MIS3690 - Web Technologies



Advanced CSS Selectors

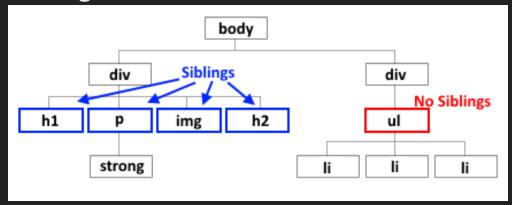
Basic CSS Selectors

- Type selectors: li {color:red}
- Class selectors: li.spacious {margin: 20px}
- ID selectors: #bordered {border:1px black solid}
- Universal selectors: * {color :green}
- Attribute selectors:
 - a[href="https://www.google.com"] {font-size: 2em}
 - more on syntax
- Combine selectors into a selector list, using

```
h1, .special {
  color: blue;
}
```

Adjacent sibling combinator

Siblings

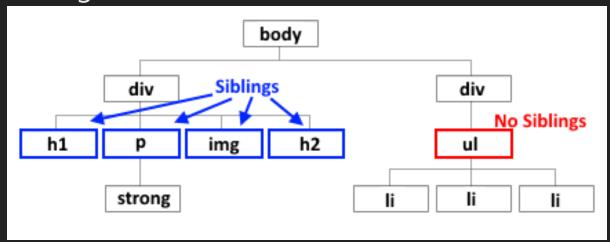


• Syntax: +

```
/* Paragraphs that come immediately after any h1 */
h1+p {
  color: red;
}
```

General sibling combinator

Siblings

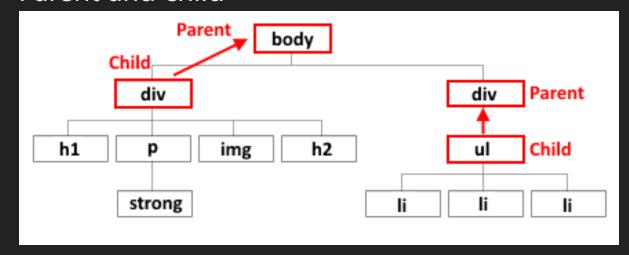


• Syntax: ~

```
/* all <h2> elements that are siblings of and subsequent to any h1 */
h1~h2 {
  color: red;
}
```

Child combinator

Parent and child



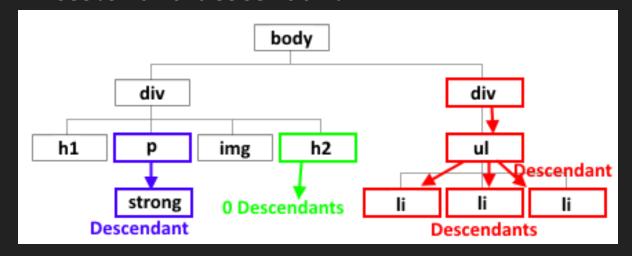
• Syntax: >

```
/* List items that are children of the "my-things" list */
ul.my-things>li {
  color: red;
}
```

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Descendant combinator

Ancestor and descendant



• Syntax: (a single space)

```
/* List items that are descendants of any <div> */
div li {
  color: red;
}
```

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Pseudo-elements ::

- Pseudo-element selectors select a certain part of an element rather than the element itself.
- Examples:

```
/* Selects the first lines of any  */
p::first-line {color: red;}

/* Selects the first letters of any  */
p::first-letter {font-size: 2em;}
```

See more examples

Pseudo-classes:

- Pseudo-classes style certain states of an element.
- Examples:

```
/* Selects any  that is the last element among its siblings */
p:last-child {
  color: lime;
  }
/* Selects the second  element in any list */
li:nth-child(2) {
  color: lime;
  }
}
```

See more examples

Link styles

- a:link (applies to normal links)
- a:visited (applies to visited links)
- a:hover (affects a link when cursor is placed above it)
- a:active (applies to active links)

In-class exercises

- Play with all the selectors on w3schools
- Try some advanced selectors in any of your old files.
 - e.g., in *ex05.html*, can you use smiley.gif as bullet markers for courses only?
- Play with CSS Diner

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Questions?

