Three ways to apply CSS to html

1. External
2. Internal
3. Inline

**External CSS**

Html file

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

 <meta charset="UTF-8">

 <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

 <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

 <link rel="stylesheet" href="./styles.css">

 <title>Document</title>

</head>

<body>

 <p>this is  a paragraph</p>

</body>

</html>

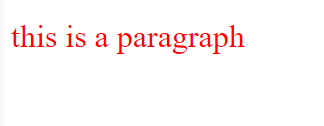
CSS file

p{

 color: red

}

Output



Internal CSS

Inside the head element

 <style>

  p{

   color: limegreen;

  }

If we keep these two in head section

<style>

     p{

      color: green;

     }

    </style>

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="./styles.css">

The last rule will be applied for the p element in html document

Inline CSS

<p style="color: blue;">this is a paragraph</p>

This takes precedence over internal and external CSS

If we make a mistake in CSS the relevant rule will be ignored.

Free online CSS validator: <https://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/>

Lesson 2 CSS Selectors

Element selector

body{

 font-size: 22px;

}

p{

 color: purple;

}

Class selector

Html document

<p  class="amitha">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Asperiores, accusantium reprehenderit minus at laborum quam ipsa eum quas sapiente. Incidunt hic, aliquam tenetur provident officiis iste dignissimos quaerat, magnam soluta vero nobis sit. </p>

CSS file

.amitha{

 color: grey;

}

Most commonly used selector, can be used more than once (not like ids)

ID selector

HTML file

<p class="amitha" id="second">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Asperiores, accusantium reprehenderit minus at laborum quam ipsa eum quas sapiente. Incidunt hic, aliquam tenetur provident officiis iste dignissimos quaerat, magnam soluta vero nobis sit. </p>

CSS file

#second{

 font-style: italic;

}

IDs should be unique. Try not to use them much.

Group selection

h1 , h2{

 color: blue;

}

Comma is a must

If it is h1 h2 then the styling will be applied only to h2s nested under h1

Nested selector

HTML file

 <h2>Article 2</h2>

 <p class="amitha" id="second">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Asperiores, accusantium reprehenderit <span>minus</span> dsdfsd </p>

CSS file

p span{

 text-transform: uppercase;

 background-color: gold;

}

It is better to use classes than using nested selectors

HTML file

<p class="amitha">

at laborum <span class="highlight">quam</span> ipsa

    </p>

CSS file

.highlight{

  text-transform: uppercase;

   background-color: green;

}

Universal Selector

Selects everything in html, used to CSS reset

\*{

 font-family: monospace ;

}

Cascading means working like a waterfall. Last rule applies

CSS File

p{

 color: purple;

}

p{

 color: brown;

}

Brown color will be applied for the p element since it is read at last. Specificity can override.

Classes have more specificity than elements. IDs are the most specific ones

**Specificity**

Elements < Classes < IDs

Inheritance

Inheriting styles of parent elements by child elements

Anything related to font and typography are inherited. While others are not.

Example

body{

 font-size: 22px;

}

Font size applied to entire body

body {

  font-size: 22px;

  border: 3px solid green;

}



Border applies to the body only not for other elements.

Note

Form element does not inherit typography settings

But if we want them to inherit we need to select related element then font: inherit;

button, input{

 font: inherit;

}

Universal selector is not related to inheritance. It is selecting all the elements.

We can use body element to write DRY code (don’t repeat yourself). Or we can use html element as well.

We can use main element as well as a semantic element.

We can use a nuclear solution in debugging but it is not advised

p {

  color: purple!important;

}

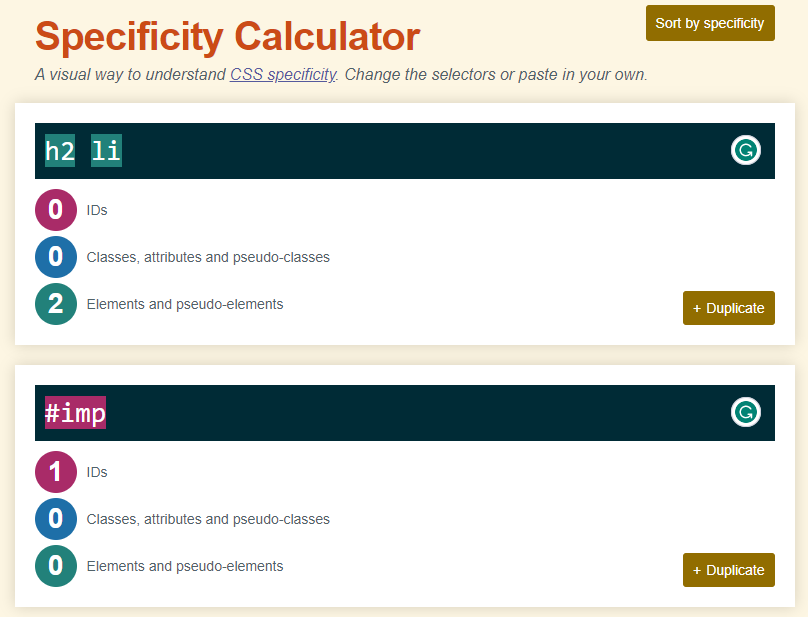
p {

  color: brown;

}

All the text will be converted into purple even font color is changed by classes.

**!important overrides everything. Don’t use it**

Specificity calculator: <https://specificity.keegan.st/>

Lesson 3 HTML Colors

In hexadecimal color coding if 2 pairs are matching we can put one letter only

For example

0x000000 = 0x000

0x00ff00 = 0x0f0

0x808080 has no equal pairs

HSL stands for Hue, Saturation and Lightness

Color pallet picking tool: <https://coolors.co/>

Online contrast checker: <https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/> and <https://coolors.co/contrast-checker/>

CSS file

body{

 font-size: 22px;

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

 line-height: 1.5;

 background-color: #ffefd5;

 /\* or

 background: green; this is the shorthand method \*/

 color: darkred;

 color: rgb(32, 78, 88);

 /\* a stands for transparency \*/

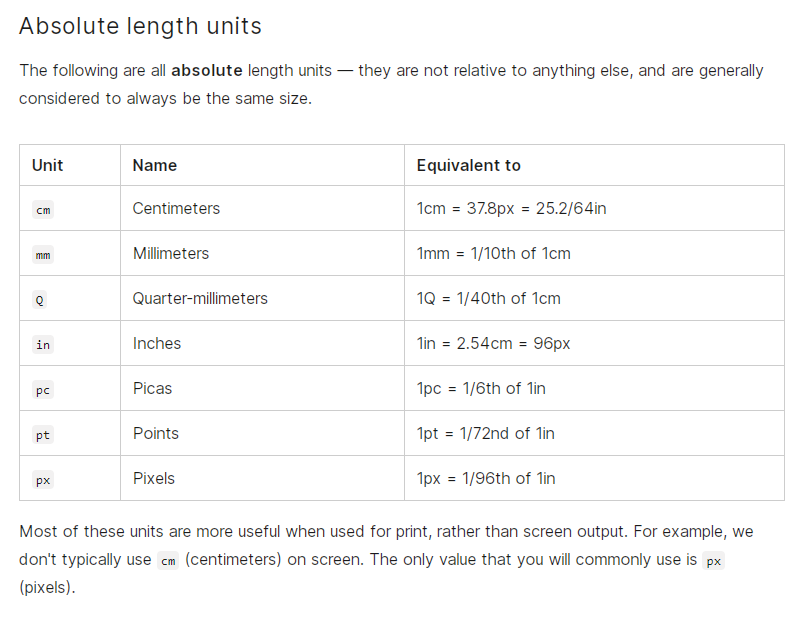
 color: rgba(200, 99, 65, 0.7);

 /\* hexadecimal values \*/

 color: #333;

}

Lesson 4 Units



Default p font size is 16px.

It’s better not to fix font size for p or h elements as it takes users ability to change font size in preferences menu in browser.

Header elements are by default block level elements. They accommodate 100% width of its parent element.

In following example h1 is inside an element called header. Finally the h1 element takes 25% of entire screen

header{

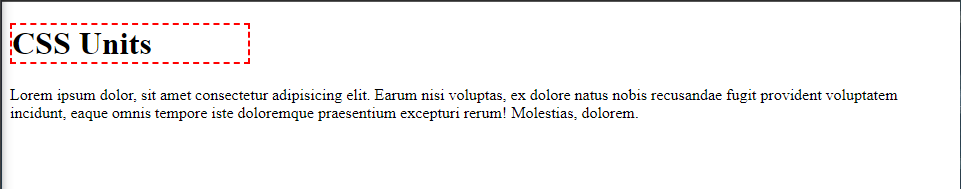
 width: 50%;

}

h1{

 border: 2px dashed red;

 width: 50%;}



Rem – relative to the root element

We should not define font-size : xxpx; in root (html element). We may define it for p element.

p{

 font-size: 1rem;

}

1rem = 16px

2rem = 32px

Rem is only relative to the root element. If there is em it will be four times bigger.

main{

 font-size: 2rem;

}

p{

 font-size: 2em;

}

Resulting font size will be four times bigger.

We may use em units in padding, button padding.

**Ch- character width**

p{

 font-size: 1.5rem;

 width: 40ch;

}

User agent stylesheet is default style settings in google inspect

If we set 100vw for the main element if the content grows in the page we will get a horizontal scroll bar. If we set it to 100% we will not get the horizontal scroll bar if the content grows in the page.

If we want our body element to be 100vh, we should not define it as height: 100vh; but min-height: 100vh; as the content grows it will bring up issues.

**Lesson 5 CSS Box Model**

Starting HTML file

<body>

 <h1>CSS Box Model</h1>

 <main>

  <p>

   Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Consequatur blanditiis numquam, libero quasi, sed similique ut expedita praesentium voluptate eum possimus natus quam. Officiis consequatur quas dolorum facere voluptatem exercitationem.

  </p>

 </main>

</body>

CSS file

h1{

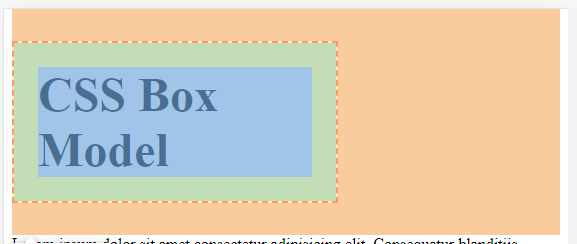
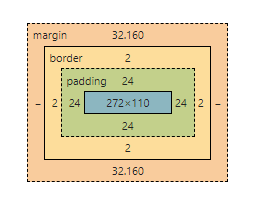
 border: 2px dashed red;

 width: 50%;

 font-size: 3rem;

 padding: 0.5em;

}

CSS Box Model

Em responses for the font size in the relevant element

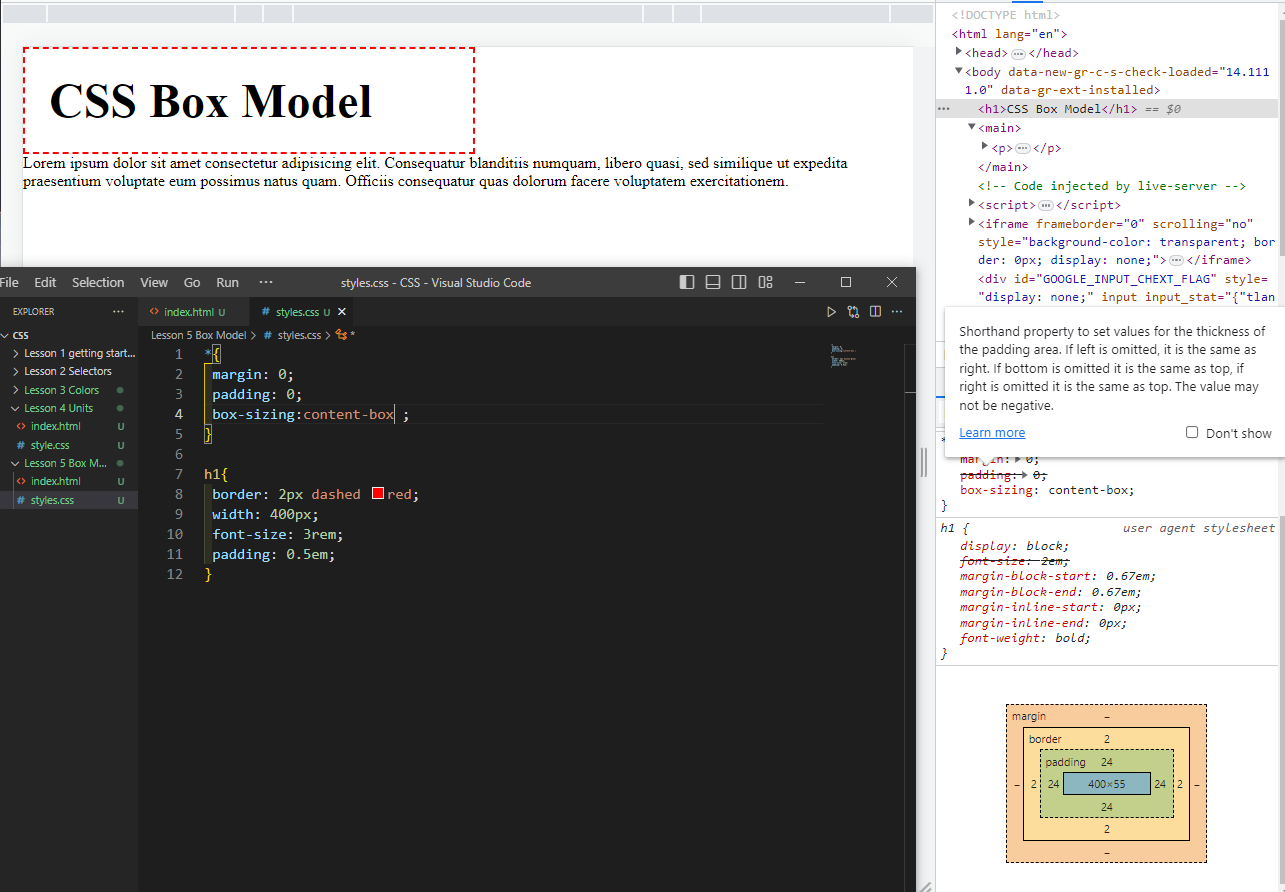
0.67em margin in applied by default. Which means font size affects the default margin value. If we change the h1 font size, the margin and padding px value changes

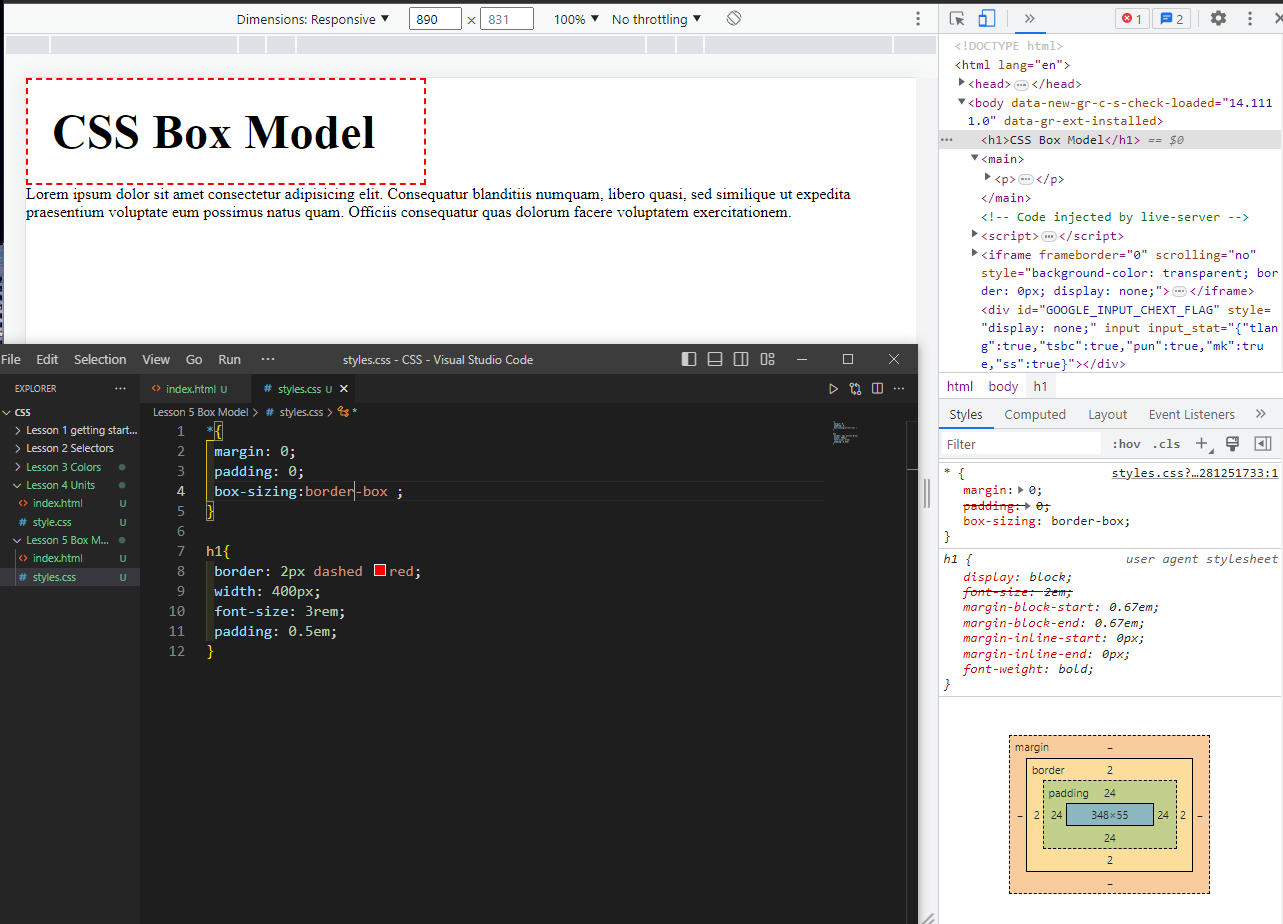
Based on this is good practice to reset margin and padding so that we can take control over them. (CSS reset)

Default box-sizing is content box. Which means if we give a explicit value for width, only the content will get that width. The actual box will be much larger based on margin and padding.

But border-box will arrange content inside by keeping the given width as it is for the external box

Border + Padding + Content = total width

Content-box

border box

Margin and padding

margin-top: 1.5em;

margin-right: 2em;

margin-bottom: 2em;

margin-left: 2em;

/\*margin: 1.5em 2em; top and bottom 1.5em left and right 2em\*/

margin: 1.5em 2em 1.5em 2em; /\*top bottom left right\*/

  /\* margin: 1em;  \*/

  /\* 1em is equal to 1.5rem inside the container since font size is 1.5rem\*/

.container {

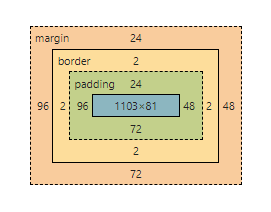
  border: 2px dashed red;

  font-size: 1.5rem;

  margin: 1em 2em 3em 4em;

  padding: 1em 2em 3em 4em;

}



We can separate border properties as well

border-top: 5px solid green;

border-left-width: 10px;

border-left-style: groove ;

border-left-color: blue ;

Outline creates a line outside

outline: 3px solid black;

outline is not calculated border box calculation as it does not take any space

Outline offset can be negative

outline-offset: 5px;

outline-offset: -20px;

draw a circle

HTML file

<div class="circle"></div>

CSS File

.circle{

 background-color: gold;

 margin: 3rem auto; /\*auto keyword is for left and right so it will be centered\*/

 width: 100px;

 height: 100px;

 border: 2px solid red;

 border-radius: 50px; /\*half width and height\*/

 outline: 2px solid black;

 outline-offset: 0.25rem;

}

CSS Typography

Typography is the way that text is arranged and presented

HTML file

<body>

 <header>

  <h1>CSS Typography</h1>

 </header>

 <main>

  <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Amet aspernatur beatae reprehenderit officia autem laborum fugiat explicabo aperiam voluptatibus veniam tempora quisquam error, nihil temporibus, velit omnis consequatur! Modi, aliquam!</p>

  <form>

   <label for="name">Name: </label>

   <input type="text" id="name" placeholder="Your Name">

   <button>Submit</button>

  </form>

 </main>

</body>

To inherit font styles to form elements

input, button{

 font: inherit; /\*since input and button are not inherited typography styles\*/

}

Text decoration

Default style is none, used to remove underline from links

p{

 text-decoration: underline 3px solid blue;

}

text-transform: capitalize; /\*capitalize first letter in every word\*/

 text-transform: uppercase; /\*capitalize all the letters\*/

 text-align: justify; /\*uniform in both sides\*/

 text-indent: 2em; /\*indents the first letter to the left\*/

line height default value is 1.2.

1.5 is a good value for better readability

line-height: 1.5;

letter-spacing: 0.1em;

word-spacing: 0.1em;

font-weight: 900;

font-style: italic;

font-family serif, mono-space, sans-serif are common.

 font-family: 'Courier New', Courier, monospace;

Courier and monospace are fallback fonts. If a font has a space in between two words we need to put quotes just like ‘Courier New’.

Web safe fonts are fonts that are installed on most computers and devices. This means that if you use a web safe font, your website will look the same on most computers, regardless of the operating system or browser.

Here are some of the most popular web safe fonts:

* Arial
* Roboto
* Times New Roman
* Courier New
* Verdana
* Tahoma
* Trebuchet MS
* Impact
* Gill Sans
* Georgia
* Palatino
* Baskerville

Getting external fonts from Google

Link section goes to head element, or we can copy starting from @import and put it in the beginning of CSS

Font-family goes to body section

**Lesson 7 Styling Links**

Links are alreay styled. Colored and underlined. When we hover cursor becomes a pointer. Visited links are shown in purple color.

Pseudo classes have more specificity. That’s why even we place a pseudo class on top of a element the pseudo class styling is going to be applied.

Can check with css specificity calculator

The order for link styling

1. “a” element
2. Visited
3. Hover
4. active

focus helps in screen readers.

Hover color can be changed by applying hsl and reducing or increasing h value. Or else we can change opacity