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# HTML/CSS Class 2: Intro to CSS

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# Agenda

- Review of last week
- Intro to CSS
- The three ways to include styles: inline styles, internal stylesheets and external stylesheets
- CSS Selectors & Properties
- CSS Classes & Ids
- Basic CSS Properties: How to control fonts, colors
- Back to HTML: div and ul tags
- Time permitting: The CSS Box Model

#### Review from last week

- Last week, we reviewed:
  - What HTML is and a little about how it came about.
  - HTML tags, elements and attributes
  - The tags:
    - html, head, title
    - body, p, br, strong, h I -h6
    - HTML tables: table, tr, td, and the colspan attribute

#### Brief review of terms

#### Tag

Tags are used to denote the start of an element (i.e. ) or the end of an element (i.e. ). A tag is either a start tag or an end tag.

Examples of tags: <strong>, <html>, , </body>

#### Element

An element is the start tag + its content + the end tag:

This is some paragraph text

#### **Attribute**

Attributes provide additional information about HTML elements.

- Attributes are formatted like this: attr="value"
- The attribute always goes in the opening tag, never in the closing tag.
- Examples:
  - In <a href="http://www.google.com">go to google</a>, **href** is the attribute.
  - In <img src="<a href="http://www.google.com/images/logos/ps\_logo2.png" />, src is the attribute.</a>

# HTML vs. CSS

- CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets.
- How does HTML fit in with CSS?
  - CSS was created to allow the separation of document content from document presentation.
- http://www.csszengarden.com/

# HTML vs CSS

HTML defines the content of a document:

#### This is a **HEADING**

- this is a new bullet!
- CSS defines the formatting and style of the content your website.
  - I am some blue text!
  - I am Monaco font!

# CSS is all about style

- CSS is what gives your page format and style.
- The magic of making websites look cool and clear and visually-striking is the job of CSS
  - Often, the people who are good at CSS are not programmers!
  - Web designers and other artist-types tend to excel at CSS.

#### What does CSS look like?

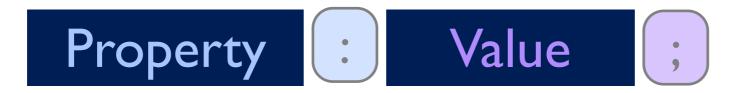
The hallmark of all CSS is the combination of two things:

- A property
  - The property describes what you're trying to change via CSS.
  - For example: background-color, width, font-size.
- A value
  - What you want to change the property to.
  - For example: green, 500px, 24pt.

## Property: Value;

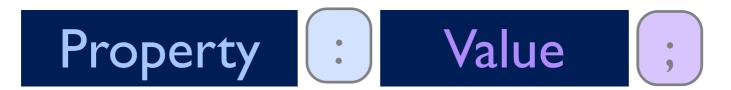
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- A value
  - We separate the property from the value with a **colon**.
  - We end the value with a semicolon.



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- Examples:
  - color: blue;
  - width: 500px;
  - font-size: 24pt;

#### **CSS** Properties

- CSS properties are the actual styles you give to your HTML elements.
- Much of learning CSS is about learning which CSS properties you need to use in order to get the formatting or style

you want.

```
file.css 

File.css 

SELECTOR

SELECTOR

text-decoration: none;
font-size: large;

PROPERTIES
```

## **CSS** Properties

```
Many CSS properties have self-
explanatory names:
  background-color
  font-family
  font-size
  color
  width
  height
Comprehensive list of all CSS properties:
http://w3schools.com/css/
css reference atoz.asp
```

## Three ways to insert CSS

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- External Stylesheet
- Internal Stylesheet
- Inline Styles

A stylesheet is simply a document that holds CSS.

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# What does inline styles CSS look like?

blah blah



This will look in your browser like this:

blah blah blah

- Inline styles make use of the HTML attribute style.
- You add the CSS properties you'd like to modify inside an element's style attribute:
  - <a href="http://twitter.com" style="font-size: 64pt;">go to twitter</a>
  - will give us: **go** to twitter

- We're going to start with three paragraphs of text (three p elements) and give them each the same style:
  - The first CSS property we will use is font-family:

- Now let's add another style to these three paragraphs of text:
  - The second CSS property we will use is color:

- Now let's add another style to these three paragraphs of text:
  - The third CSS property we will use is text-align:

## Inline Styles... can be exhausting!

- Is anyone getting a little tired of copy/ pasting?
- Is this easy to read?

# Inline Styles... can be exhausting!

 Isn't there an easier, cleaner way to do this?!

# Internal Stylesheets (an easier way)

There are three ways to insert styles on an HTML page:

- External Stylesheet
- Internal Stylesheet
- Inline Styles

# What do internal stylesheets look like?

You insert your CSS inside a <style> element, which lives inside the <head> element

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>My online resume</title>
   <style>
           color: blue;
          font-weight: bold;
<body>
   <h1>My awesome resume!</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

# Migrating from inline styles to an internal stylesheet

#### Instead of:

```
This is my first paragraph of text.
```

#### We'll have:

#### Selectors!

If I move everything **out** of my HTML and into an internal stylesheet, how will the browser know which part of the page I want to style?

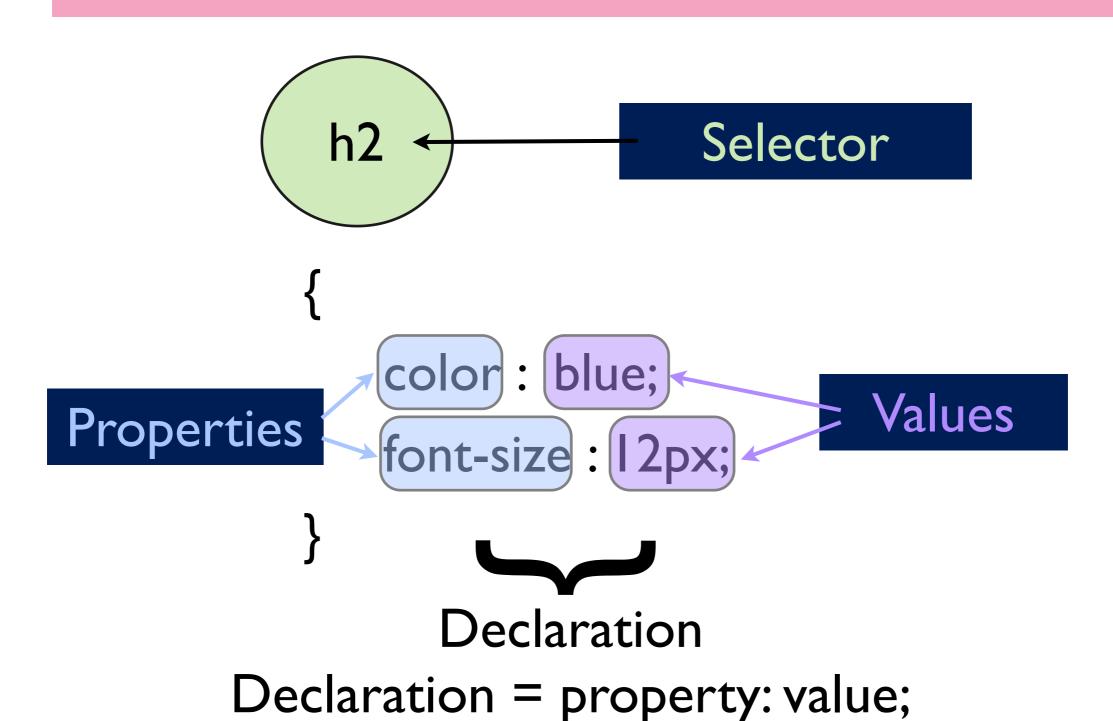
It knows because of the **selectors** you use.

#### Selectors!

A selector is what **links** or **connects** your CSS with a specific HTML element, or set of elements.

```
CSS file:
                                 HTML file:
div
                                 <body>
                                        <div>
   background-color: black;
                                           <h1>Soho Soda Shop</h1>
   color: white;
                                           <h2>Fine sodas and sundaes</h2>
}
                                        </div>
h1
                                       <h2>Soda Menu</h2>
                                        Boylan's, GUS soda, and Fizzie Lizzie
   text-decoration: overline;
                                       <h2>Sundae Menu</h2>
                                        Banana Split and Hot Fudge
h2
                                 </body>
   font-style: italic;
}
```

#### Internal Stylesheet Syntax



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#### Where are CSS Selectors located?

#### The selector comes:

- before the curly braces {}

#### Are there multiple kinds of selectors?

There are three kinds of selectors:

- element-type selectors (a, body, html)
- class selectors
- id selectors
- We'll be focusing on element selectors first.

#### **CSS Element Selectors**

Flement Selector

{
 color : green;
}

```
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
<hl>Title!</hl>
<h2>Hello!</h2>
test test ...
<h2>Another heading!</
h2>
```

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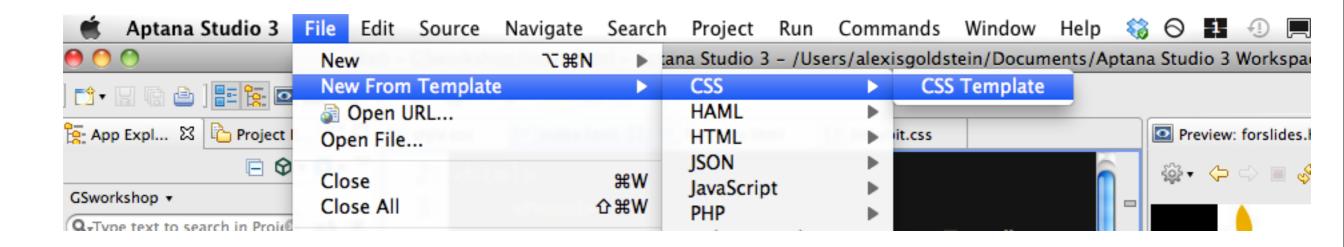
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The most common way is with an External stylesheet, so that is the way we will learn today.

#### Creating a separate CSS file

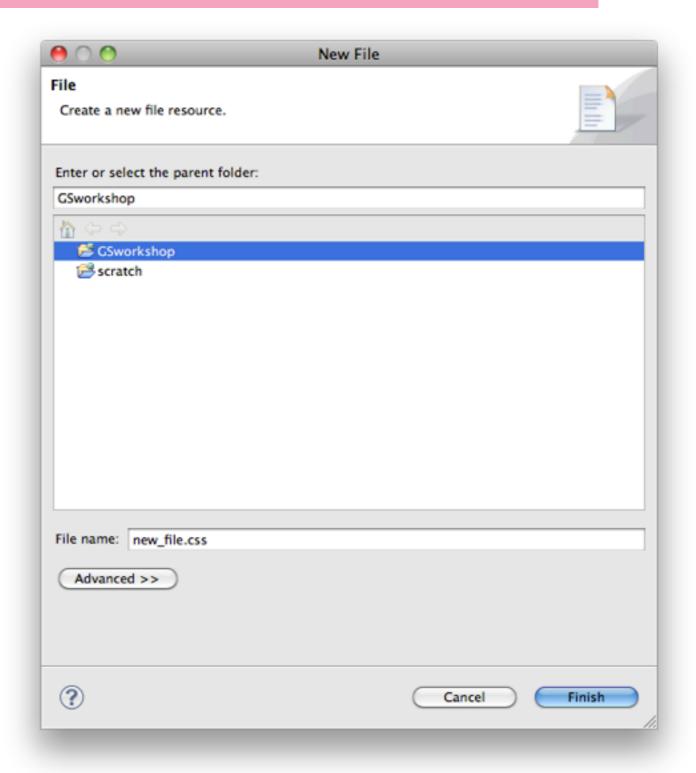
To add a new CSS file to our project, go to File > New from Template > CSS > CSS Template



#### Creating a separate CSS file

A window will open asking you:

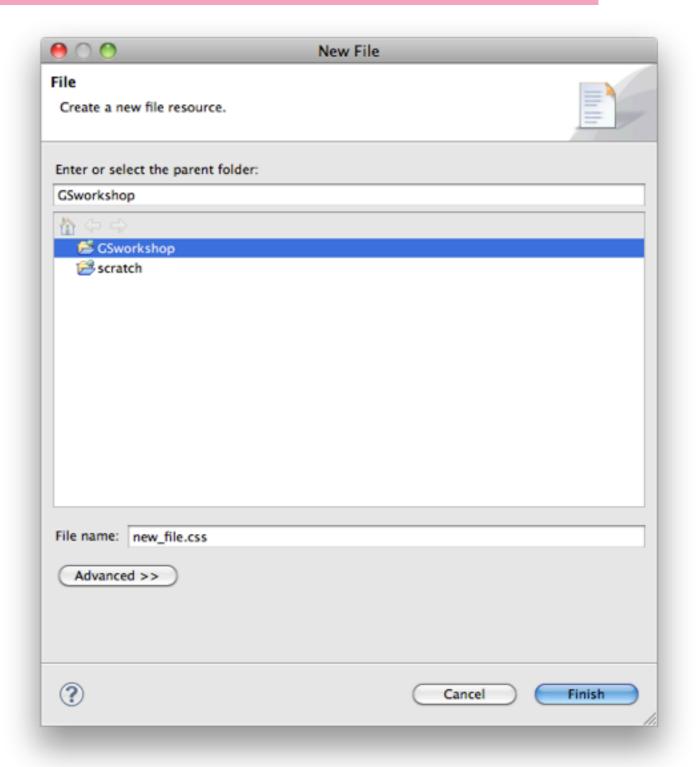
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- What to name the file
  - Make sure you add the new file to the same project you've been working on



#### Creating a separate CSS file

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- Which project to add the file to
- What to name the file (I suggest "style.css")
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#### Our new CSS file

#### Our new CSS file will look like this:

```
style.css 
index.html forslides.html bitbybit.css 
body {
2 }
3
```

## Linking our HTML file to our CSS file

- We need to link our HTML file to our new CSS file.
- We do this via the link> element.
  - link> is a self-closing tag
  - link> goes in the <head> section of
    our HTML file.

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     requires two attributes, rel and href.
  - k rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">

#### Class Lab

Let's add some more complex CSS to our page from last week.

If you didn't save your page, or you'd like to use the same HTML file I'm using, you can find my HTML here: <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/yVabk/3/">http://jsfiddle.net/yVabk/3/</a>

Just copy/paste from the HTML section into a new file in your Aptana.

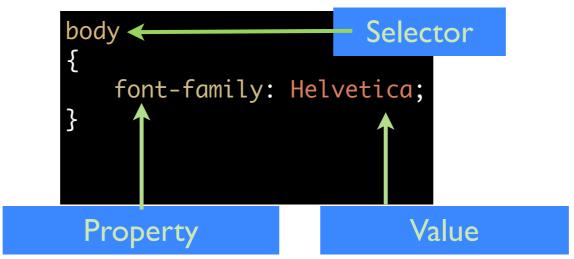
## Practicing CSS with the body selector

- Let's put what we just learned to practice.
- Inside our css file, we have a **body** selector and no styles defined.
- Let's add the property font-family and the value Helvetica to add a new default font for our page.

```
body
{
    font-family: Helvetica;
}
```

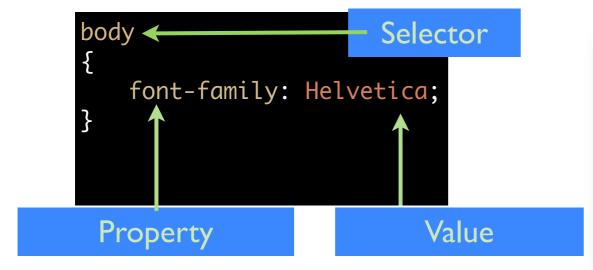
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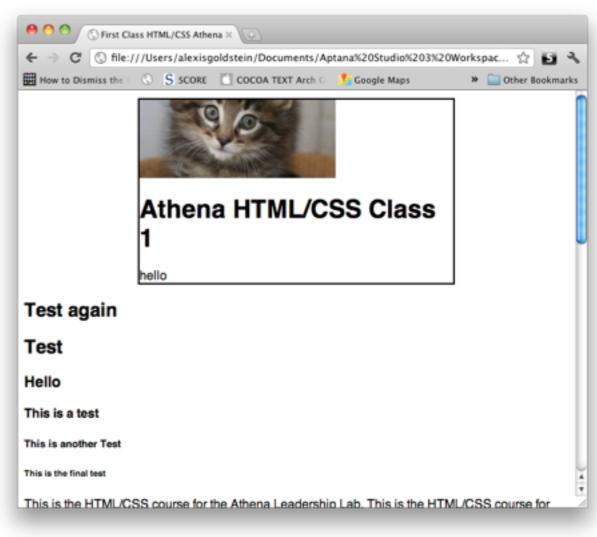
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## Practicing CSS with the body selector

 Adding this to our CSS changes the font for our entire website to Helvetica instead of the default (Times New Roman).





# font-family

- If you set the **font-family** property to Helvetica, and Helvetica is *not* installed on your visitor's computer, it will not work.
  - The browser will use the default font instead, Times New Roman.

## Using multiple values with font-family

- To allow you more flexibility, you can specify several font types in the **font**family property.
- This way, if your visitor doesn't have your first choice font, the browser will try your second and third choice before falling back to Times New Roman.

## Using multiple values with font-family

 To specify multiple font types, list them in your order of preference, separated by commas:

```
body
{
    font-family: "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
}
```

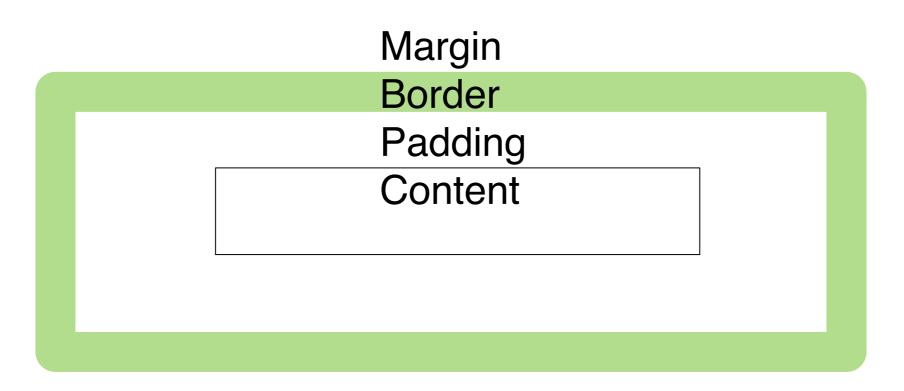
 If you want to use a font with a multiword name, be sure to put it in quotes.

# More CSS Properties: margin, padding, border

- The next CSS properties we will review are:
  - margin
  - padding
  - border
- These three properties are defined by something called the CSS "Box Model"

### The CSS Box Model

```
padding (Floring) ontent (Floring) onten
```





## Shorthand for padding

- You can define your padding like this:
  - padding-top: I0px;
  - padding-right: I0px;
  - padding-bottom: I0px;
  - padding-left: 10px;
- But they're all IOpx... isn't there a faster way to type this out?
  - YES!
  - padding: I0px;

## Shorthand for padding

- There are actually three different shortcuts.
- If you give padding one value, it'll apply to all sides:
  - padding: [all];
- If you give padding four values, separated by spaces, it'll apply in the following order:
  - padding: [top] [right] [bottom] [left];
- If you give two values, it'll apply in this order:
  - padding: [top & bottom] [left & right];

## Shorthand for margin

- Margin shares the same shortcuts as padding.
- Pedantic way:
   margin-top: I0px;
   margin-right: I0px;
   margin-bottom: I0px;
   margin-left: I0px;
- Shortcut ways:
   margin: [all];
   margin: [top] [right] [bottom] [left];
   margin: [top & bottom] [left & right];

## CSS Margin: a trick!

One way to align a whole div element in the center of a page is to set that div to have a width, and to have margin:
0 auto



# What if I want some tags blue and some tags green?

With this new p style, ALL paragraphs will have blue text, Monaco font (if available, otherwise Arial), and be aligned to the right.

```
font-family: Monaco, Arial, sans-serif;
color:blue;
text-align:right
}
```

What if we want some paragraphs to have green text?

#### **CSS Class Selectors**

CSS class selectors let you set "labels" on elements, and style each labelled element differently.

You set these labels in HTML by assigning a class attribute:

```
hi!
hellooooo!
```

How do we define this in CSS?

### **CSS Class Selectors**

#### HTML:

```
this text will be black
hi!
hellooooo!
```

#### CSS:

```
font-family: Monaco, Arial, sans-serif;
  text-align:right
}
.blueParagraph
{
  color: blue;
}
.greenParagraph
{
  color: green;
}
```

### **CSS Class Selectors**

```
Class Selector
.first
                         <html>
                         <head></head>
                         <body>
                         <hl class="first">Title!
   color: blue;
                         </hl>
                         < h2> Hello! < /h2>
                         test test ...
          Element Selector
                         <h2
                         class="first">Another
                         heading!</h2>
color: green;
```

## Leveraging the div tag with styles

- What if we want the next three links to be right-aligned, but we don't want any other links to be right-aligned?
  - We could set them all to a class... but is there an easier, faster way?

## Back to HTML for a moment: div

- One html tag we did not cover last week is the **div** tag.
  - The div tag is a great way to apply styles to a bunch of elements all at once.

## Back to HTML for a moment: div

- We can wrap the three links in one div element, give that div a class, and style that class! One class instead of three!
- CSS:

```
alignright
{
    text-align: right;
}
```

HTML:

# CSS Comments /\* \*/

- Just like in HTML, CSS has comments.
- Comments are ignored by the browser, but it's a handy way to make notes for yourself.

```
h2
{
   font-size: 12px;
   /* the font size used to be:
    * font-size: 10px; */
}
```



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- CSS:

```
#oneUniqueLink
{
  text-align: right;
}
```

HTML:

```
<a id="oneUniqueLink" href="http://google.com">google!</a><br/><a href="http://twitter.com">twitter!</a><br/><a href="http://amazon.com">amazon!</a><br/><br/>
```

```
#title
               ID Selector
     color : red;
             Class Selector
 .first {
 color: blue;
         Element Selector
h2 {
color: green;
```

```
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
<hl (id="title")
class="first">Title!</hl>
< h2> Hello! < /h2>
test test ...
<h2
class="first">Another
heading!</h2>
```

## Id Selector Example



# CSS Nesting

Nesting allows us to target elements that are **nested** inside of other elements

We specify a nested selector by listing it after another "parent" selector, separated by one space:

Nesting lets
us to style an
element ONLY
IT it lives
within another
specific
element.

```
div a {
  color: green;
  text-decoration:none;
}
```

In this example, we select any **a** elements that live inside a div element



## **CSS** Pseudoclasses

With pseudoclasses, we can add cool effects to our links.

Each link (the **<a>** element) has four states:

- I. link
- 2. visited
- 3. active
- 4. hover

#### Link States

Each link (the **<a>** element) has four states:

#### I. link

An unvisited link (a link that has never been clicked).

#### 2. visited

A link that has previously been visited (browsers make these purple by default).

#### 3. active

How the link is styled in the moment you click it.

#### 4. hover

How the link is styled as you hover over it.

#### **CSS** Pseudoclasses

```
a:link
    text-decoration: none;
a:hover
    text-decoration:
    underline;
```

```
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
<hl id="title"
class="first">Title!</hl>
<h2>Hello!</h2>
test test test...
<h2 class="first">Another
heading!</h2>
<a href=""">I'll be underlined
ONLY when you hover</a>
</body>
</html>
```

#### Homework

#### Reading:

- The slides!
- http://www.htmldog.com/guides/cssbeginner/
- Class vs Id Selectors: http://css.maxdesign.com.au/ selectutorial/advanced\_idclass.htm
- http://w3schools.com/css/css\_syntax.asp
- http://w3schools.com/css/css\_boxmodel.asp

#### Lab:

- Please create a basic HTML resume page for yourself, with links to a PDF of your resume, your linked in, your blog. Use the files in this zip as a skeleton: <a href="http://livetotry.com/GDI/homework2.zip">http://livetotry.com/GDI/homework2.zip</a>
- Use CSS to style: the background, your links (make the text and color differ from the main text), and at least three div elements in the page.