

What we talk about When we talk about CSS

a not-so-thorough lightning talk by Laura Gaetano

Hello, my name is Laura

and I'm a visual artist gone geek.

I like impressive, clear,
exciting, functional
and beautiful design.

(I also email developers when I find typos in their apps.)

Some years ago,
I fell in love with
CSS

(what's that?)

Cascading Style Sheets

help you style and
strategically divide your page

and that's a good thing.

The Basics:

Think of it like a recipe

- you have a lot of ingredients available to choose from
- the order in which you use them matters!
(most of the time)
- and: some ingredients reaaaaaaally don't like each other!

Onto the hard stuff:

What does CSS look like?

It has a lovely, easy to learn syntax:
lots of curly braces and semi-colons!


```
body {
```

```
    font-family: Helvetica;
```

```
    font-color: purple;
```

```
}
```

```
selector / property / value
```

To insert CSS into your HTML code,
you can either use `<style>` tags in your
`<head></head>...` (but that's not so cool)

or use an external stylesheet

which means you can keep all your styling in one place!

External Stylesheet = Awesome

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

If you want to play around with CSS
you can check out the Twitter bootstrap

<http://twitter.github.io/bootstrap/>

If you want to stalk me,
you can find me here:

twitter: @alicetragedy

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instagram: okay, you get the point



And here's a kitten picture for you!

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