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What are CSS Selectors?

CSS selectors are patterns used to select and apply styles to specific HTML elements. They determine which elements a CSS rule will be applied to. Selectors can target elements by tag name, class, ID, attributes, or even states like hovering or focus.

Common Types of CSS Selectors:

1. Element Selector: Targets all elements of a specified type (e.g., all <p> tags).
   * Syntax: element { ... }
2. Class Selector: Targets elements with a specified class attribute.
   * Syntax: .class-name { ... }
3. ID Selector: Targets a single element with a specific ID.
   * Syntax: #id-name { ... }
4. Attribute Selector: Targets elements with a specific attribute or attribute value.
   * Syntax: [attribute="value"] { ... }
5. Pseudo-Class Selector: Targets elements in a particular state (e.g., when hovering or focused).
   * Syntax: element:pseudo-class { ... }

Example HTML Document Using Various Selectors

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<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

<meta charset="UTF-8">

<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

<title>CSS Selectors Example</title>

<!-- CSS Styles -->

<style>

/\* Element Selector: Targets all <p> elements \*/

p {

color: blue;

font-size: 18px;

}

/\* Class Selector: Targets elements with class "highlight" \*/

.highlight {

background-color: yellow;

font-weight: bold;

}

/\* ID Selector: Targets the element with ID "main-title" \*/

#main-title {

color: green;

font-size: 24px;

text-transform: uppercase;

}

/\* Attribute Selector: Targets input elements with type "text" \*/

input[type="text"] {

border: 2px solid #333;

padding: 5px;

}

/\* Pseudo-Class Selector: Targets links when hovered over \*/

a:hover {

color: red;

text-decoration: underline;

}

/\* Pseudo-Class Selector: Targets the first child of a list \*/

li:first-child {

font-weight: bold;

}

</style>

</head>

<body>

<!-- ID Selector Example -->

<h1 id="main-title">CSS Selectors Demo</h1>

<!-- Class Selector Example -->

<p class="highlight">This paragraph is highlighted using a class selector.</p>

<!-- Element Selector Example -->

<p>This paragraph is styled using the element selector.</p>

<!-- Attribute Selector Example -->

<input type="text" placeholder="Enter your name here">

<input type="submit" value="Submit">

<!-- Pseudo-Class Selector Example -->

<a href="#">Hover over this link to see the effect</a>

<!-- Pseudo-Class Selector Example -->

<ul>

<li>This is the first list item</li>

<li>This is another list item</li>

<li>And another list item</li>

</ul>

</body>

</html>

Explanation of CSS Rules:

1. Element Selector (p { ... }):
   * Targets all <p> elements on the page, setting their text color to blue and font size to 18px.
2. Class Selector (.highlight { ... }):
   * Targets any element with the class highlight, applying a yellow background and bold text.
3. ID Selector (#main-title { ... }):
   * Specifically targets the element with the ID main-title, setting the color to green, increasing the font size, and making the text uppercase.
   * Note: IDs must be unique in an HTML document.
4. Attribute Selector (input[type="text"] { ... }):
   * Selects all <input> elements with the attribute type="text" and applies a solid border and padding.
   * Useful for styling form elements based on their attributes.
5. Pseudo-Class Selector (a:hover { ... } and li:first-child { ... }):
   * a:hover: Styles anchor (<a>) elements when hovered over by changing the text color to red and adding an underline.
   * li:first-child: Targets the first child of any <ul> or <ol> list, applying bold text to the first list item.

Summary of CSS Selectors:

* Element Selector: Styles all elements of a specific type.
* Class Selector: Targets elements with a specific class, allowing for reusable styling.
* ID Selector: Targets a single unique element with a specific ID.
* Attribute Selector: Applies styles based on an element’s attributes and their values.
* Pseudo-Class Selector: Applies styles based on the element's state (e.g., hover, first-child).

These different types of selectors help developers create powerful, precise, and maintainable CSS rules for web design.