

Web and Mobile Application Development

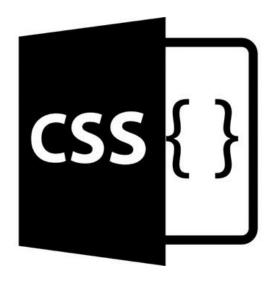


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CSS Overview

- What is CSS?
 - CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets
 - "Cascading" ==> elements inside of a styled element get the parent element's style unless overridden
 - It enables us to separate content from style for web pages
 - Removes style formatting responsibility from the HTML
 - Less burden on HTML tags
 - Contains more element modification features than HTML tags



CSS Format

• CSS statement format are attribute pairs separated by semi-colons

```
height: 12px; font-size: 10px; color: red
```

- We can either include this **style** as an attribute of an element or put it elsewhere and reference it via the **class** attribute
- Style attribute:

```
<input style='height : 12px ; font-size : 10px ; color : red'>
```

- Style reference:
 - 1. First define/create the style

```
.mysty { height : 12px; font-size : 10px; color : red;}
```

2. The reference it.

```
<input class='mysty'>
```



CSS Format

We can create the styles in the header

```
<style>
    .borderdiv{border: 2px solid blue;}
</style>
```

- Or put them in a different, external file.
 - That way you can change the style of the page quickly easily by swapping style sheets
 - Set up your styles in some external style sheet (say mycssfile.css):

```
.borderdiv{border: 2px solid blue;}
```

• Now in the HTML file where we want to use the style link/include a style sheet

```
<link type="text/css" rel = "stylesheet" href="./scripts/mycssfile.css"/>
```

• Either way we can now reference it as

```
<div class='borderdiv'> ... </div>
```



Setting Style of Multiple Elements

- We can also set the style of multiple elements easily:
 - By tag type styles created using an element's tag type will be applied to all elements of that type

```
// all "div" elements will use this font size
div{font-size : 8px}
```

By the element's ID – these styles will be applied to all elements with that ID

```
#mydiv{font-size : 8px}
<div id=mydiv> ...</div>
```

• By the element's class name – these styles will be applied to all elements with that class name

```
.mydiv(font-size : 8 px)
<div class=mydiv> ... </div>
```



Common CSS Properties

- display: [block|inline|list-item|none]
 - Note: none mean it does not appear or take up space
- overflow: [scroll|auto|hidden]
- visibility: [visible|hidden]
 - Note: hidden doesn't show anything but takes up space
- font-style: [italic|normal]
- font-weight: [bold|normal]
- font-size: [size]
- font-family: [font list]



Common CSS Properties

- text-align:[left|center|right]
- vertical-align: [top|middle|bottom]
- height: [size]
- width: [size]
- margin-[top|right|bottom|left]=[size]
- padding-[top|right|bottom|left]=[size]
- border-width: [size]
- border-style: [dashed|dotted|solid|none]
- border-color: [color]



Common CSS Properties

- position: [static|relative|absolute]
- left: [pos]
- top: [pos]
- background-color: [color]
- color: [color]



Styling Links

• You can style links (anchors) so they have certain visual affects:

```
a{text-decoration:none}
a:visited{....}
a:hover{....}
```



Colors & Hex

- A common style to apply to things is color.
- In HTML, colors are represented by a 6-digit number written in hexadecimal.
- Hexadecimal is a base-16 number system where the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F represent 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 respectively. But that's not too important to remember!
- The hexadecimal number represents the R/G/B color scheme where two digits represent each color (Red, Blue, and Green). Altering the numbers yields different colors by adding and subtracting the amounts of those colors.
- There are also helpful color pickers, which will generate numbers for you!





R G B

#FF 12 8A