# Reminder on a few topics!

- Quick Notes on a few scattered topics
- Contacting the Teacher
- basic-form feedback
- CSS classes

## Who/When are you?

#### If you reach out in email

- What class are you?
- Which campus are you?
- I have a terrible memory
  - and >150 students just this semester
  - 5 different classes
  - across 3 campuses
- I won't know what "the assignment" is
  - Or when it is due

Slack DOES tell me

#### **Office Hours**

- I'm happy to answer short questions in Slack
  - No one has bothered me
- Involved questions get better answers on Zoom
  - If scheduled hours don't work
    - Request another time

## I have a terrible memory

- If you asked me for something
  - Feel free to remind me
- Do get notifications from Slack #announce
  - Important details can pop up!

#### Basic Form had a few common issues

- What is "1 column"/"2 column" layout?
  - If class was unclear, why no questions?
- 1 column:
  - Labels usually above the inputs/fields
- 2 column:
  - Labels usually to left of inputs/fields
- NOT one vs two columns of label+fields

#### Common issues with the use of CSS classes

- When to have classes
- What name to use
- BEM or not?

## When to have a class (Generally)

- To define the default behavior of an element
  - Use element selector

    - | <button > will look like this by default
- If you are styling HTML that you don't control
  - Use "compound" selectors of whatever
- Otherwise, use a class
  - Mostly a single class
  - Compound only when dependent on a state
    - Ex: menus having open/active ancestor

#### Rule of thumb for classes

- Excluding styling ALL elements of type
  - Including expected future
- Will this element be styled?
  - Give it a class
- Will this element be interactive?
  - Give it a class

## **BEM Style**

- BEM style is an option for this course
  - A classname is either BEM or it is not
- BEM style:
  - BLOCK, ELEMENT, MODIFIER each semantic
    - Each a meaningful name
  - .BLOCK.BLOCK\_\_ELEMENT.BLOCK\_\_ELEMENT--MODIFIER
- BEM is for humans
  - "It works" is talking about the computer

#### **BEM Block**

- BLOCK
- A "chunk" of the page
- Just a semantic label
  - Including being kebab-case
  - Multiple words connected by single hyphen
  - All lowercase
- No different than non-BEM Semantic labels
  - Benefit comes when we add elements
- Blocks can appear inside other blocks
  - Use when you will use/style parts inside

#### **BEM Element**

- .BLOCK\_\_ELEMENT
  - Exactly two underscores!
  - Only two parts
    - One Block
    - One Element
- ELEMENT is subblock
  - Might be actual semantic element type
  - Might be a semantic class name
    - Same kebab-case naming rules

#### **BEM Modifier**

- .BLOCK\_\_ELEMENT--MODIFIER
- Will be .BLOCK\_\_ELEMENT as well!
  - Have both class names
- Exactly two underscores
- Exactly two hyphens
- MODIFIER is a semantic state
  - open, active, etc
  - same kebab-case rule
  - Comes up a lot more with JS
    - We add/remove states

### Not Using BEM? Not a problem!

- Course requires for EVERY class name:
  - Semantic
    - Name describes block/contents
  - kebab-case
    - No underscores
- Outside of course
  - Lots of different rules sets (still rules!)
- Either way, want to use classes
  - Styled elements
  - Elements targeted by JS
  - Elements modified by JS

## Why do we want classes?

- All selectors using single classes
  - Same specificity
- Makes CSS more readable
- CSS breaks less often when HTML changes

```
main div div a {
/* styling */
}
```

#### VS

```
.card--link {
/* styling */
}
```

## **Dropdown with JS - The Hint**

- Toggle a class on the element that you were looking at :hover/:focus-within on when the button is clicked
- Have your CSS apply the same changes you did on :hover/:focus-within, but only when that extra class is present
- Make sure to use a class name that is descriptive and semantic, such as "open"

# Toggle on the element you were looking at

- Toggle a class on the element that you were looking at :hover/:focus-within on when the button is clicked
- Was like: .menu\_\_item .menu\_\_button:hover ul {
- Now like: .menu\_\_item .menu\_\_button.open ul {

Notice how the logic is very similar

BEM Style would be:

• class="menu\_button menu\_button--open"