



Syntactically

Awesome

Style Sheets



CSS Has Problems.???

- ▶ Large projects yield large amounts of styles
 - ▢ Hard to maintain + work on simultaneously
- ▶ Multiple stylesheets means multiple server calls
- ▶ Repeating yourself for things like colors
 - ▢ Accidental duplicate declarations



What is Sass?

- ▶ Compiled CSS
- ▶ Solves many problems with enterprise-scale styling
- ▶ CSS with added utilities, amongst other cool things
- ▶ Regular CSS is compatible -- no need to use Sass' features immediately if you're still learning



How can SASS Help?

- ▶ Allows for modularizing of CSS in small chunks
 - ▢ When compiled, this yields only 1 CSS file
- ▶ Utilities for making development easier, such as:
 - ▢ Variables
 - ▶ Mixins
 - ▢ Partials
 - ▶ Calculations
 - ▢ Imports
 - ▶ Nesting



Nesting

- ▶ Groups similar chunks of CSS together
- ▶ Easier to keep track of*
- ▶ Less writing for the developer to do

*Do not do not *do not* **do not do not** try to recreate DOM structure -- Nesting is SASS' biggest pitfall.



Nesting

```
1  nav #homeIcon{
2      width: 100px;
3      height: 100px;
4      float: left;
5  }
6  nav .navText{
7      color: #FFCCCC;
8      font-size: 12px;
9  }
10 nav .navText a:hover{
11     color: #997A7A;
12 }
13 nav .navText a:visited{
14     color: #FFA3C2;
15 }
16 nav .navText a:active{
17     color: #997A7A;
18 }
19 nav .navListItems {
20     display: inline-block;
21 }
22 nav .navListItems .navListItems-large{
23     width: 200px;
24 }
25
```

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5          float: left;
6      }
7      .navText{
8          color: #FFCCCC;
9          font-size: 12px;
10         a{
11             &:hover{
12                 color: #997A7A;
13             }
14             &:active{
15                 color: #997A7A;
16             }
17             &:visited{
18                 color: #FFA3C2;
19             }
20         }
21     }
22     .navListItem{
23         display: inline-block;
24         .navListItem-large{
25             width: 200px;
26         }
27     }
28 }
```



Partials

- ▶ Breaks CSS into smaller files based on modules or functionality
- ▶ Are signified by an underscore at the start of the file-name
 - ▶ ex: `_colors.scss`
- ▶ Are **not** compiled
- ▶ Added to a centralized file via imports



Imports

- ▶ Bring outside files in
- ▶ Ideally, all of your imports go in 1 centralized file
- ▶ Syntax is just `@import 'filename';`
- ▶ Leave off “.scss” and “_” before name: Sass knows what to look for
- ▶ Do not import into partials: this will cause circular dependencies.



Imports + Partials

_example2_nav.scss x

```
1 nav{
2   float: left;
3   width: 500px;
4   height: 120px;
5   background-color: #000080;
6   #branding{
7     background: #fff url('../images/logo.png') no-repeat right top;
8     float: left;
9   }
10 }
```

_example2_document.scss x

```
1 |.document{
2   font-size: 13px;
3   overflow: hidden;
4   text-overflow: ellipsis;
5   width: 800px;
6   height: 300px;
7 }
```

_example2_table.scss x

```
1 .orderTable{
2   border: 2px dashed #3a4b3d;
3   width: 100%;
4   .colorHeader{
5     color: #00ff00;
6   }
7 }
```

example2_main.scss x

```
1 |@import 'example2_nav';
2   @import 'example2_document';
3   @import 'example2_table';
4
5   body{
6     width: 100%;
7   }
8   h2{
9     color: pink;
10 }
```



Variables

- ▶ Act the same as variables in JavaScript
- ▶ Scope is similar to JS'--can be defined in a declaration or globally in a file
 - ▶ Imported files also import their global variables
- ▶ Syntax: `$variableName: value;`



Variables

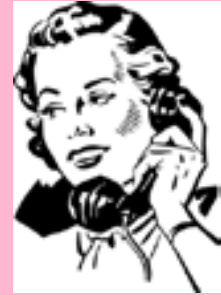
```
_colors.scss  x
1  $color-accent-negative: #D26420;
2  $color-accent-positive: #00723D;
3  $color-accent-strong:   #00B8E6;
4  $color-accent-weak:     #A5E4FF;
```

```
overview.scss  x
1  @import 'colors';
2  .overview{
3      .error-container{
4          color: $color-accent-negative;
5          border-color: $color-accent-strong;
6      }
7      .success-container{
8          color: $color-accent-positive;
9          border-color: $color-accent-weak;
10     }
11 }
```



Mixins

- ▶ Essentially, they're like CSS functions
- ▶ Pass some specifications to a mixin and it returns a calculated result for you
- ▶ Most often used for vendor-specific styles (gradient, box-shadow, rounded corners, etc)



Mixin Syntax

Declaring a mixin:

```
@mixin mixinName($variables){  
  ...  
}
```

Using a mixin:

```
.classname{  
  @include mixinName(value);  
}
```



Mixins

```
_mixins.scss  x
1 |@mixin border-radius($radius){
2 |    -webkit-border-radius: $radius;
3 |    -moz-border-radius: $radius;
4 |    -ms-border-radius: $radius;
5 |    -o-border-radius: $radius;
6 |    border-radius: $radius;
7 |}
8 |@mixin textShadow($opacity, $offset){
9 |    text-shadow: white($opacity) 2px $offset 2px;
10|}
11|@mixin opacity($opacity){
12|    opacity: $opacity;
13|    $opacity-ie: $opacity * 100;
14|    filter: alpha(opacity=$opacity-ie);
15|}
```

```
button.scss  x
1
2 |@import 'mixins';
3
4 |.fancyButton{
5 |    @include opacity(0.93);
6 |    @include border-radius(4);
7 |    @include textShadow(0.5, 1);
8 |}
9 |.ghastlyButton{
10|    @include opacity(0.4);
11|    @include border-radius(2);
12|    @include textShadow(1, 2);
13|}
14|.circularButton{
15|    @include border-radius(500);
16|}
```



Installing Sass

- 1- Install Ruby: <http://www.rubyinstaller.org/>**
(Macs already have this installed!)
- 2- Install Sass: <http://sass-lang.com/install>**



Teaching Sublime Sass

1- Install Package Control:

<https://sublime.wbond.net/installation#st3>

2- Make it Sassy: <https://sublime.wbond.net/packages/SassBeautify>



Exercise

See the other PDF file for instructions for trying out Sass. You will be making a very simple static page, but will be using the concepts covered in this lesson.

