# Welcome

#### **What This Course Will Cover**

- Cascading Style Sheets
  - Why they are a better way
  - The syntax
  - Development Tools
  - Accessibility Issues

#### Week One

- Focus is on getting your feet wet:
  - What are the three common methods for styling your code?
  - How do these methods interact?
  - Basic styling of fonts
  - Introduction to placing elements



#### **Week Two**

- The Box Model
- Styling links and lists
- Advanced Selectors
- Browser Capabilities

#### **Week Three**

- Pseudo Classes and Elements
- Transitions
- Transforms
- Positioning

#### **Week Four**

- Samples, samples
  - Styling a table
  - Styling a navigation menu
- Working on Final Project

#### Who is this class for?

- This class is for those who are already familiar with HTML5.
- Who have persistence
- Who are willing to do more than I do in these lectures.

#### Who Am I?

- Ph.D. in Computer Science
- Two decades of teaching experience
- **Emphasis on education for those who** running around classrooms while helping students debug



#### Workload

- Weekly quizzes short
- Weekly peer-graded assignments
  - Demonstrate general capabilities to code what we have learn. Every student will have the same html, but will create a unique look.

## **Succeeding in This Class**

- In a perfect world you would code with a friend...so use the message boards.
- Never spend more than 15 minutes on one thing that doesn't work. Move on.
- Look things up on your own!
- Practice, practice, practice!

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# CSS3 Cascading Style Sheets

**Adding Style to your Pages** 



## **Browser Default Styling**

- The same html file may look different when viewed on different browsers.
  - Some tags are supported, some aren't
  - Browsers may have different default styles
- In general, default looks are plain.

#### **Adding Style**

 As styling tags were phased out of html, styling was done with style attribute

```
<h1 style = "color:blue">Styled Heading</h1>
```

# **Styled Heading**

Violated separation of content/style

#### **Cascading Style Sheet**

CSS defined generic rules that can apply to multiple elements

```
selector {
    property: value;
}

h1{
    color:blue;
}
```

**Styled Heading** 

## **Rule Syntax**

- Brackets and semicolons are very important
- This is where a good editor can make a BIG difference

/\* This is how comments are done \*/

## **Multiple Properties**

```
h1{
    color:blue;
    background-color: yellow;
}
```

# **Styled Heading**

## **Internal Style Sheet**

- Styling is defined within <head>
- Rules are defined within <style>
- Styles are applied to all elements in that file

```
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title>Title here</title>
    <style>
        h1{
            color: blue;
    </style>
</head>
```

Don't forget to close the style tag!!

#### **External Style Sheet**

- You can put rules in an external file (don't use the style tag!!)
- A link to the style sheet is put in the head section.

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

 Styles are applied to all elements in all files that links to the style sheet



## The "Cascading" part of CSS

- Browser default
- External style sheets
- Internal style (in the head section)
- Inline style (inside an HTML element)



## Rule precedence

- What if one selector is defined in two external files?
  - The rules from the most recent file have precedence
- h1{ What if o n the color: blue: font-family: Arial; same file h1{ font-family: Times;

The most recent rule has precedence

## !important

 It is possible to override later rules, use !important

```
h1{
    color: blue;
    font-family: Arial !important;
h1{
    font-family: Times;
```

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# Example



#### Review

- Why do we want/need to separate content from formatting?
- How does this also tie in to external/internal style sheets?
- Understand that this is very powerful.
   See http://www.csszengarden.com/

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#### Colors

Using the best colors for your site

#### **Color Conventions**

- Color names (blue, red, yellow, etc.) work, but should be avoided
- Hexadecimal is common convention
  - > #0000FF, #FF0000, #FFFF00
- rgb
  - **(0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0)**
- rgba
  - **(0, 0, 1, .5)**

#0000FF

#FF0000

#FFFF00

rgb(0,0,1)

rgba(0, 0, 1, .5)

## Accessibility

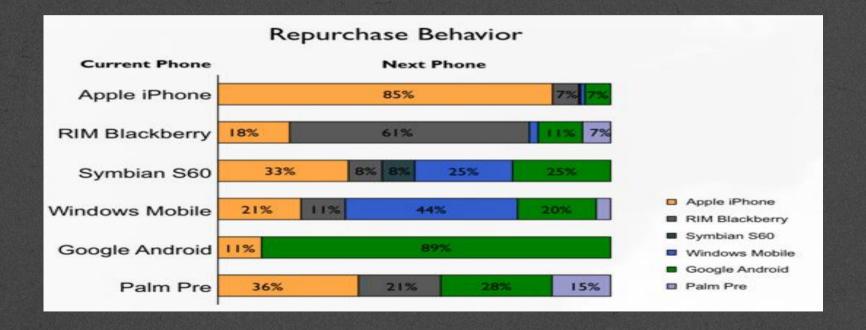
Appropriate use of color is critical to web accessibility

 Many more people are visually impaired or color blind than are legally blind

#### What is color contrast?

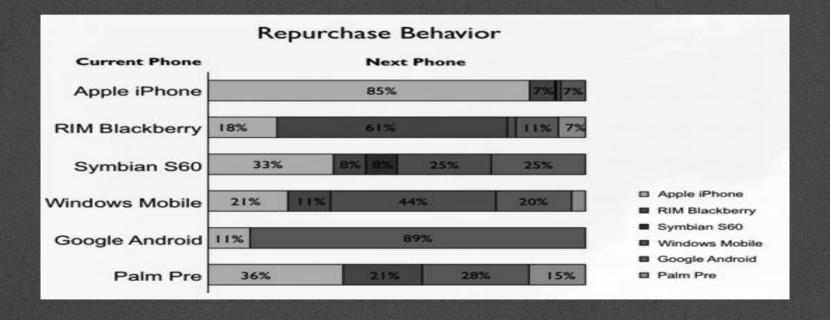
- You intuitively know when something has poor contrast
- There are tools that quantify the contrast between text and its background
- http://wave.webaim.org/
- http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/

#### Don't use color alone to convey meaning





## Test in gray scale ...



#### Review

- Use web safe colors and use an accepted convention
- Test your site using a contrast checker
- Avoid using color to convey meaning

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Styling your text

## **Options**

- Many options for styling your text:
  - font (family, style, variant, size)
  - color and background
  - alignment
  - line-height

- Font families are styles of text
- **Examples:** 
  - Helvetica, Courier, "Courier New", "Comic Sans MS", cursive, Verdana

### font-family

```
h1{
    font-family: Arial;
```

# Styled Heading

## font-family

 Not all font-families supported by all of the operating systems, so you can provide alternatives.

```
h1{
    font-family: Courier, Impact, Arial;
}
```

## font-family Considerations

Some fonts are not as user-friendly, use sans-serif when possible.

# l'est lest

#### **Custom fonts**

To expand beyond "web-safe" fonts use

```
@font-face
       @font-face{
            font-family: mySpecialFont;
           src: url('Colleen.ttf');
       h1{
            font-family: mySpecialFont;
```

# font-style

- font-style:
  - normal
  - italic
  - oblique

# Normal

Italic

Oblique

#### font-variant

- font-variant:
  - normal
  - small-caps

```
h1{
    font-variant: small-caps;
}
```

<h1>Small caps variation</h1>

 ${f S}$ MALL CAPS VARIATION

#### font-size

- This is only the beginning of our discussion on sizes...
- Options
  - · xx-small, x-small, small, smaller
  - medium
  - larger, x-large, xx-large, larger
  - Use pixel
  - Use %



## color and background-color

 The color attribute is the color of the foreground.

 The background-color is the color of the background

#### colors

#### Colors!!

Notice the difference for inline elements!

# text-align

- Aligning text is simple!
- text-align
  - left
  - right
  - center
  - justify

Here is paragraph about alignment. You can use left, right, and justify. You can't tell the difference

between left and justify unless you have at least a

few lines of text.

- As you can guess, doesn't affect font
- Adjusts the space between the lines of text

```
h1{
    line-height: 50%;
}
h1{
    line-height: 200%;
}
```

#### Review

- The number of options for styling text can seem overwhelming.
- Practice on toy problems!
- Design larger projects on paper first!!!

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# **Display and Visibility**

# Display is Key to Layout

- Every element is a box
- Display affects the layout of neighboring elements



#### **Common Values**

- inline: sits next to other elements
  - takes up "just enough" width and height
- block: forces line break
  - default: take up all horizontal width and "just enough" height
  - rules can set height and width



#### **Common Values**

- inline-block:
  - same as inline, but accepts height and width
- none: removed from page
  - · Still in DOM, but not visual (even to SRs)

# Example

# **Complementary Properties**

#### float

- Reposition elements to the right or left.
- Elements are aware of one another and will not overlap.
- Values: left, right

#### clear

- Used to keep floating elements away
- Values: left, right, both

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# Example

#### **Element Overflow**

- What happens when you set a height/width and the content doesn't fit any longer?
- Use overflow to determine access



#### **Overflow**

- visible: Can cause text to show up "on top" of other text
- hidden: Hides anything that goes beyond bounding box
  - This can cause problems since if the user increases font size, they
    may not be able to see content
- scroll: Gives horizontal and vertical scrollbars
- auto: Adds scrollbars as needed

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# Example



### **Other Display Values**

- New display properties are available, but not always supported:
  - Table
  - Grid
  - Flexbox

### display:table

Sometimes you want to have table-like layout without using table structure, use display:table along with display:table-cell for elements.

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# Example



# Visibility

- Specifies whether or not element is visible
- Options include:
  - visible
  - hidden
  - collapse (only for table elements)
- Unlike display:none a hidden element is still part of the DOM and still takes up space

#### Review

- Display is just one tool for positioning our elements on the page
- Early design will make the coding easier
- Utilize tools to see the different options

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### **Homework One**

# Adding style with an external Style Sheet

## **Objective**

Create your own unique style sheet that will be used by three different html files.

#### Before

http://www.intro-webdesign.com/CSS/assignment-1/teams.html

http://www.intro-webdesign.com/CSS/assignment-1/history.html

#### **After**

http://www.intro-webdesign.com/CSS/assignment-1/index.jpg

http://www.intro-webdesign.com/CSS/assignment-1/teams.jpg

http://www.intro-webdesign.com/CSS/assignment-1/history.jpg

#### You must leave the HTML alone

#### **Create style sheet that updates:**

header, headings, section, links and images



#### header

Change background color



## h1 and h2

- Change the font color
- Make sure the heading is displayed in all capital letters
- For just h1:
  - Center the text

## section

Change the background color

## Links

- Change the background color and font color
- Center the text (subtle change)

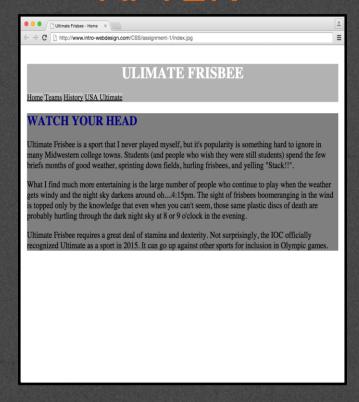
# **Images**

 Since we haven't talked yet about the best way to get those images where we want them, just use CSS3 to remove them from the page.

#### BEFORE



## **AFTER**



# Peer grading

- Grades will be based on level of completion, not aesthetics
- Proper standards do apply
- Only style the listed elements, otherwise it makes it harder to grade

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# **Box Model**

## Sizing your elements



# **Height and Width**

- The default width of inline elements is the content
- Elements that are not inline can take width and height properties – we saw this in the Display lecture.

#### **Border**

- Any element can have a border around it
- border property specifies style, width, and color
- The horder style MIIST he specified
  div{
   border: solid 1px #CC00AA;
  }

## **Border-style**

 none, dotted, dashed, solid, double, groove, ridge, inset, outset, hidden

none	dotted	dashed	solid	double
groove	ridge	inset	outset	hidden



## Border width and color

- Width
  - Set in pixels or thin, medium, or large
- Color
  - Name "blue"
  - RGB rgb(0,0,255)
  - hex #0000FF
  - transparent



## **Specifying Individual Sides**

border-width: 3px;

border-width: 3px 10px;

border-width: 3px 10px 20px;

border-width: 3px 10px 20px 1px;

Borders!

Borders!

Borders!

**Borders!** 

# Margin

- Margin is additional space <u>outside</u> your border – between you and neighbor
- Positive margin
  - element moves right/down
- Negative margin
  - element moves left/upward



# **Padding**

- Padding is additional space between the element and its border.
- Positive padding
  - border moves outward from element
- Negative padding
  - border moves over the element

- Neither takes a color (transparent)
- Can also be defined in 1 4 values like border

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#### padding

The empty space between the start of the element and the start of the text

#### margin

The space between the edge of the screen and the element

Here is my text

# **Additive Height and Width**



margin + border + padding + width = actual width

# What is the width and height?

```
div{
                   width = 132px
    width: 100px;
    height: 50px;
                   height = 82
    padding: 10px;
    margin: 5px;
    border: 1px solid black;
```

# Centering an Element

- To horizontally center an element use:
  - margin: 0 auto;
- But...
  - The element must display: block
  - The element must not float
  - The element must not have a fixed or absolute position
  - The element must have a width that is not auto



# box-sizing

- box-sizing takes some of the "math" out
- Options:
  - content-box: default additive
  - border-box: width takes content, padding, and border into consideration

## Measurements

- Absolute set to a specific size
  - px, mm, cm, pt, ....
- Fluid sets size relative to surrounding elements
  - %, vw, vh
  - em (for font): 1em is current size, .75 is 75% of the current size
  - rem (for font): 1rem is current size of root element

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# Example



## Review

- Design sketches should be done with box model (margin, border, padding, content) in mind.
- Use box-model to reduce complexity
- Margin must always be considered
- Use fluid sizes for best viewing

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# Styling Links and Lists

## **Anchor Links**

 Links can take on all of the usual styles as well as text-decoration

```
This is a link
```

```
a {
    display: block;
    font-weight: bold;
    color: #ffffff;
    background-color: #0006CC;
    width: 200px;
    text-align: center;
    padding: 4px;
    text-decoration: none;
}
```

This is a link

## "Buttons"

- Many designers try to make their links look like buttons.
- Be semantic, if you want a button use the <button> element instead.

<button>Click Me!</button>



## **States**

• Some links are blue, some are purple, etc.

**Why???** 

- a:link: a normal, unvisited link
- a:visited has been visited
- a:visited nas been visited
- a:hover activated by mouse (touchscreens....?)
- a:focus activated with the keyboard
- a:active is being clicked

- a:hover MUST come after a:link
- a:visited and a:active MUST come after a:hover

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# Example



# **Styling Lists**

- Number of properties beyond font, margin, etc.
  - list-style-type
  - list-style-image
  - list-style-position
  - list-style

# list-style-type

- list-style-type
  - ordered lists

```
ul{
    list-style-type: upper-alpha;
}
```

- 1. Knight Rider
- 2. A-Team
- A. Knight Rider
- B. A-Team

 lower-roman, upper-roman, decimal, decimalleading-zero, upper-alpha, lower-alpha, hebrew, armenian, .....



## List styles

- list-style-type
  - unordered lists
    - Override the default marker with circles, discs, or squares
- list-style-image
  - Use a custom image instead of traditional marker

```
ul {
    list-style-image: url('icon.gif');
```

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# Example



## Review

- At this point you have learned how to write rules for the tags.
- Embrace the many tools that are available to help you design your site.
- http://chrispederick.com/work/web-developer/
- http://css3generator.com/
- Do web search for "Developer Tools"

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## **Advanced Selectors**



## **Styling Specific Objects**

- We have focused on type selectors.
- What if you don't want to style all of the links, just some? Or just some of the lists?
- CSS gives you options

## **CSS Selectors**

- Some selectors follow the DOM
- Descendant selectors (nav a)
  - Style all of the anchor links inside a nav tag
- Child selectors (nav > a)
  - more constraining The anchor elements must be a child of the nav, no intermediate tags, e.g. paragraph
- Adjacent sibling (h1 + o)
  - elements must be at same level and follow each other



#### id Selectors

- # id selector
  - Used to identify a single element in the DOM.
  - Was used extensively for <div id = "header">,
     <div id="footer">, etc.
  - There is a small movement to move the use of id OUT of CSS

```
#mainLogo{
    border: 5px solid #0006CC;
    margin:0 auto;
}
```

```
<img src="logo.jpg" id="mainLogo" alt="logo"/>
```

## class Selector

- · . class selector
  - Used to identify an element in the DOM that is part of a special class of items
  - Think of thumbnail images, all of the links that are in the navigation, your social media images,

```
.thumb{
    border: 1px solid #0006CC;
    width:20%;
}

<img src="cat.jpg" class="thumb" alt="Joe"/>
    <img src="dog.jpg" class="thumb" alt="Bacon"/>
    <img src="bird.jpg" class="thumb" alt="Tweety"/>
```



### classes vs. ids

- Syntax is "." and "#"
- classes can be used multiple times
- id should be unique
- Think of images and navigation bars
  - Format numerous (but not all) images the same way
  - Visually signify the current page

# Example

- As you get more advanced pages, you will want to narrow the scope of the of action
- p.main -> paragraphs using main class
- header img.special → paragraphs inside header that use special class



## **Expanding the scope**

- You can combine elements with a comma
  - p, h1, #main, .special{...rules to apply to all of them...}
- Review: What happens when there are multiple rules for the same selector?
  - When there are conflicts, use the one processed most recently
  - UNLESS a rule has !important

## **More Attribute Selectors**

- Universal
  - \* applies styling to every element on the page
  - Ackk!! Try this!
- Attribute Selectors
  - a[href='info.html']
- PseudoClasses
- Pseudo Elements



#### **Attribute selectors**

- You may want to search the DOM for certain elements that have an attribute you are looking for
  - All the images that use gif files.....
  - All of the images that have empty alt text....
  - All of the links that go to government sites....

## **Using Operators**

- Operators can be used to find those attribute values you are looking for
  - : match the beginning exactly a [href^='http://umich']
  - \$: match the end exactly img[src\$ = '.png'] → apply to .png images
  - \*: wildcard a [href\*='umich']

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# Example



#### Whew!!!

- We have actually covered a lot in this short video
- Know that each of these ideas can merge. One element can have many classes and ids associated with it

```
class="special early dark" id ="main"/>
```

 Browser "starts at the top" and applies each rule, sometimes overriding earlier rules.

## **The Good News**

- You can use style sheets from others to style your code, just by adding class!!
- You can override style sheets from others just by rewriting the class, or making your own version of it and linking it last.

#### Review

- Type selectors can be combined to narrow the scope of where rules are applied
- An id is used to specify a specific element in a page
- Classes can be used to associate elements that should treated in a similar manner

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# **Browser Capabilities**

Designing for consistent appearance

## **Browsers Differ**

- Even though browsers are moving to a consistent implementation of HTML, they differ in display and adherence.
- It is your responsibility to make sure your page works for a wide audience.

## **Handling Stylistic Differences**

- "Easiest" way to eliminate browser differences is to use a default style sheet
- Default style sheets reset all of the values for the page
- Will make your page look worse!

## **Handling Unsupported Properties**

- Not all browsers support all HTML5 tags
- Not all browsers support all CSS3 properties
- Browser prefixes (or vendor prefixes)
   provide a quick fix for handling
   unsupported CSS3 options.

#### **Browser Prefixes**

- -webkit-: Android, Chrome, iOS, Safari
- -moz-: Firefox
- -ms-: Internet Explorer
- -o-: Opera

## Often Unsupported Properties

- column-count
- border-radius
- gradient
- Sites such as http://earluse.com/ will tell you when you need to use prefixes

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# Example

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## **Automated Ways to include Prefixes**

- For now, add the prefixes by hand
- There are ways to automate the addition of prefixes
  - Editor add-ons (You have most of the control)
  - Use outside programs to dynamically add appropriate prefix based on browser



#### Review

- Default style sheets remove stylistic differences
  - Should default style sheet be internal or external?
  - Where should it go in relation to other style sheets?
- Browser prefixes can help remove some differences caused by unsupported options
  - Shouldn't be overused

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# Designing for Accessibility

**POUR** 



#### **Overview**

- The content of your page should be in the HTML.
- It is tempting to add content via colors, images, etc.
- Follow the POUR guidelines
  - Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, Robust

## Perceivable

- Provide text alternatives for images
- Provide captions and transcripts for video and audio
- Use correct semantic markup so content can be presented in different ways
- Make it easier for users to see content by using good color contrast



## **Operable**

- All functionality available from the keyboard!
- Users have control over timing and limits
- Do not cause seizures (don't flash content)
- Provide ways to help users navigate, find content, and determine where they are





#### Understandable

- Economical and plain use of language
- Text supplemented with illustrations, videos, and other formats where appropriate (i.e., use good Universal Design)
- Navigation, information structure are discernable and consistent
- Make pages operate in predictable ways
- Help users avoid and correct mistakes

## Robust

- Is your site functional across various technologies (smart phone, screen reader, laptop, pensticks, etc..)?
- Syntax errors that don't affect visual presentation may hamper assistive technology and accessibility tools
- Adhering to W3C standards ensures future compatibility
- Validate your code at validator.w3c.org and



#### Review

- Accessibility starts with proper HTML tags
- Styling can actually make it HARDER for some people to access the information
- Get into the early habit of utilizing accessibility tools
- "Cool" new style should not be at the cost of accessibility

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#### **Homework Two**

Adding more style with an external CSS

#### **Objective**

Create your own unique style sheet that will be used by three different html files.



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#### Create a single style sheet that updates:

 body, header, h1, the links, the active, left, and right classes, and the images in the left class.

## body

- Change the padding and margin
- Feel free to adjust the size of the text, but it is not required



#### header

- Change background color
- Add background image, using the image provided in the css folder
  - If you have trouble with this part, keep an eye out for sample code in cal-table.css. The key is to master the folder structure

#### h1

- Change the font color
- Increase the font size

## The navigation links

- Style ONLY those links in the nav element.
- You don't need to recreate my example exactly, but they should be spaced apart.
- Make sure to round the borders and removed the underline.

#### active class

- Use the background color and font color to create an active class.
- This class is used to distinguish the current page from the others

- These two elements should be side-byside.
- Change the background color for the left class.

## **Images**

- Put the images back in and put a border around them
- Make sure that they are centered within the .left class
- Put spacing between them on the top and bottom too

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- Some aesthetics will come into play this time. It is important that things are not "squished" together
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#### **Pseudo Classes and Elements**

Designing for consistent appearance

#### **Pseudo-Classes**

- Elements that are dynamically populated or dependent on tree structure
- You have seen this before...a:hover{ }

## **Types of Pseudo-Classes**

- Link
  - :link, :visited
- User Action
  - :hover, :active, :focus
- Forms (interfaces)
  - · :enabled, :checked, :disabled

## Types of Pseudo-Classes

- Structural/Positional
  - :first-child, :last-child, :nth-child(), :only-child
  - :first-of-type, :last-of-type, :only-of-type

```
li:first-child{
li:nth-child(4){
p:empty{
img:only-of-type{
p:last-of-type{
}
}
```

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# Example

#### **Pseudo-Elements**

- These elements aren't part of the DOM
- Can be used to style specific (unique) parts of the page



#### **Types of Pseudo-Elements**

- Textual
  - :first-letter, :first-line
- Positional/Generated
  - :before, :after
- Fragments
  - · ::selection

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# Example

#### Review

- Pseudo-elements and classes are just one more way to add style to your page
- I haven't covered every combination so make sure to do some investigation on your own

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## **Transitions**

#### **Transitions**

- When elements transition from one state to another, you can alter their appearance
  - If you hover over the link, change the color
  - If an image nes into focus, change the size.



#### The Properties

- transition-property
  - What is it you want to change? (size, color, position, etc.)
- transition-duration
  - How long should each transition last?
- transition-timing
  - Should it be a smooth transition (linear)? Or different?
- transition-delay
  - How long should the wait be before the transition begins?

## Setting up

- 1. Define your element
- 2. Choose the elements for transition
- 3. Define the new values
  - You must combine this step with a pseudo-class

## **Example (CSS3-transitions)**

```
div {
div {
   colidiv {
   bacl
           color: #000000;
    line
            background: #2db34a;
            line-height: 200px;
   tex
            text-align: center;
   widi
            width: 250px;
   heid
                                           s;
            height: 200px;
   boru
            border-radius: 6px;
   tran }
   trai
   trai
   trai
```

## **Using Shorthands**

 If you have multiple properties transitioning, you can use shorthand:

```
transition: background .2s linear, border-radius 1s ease-in 1s;
```

Review

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## **Transforms**

#### **Transforms**

- Provide option for changing the appearance of elements
- Two-dimensional
- Three-dimensional

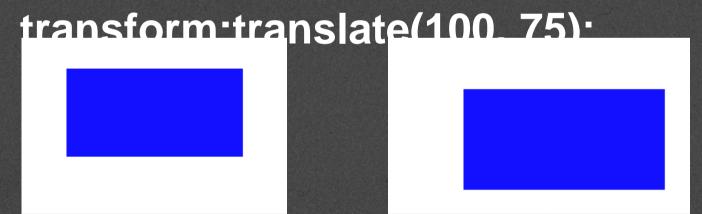


# **2D Transform Options**

- Options
  - translate
  - rotate
  - scale
  - skew
  - matrix

#### translate

- transform:translate(x, y);
  - move x pixels to the left/right and y pixel up/down

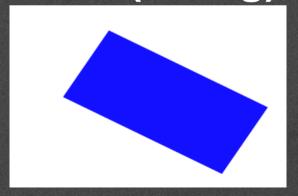




#### rotate

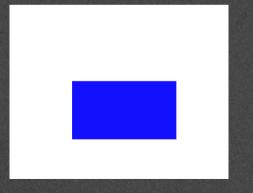
- transform:rotate(deg);
  - Rotate/"spin" the element a certain number of degrees

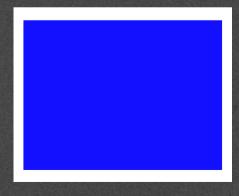
transform:rotate(30deg);



### scale

- transform:scale(width, height);
  - Change the width and height of the element transform:scale(2,3);





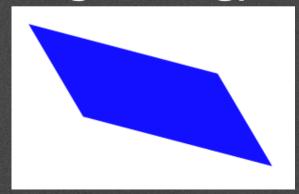


### skew

- transform:skew(x-angle, y-angle);
  - Rotate the element a certain number of degrees along the x and y axis

transform:skew(30deg, 15deg)





## matrix

matrix() - combines all of the 2D transform methods into one

### 3D rotate

- You can rotate along the x, y, or z dimension along a given degree
- transform:rotateY(deg)
- transform:rotateX(deg)
- transform:rotateZ(deg)
- transform:rotate3d(x, y, z)

## **Others**

- 3D scale
- 3D translate



### Review

- Transforms are one more way to modify the look of your page.
- Often combined with state changes
- Will typically require browser prefixes.

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# Positioning

- Putting elements where you want them can be time-consuming and frustrating
- Why not tables?

## **Position Properties**

- The four position properties are:
  - static
  - relative
  - absolute
  - fixed
- Position properties are modified by the properties: top, right, bottom, left



## Static

- Default value for elements
- Place in the next available position
- Not affected by the top, bottom, left, and right properties.

#### Relative

- Positioned "relative to itself"
- Take the static position, but add offsets.
- The new positioning does NOT affect any other element. It is possible to move an element and leave a big hole where it would have been.
- Relatively positioned elements are often used as container blocks for absolutely positioned elements.

## **Absolute**

- Element is removed from the document flow and positioned relative to it's nearest ancestor (or the root)
- Other elements behave as if element does not exist
- Can end up on top of another element

## **Fixed Position**

- Positioned relative to the *browser window*
- Will not move, even if the window is scrolled
  - IE7 and IE8 support the fixed value only if a !DOCTYPE is specified
- Think of popup boxes that wont' go away!!!
- Or a navigation bar that is always visible on the top

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# Example

## **Z-index**

- Multiple elements may be placed in the same position.
- z-index is a numeric value, positive or negative that dictates stacking order

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# Example

- Positioning elements is key to achieving desired layouts
- Proper planning will make this easier

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# **Accessible Navigation**

# **Navigation**

- Navigation is a critical aspect of accessibility
- Sighted users have tried and true visual cues to orient them on a page
  - Banner
  - Search box
  - Main navigation box
  - Content well
- Blind and low-vision users rely on proper coding of page for orientation



## What if you can't see?

- Title of page lets you know what page you're on when page loads
- Proper heading placement and hierarchy conveys organization of page and allows SR users to skip navigation
- Link descriptions convey content of page and organization of site



# **Proper <h1> heading**

- Screen readers can find and list headings
- <h1> heading uniquely identifies the page in the website
- Should be placed directly in front of the main content of the page
- The <h1> header should also match at least a subset of the the page <title>



# Proper heading hierarchy

 Hea to c

· <h2 tags

```
<h1></h1>
<h2></h2>
         <h3></h3>
         <h3></h3>
    <h2></h2>
    <h2></h2>
```

ested age

he <h3>

# Off-page headings

- Useful when you want to give SR users a navigational aid without cluttering presentation
- Use CSS to position headings off-page



# Meaningful link text

- Screen readers can find and list links
- Descriptions for the links must be meaningful out of context, via tabbing or presented in a list
- Don't use "here", "click here", "read this", and "more"
- Don't use URL as a link description—will sound like gibberish, unless very short and intuitive



### Review

- How easy is it to navigate your page?
- What would happen if the colors weren't there?
- What would happen if you couldn't use a mouse?
- Plan for everyone

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### You must leave the HTML alone

- Create a single style sheet that styles the table
- You will use pseudo-elements and pseudo-classes



### table

- Style at a minimum:
  - Font multiple families, size, weight, and line-height
  - Width don't take up the entire space
  - Margin center the table

### table heading

- Change background color
  - Try to use a gradient
- Add a border
  - Round only the top two corners.
  - Make the bottom border thicker
- Add at least one other property



### table rows

- Set the opacity to a value of about .8
- Left align the first column, center the other two
- Set the opacity to a value of 1 when the element hovered upon.



td

- Change the padding, font color, background color, and set the border radius to 2px.
- **Optional: use text-shadow**

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## Closing

## Congratulations

 You have come a long way from the plain pages we began with!

### What next?

- Consider creating your own site
- Continue to practice your skills
  - You are ready to join a Meet Up, or offer your skills as a TA at workshops.
- Begin to learn about using JavaScript to add interactive elements to your site
- Learn more about Responsive Design

# Thank you!

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