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# HTML/CSS Class 3: CSS for Page Layout

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# Review: Jargon so far

Let's review the terms & jargon we've learned thus far:

- HTML terms:
  - Tag
  - Element
  - Attribute
- CSS terms:
  - Element Selector
  - Class Selector
  - Id Selector

#### 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>

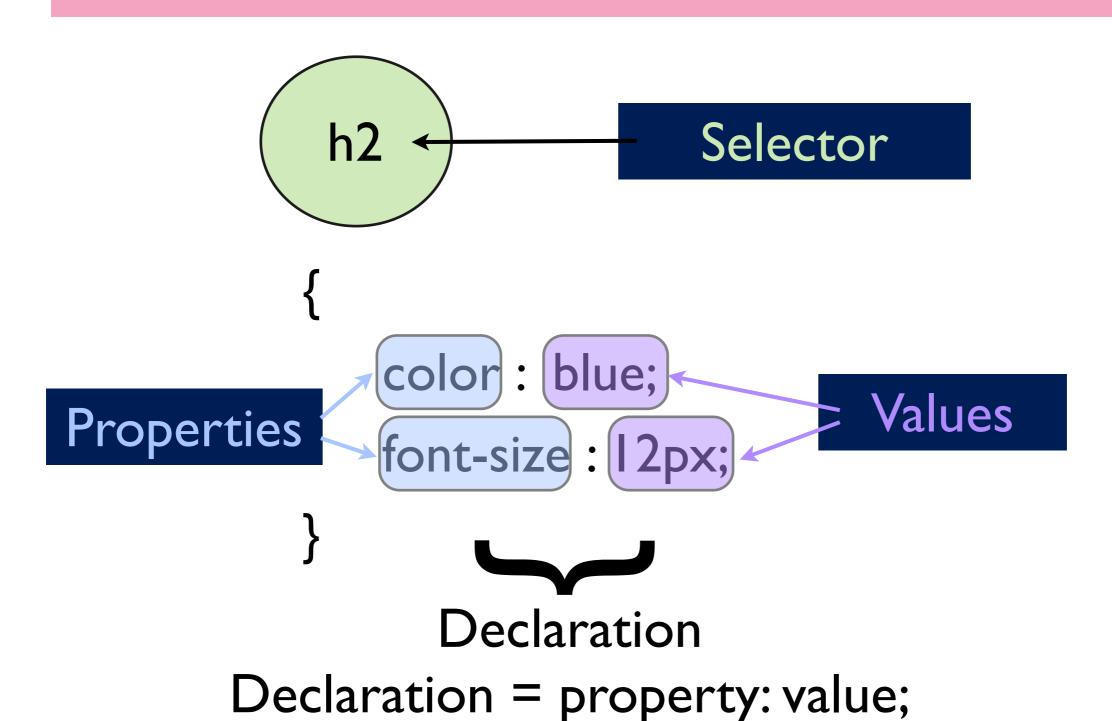
# Property: Value;

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

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



# **CSS Syntax**



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#### Brief review of terms

#### **Element Selector**

CSS element selectors let you style all elements of a certain type on an HTML page. For example, you can style all paragraphs by using the "p" selector.

#### **Id Selector**

CSS id selectors let you set "labels" on one specific item of a page. Unlike class selectors, you cannot reuse id selectors. Id selectors should only be used once.

#### **CSS Element Selectors**

Flement Selector

{
 color : green;
}

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

#### **CSS ID Selectors**

```
#title
              ID Selector
     color : red;
            Class Selector
.first {
color: blue;
         Element Selector
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** Precedence

- The most specific CSS Selector will "win" and override any duplicate properties specified by other selectors.
- That's why:
  - The class="first" and .first Class Selector changed the color of the second H2 element from green to blue.
  - The #title ID Selector changed the color from blue to red--ID selectors are seen as more specific than Class selectors.

#### **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>
```



#### Class Selectors

- Class Selectors let you set 'labels' on elements, and style each labelled element differently.
- You can reuse the same class selector as may times as you want.

#### **CSS Class Selectors**

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** Precedence

- With all these different types of selectors, is it possible that some may override others? Yes!
  - To read more about the precedence, go here: <a href="http://www.vanseodesign.com/css/css-specificity-inheritance-cascaade/">http://www.vanseodesign.com/css/css-specificity-inheritance-cascaade/</a>
- The short way to avoid precedence problems?
  - If your CSS isn't working the way you expect, add !important to the end of your property. This will force it to have highest precedence.



### Review of types of Stylesheets

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

- External Stylesheet
- Internal Stylesheet
- Inline Styles

# Three ways to use Stylesheets

Inline Style:

```
<p(style="font-family: Monaco, Arial, sans-serif;color:blue;")> This is my
first paragraph of text.
```

#### **Internal Stylesheet**:

# Three ways to use Stylesheets

#### **External Stylesheet**:

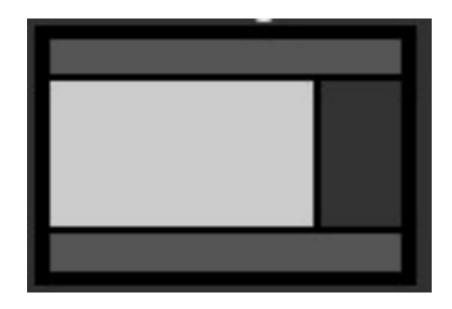
#### HTML file:

#### stylesheet.css file:

```
p
{
    font-family: Monaco, Arial, sans-serif;
    color:blue;
}
```

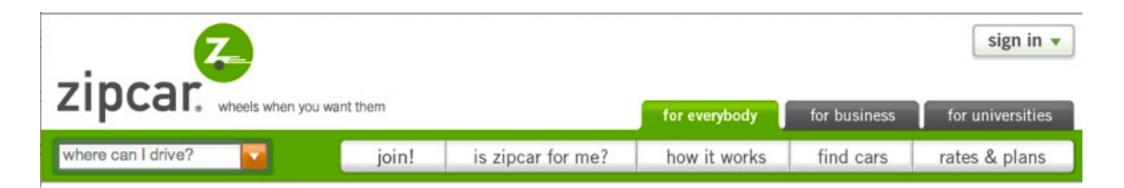
# Typical Web Layouts

- Before we conclude the HTML section, let's talk about typical web layouts.
- A common pattern is for a website to have a header and a footer.



# Headers

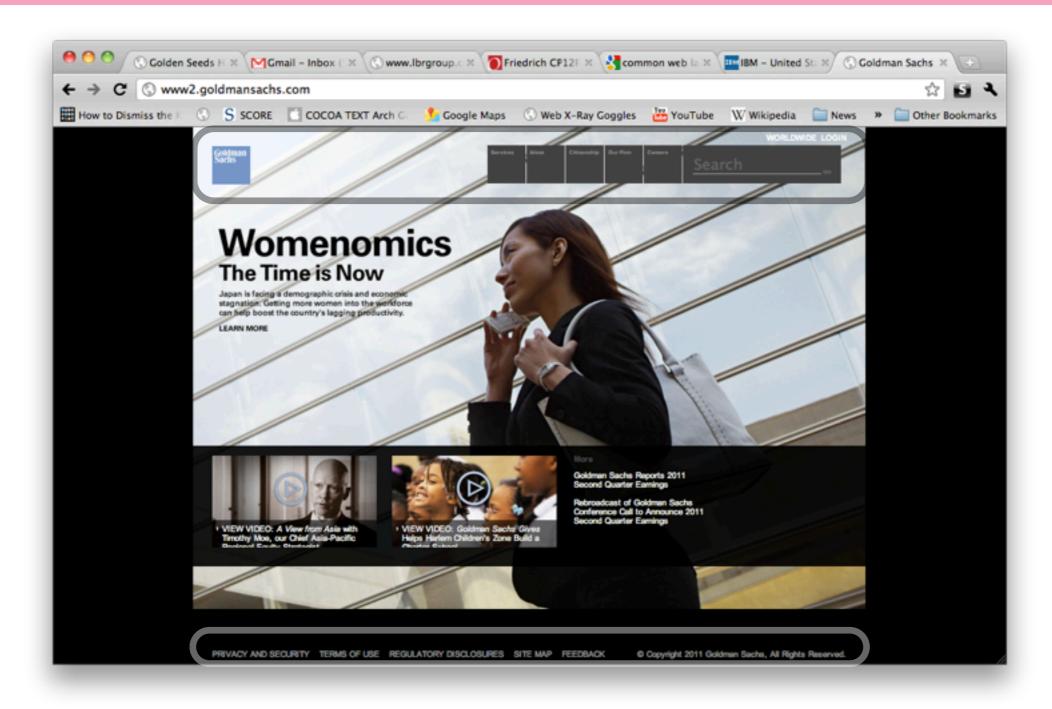
 Headers typically contain a logo image, the website title, and often a series of navigation links ("Home" "About" "Products" etc.)



# Footers

 Footers may contain things like copyright information, contact details, links to the privacy policy, etc.

# Header and Footer Example



# Grouping content

- In between the header and the footer is typically where the main content goes.
- How we style these three (and often more) sections of pages, is often with the use of another HTML element, the <div>.

# <div>

- The div tag is a great way to apply styles to a bunch of elements all at once.
- With the <div>, we can group several elements together, so once we start applying CSS, we can apply the same CSS to several elements at once.

# Practicing <div>

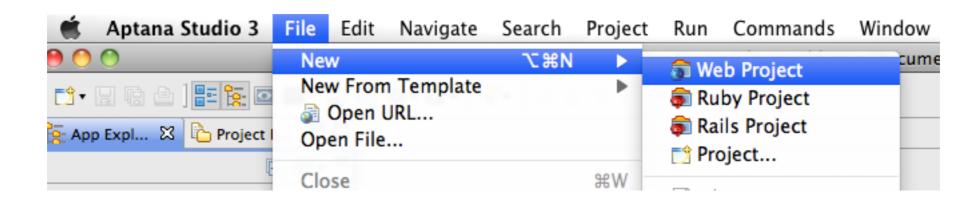
- Let's practice both the use of div and the concept of External Stylesheets.
- We'll do this by creating two files to start:
  - newpage.html
  - base.css

# Setting up in Aptana 2

- To get started in Aptana 2:
  - Go to File > New > Untitled HTML file.
    - Name the file index.html
    - Save, making a note of which folder you're saving to.
  - Go to File > New > Untitled CSS File
    - Name the file style.css
    - Save it to the same folder you saved your HTML file to!

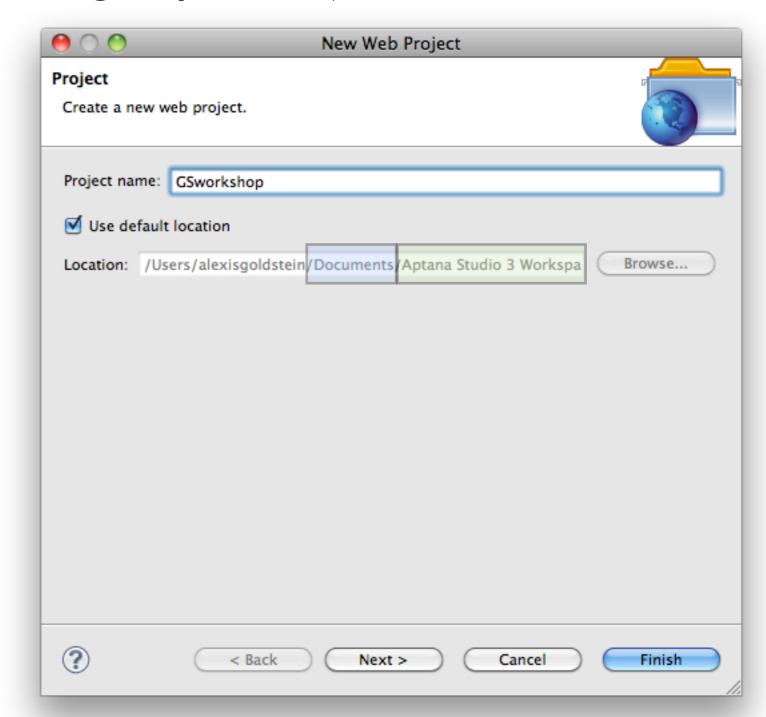
# Creating a new project with Aptana v3

The first step is to go to File > New > New
 Web Project



# Where Projects are saved

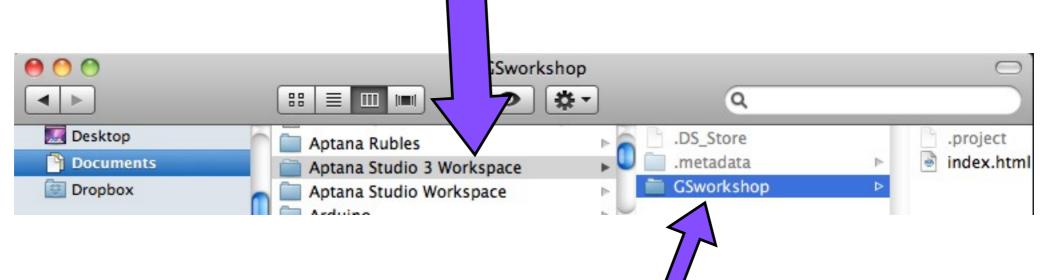
- The second step is to give you Project a name
  - By default, the new Project will be saved to your Documents folder, under a folder named "Aptana Studio 3 Workspace"
- Don't clickFinish just yet!



# Where Projects are saved

 By default, the new Project will be saved to your Documents folder, inside a folder named

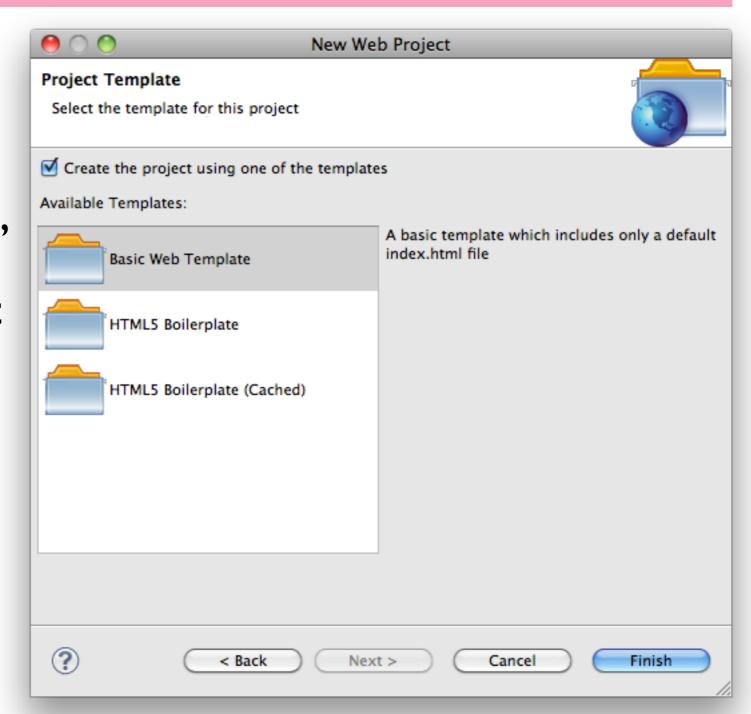
Aptana Studio 3 Workspace



 I named my project GSworkshop. This folder will hold my webpage files.

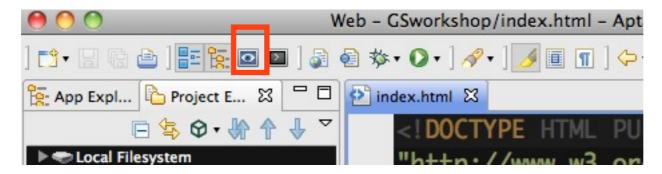
#### Make the Project use the Basic Web Template

- Click "Create the project using one of the templates"
- Choose "Basic Web Template"
- Click Finish



# Setting up our Preview window

- To view a preview of your page in Aptana version
   3, click the icon that looks like an eye.
  - It's at the top of Aptana in the toolbar



# Setting up our Preview window

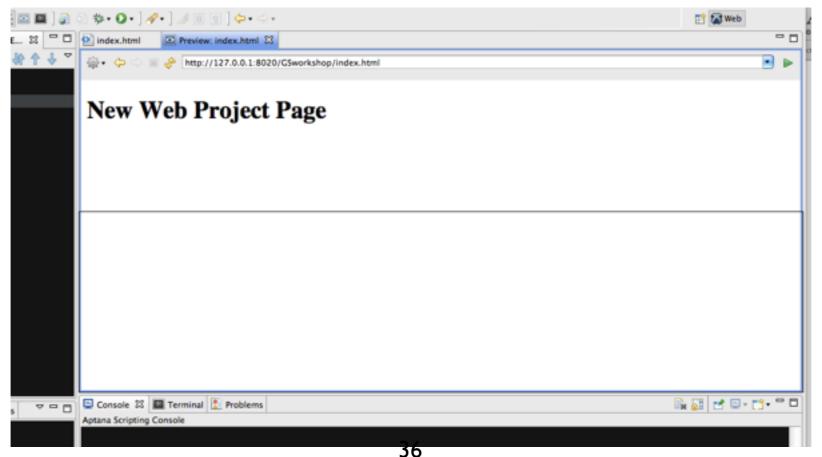
 Clicking this eye icon will create a new tab called "Preview"



 This will allow us to view the changes we are making to our HTML file.

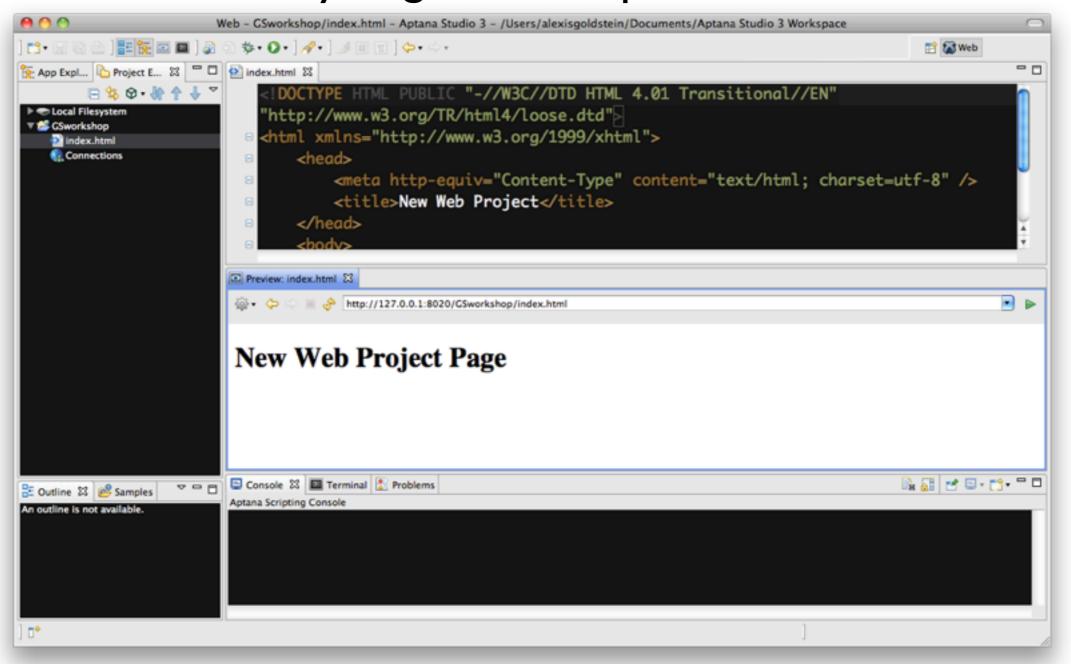
# Setting up our Preview window

- Instead of having the preview in a separate tab, I
  prefer to see the preview underneath my HTML
  file.
- To achieve this, click and drag the preview tab down towards the bottom of the screen, then let go when you see a black rectangle:



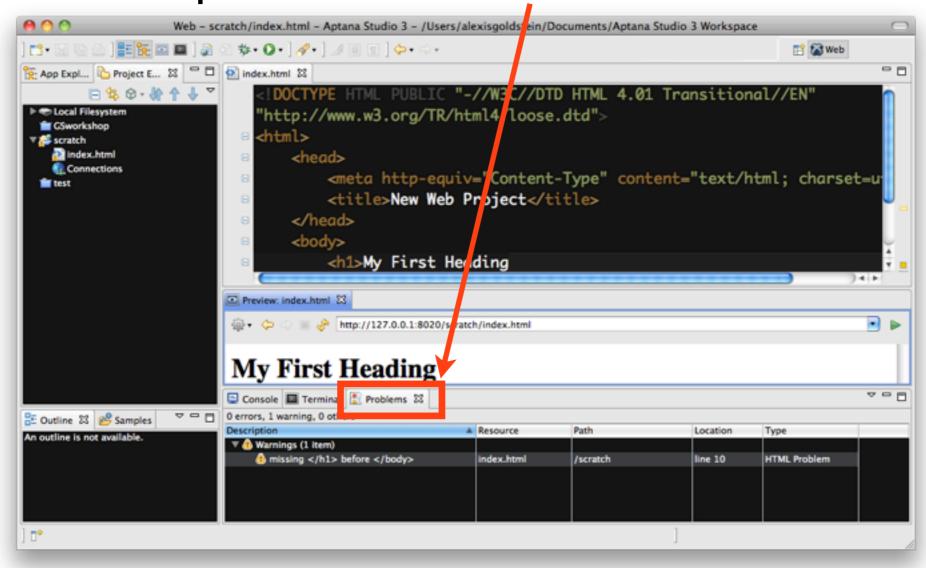
## Setting up our Preview window

 The preview tab should anchor itself below your code, so you get a nice split screen.



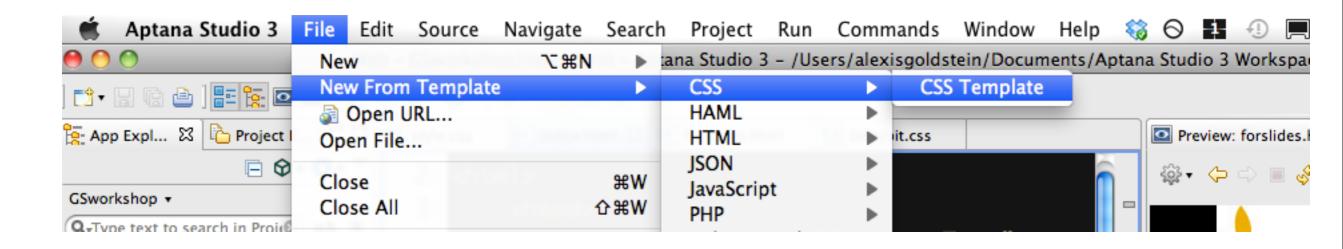
## When things go wrong

• If you have any errors in your HTML, they will show up in the **Problems** tab:



## Creating a separate CSS file

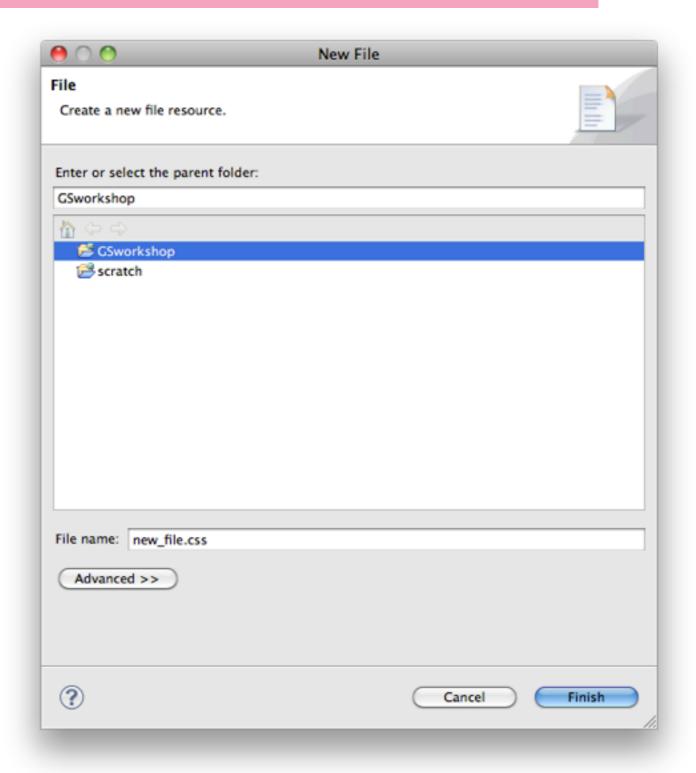
To add a new CSS file to our project, go to File > New from Template > CSS > CSS Template



### Creating a separate CSS file

A window will open asking you:

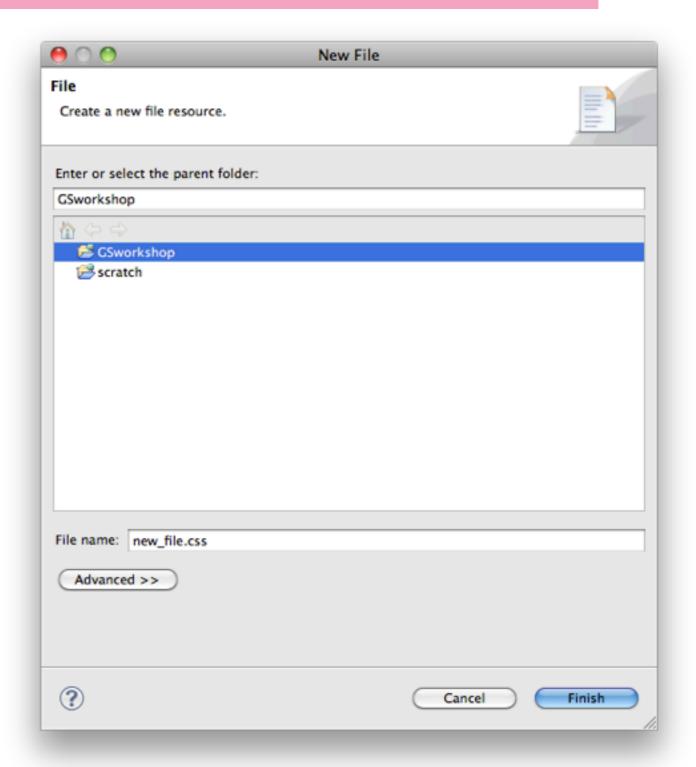
- Which project to add the file to
- What to name the file
  - Make sure you add the new file to the same project you've been working on



### Creating a separate CSS file

A window will open asking you:

- Which project to add the file to
- What to name the file (I suggest "style.css")
  - Make sure you add the new file to the same project you've been working on



#### Our new CSS file

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

```
style.css  index.html  forslides.html  bitbybit.css  test.css  

1  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.

## Linking our HTML file to our CSS file

- We need to link our HTML file to our new CSS file via the link> element.
  - Ink>
     requires two attributes, rel and href.
  - k rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">

## Setting up the header div

Let's begin by adding a div that will hold our header.

```
<body>
  <div id="header"></div>
</body>
```

## Setting up the main div

Next, let's add a div that will hold the main content of our page:

```
<body>
     <div id="header"></div>
     <div id="main"></div>
     </body>
```

## Setting up the footer div

Finally, let's add a div that will hold the footer of our page:

## Styling our divs

Let's add CSS to each of the div **ids** via **id selectors** so we can see where they begin and end CSS

#### **HTML**

```
<body>
     <div id="header"></div>
          <div id="main"></div>
          <div id="footer"></div>
          </body>
```

```
#header{
   background-color: <a href="lightblue">lightblue</a>;
   min-height: 100px;
#main
   background-color: beige;
   min-height: 100px;
#footer
   background-color: lightblue;
   min-height: 50px;
```

## Adding content to our layout divs

Let's add a logo image and an h1 to our header:

## Adding content to our layout divs

- The image sits above the h1 by default.
- It would be nice to move the h1 next to the image.
- We can do that with CSS



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## Styling our header

 First, let's change the display style of our h I to be display: inline (the default for h I is **block**).



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# Moving our hl

- Right now, our hl is aligned with the bottom of the image.
- We're going to use two CSS properties to fix this:
  - padding
  - vertical-align

# vertical-align

- vertical-align allows us to set the vertical alignment of an element, moving it up or down.
- The default vertical placement is at the baseline of its parent element.

```
img
{
    vertical-align: middle;
}
```



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## Styling the header with borders

 Finally, let's change the background-color and add two borders to the entire header by the header id selector:

```
#header {
   background-color: black;
   height: 100px;
   border-top: 10px solid black;
   border-bottom: 10px solid black;
   color: white;
                      Preview: index.html 🔀
                            http://127.0.0.1:8020/class3/index.html
                             Go forward
                                         Soho Soda Fountain
```

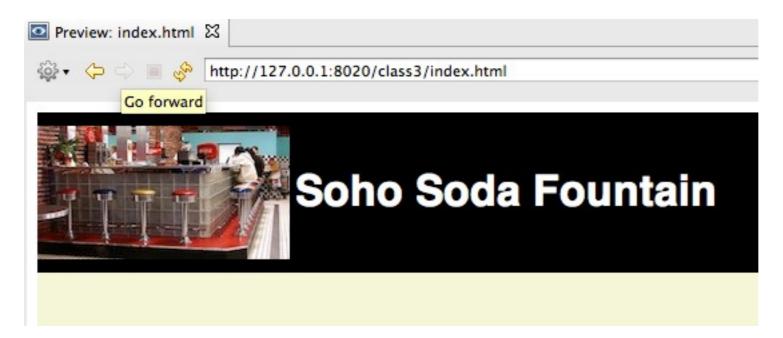
### Getting rid of the browser default margin

- There's a bit of whitespace around our header.
- This is because the browser applies a default margin to the **body** element.
- We can fix this by adding margin: 0px; to our body selector (at the top of your CSS file):

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

## Styling the header with borders

 There's not enough space between the image and the hl:



- We could style all h I elements via an element selector, but is there a better way?
- What if we could target only h ls that live inside id="header"?

# CSS Nesting

- Nesting allows us to target elements only if they 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 grab an element within another element.

```
#header h1
{
   padding-left: 20px;
}
```

This nested selector says:
Style an h I element, but
ONLY if it lives inside an element with id="header"

## Adding content to the footer

- Now let's add content to the footer
- I added some links and a paragraph containing a copyright statement.

## Styling Links in the Footer

 Let's use pseudoclasses to style the links in the footer

```
#footer a {
    font-size: 20pt;
    text-decoration: none;
    font-weight: bold;
    color: white;
}

#footer a:hover {
    background-color: white;
    color: black;
}
```

## Styling the footer

• Let's practice CSS nesting again by targeting *only* the links that live inside **div id="footer"**:

### Our footer isn't at the bottom of the page

 Q: How can we force the footer to stick to the bottom of the page?



• A:With CSS Positioning.

# CSS for Page Layout

## Styling Images with Float

 With CSS float, an element can be pushed to the left or right, allowing other elements to wrap around it.
 When an element is set to float, text and other content will flow around the floated element.

The **float** property specifies whether or not an element should float. It also specifies which direction it should float (left, right). Example:

```
.alignLeft
{
    float: left;
}
```

## Styling Images with Float

This is most commonly used with images, in order to align them left or right so text flows around an image. It is also useful when working with layouts.

```
Let's give this a try:
```

- I.<a href="http://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?">http://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?</a>
  filename=trycss float
- 2.<a href="http://w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?">http://w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?</a>
  <a href="mailto:filename=trycss\_float\_elements">filename=trycss\_float\_elements</a>

## Styling Images with Float: Lab

http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/rFjRq/

Completed version: <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/rFjRq/II/">http://jsfiddle.net/rFjRq/II/</a>

# Using clear

The clear property specifies which sides of an element where other floating elements are not allowed.

Best described visually! See this in action: <a href="http://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?">http://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?</a>
filename=trycss\_float\_clear

## Positioning with CSS

- CSS provides four main ways to position your content:
  - Static
  - Fixed
  - Relative
  - Absolute
- If you use these in combination with the CSS Box model, and the use of a property called **float**, you can layout your websites in myriad ways.

## Positioning with CSS

- position: fixed;
- top: I0px;
- right: 10px;
- left: 10px:
- bottom: I0px;

# Static and Fixed Positioning

#### **Static Positioning**

HTML elements are positioned static by default; there is no need to set them to static. Static positioned elements are positioned according to the normal flow of a page. They ignore anything specified by top, bottom, right or left properties.

#### **Fixed Positioning**

An element with fixed position is positioned relative to the browser window.

It will not move even if the window is scrolled--it will always stay in the same, fixed location on the screen.

#### See this in action:

- http://www.w3schools.com/Css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\_position\_fixed
- <a href="http://alexisgo.com/teaching/resistor/fixedPosExample.html">http://alexisgo.com/teaching/resistor/fixedPosExample.html</a>

# Fixed Positioning Lab!

For practice with fixed positioning, we're going to build a menubar at the bottom of a new page, similar to the one at <a href="http://moma.org">http://moma.org</a>

**Starting file:** <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/uge2Q/">http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/uge2Q/</a>

Finished file: <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/uge2Q/6/">http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/uge2Q/6/</a>

# Static and Fixed Positioning

### Relative Positioning

A relative positioned element is positioned relative to its normal position. You use the properties top, right, bottom and left to position an element.

For example, position:relative; left:-20px; will set an element 20 pixels to the left of its normal position; it subtracts 20 pixels from its normal left position.

#### See this in action:

• <a href="http://www.w3schools.com/Css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\_position\_relative">http://www.w3schools.com/Css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\_position\_relative</a>

# Absolute Positioning

### **Absolute Positioning**

The position of an absolutely positioned element is determined by its offset values in the properties: top, right, bottom and left.

But, unlike relative positioning, where the offsets are measured relative to its normal position, an absolutely positioned element is offset from its "container block."

 WTF is a "container block"? It's the first parent element that has a position other than static. If no such element is found, the containing block is <html>.

Absolutely positioned elements can overlap other elements.

Unlike a Fixed element, an absolute element will move as you scroll away from it.

See this in action:

http://alexisgo.com/teaching/class3/simpleAbsPos.html

http://www.w3schools.com/Css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\_position\_absolute

## Absolute Positioning

See this in action:

- http://www.w3schools.com/Css/
   tryit.asp?
   filename=trycss\_position\_absolute
- <a href="http://alexisgo.com/teaching/class3/">http://alexisgo.com/teaching/class3/</a> <a href="mailto:simpleAbsPos.html">simpleAbsPos.html</a>

#### Making our footer stick to the bottom

- We can use the concept of Absolute Positioning to force our footer to be on the bottom of the page.
- Before we do that, we need to add a widthto our #footer selector:

```
#footer
{
   background-color: black;
   min-height: 20px;
   padding-top: 10px;
   width: 100%;
}
```

#### Making our footer stick to the bottom

- We can use the concept of Absolute Positioning to force our footer to be on the bottom of the page.
- Let's set the footer to be absolutely positioned, 0px from the bottom and 0px from the left:

```
#footer
{
   background-color: black;
   min-height: 20px;
   padding-top: 10px;
   width: 100%;

   position: absolute;
   bottom: 0px;
   left: 0px;
}
```

# Absolute Positioning Lab

**Starting file:** <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/s45mk/">http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/s45mk/</a>

Finished file: <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/s45mk/2/">http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/s45mk/2/</a>

If you want all the files instead of the JSFiddles, you can find them here: <a href="http://bit.ly/GDI3code">http://bit.ly/GDI3code</a>

# Using CSS in Tumblr

#### Another HTML tag: blockquote

- One HTML tag we have not covered is blockquote
  - Blockquote's default style is to have the text indented over by one tab:

#### Changing default styles in Tumblr

- To change a CSS element selector's styling in Tumblr, you can go to:
  - Account > Preferences > Customize your Blog
  - Then go to Advanced > Add custom CSS



#### Changing default styles in Tumblr

For example, if you don't like the way the
 blockquote elements on your tumble are styled,
 you can add a new blockquote element selector
 in this field, and it will override the default.



#### Changing default styles on Wordpress.org

- You can only change the stylesheet of a wordpress theme if you are using wordpress.org or hosting wordpress on your own site.
- If you are using the free wordpress.com, you have to pay \$15/year to be able to customize the CSS.

# Other CSS Concepts

# CSS Grouping

 If you find yourself repeating the same styles for two different selectors, we can use a technique called grouping to save time.

 With grouping, we apply the same style to two selectors at once:

```
h1, h2
{
    margin: 0px;
}
```

commas allow us to **group** selectors.

When a comma separates two selectors, both selectors will get the style in brackets.

#### Grouping & Nesting Exercise

- Let's create a simple example that uses:
  - CSS Pseudo-classes
  - CSS Nesting
  - CSS Grouping
- We'll start with this JSFiddle, and modify it: <a href="http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/zU6M6/1/">http://jsfiddle.net/fiddlefiddle/zU6M6/1/</a>
- A shorter version of the same link: http://bit.ly/CSSgroup

- Next, let's examine the file in the class4files folder called "borderTricks.html"
- We're going to learn a trick to use borders to make an arrow, for use ultimately in a menuBar, like this:



- borderTricks.html is the final file. You can use it as a cheat sheet if you get stuck following along.
- Let's start with a div element in a new html file. Let's give it an id called "multiColor":

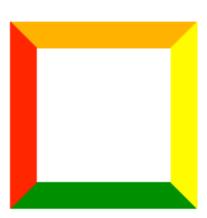
Now, let's set the style for our <div id="multiColor"> using an internal stylesheet.

```
<head>
    <style>
        #multiColor
          width: 100px;
          height: 100px;
          border-top:orange solid 20px;
          border-bottom: green solid 20px;
          border-left: red solid 20px;
          border-right: yellow solid 20px;
        }
    </style>
</head>
```



 Notice those diagonal edges where the borders change color? We're going to leverage that later.

```
<head>
    <style>
        #multiColor
          width: 100px;
          height: 100px;
          border-top:orange solid 20px;
          border-bottom: green solid 20px;
          border-left: red solid 20px;
          border-right: yellow solid 20px;
        }
    </style>
</head>
```



 Now, let's create a new div with a similar style, but make it more narrow.

```
HTML:
               <div id="multiColorNarrow">
               </div>
CSS: <style>
            #multiColorNarrow
             width:1px;
             height: 100px;
             border-top:orange solid 20px;
             border-bottom: green solid 20px;
             border-left: red solid 20px;
             border-right: yellow solid 20px;
       </style>
```



• Let's make a new div that's even smaller

```
HTML:
               <div id="multiColorSmushed">
               </div>
CSS: <style>
          #multiColorSmushed
             width:1px;
             height: Opx;
             border-top:orange solid 20px;
             border-bottom: green solid 20px;
             border-left: red solid 20px;
             border-right: yellow solid 20px;
             </style>
   </head>
```

• Let's see what happens if we remove the top border

```
HTML:
               <div id="multiColorArrows">
                </div>
CSS: <style>
         #multiColorArrows
             width:1px;
             height: Opx;
             /* remove the top border */
             border-top:none;
             border-bottom: green solid 20px;
             border-left: red solid 20px;
             border-right: yellow solid 20px;
           }
 </style>
```

Now let's play with transparency to make JUST a green arrow!

```
HTML: <div class="greenArrow"> </div> <!-- we'll use a class instead of a div so we can reuse this style more than once -->
```

#### CSS:

```
.greenArrow
{
    width:1px;
    height:0px;
    border-top:none;
    border-bottom: green solid 20px;

    border-left: transparent solid 20px;
    border-right: transparent solid 20px;
}
```

We will keep the right and left borders, so as to preserve the bottom green arrow, but make them transparent. This will cause us to see ONLY the bottom green border, which will look like a green arrow!

Now let's make a green line we can put under our green arrow

```
HTML: <div class="navBar"></div>

CSS:
.navBar

{
    width: 600px;
    margin: 0 auto;
    border: green solid 5px;
}
```

About

• Let's add a menu bar with an "about" item

```
HTML: <div class="menuBar">About</div>
```

#### CSS:

```
About

{
    background-color: #99C299;
    margin: 0 auto;
    width: 600px;
    color: white;
    font-weight:bold;
    padding: 5px 0px;
}
```

```
<html>
   <head>
       <title>Border Experiments</title>
       <style>
           .greenArrow
              width:1px;
              height: Opx;
              border-top:none;
              border-bottom: green solid 20px;
              border-left: transparent solid 20px;
              border-right: transparent solid 20px;
           .navBar
              width: 600px;
              margin: 0 auto;
              border: green solid 5px;
           .menuBar
              background-color: #99C299;
              margin: 0 auto;
              width: 600px;
              color: white;
              padding: 5px 0px;
       </style>
```

Add it all together!

```
HTML: <div class="menuBar">About

<div class="greenArrow"></div>

<div class="navBar"></div>

</div>
```

We have all the CSS we need already defined!

About