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**CSS Compilation**

**CSS compilation** is the process of converting preprocessed CSS code into standard CSS that can be understood by web browsers. CSS preprocessors, such as Sass or Less, introduce additional features and syntax that are not directly supported by browsers. Compilation involves translating this preprocessed code into equivalent standard CSS.

**How CSS Compilation Works:**

1. **Preprocessor Parsing:** The preprocessor parses the preprocessed CSS code, analyzing its syntax and structure.
2. **Feature Translation:** The preprocessor translates any special features or syntax introduced by the preprocessor into standard CSS equivalents. This might include expanding variables, nesting rules, or applying mixins.
3. **Output Generation:** The preprocessor generates the compiled CSS code, which is a standard CSS file that can be used in web development.

**Steps Involved in Compiling Sass to CSS:**

1. **Install Sass:** If you haven't already, install the Sass compiler on your system.
2. **Write Sass Code:** Create a Sass file (.scss) containing your preprocessed CSS.
3. **Compile Sass:** Use the Sass command-line tool or a build system to compile the Sass file into a CSS file. For example, you can use the following command in your terminal:

Bash

sass input.scss output.css

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This will compile the input.scss file into a output.css file.

**Example:**

**Sass Code (input.scss):**

SCSS

$primary-color: #007bff;

.button {

background-color: $primary-color;

color: white;

padding: 10px 20px;

border: none;

cursor: pointer;

}

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**Compiled CSS:**

CSS

.button {

background-color: #007bff;

color: white;

padding: 10px 20px;

border: none;

cursor: pointer;

}

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In this example, the Sass variable $primary-color is replaced with its actual value during compilation, resulting in the standard CSS output.

**Note:** CSS preprocessors often offer additional features like nesting, mixins, and functions, which are translated into standard CSS during compilation.