is resized.	(CSS3 only)

CSS location – Inline

<u>Inline</u> within an HTML element

```
<h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
<h2 style="font-size: 24pt">Description</h2>
...
<h2 style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight:bold;">
Reviews</h2>
```

- Not recommended practice
- Good for quick testing

CSS location – Embedded Stylesheet

Embedded stylesheet (internal) in a HTML document

Better than inline but it's not recommended

CSS location – External

 External style placed in a separate file (.css extension) and are linked to the HTML file

```
- link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet">
```

- Highly recommended for maintainability

CSS location – External

- Browser has a default set of rules for pages/elements that do not have a customized style
- Check <u>CSS Default values reference</u> for ddefault CSS values for HTML elements
- In Chrome, check
 https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromium/blink/+/master/Source/core/css/html.css

What is "Cascading"?

- Cascading is the principle to resolve conflicting style rules
 - Cascade: style rule will continue to take precedence with child elements

Inheritance

- Certain properties defined for the <body> element will be inherited by all elements embedded in it
- Inheritable: font, color, list and text properties
- Not Inheritable: layout, sizing, border, background and spacing properties

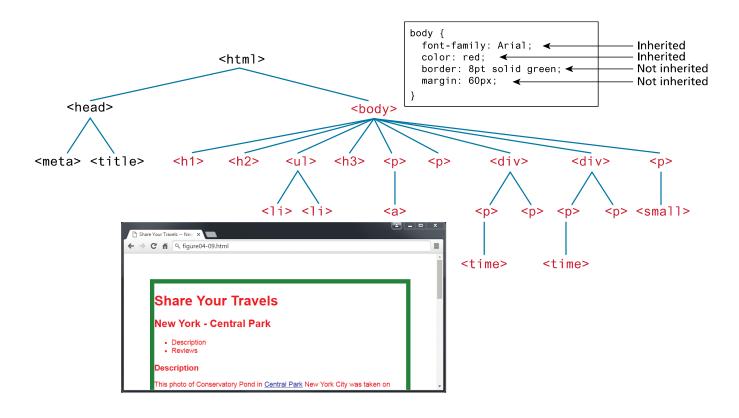
Specificity

- Style rules with more specific selector will override rules with more general selector
 - E.g. If both <body> and elements define a font rule, the text inside the element will use the font defined in the element

Location

- The latest (closest) rule wins If inheritance and specificity cannot determine style precedence
 - E.g. inline rule is closer to that element than the rules in an external file

"Cascading" - Inheritance



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Selectors

- A selector tells the browser which elements will be affected
- CSS selectors allow you to select
 - individual elements
 - multiple HTML elements,
 - elements that belong together in some way, or
 - elements that are positioned in specific ways in the document hierarchy.

Element Selectors

Uses the HTML element name

You can select all elements by using the universal element selector, the * (asterisk) character

```
declaration

selector { property: value; property2: value2; } — rule

declaration block

selector

em { color: red; }

property value

p {

margin: 5px 0 10px 0;

font-weight: bold;

font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

Grouped Selectors

```
/* commas allow you to group selectors */
p, div, aside {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
/* the above single grouped selector is equivalent to the
   following: */
p {
  margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
div {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
aside {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
```

LISTING 3.4 Sample grouped selector

Class Selectors

- Allows you to simultaneously target different HTML elements regardless of their position in the document tree
- A series of HTML elements labeled with the same class attribute value can be targeted for styling by using a class selector
- How: period (.) followed by the class name

Class Selectors

```
<head>
   <title>Share Your Travels </title>
    <style>
                                          Share Your Travels -- New X
         .first {
                                             C Q listing03-06.html
                                         ACM-SIGITE | Specia... SIGITE 2012 Databas...
                                                                      >> Other bookmarks
              font-style: italic;
              color: brown;
                                         Reviews
                                                                                       .first {
                                                                                          font-style: italic;
                                         By Ricardo on September 15, 2012
    </style>
                                         Easy on the HDR buddy.
                                                                                          color: brown;
</head>
                                         By Susan on October 1, 2012
<body>
                                         I love Central Park.
   <h1 class="first">Reviews</h1>
   <div>
       By Ricardo on <time>September 15,
2012</time>
      Easy on the HDR buddy.
   </div>
   <hr/>
   <div>
       By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
       I love Central Park.
   </div>
   <hr/>
</body>
```

Id Selectors

Allows you to target a specific element by its id attribute regardless of its type or position

If an HTML element has been labeled with an id attribute, then you can target it for styling by using an id selector

How: pound/hash (#) followed by the id name.

Id vs. Class Selectors

- Referencing a single HTML element → id selector
 - id attribute can only be assigned to a single HTML element

 (Potentially) referencing several related elements → class selector

Pseudo Selectors

- Pseudo-element selector a way to select something that does not exist explicitly as an element in the HTML document tree, but is still a recognizable selectable object
- pseudo-class selector does apply to an HTML element, but targets either a particular state or, in CSS3, a variety of family relationships
- The most common use of this type of selectors is for targeting link states

Pseudo Selectors

```
<head>
  <title>Share Your Travels</title>
  <style>
      a:link {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: blue;
      a:visited {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: purple;
      a:hover {
      text-decoration: none;
      font-weight: bold;
      a:active {
      background-color: yellow;
  </style>
</head>
<body>
    Links are an important part of any web page. To learn more about
       links visit the <a href="#">W3C</a> website.
  <nav>
    <u1>
      <a href="#">Canada</a>
      <a href="#">Germany</a>
      <a href="#">United States</a>
    </nav>
</body>
```

LISTING 3.8 Styling a link using pseudo-class selectors

Contextual Selectors

- It selects elements based on their context or their relation to other elements in the document tree
- Ancestors, descendants, or siblings
- Called combinators in CSS3

Selector	Matches	Example
Descendant	A specified element that is contained somewhere within another specified element	div p Selects a element that is contained somewhere within a <div> element. That is, the can be any descendant, not just a child.</div>
Child	A specified element that is a direct child of the specified element	div>h2 Selects an <h2> element that is a child of a <div> element.</div></h2>
Adjacent	A specified element that is the	h3+p
Sibling	next sibling (i.e., comes directly after) of the specified element.	Selects the first after any <h3>.</h3>
General Sibling	A specified element that shares	h3~p
	the same parent as the specified element.	Selects all the elements that share the same parent as the <h3>.</h3>

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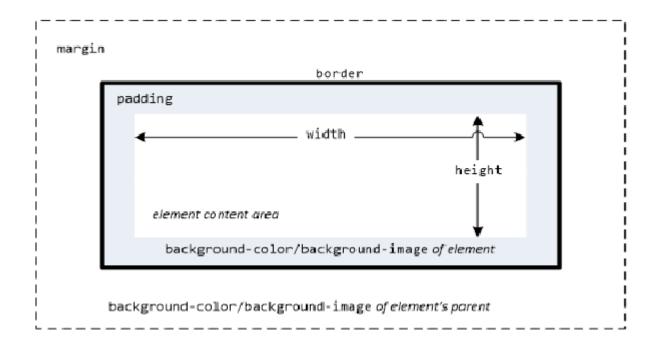
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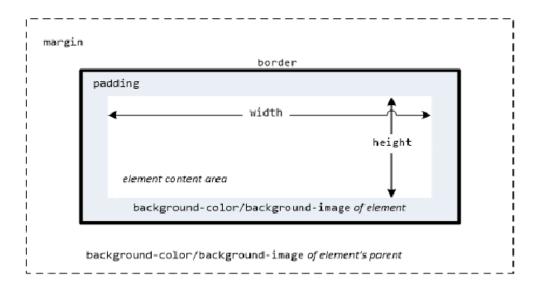
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The Box Model

In CSS, all HTML elements exist within an element box.



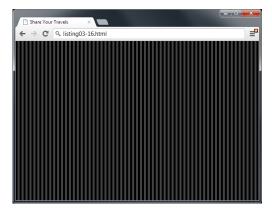
The Box Model – Example

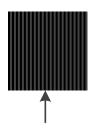


Every CSS rule begins with a selector. The selector identifies which element or elements in the HTML document will be affected by the declarations in the rule. Another way of thinking of selectors is that they are a pattern which is used by the browser to select the HTML elements that will receive

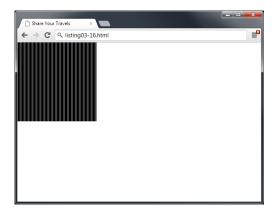
Background properties

The background color or image fills an element out to its border (if it has one that is).

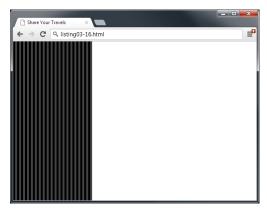




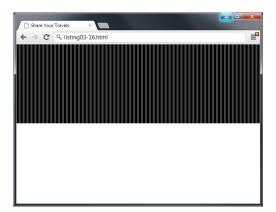
background-image: url(../images/backgrounds/body-background-tile.gif);
background-repeat: repeat;



background-repeat: no-repeat;

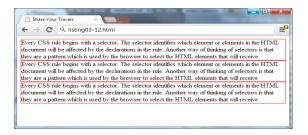


background-repeat: repeat-y;



background-repeat: repeat-x;

Margins and Padding



```
p {
    border: solid 1pt red;
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
```

```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 30px;
   padding: 0;
}
```

```
Share Your Travels

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p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 30px;
   padding: 30px;
}
```

Margins and padding properties

```
border-top-color: red; /* sets just the top side */
border-right-color: green; /* sets just the right side */
border-bottom-color: yellow; /* sets just the bottom side */
border-left-color: blue; /* sets just the left side */
```

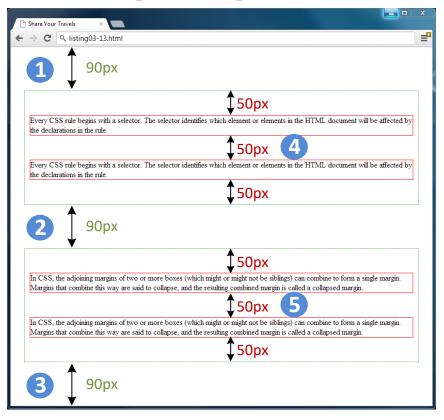
Alternately, we can set all four sides at once:

border-color: red; /* sets all four sides to red */

border-color: red green orange blue; /* sets 4 colors */



Collapsing Margins



```
<div>
    Every CSS rule ...
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</div>
</div>
In CSS, the adjoining ... 
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(p)
```

```
div {
   border: dotted 1pt green;
   padding: 0;
   margin: 90px 20px;
}
```

```
p {
    border: solid 1pt red;
    padding: 0;
    margin: 50px 20px;
}
```

If overlapping margins did not collapse, then margin space for would be 180p (90pixels for the bottom margin of the first <div> + 90 pixels for the top margin of the second <div>), while the margins 4 and 5 for would be 100px.

Collapsing Margins

When the vertical margins of two elements touch,

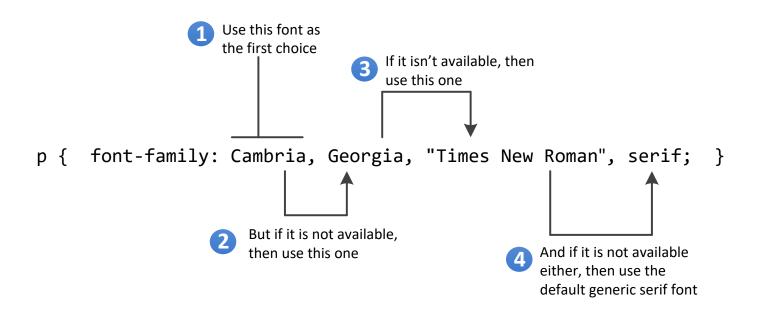
- the largest margin value of the elements will be displayed
- the smaller margin value will be collapsed to zero

Horizontal margins, on the other hand, never collapse

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Specifying the Font-Family



Font sizes

- How do we specify font sizes?
 - Typically in word document, we specify 10 points, 12 points
 - Printer based, the size of point varied through history
- On screen-based media
 - Pixel has been a relatively stable measure
 - Device Pixel vs. CSS pixel
- Using relative measure gives better results on various devices

How to use ems and percents

```
    Browser's default text size is usually 16 pixels
    100% or 1em is 16 pixels
    125% or 1.125em is 18 pixels
    150% or 1.5em is 24 pixels
    150% or 2em is 32 pixels

/* using 16px scale */
body { font-size: 100%; }

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/** body or 2em is 32 pixels

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Useful Tool: PX to EM Converter

h3 { font-size: 1.125em; } /* 1.25 x 16 = 18 */

h2 { font-size: 1.5em; } /* 1.5 x 16 = 24 */

/* 2 x 16 = 32 */

</body>

<h2>this will be about 24 pixels</h2>

<h3>this will be about 18 pixels</h3>

this will be about 16 pixels

h1 { font-size: 2em; }

ems and percent's complications - Question

```
<body>
  this is 16 pixels
  <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
  <article>
        <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        this is 16 pixels
        <div>
            th1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        <div>
            this is 16 pixels
        </div>
        </div>
        </div>
        </div>
        </darticle>
</body>
```

Percent and em units are relative to their parents, so if the parent font size changes, this affects all of its contents.

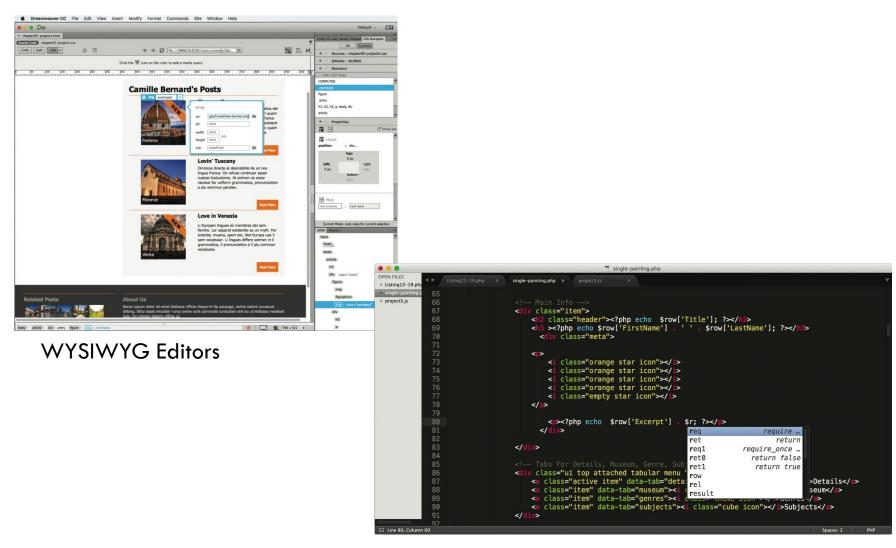


The rem unit

CSS3 supports a new relative measure, the **rem** (for root em unit). This unit is always relative to the size of the root element (i.e., the <html> element).



Web Development Tools



Code Editors

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