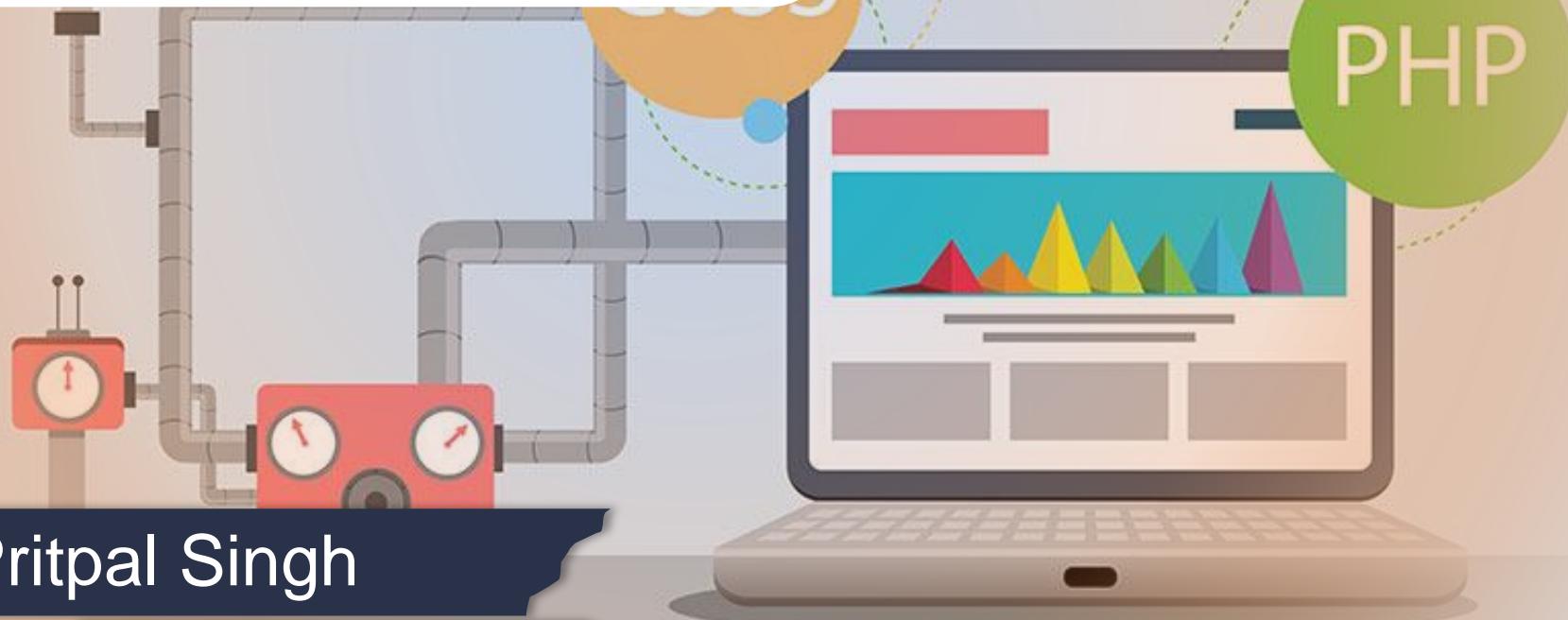


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WEB TECHNOLOGIES



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Learning Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

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- Syntax of Cascading Style Sheets

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- Multiple Device Compatibility - Style sheets allow content to be optimized for more than one type of device. By using the same HTML document, different versions of a website can be presented for handheld devices such as PDAs and cell phones or for printing.

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- Global web standards - Now HTML attributes are being deprecated and it is being recommended to use CSS. So its a good idea to start using CSS in all the HTML pages to make them compatible to future browsers.

CSS - Syntax

- A CSS comprises of style rules that are interpreted by the browser and then applied to the corresponding elements in your document. A style rule is made of three parts

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Selector – A selector is an HTML tag at which a style will be applied. This could be any tag like `<h1>` or `<table>` etc.

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CSS Style Rule Syntax

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

Selector

table

Declaration

{ border : 1px solid #C00; }

Property

Values



Example

- – You can define a table border as follows –
- `table{ border :1px solid #C00; }`
- Here table is a selector and border is a property and given value 1px solid #C00 is the value of that property.

Define selectors in various simple ways

The Type Selectors

```
h1 {  
    color: #36CFFF;  
}
```

The Universal Selectors

Rather than selecting elements of a specific type, the universal selector quite simply matches the name of any element type –

```
* {  
    color: #000000;  
}
```

This rule renders the content of every element in our document in black.

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The Descendant Selectors

Suppose you want to apply a style rule to a particular element only when it lies inside a particular element. As given in the following example, style rule will apply to `` element only when it lies inside `` tag.

```
ul em {  
    color: #000000;  
}
```

The Class Selectors

You can define style rules based on the class attribute of the elements. All the elements having that class will be formatted according to the defined rule.

```
.black {  
    color: #000000;  
}
```

This rule renders the content in black for every element with class attribute set to black in our document.

Example

You can make it a bit more particular. For example –

```
h1.black {  
    color: #000000;  
}
```

Example

This rule renders the content in black for only `<h1>` elements with class attribute set to black.

You can apply more than one class selectors to given element. Consider the following example –

```
<p class = "center bold">
```

This para will be styled by the classes center and bold.

```
</p>
```

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Embedded CSS - The <style> Element

- You can put your CSS rules into an HTML document using the `<style>` element. This tag is placed inside the `<head>...</head>` tags. Rules defined using this syntax will be applied to all the elements available in the document.

Embedded CSS - The <style> Element

```
<!DOCTYPE html>

<html> <head>

<style type = "text/css" media = "all">
    body {
        background-color: linen;
    }
    h1 { color: maroon;
        margin-left: 40px; }

    </style>
</head>
<body>

    <h1>This is a heading</h1>
    <p>This is a paragraph.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

This is a heading

This is a paragraph.

Attributes

- Attributes associated with `<style>` elements are –

Attribute	Value	Description
type	text/css	Specifies the style sheet language as a content-type (MIME type). This is required attribute.
media	screen tty tv projection handheld print braille aural all	Specifies the device the document will be displayed on. Default value is <i>all</i> . This is

Inline CSS - The style Attribute

- You can use `style` attribute of any HTML element to define style rules. These rules will be applied to that element only. Here is the generic syntax –
- `<element style = "...style rules....">`

Attribute	Value	Description
<code>style</code>	<code>style rules</code>	The value of <code>style</code> attribute is a combination of style declarations separated by semicolon (<code>;</code>).

Example

- <html>
- <head>
- </head>
- <body>
- <h1 style = "color:#36C;">
- This is inline CSS
- </h1>
- </body>
- </html>

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External CSS - The <link> Element

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External CSS - The <link> Element

- Here is the generic syntax of including external CSS file –
- <head>
- <link type = "text/css" href = "..." media = "..." />
- </head>

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Attribute	Value	Description
type	text/css	Specifies the style sheet language as a content-type (MIME type). This attribute is required.
href	URL	Specifies the style sheet file having Style rules. This attribute is a required.
media	screen tty tv projection handheld print braille aural all	Specifies the device the document will be displayed on. Default value is <i>all</i> . This is optional attribute

Example

- Consider a simple style sheet file with a name mystyle.css having the following rules –
- ```
h1, h2, h3 {
 color: #36C;
 font-weight: normal;
 letter-spacing: .4em;
 margin-bottom: 1em;
 text-transform: lowercase;
}
Now you can include this file mystyle.css in any HTML document as follows –
```
- <head>
- <link type = "text/css" href = "mystyle.css" media = " all" />
- </head>

# Imported CSS - @import Rule

- @import is used to import an external stylesheet in a manner similar to the <link> element. Here is the generic syntax of @import rule.
- <head>
- @import "URL";
- </head>
- Here URL is the URL of the style sheet file having style rules. You can use another syntax as well –
  - <head>
  - @import url("URL");
  - </head>

# Practical



That's all for  
now...