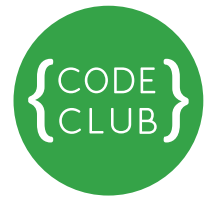


PROJECT 4

STYLING WEB PAGES



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Introduction: Let's make our website better with some **styles**.

In this lesson and the next we are going to learn how to change colour, text, sizes and more!

We style HTML pages using a language called **CSS** (which stands for **Cascading Style Sheets**). It is a very simple language to learn. Let's get started.

Step 1: Setting up to write some style

There are many ways to put **styles** on: **inline**, in the **head**, or as a **separate .css document** that we link to from the head. But today, we'll be using styles in the **head element** of our html page so we don't have to worry about handling multiple files.

1. Open the **index.html** from the Felix folder we did last session.
2. In the head section, we need a **style tag**.

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```
<style>
</style>
```

All our styles will go between these two elements. Simplez.
In general, **css code** looks like **this**:

```
selector {
  property:value;
}
```

Can you find the '{' and '}' keys on your keyboard? What about ':' and ';' ?

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Selectors can be **html** elements like '**h1**', '**p**', '**img**', '**a**'. But they can also be other things which we will learn shortly.

Step 2: Adding Colours

Let's add some colour with the color property! It's color without the u. Yes we think it's confusing too. It's because it is using the American spelling of the word. That is despite the fact that CSS was invented by a Norwegian dude. Lucky for us it is at least in (American) English and not Norwegian, eh?

1. Let's change the **h1** to be **red** instead of **black**.

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```
<style>
h1 {
    color:red;
}
</style>
```



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The text is now **red**, w00t! There are different ways of saying the values for the color. There are **16** basic color names, they are **aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, white, and yellow**.

2. Try changing the color to something else!

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Most browsers support an **additional 130** color names, a full alphabetical list is found here: <http://www.w3.org/TR/css3-color/#svg-color>. Is your favourite colour in the list?

But we can use even **more** colors by using **hexcode** instead of color name. A **hexcode** is a **#** followed by **6** digits, the digits can be **0-9** or the letters **A, B, C, D, E, F**. Using hexcode we can use more than **16 million** colours!

At Code Club, our favourite colour is **#58AB57**. Can you guess what colour it is? Why don't you try changing some text to that colour and view it in a browser to see.



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Step 3: Colouring specific elements

What if we wanted to make the word 'orange' in '**his fur is orange**' orange? Not the whole paragraph, just that word.

1. One way of doing that is putting **** tags around the word, like so:

```
<span>orange</span>
```

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2. Then in the head, we can style the **span**.

```
span {  
  color:orange;  
}
```

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Step 4: Background

We can add colours to the **background** too, not just text.

1. For instance:

```
body {  
  background-color:#D2FAFC;  
}
```

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This will make the **entire background** light blue. You can choose any colour you like from a list www.colourpicker.com which generates the number you need which you can copy and paste into your code.

2. Now try:

```
h1 {  
  background-color:black;  
}
```

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3. Since we already had a '**h1**' declaration in there, we could just put in the **background-color** with the color, no need to write it all out again.

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```
h1 {  
  color:red;  
  background-color:black;  
}
```



Now **SAVE** your file and see what it looks like.

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Step 5: Fun with text

I think the '**Missing**' header should be **bigger** and also **all capital** letters. We can specify the size of the text using '**font-size**'. The values can be many things, but the most common are **12**, **14**, **16**, **32**, **48** and **72** pixels.

1. For now lets try **72px**. (**px** means **pixel**).

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```
h1 {  
  color:red;  
  background-color:black;  
  font-size:72px;  
}
```

2. Now try making the heading capital letters only by using '**text-transform:uppercase**'; We can also make it underlined by using '**text-decoration:underline**';

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It's much more noticeable now right?

If you have Firefox or Chrome web-browser only.

Actually, there is another value for text-decoration called **blink**. I'm not going to tell you what it does. You have to try it. '**Text-decoration:blink**'; (it gets a bit annoying after a while, you can go back to **underline** if you prefer).

**Step 6. Centering text (and images) horizontally**

All our text is all the way over on the left. We can change that using '**text-align:center**' (it also takes '**right**', '**left**' is the default).

1. We want all our text to be **centered** for this particular webpage, so we can write:
Note the American spelling of the word **centre** is **center**.



```
body {  
  background-color:#F8FAF4;  
  text-align:center;  
}
```

Did you notice that everything in the page went to the centre when we put '**text-align:center**' in the body section? That's because everything inside the body element inherits the **style**. This happens whenever one element is inside another, like here:

```
<p>Have you seen Felix? <em>Please</em> contact his owner</p>
```

The '**Please**' will have the style of the **<p>** element with the style of the **** element added on. This is why the stylesheets are called '**cascading**' - the styles **cascade** from elements into all the ones inside them.

Be careful, though, because some styles are not **inherited**. We will find out about these later.

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Further study

- A). How would you change the page to make it look better? Why not try using all your favourite colours? Do they have colour names or do you need to use **hexcode**? ☐
- B). If you finish early you can go back and add **styles** to the **html** we made in previous lessons. ☐