

Web Development Training

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Front End Development

Module 2 - CSS



Agenda

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What is CSS?

- CSS stands for cascading style sheets.
- It is a design language that makes a website look more appealing than just plain or uninspiring pieces of text.
- Whereas HTML largely determines textual content, CSS determines visual structure, layout, and aesthetics.
- HTML is a markup language, and CSS is a style sheet language.
- Think "look and feel" when you think CSS.



Benefits of using CSS

- Faster Page Speed
- Better User Experience
- Quicker Development Time
- Easy Formatting Changes
- Compatibility Across Devices



How to use the CSS?

- CSS provides a big set of pre-defined properties to apply the styling on HTML contents using key: value pair model.
- Each key: pair is separated by semicolon
 - color: 'color name or code'
 - background-color: 'color name or code'
 - text-align: 'left | right | center | justify'
 - o font-size: 'n'
 - o font-weight : 'bold'
 - o font-family: 'font name'
 - text-transform : 'uppercase | lowercase | capitalize'
 - text-decoration: 'underline | overline | line-through | none'
 - o display : 'none | block | inline'



Different CSS?

- CSS can be applied using three ways
 - ☐ Inline CSS
 - ☐ Internal CSS
 - ☐ External CSS



Inline CSS?

- When the CSS codes get applied directly on a tag using STYLE attribute, it is known as inline CSS
- Use the codes using key: value pair model
- Use **semicolon** (;) when as separator when using multiple codes
- Just like HTML, CSS is also case insensitive



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
      <html>
          <head>
             <title>Using Inline CSS</title>
  5
          </head>
          <body>
             <h1 style='color: ☐ red;background-color: ☐ green;text-align:center'>Inline CSS</h1>
          </body>
      </html>
                                                            X
     Using Inline CSS
                        ×
                   C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demos/inline..html
```



Internal CSS?

- When we apply styling on all or selected set of elements in a web page, it is called as internal CSS
- Use <style> </style> tag to create such styles



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
      <html>
           <head>
               <title>Using Inline CSS</title>
               <style>
                   h1 {color: ■ red; background-color: ■ green; text-align:center}
               </style>
           </head>
           <body>
               <h1>Internal CSS Example</h1>
10
           </body>
11
      </html>
12
                                                                  \times
     Using Inline CSS
                          ×
                     C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demos/internalcss.html
              ① File
```



How to define styling for specific element?

- To define styling for specific element in the web page, first we need to define an identity to the element using ID attribute
- Use #idname while defining styling for the element inside <style></style> tag



```
idselector.html > 😭 html
      <!DOCTYPE html>
      <html>
          <head>
               <title>Using Inline CSS</title>
               <style>
                   #main {color: ■ red; background-color: ■ green; text-align: center}
               </style>
          </head>
 9
          <body>
               <h1>Internal CSS Example</h1>
10
               <h1 id='main'>ID Test</h1>
11
12
          </body>
      </html>
13
                                                                           \times
  Using Inline CSS
                            \times
              ① File | C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demos/idselector.html
 Internal CSS Example
```



How to define styling for group of elements?

- To define styling for group of elements in the web page, first we need to classify them using CLASS attribute
- Use .classname while defining styling for the group of elements inside <style></style> tag



```
⇔ classelector.html > ♦ html > ♦ body > ♦ p.x
      <!DOCTYPE html>
      <html>
          <head>
              <title>Using Internal CSS</title>
                                                                                                      X
                                                       Using Internal CSS
              <style>
                  .x{color: □red}
                                                                      C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demos/
              </style>
                                                   Internal CSS Example
          </head>
          <body>
10
              <h1>Internal CSS Example</h1>
                                                   ID Test
11
              <h1 class='x'>ID Test</h1>
              Hello India
12
                                                   Hello India
13
          </body>
14
      </html>
```



What is external CSS?

- We create a separate file having styling effects and use that file in all the web pages of a website or even in multiple websites
- Such method of using styling is called as external CSS
- Here we need to use <link> tag to define the external CSS file name

<link href='filename.css' rel='stylesheet'>



```
# styles.css > ...
1  h1 {color: □red}
2  #main {color: □blue}
3  .x {color: □green}
```

```
Χ
                                                     s externalcss.html
                                                                         X
     <!DOCTYPE html>
     <html>
                                                                    C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demos/external 🖈
         <head>
            <link href="styles.css" rel="stylesheet">
                                                    Hello CSS
         </head>
         <body>
            <h1>Hello CSS</h1>
                                                   Main CSS
            Main CSS
                                                    Grouping Para
            Grouping Para
            <h2 class="x">Grouping Heading 2</h2>
 10
                                                   Grouping Heading 2
11
         </body>
      /html>
12
```



What are selectors?

- CSS selectors are used to "find" (or select) the HTML elements you want to style.
- CSS selectors are divided into five categories
 - ☐ Simple selectors
 - Combinator selectors
 - Pseudo-class selectors
 - Pseudo-elements selectors
 - Attribute



What are the simple selectors?

- Universal Selector
- Element Selector
- Grouping Selector
- ID Selector
- CLASS Selector



Simple Selectors

- The universal selector (*) selects all HTML elements on the page.
- The element selector selects HTML elements based on the element name
- The grouping selector selects all the HTML elements with the same style definitions.
- The id selector uses the id attribute of an HTML element to select a specific element.
- The **class selector** selects HTML elements with a specific class attribute.

Examples of Simple Selectors

Universal Selector

```
* {
  text-align: center;
  color: blue;
}
```

Element Selector

```
p {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

Grouping Selector

```
h1, h2, p {
   text-align: center;
   color: red;
}
```

ID Selector

```
#para1 {
   text-align: center;
   color: red;
}
```

Class Selector

```
.center {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```



Combinator Selectors

- A combinator is something that explains the relationship between the selectors.
- There are four different combinator selectors in CSS
 - descendant selector (space)
 - child selector (>)
 - adjacent sibling selector (+)
 - general sibling selector (~)

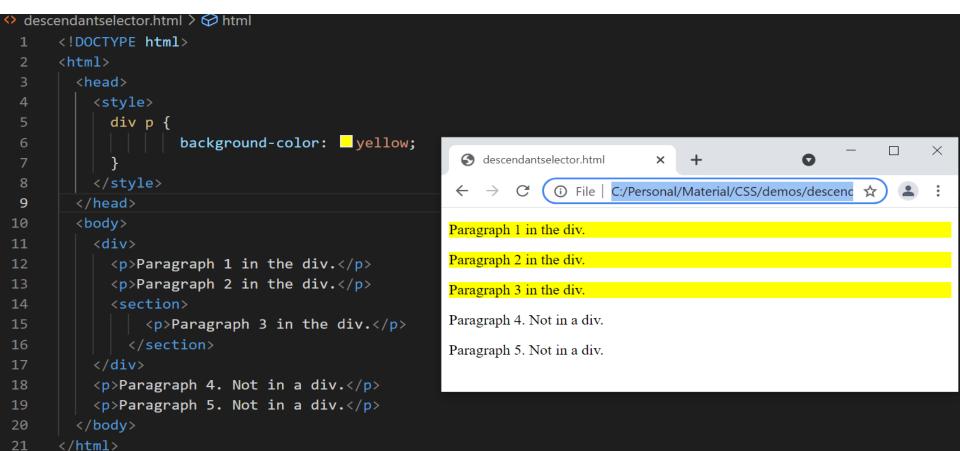


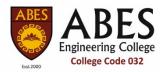
Descendant Selector

- The descendant selector matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element
- The following example selects all elements inside <div> elements

```
div p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```







Child Selector (>)

- The child selector selects all elements that are the children of a specified element.
- The following example selects all elements that are children of a <div> element

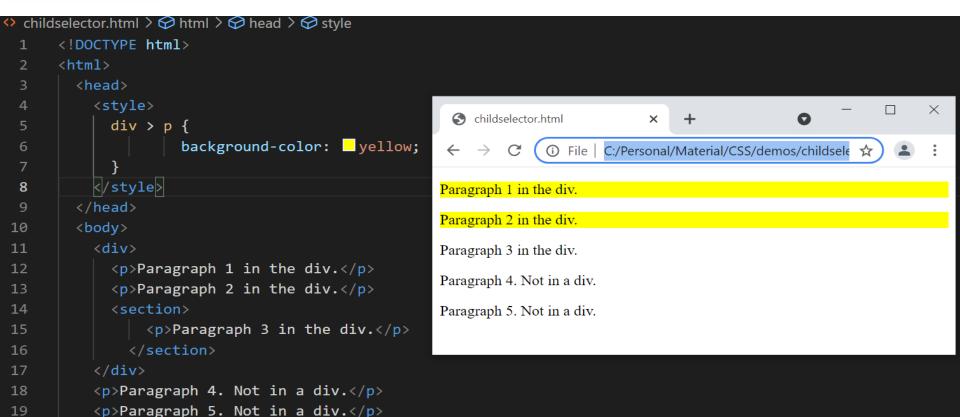
```
div > p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```



</body>

</html>

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Adjacent Sibling Selector (+)

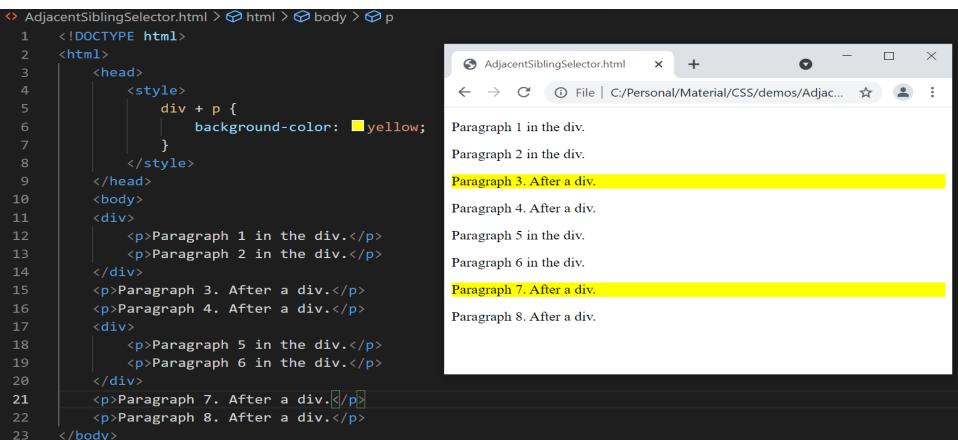
- The adjacent sibling selector is used to select an element that is directly after another specific element
- Sibling elements must have the same parent element, and "adjacent" means "immediately following"
- The following example selects the first element that are placed immediately after <div> elements

```
div + p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```



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</html>



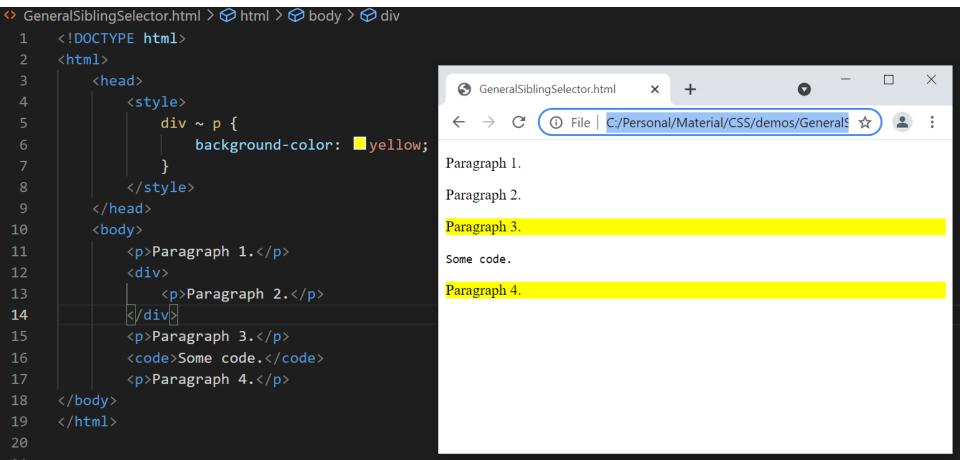


General Sibling Selector (~)

- The general sibling selector selects all elements that are next siblings of a specified element
- The following example selects all elements that are next siblings of <div> elements

```
div ~ p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```







What are Pseudo-classes?

- Special classes that are used to define some action on specific state of an element e.g.
 - Style an element when it gets the focus
 - Style an element when a user mouse over it
 - Style an element when a link is visited
- Syntax

```
selector:pseudo-class {
  property: value;
}
```



Partial list of pseudo-classes

- ☐ :focus
- ☐ :hover
- ☐ :link
- ☐ :alink
- ☐ :vlink
- ☐ :checked
- ☐ :enabled
- ☐ :disabled
- :first-child
- :last-child
- ☐ :nth-child(n)



Example of focus pseudo code

```
X
focus.html > ...
                                              focus.html
       <style>
                                                       ① File | C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demo... ☆
       input:focus {
                                             First name:
  3
          background-color:  vellow;
                                             Last name:
                                              Submit
  5
       </style>
       <form>
  6
          First name: <input type="text" name="fname"><br><br><br>
          Last name: <input type="text" name="lname"><br><br><br>
  8
          <input type="submit" value="Submit">
  9
       </form>
 10
```



Pseudo classes on anchor tag

```
⇔ anchor-psuedoclasses.html > ...
      <style>
                                      anchor-psuedoclasses.html
      a:link { /* unvisited link */
       color: ■red;
                                            ABES Engineering College
      a:visited { /* visited link */
        color: ■ green;
 6
      a:hover { /* mouse over link */
       color: ■hotpink;
10
11
      a:active { /* selected link */
       color: blue;
12
13
      </style>
14
      <a href='https://abes.ac.in'>ABES Engineering College</a>
15
```



Example of hover pseudo class

```
\times
                                       6 hover.html
                                                           ×
♦ hover.html > ♦ style
                                                <style>
      h1:hover {
                                      Using Pseduo-Classes
         color: ■ red;
                                      HTML stands for?
                                                   Hyer Text Markup Language
 4
                                      CSS stands for?
 5
                       background-color: ☐ yellow; padding: 20px;
       display: none;
 6
      div:hover p {
 8
       display: inline;
 9
10
      </style>
11
      <h1>Using Pseduo-Classes</h1>
12
      <div>HTML stands for?
13
14
        Hyer Text Markup Language
15
      </div>
      <div>CSS stands for?
16
17
        Cascading Style Sheet
      </div>
18
```



Example of first-child pseudo class

```
X

⟨→ firstchild-pseudoclass.html → ...

                                            firstchild-pseudoclass.html
       <style>
                                                     ① File | C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demo... ☆
       p:first-child {
                                           This is first child of body tag
          color: ■blue;
                                           This is second child of body tag/
  4
                                           This is first child of div tag
       </style>
                                           This is second child of div tag
       <body>
  6
       This is first child of body tag
  8
       This is second child of body tag/
  9
       <div>
 10
          This is first child of div tag
 11
          This is second child of div tag
 12
       </div>
 13
 14
       </body>
```



Example of nth-child pseudo class

```
Χ
                                nthchild-pseudoclass.html
                                                X
 1
     <style>
                                        ① File C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demo... ☆
     th{ background-color: □ yellow}
 3
     tr:nth-child(odd) {
                                       Mobile
                                 Name
      background: ■red;
 4
                               Amit Kumar 1122334455
 5
                                Amit Kumar
                                       112233445:
 6
                               Amit Kumar 112233445.
     tr:nth-child(even) {
                               Amit Kumar 112233445
 8
      background: green;
 9
     </style>
10
     11
12
     <thead>NameMobile</thead>
13
     Amit Kumar1122334455
14
     Amit Kumar1122334455
     Amit Kumar1122334455
15
16
     Amit Kumar1122334455
17
     37
```



What are pseudo elements?

- Special elements which do not really exist inside the web page but refer some part of the an existing element e.g. a letter, a line, before the tag, after the tag
- Syntax

```
selector::pseudo-element {
  property: value;
}
```



Partial list of pseudo elements

- ☐ ::first-letter
- ☐ ::first-line
- ☐ ::before
- ☐ ::after
- ☐ ::marker
- ☐ ::selection



Example of ::first-letter and ::first-line pseudo elements

```
\times
                                        first-line.psuedoelement.html
       <style>
                                               ① File | C:/Personal/Material/CSS/demo... ☆
           h1::first-letter {
             color: ■ green;
                                       This is heading
              font-size:40pt;
                                       THIS IS FIRST LINE
                                       This is second line
           p::first-line {
  6
              color: ■#ff0000;
              font-variant: small-caps;
 10
       </style>
 11
       <h1>This is heading</h1>
 12
       This is first line<br>
 13
           This is second line
 14
```



Example of ::before and ::after pseudo elements

```
before-pseudoelement.html > ...
     <style>
     h1::before {
       content: url(smiley.gif);
4
     p::after {
       content: url(smiley.gif);
 6
 8
     </style>
9
10
     <h1>This is a heading</h1>
11
     This is paragraph
     <h1>This is a heading</h1>
12
```



Example of ::selection pseudo element

<div>This is some text in a div element that you can select.</div>



Cascading Order

- Browser default
- External and internal CSS
- ☐ Inline CSS

The inline style has the highest priority, and will override external and internal styles and browser defaults.



Specificity

What is Specificity?

If there are two or more CSS rules that point to the same element, the selector with the highest specificity value will "win", and its style declaration will be applied to that HTML element.

Think of specificity as a score/rank that determines which style declaration is ultimately applied to an element.



Specificity Hierarchy

Every CSS selector has its place in the specificity hierarchy.

There are four categories which define the specificity level of a selector:

Inline styles
Example: <h1 style="color: pink;">

IDs Example: #navbar

Classes, pseudo-classes, attribute selectors

Example: .test, :hover, [href]

Elements and pseudo-elements

Example: h1, :before



How to Calculate Specificity

Start at 0, add 100 for each ID value, add 10 for each class value (or pseudo-class or attribute selector), add 1 for each element selector or pseudo-element.

Note 1: Inline style gets a specificity value of 1000, and is always given the highest priority!

Note 2: There is one exception to this rule: if you use the ! important rule, it will even override inline styles!



Specificity Example

Example

A: h1

B: h1#content

C: <h1 id="content" style="color: pink;">Heading</h1>

The specificity of A is 1 (one element selector)
The specificity of B is 101 (one ID reference + one element selector)

The specificity of C is 1000 (inline styling)

Since the third rule (C) has the highest specificity value (1000), this style declaration will be applied.



CSS Layout and Positioning

"CSS Positioning" refers to layout of the items on your page.

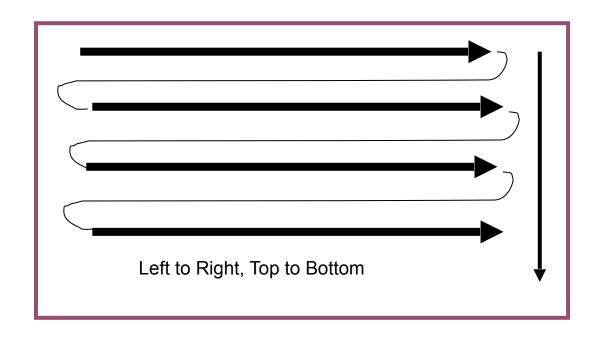
The position property specifies the type of positioning method used for an element (static, relative, fixed, absolute or sticky).

There are five different position values:

- ☐ static
- ☐ relative
- fixed
- absolute
- sticky



Normal Flow – no "positioning"





Normal Flow – no "positioning"

This is a paragraph to which I have set the width.

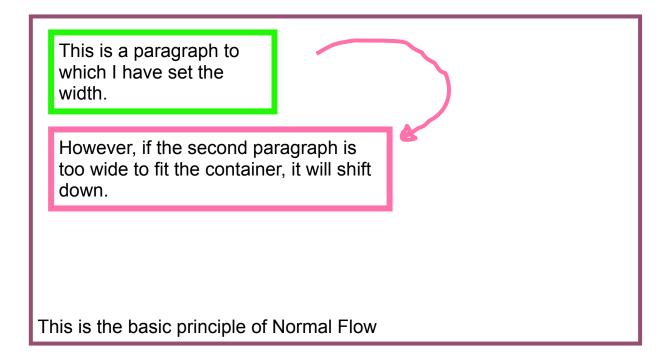
This is a paragraph to which I have set the width.

If the next paragraph fits next to it on the right, it will line up.

However, if the second paragraph is too wide to fit the container, it will shift down.



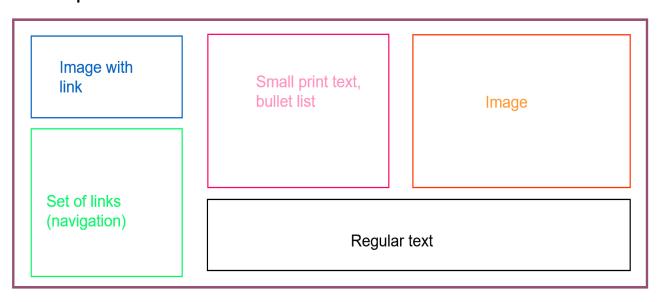
Normal Flow – no "positioning"





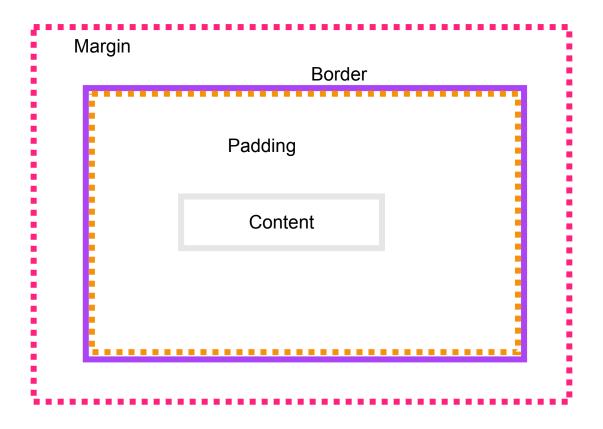
Box Model

All of the items in your webpage generate invisible "boxes" – you have to figure out how all of those boxes will fit into your page, like a puzzle.





Box Model





Margin and Padding

```
styleX {
                                              TRBL
 margin: 10px 10px 10px 10px;
                                             top - right - bottom - left
 padding: 5px 5px 5px 5px; }
OR
                              Shorthand:
styleX {
                              Just one number = all 4 sides
                              Two numbers = top/bottom, left/right
 margin: 10px;
 padding: 10px; }
OR
styleX {
 margin: 10px 15px; padding: 5px 10px; }
```



Interrupt the Flow

- Absolute
- Relative
- ☐ Float

When you want to do fancier layout, you can position "boxes" or "containers." By doing this, you interrupt the normal (top to bottom, left to right) flow. You can do this in three ways; Float, Absolute, and Relative.



Float

This is the normal This text is floated flow of a document; from top to bottom,

left to right. When the floated text is added, it moves to the top right corner of the containing element, in this case the <div>. Normal text flows around the floated text.

HTML

```
<div>
      This is the normal...
     This text is floated
right.
</div>
```

CSS

.float { float : right; }



Absolute

HTML

<div>

This is the normal flow of a document; from top to bottom, left to right. When you add the absolutely positioned text, it moves to the coordinates you set based on the top left corner of the containing element, in this case the <div>. Normal text flows over the absolutely positioned text. There is no gap where the text is taken from.

```
 This is the normal... <span class="abs"> This text is absolutely positioned.</span>...top to bottom... 
p></div>
```

CSS

abs {position: absolute; top: 40px; left: 80;}



Relative

This text is relatively

positioned.

HTML

<div>

This is the normal flow of a document; from top to bottom, left to right. When you add the relatively positioned text, it moves to the coordinates you set based on the top left corner of the containing element, in this case the <div>. Normal text flows as normal, but a gap is left where the relative text used to be, and the text overlaps with the newly positioned relative text if they are in the same area.

```
 This is the normal...
```

```
<span class="rel"> This text is relatively positioned. </span>
```

</div> ... from top to bottom...

CSS

.rel {position: relative; top: -50px; left: -150px}



CSS Transitions and Animations

CSS transitions provide a way to control animation speed when changing CSS properties. Instead of having property changes take effect immediately, you can cause the changes in a property to take place over a period of time.

Please refer the link below for further reading:

https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3_transitions.asp



Website Design and Typography