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CSS227 WEB PROGRAMMING

LECTURE 02 HTML AND CSS

HTML, CSS, and JS

- **HTML**

- Structure and content of a webpage.
- Nouns of a webpage.

- **CSS**

- Style of HTML.
- Adj. of a webpage.

- **Javascript**

- Adds logic and interactivity to a page.
- Verb of a webpage.

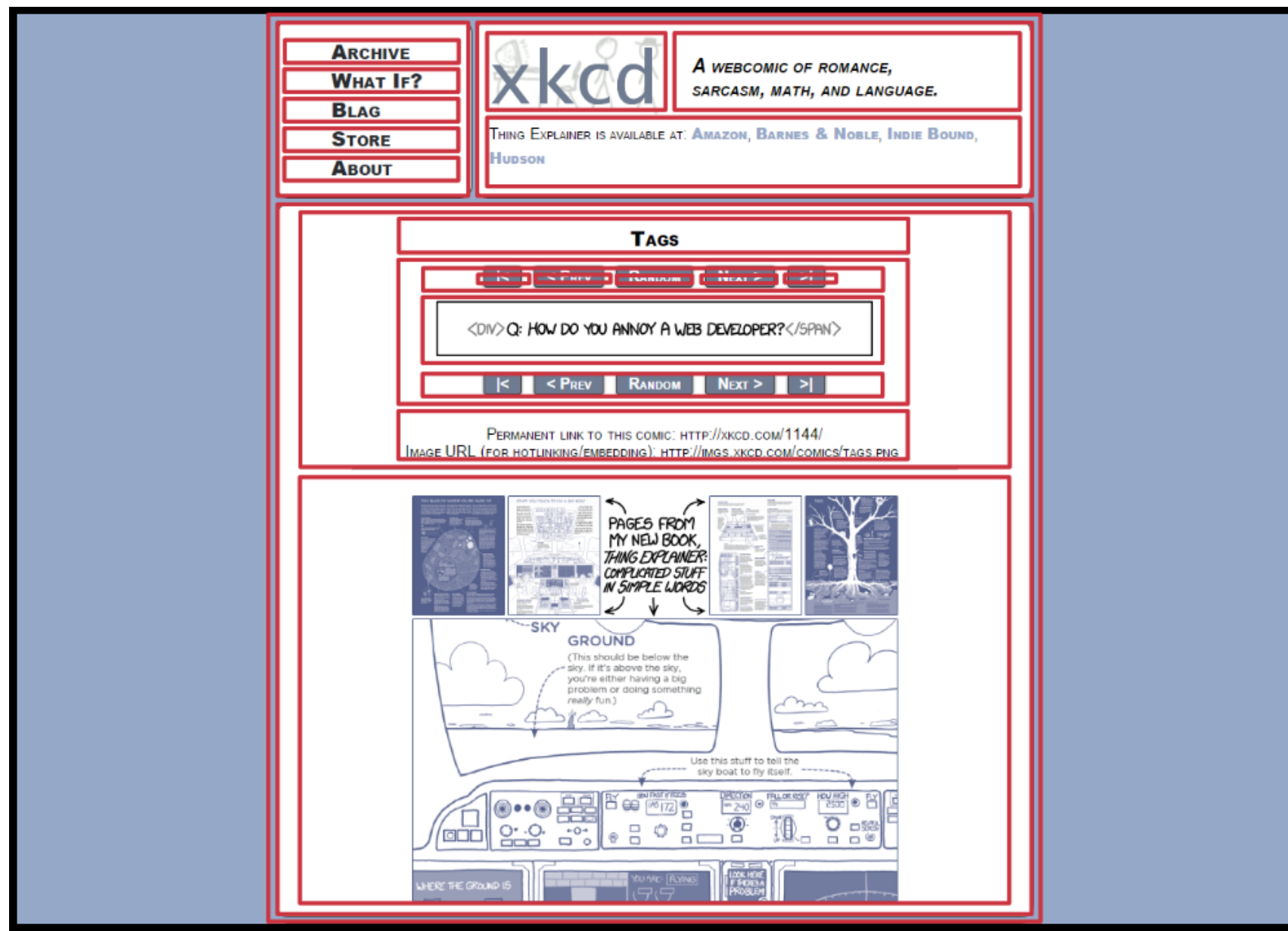


Image: MIT

HTML

- **HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)**
 - Describes the **content and structure of a webpage**
 - **NOT** a programming language.
 - Made up of building blocks called **elements**.
- Basic HTML page structure →
- Saved in a *filename.html* file.
- HTML boilerplate
 - <http://htmlshell.com/>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>title</title>
  </head>
  <body>
  </body>
</html>
```

Metadata that doesn't appear in the viewport of the browser

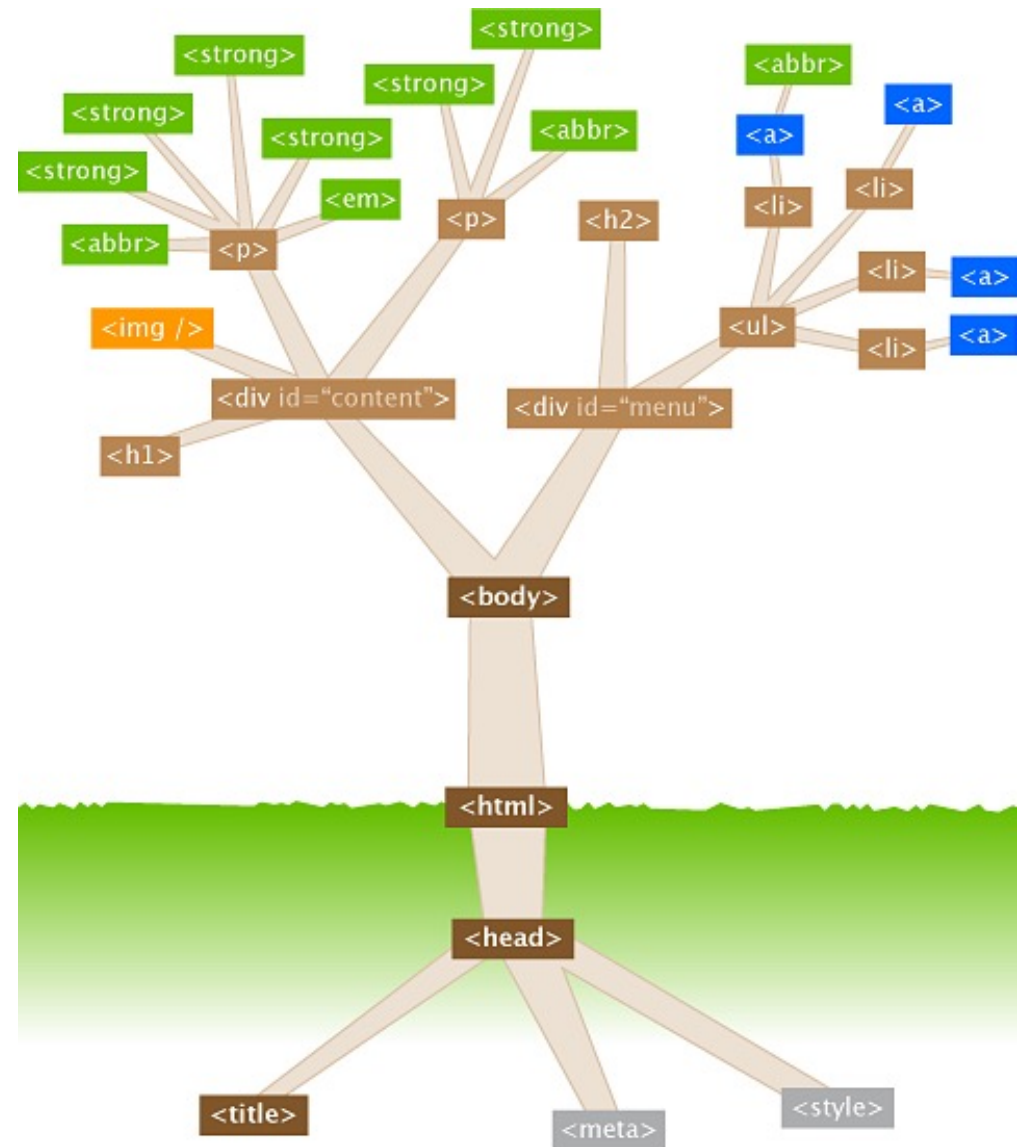
Contents that render in the viewport of the browser

HTML Structure

- HTML is a tree structure
 - Internal nodes represent structure
 - Leaf nodes represent content
- Specified textually as a tree

```
<node>  
  <subnode field='value'>  
    Text in a leaf node  
  </subnode />  
</node>
```

- Maintained internally as a tree (DOM)
- Nodes have names, attributes
- Text may appear at leaves



Source: <http://watershedcreative.com/>

HTML Components

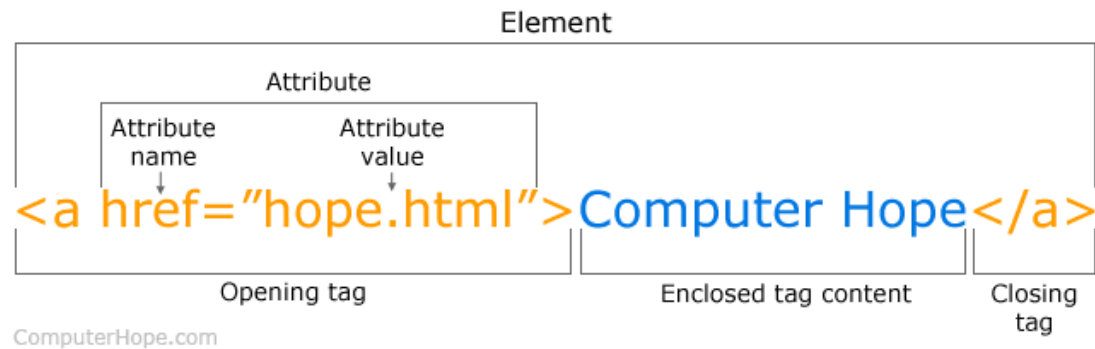
- Header: basic information about the page
 - Styles (CSS): information on how to display
 - Can be in separate files
 - Scripts (JavaScript)
 - Dynamic interactivity
 - Can be in separate files
- Body: the data to display
 - Description of what should be presented on the page

Basic HTML Body Components

- Text
- Descriptions of how to display text
 - `text`, `text`
 - Managed by CSS
- Text organization
 - Headers, paragraphs, blocks, tables
- Page layout and organization
 - DIV, LIST, TABLE, FRAME
- Interactive regions
 - Forms: text fields, buttons, ...
 - Canvas, SVG regions

HTML elements

Breakdown of an HTML Tag



- An element can have attributes (**href="hope.html"**)
- Elements can contain other elements (**p** contains **em** and **img**)

```
<p>  
    Hello Kitty is <em>cute</em>  
      
</p>
```

- An element can be self-closing (**img**)

Some HTML elements

Heading h1, h2, ... h6	<code><h1>CSS227</h1></code>
Paragraph	<code><p>Hello Kitty is sexy.</p></code>
Division container	<code><div class="shadowbox"> <p>This's a very interesting topic.</p> </div></code>
Inline container	<code><p>Some text is red</p></code>
Line break	<code>This is the first line.
 This is second line.</code>
Image	<code></code>
Link	<code>Go to Google!</code>
Strong (bold)	<code>BOLD</code>
Emphasis (italic)	<code>Here is italic.</code>

title Element

- The head element contains two types of elements—**meta** and **title**.
- The title element's contained data specifies the label that appears in the browser window's **title bar**.
- Besides providing a label for your browser window's title bar, what's the purpose of the title element?
 - It provides documentation for someone trying to maintain your web page
 - It helps web search engines find your web page

meta Element

- The meta elements provide **information** about the web page.
- There are many different types of meta elements
 - some you should always include, but most are just optional.
- *The meta element does not have an end tag.*
- Attributes:
 - charset
 - name
 - content

```
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">|
  <meta name="description" content="Travelling through Surrey, the
best pubs in Egham">
  <meta name="keywords" content="Egham,Surrey,Pubs, travel">
  <meta name="author" content="Joe Bloggs">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-
scale=1.0">
</head>
```

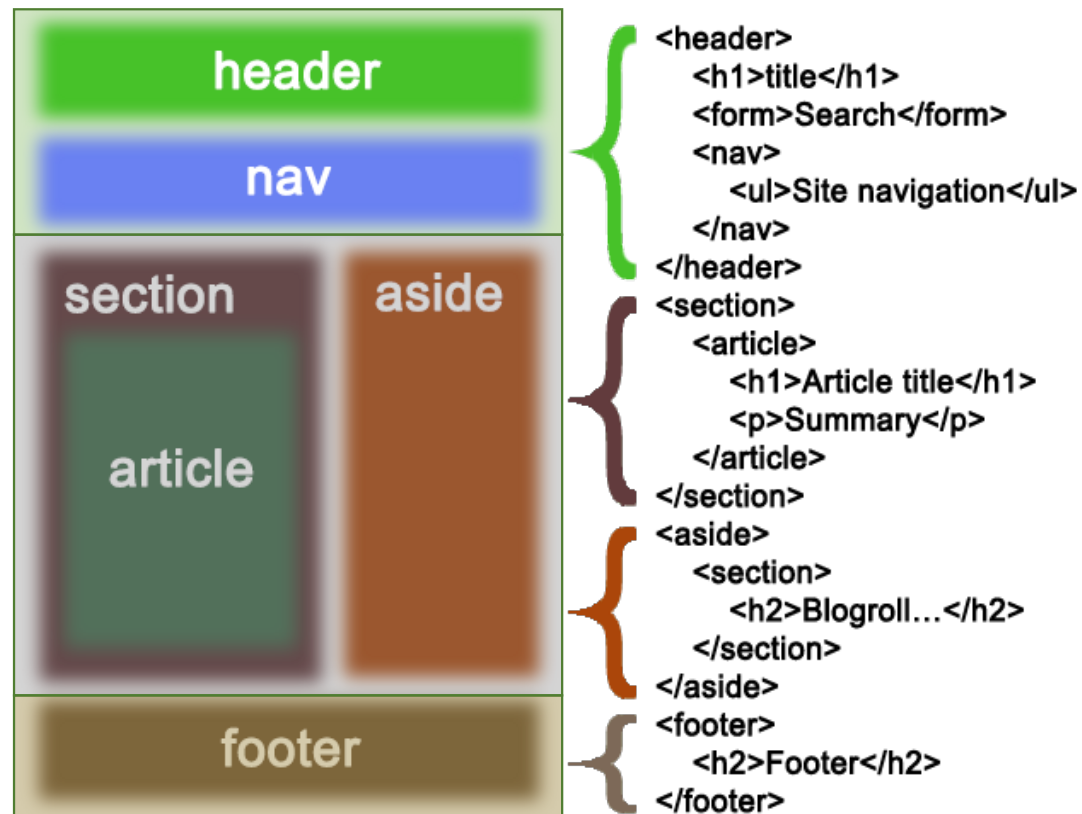
Image:webtrends-optimize.com

The HTML5 standard

- **Audio and video**—The audio and video elements allow users to play music and video files directly from their browsers without the need of a plug-in.
- **Canvas**—The canvas element provides a drawing area and a set of commands that a web programmer can use to draw two-dimensional shapes and animate them.
- **Drag and drop functionality**—The drag and drop constructs provide the ability to drag elements within a web page.
- **Web storage functionality**—The web storage constructs provide the ability to permanently store data on the browser's computer.
- **Geolocation functionality**—The geolocation constructs provide the ability to locate the browser's computer.

The HTML5 standard

Structural organization elements



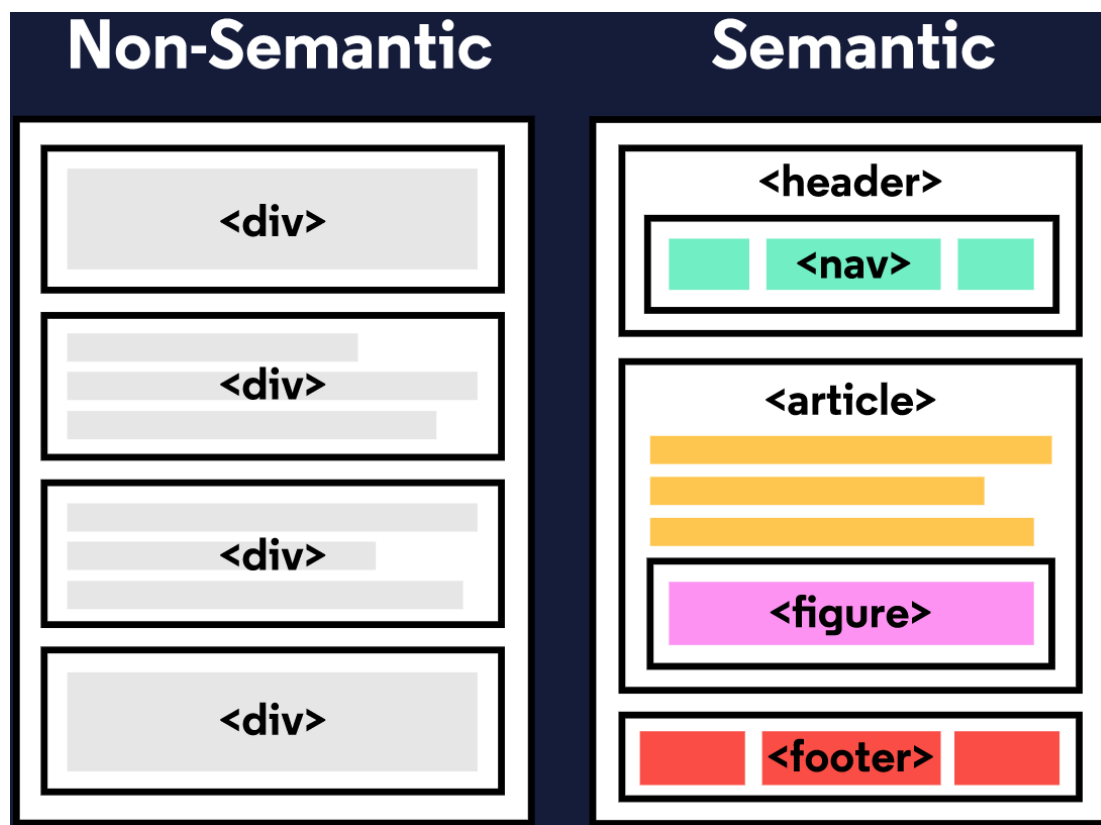
Semantic HTML

```
<!--Non Semantic HTML-->  
<div id="footer">  
  <p>this is a footer</p>  
</div>  
  
<!--Semantic HTML-->  
<footer>  
  <p>this is a footer</p>  
</footer>
```



Semantic HTML

- When building web pages, we use a **combination** of non-semantic HTML and Semantic HTML.
- The semantic elements provide information about the content between the opening and closing tags.
- By using Semantic HTML, we select HTML elements based on their meaning, not on how they are presented.
- For example, instead of using a `<div>` element to contain our header information, we could use a `<header>` element, which is used as a heading section.



Why use Semantic HTML?

- **Accessibility**

- Semantic HTML makes webpages accessible for mobile devices and for people with disabilities as well.
- This is because screen readers and browsers can interpret the code better.

- **SEO**

- It improves the website SEO, or ***Search Engine Optimization***, which is the process of increasing the number of people that visit your webpage.
- With better SEO, search engines are better able to identify the content of your website and weight the most important content appropriately.

- **Easy to Understand**

- Semantic HTML also makes the website's source code easier to read for other web developers.

Header

- A **<header>** is a container usually for either navigational links or introductory content containing **<h1>** to **<h6>** headings.
- By using a **<header>** tag, the code becomes easier to read.
- It is much easier to identify what is inside of the **<h1>**'s parent tags, as opposed to a **<div>** tag which would provide no details as to what was inside of the tag.

```
<html>
  <body>
    <div>
      <h1>Navigational Links</h1>
      <div>
        <ul>
          <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
          <li><a href="#posts">Posts</a></li>
          <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
        </ul>
      </div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
<html>
  <body>
    <header>
      <h1>Navigational Links</h1>
      <div>
        <ul>
          <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
          <li><a href="#posts">Posts</a></li>
          <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
        </ul>
      </div>
    </header>
  </body>
</html>
```

Nav

- A **<nav>** is used to define a block of navigation links such as menus and tables of contents.
- It is important to note that **<nav>** can be used inside of the **<header>** element but can also be used on its own.
- By using **<nav>** to label the navigation links, it will be easier for web browsers and screen readers to read the code.

```
<html>
  <body>
    <header>
      <h1>Navigational Links</h1>
      <div>
        <ul>
          <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
          <li><a href="#posts">Posts</a></li>
          <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
        </ul>
      </div>
    </header>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
<html>
  <body>
    <header>
      <h1>Navigational Links</h1>
      <nav>
        <ul>
          <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
          <li><a href="#posts">Posts</a></li>
          <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
        </ul>
      </nav>
    </header>
  </body>
</html>
```

Main and Footer

- Two more structural elements are **<main>** and **<footer>**.
- The element **<main>** is used to encapsulate the dominant content within a webpage.
- This tag is separate from the **<footer>** and the **<nav>** of a web page since these elements don't contain the principal content.
- By using **<main>** as opposed to a **<div>** element, screen readers and web browsers are better able to identify that whatever is inside of the tag is the bulk of the content.

Main and Footer

- The content at the bottom of the subject information is known as the footer, indicated by the **<footer>** element.
- The footer contains information such as:
 - Contact information
 - Copyright information
 - Terms of use
 - Site Map
 - Reference to top of page links
- The **<footer>** tag is separate from the **<main>** element and typically located at the bottom of the content.

Article and Section

- **<section>** defines elements in a document, such as chapters, headings, or any other area of the document with the same theme.
- For example, content with the same theme such as articles about something can go under a single **<section>**.
- A website's home page could be split into sections for the introduction, news items, and contact information.
- The **<article>** element holds content that makes sense on its own.
- **<article>** can hold content such as articles, blogs, comments, magazines, etc.
- An **<article>** tag would help someone using a screen reader understand where the article content begins and ends.

The Aside Element

- The **<aside>** element is used to mark additional information that can enhance another element but isn't required in order to understand the main content.
- This element can be used alongside other elements such as **<article>** or **<section>**.
- Some common uses of the **<aside>** element are for:
 - Bibliographies
 - Endnotes
 - Comments
 - Pull quotes
 - Editorial sidebars
 - Additional information

```
<article>
  <p>The first World Series was played between
Pittsburgh and Boston in 1903 and was a nine-game
series.</p>
</article>
<aside>
  <p>
    Babe Ruth once stated, "Heroes get remembered, but
legends never die."
  </p>
</aside>
```

Figure and Figcaption

- **<figure>** is an element used to encapsulate media such as an image, illustration, diagram, code snippet, etc, which is referenced in the main flow of the document.
- It's possible to add a caption to the image by using **<figcaption>**.
- **<figcaption>** is an element used to describe the media in the **<figure>** tag.
- Usually, **<figcaption>** will go inside **<figure>**.
- This is useful for grouping an image with a caption.

```
<figure>
  
  <figcaption>This picture shows characters from
Overwatch.</figcaption>
</figure>
```

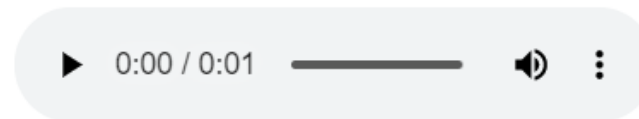
Audio and Attributes

- The <audio> element is used to embed audio content into a document.
- Like <video>, <audio> uses src to link the audio source.

```
<audio>  
  <source src="iAmAnAudioFile.mp3" type="audio/mp3">  
</audio>
```

- Specifying the type is recommended as it helps the browser identify more easily and determine if that type of audio file is supported by the browser.
- Attributes provide additional information about an element.

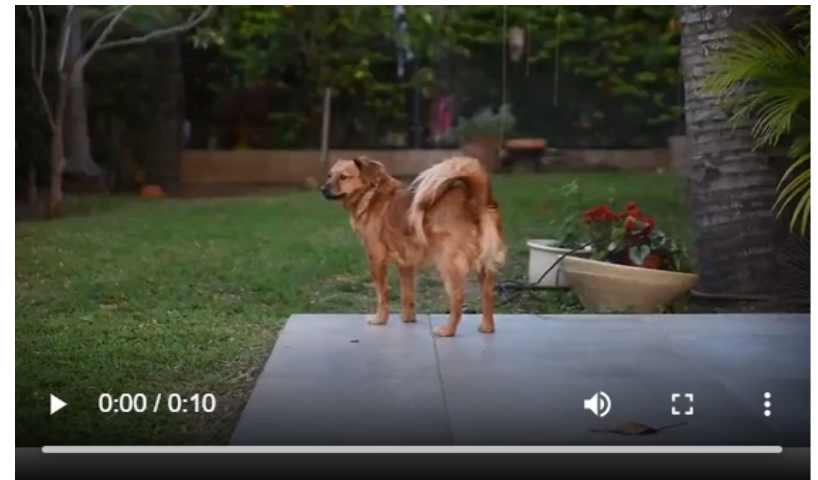
```
<audio autoplay controls>
```



Video and Embed

- By using a **<video>** element, we can add videos to our website.
- The **<video>** element makes it clear that a developer is attempting to display a video to the user.
- The **<embed>** tag can embed any media content including videos, audio files, and gifs from an external source.

```
<video src="coding.mp4" controls>Video not supported</video>
```



Three Pillars for Good Web Design

Responsive Design

- Build a website that works beautifully across all screen sizes and all devices.

Maintainable and Scalable code

- More important for the developer than for the user of the website.
- Writing maintainable and scalable code means
 - Clean
 - Easy to understand
 - Supports future growth
 - Reusable

Web Performance

- Making a website or app faster and to make it smaller.

Web design mindset

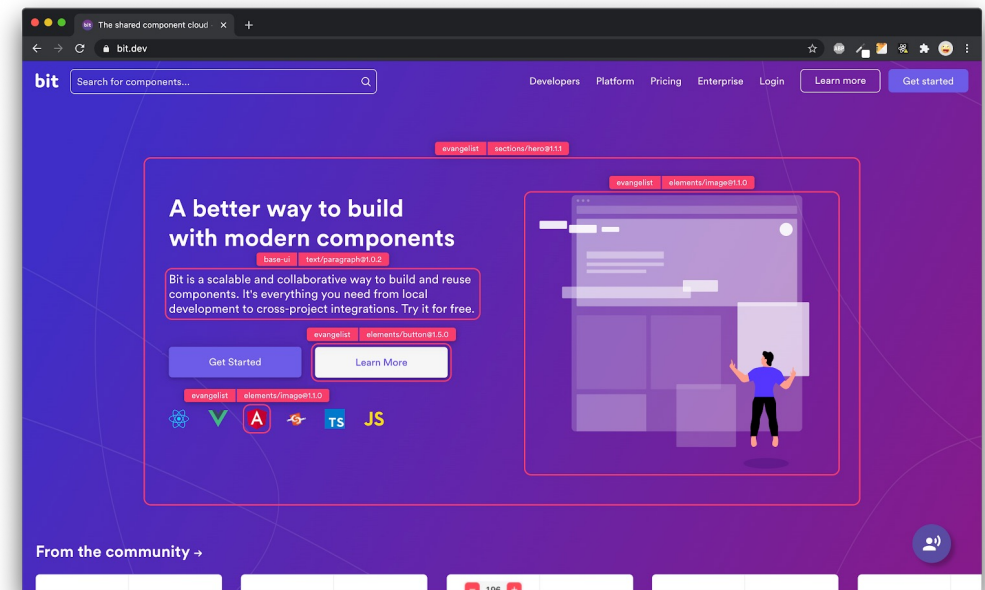
- Design your webpage layout before coding.
- Write your layout in HTML and CSS with a consistence structure.
- Create your logical architecture for your HTML and CSS files.

Component driven design

- The concept of building websites out of ready-made elements (components), which are designed and programmed segments to be used as building blocks for your website.

- **Key benefits**

- Faster development
- Simpler maintenance
- Better reusability
- Better Testing
- Shorter learning curves
- Better modeling of the system



BEM – Block Element Modifier

- **Block**

- A standalone entity that is meaningful on its own.

- **Element (___)**

- Parts of a block and have no standalone meaning.
- Any element is semantically tied to its block.

- **Modifier (---)**

- Flags on blocks or elements.
- Use them to change appearance, behavior or state.

HTML

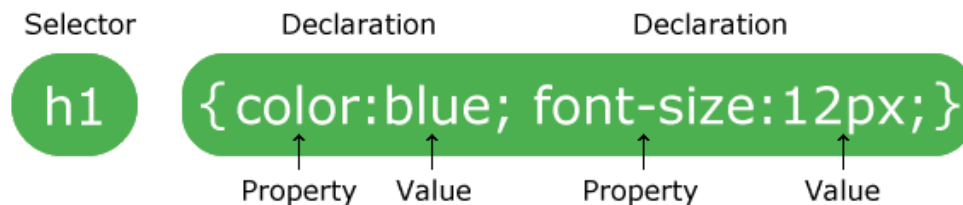
```
<form class="form form--theme-xmas form--simple">
  <input class="form__input" type="text" />
  <input
    class="form__submit form__submit--disabled"
    type="submit" />
</form>
```

CSS

```
.form { }
.form--theme-xmas { }
.form--simple { }
.form__input { }
.form__submit { }
.form__submit--disabled { }
```

CSS

- **CSS: Cascading Style Sheets**
- Describes the **appearance** and **layout** of a web page
- Composed of CSS rules, which define sets of styles
- CSS Syntax



- Saved in a *filename.css* file.

Linking CSS in HTML

- **Inline** - by using the style attribute in HTML elements

```
<h1 style="color:blue;">This is a Blue Heading</h1>
```

- **External** - by using an external CSS file and add a link in <head> section

```
<head>  
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">  
</head>
```

- **Internal** - by using a <style> tag in the <head> section

```
<head>  
  <style>  
    body {background-color: powderblue;}  
    h1   {color: blue;}  
    p    {color: red;}  
  </style>  
</head>
```

Absolute and Relative paths

- **Absolute path** - provide the full website address.
 - ***always*** include the domain name of the website.
 - must use if link to a location on another website.
- **Relative path** – provide file path or folder
 - only point to a file or a file path.
 - easy when you change your domain name.

Relative Paths

index.html

/graphics/image.png

/articles/webpage.html

Absolute Paths

http://www.mysite.com

http://www.mysite.com/graphics/image.png

http://www.mysite.com/articles/webpage.html

Some CSS properties

There are over [500 CSS properties](#)!

Font face	font-family: Helvetica;
Font color	color: gray;
Background color	background-color: red;
Border	border: 3px solid green;
Text alignment	text-align: center;

Main ways to define CSS colors:

140 predefined names ([list](#))

```
color: black;
```

[Hex values](#)

```
color: #00ff00;
```

```
color: #0f0;
```

```
color: #00ff0080;
```

[rgb\(\)](#) and [rgba\(\)](#)

```
color: rgb(34, 12, 64);
```

```
color: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.5);
```

- The "a" stands for **alpha channel** and is a **transparency** value

<http://colours.neilorangepeel.com/>

<https://htmlcolorcodes.com/>

CSS Selectors

The element Selector

```
p {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}
```

The class Selector

```
.class {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}
```

The id Selector

```
#id1 {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}
```

Grouping Selector

```
h1 {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}  
p {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}
```



```
h1, p {  
  text-align: center;  
  color: red;  
}
```

CSS Selectors

Class

- Can use the same class on multiple elements
- Can use multiple classes on the same element

ID

- Each element can have only one ID
- Each page can have only one element with that ID

CSS Selectors: Classes and Ids

- There are 3 basic types of CSS selectors:

Element selector	p	All <p> elements
ID selector	#abc	element with id="abc"
Class selector	.abc	elements with class="abc"

```
<h1 id = "title">Course</h1>
<em class = "subject">CSS227</em>Web programming.<br>
<em class = "subject">CSS241</em>Numerical Computation.<br>
<em>Total 2 courses</em>
```

More on class and id

- **class** and **id** are special HTML attributes
 - **class**
 - used on 1 or more elements
 - identifies a **collection** of elements
 - **Id**
 - used on exactly 1 element per page;
 - identifies **one unique** element
- Multiple classes
`CSS`
- Often used with span and div to create generic elements:
 - e.g., `` is like creating a "highlight" element

More on selectors

Syntax	Example	Example described
<i>element.className</i>	p.abc	<p> elements with abc class
<i>selector selector</i>	div strong	 elements that are descendants of a <div>
<i>selector, selector</i>	h2, div	<h2> elements and <div> s

Selector summary

Example	Description
<code>p</code>	All <code><p></code> elements
<code>.abc</code>	All elements with the abc class , i.e., <code>class="abc"</code>
<code>#abc</code>	Element with the abc id , i.e., <code>id="abc"</code>
<code>p.abc</code>	<code><p></code> elements with abc class
<code>p#abc</code>	<code><p></code> element with abc id (p is redundant)
<code>div strong</code>	<code></code> elements that are descendants (inside) of a <code><div></code>
<code>h2, div</code>	<code><h2></code> elements and <code><div></code>
<code>*</code>	All elements
<code>h2 + h3</code>	<code><h2></code> elements adjacent to <code><h3></code>

Grouping selectors

- **2 Common bugs:**
 - `p.abc` **vs** `p .abc`
 - `p .abc` **vs** `p, .abc`
- A `<p>` element with the **abc** class **vs**
An element with the **abc** class that descends from `<p>`
- An element with the **abc** class that descends from `<p>` **vs**
All `<p>` elements **and** all elements with the **abc** class

Colliding styles

- When styles collide, there are following these rules:

1. !important (Bad for maintenance)
2. The most specific rule
3. Source order

```
div strong { color: red; }  
strong { color: blue; }  
  
<div>  
  <strong>What color am I?</strong>  
</div>
```

- Specificity precedence rules ([details](#)):

- Inline styles are the most specific. (Not a good practice)
- Ids are more specific than classes.
- Classes are more specific than element names.
- Style rules that directly target elements are more specific than style rules that are inherited.
- The universal selector (*) has no specificity value.

Colliding styles

```
strong { color: red; }  
strong { color: blue; }  
  
<div>  
  <strong>What color am I?</strong>  
</div>
```

- If elements have the same specificity, **the later rule wins.**

Inheritance

- Some CSS styles are inherited from parent to child.

Instead of selecting all elements individually:

```
a, h1, p, strong {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
}
```

You can style the parent and
the children will inherit the styles.

```
body {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
}
```

You can override this style via specificity:

```
h1, h2 {  
  font-family: Consolas;  
}
```

- Not all CSS properties are inherited.

User agent styles

- The browser has its own default styles.
- Browser loads its own default stylesheet on every webpage.

CSS pseudo-classes

- **pseudo-classes**: special keywords you can append to selectors, specifying a *state* or *property* of the selector

Syntax	Explanation
a	All anchor tags (links) in all states
a:visited	A visited link
a:link	An unvisited link
a:hover	The style when you hover over a link
a:active	The style when you have "activated" a link (downclick)

CSS Pseudo-elements

- A CSS pseudo-element is used to style specified parts of an element.
- For example, it can be used to:
 - Style the first letter, or line, of an element
 - Insert content before, or after, the content of an element

```
selector::pseudo-element {  
  property: value;  
}
```

- All CSS Pseudo Elements

Selector	Example	Description
::after	p::after	Insert something after the content of each <p> element
::before	p::before	Insert something before the content of each <p> element
::first-letter	p::first-letter	Selects the first letter of each <p> element
::first-line	p::first-line	Selects the first line of each <p> element
::selection	p::selection	Selects the portion of an element that is selected by a user

CSS

- Background
 - background-color
 - background-image
- Border
 - border-color
 - border-width
 - border-style
 - border

CSS: Text and font

- font-family
- font-size
 - px
 - cm
 - em
 - rem
- font-weight
- line-height
- text-align
- text-decoration

CSS fonts

<https://www.cssfontstack.com/>

Lorem ipsum

<http://www.catipsum.com/>

<https://www.webfx.com/tools/lorem-ipsum-generator/>

Google font

<https://fonts.google.com/>

Lab 1 objectives

Part 1:

- Write HTML documents
- Write tags with attributes
- Given an image or webpage, write the corresponding HTML

Part 2:

- Write CSS files
- Write CSS selectors with specificity

List tag

- **: The Ordered List element**

```
<ol>
  <li>Iron man</li>
  <li>Captain america</li>
  <li>Thor</li>
  <li>Hulk</li>
  <li>Black widow</li>
  <li>Hawkeye</li>
</ol>
```

- **: The Unordered List element**

```
<ul>
  <li>Iron man</li>
  <li>Captain america</li>
  <li>Thor</li>
  <li>Hulk</li>
  <li>Black widow</li>
  <li>Hawkeye</li>
</ul>
```

: The Image Embed element

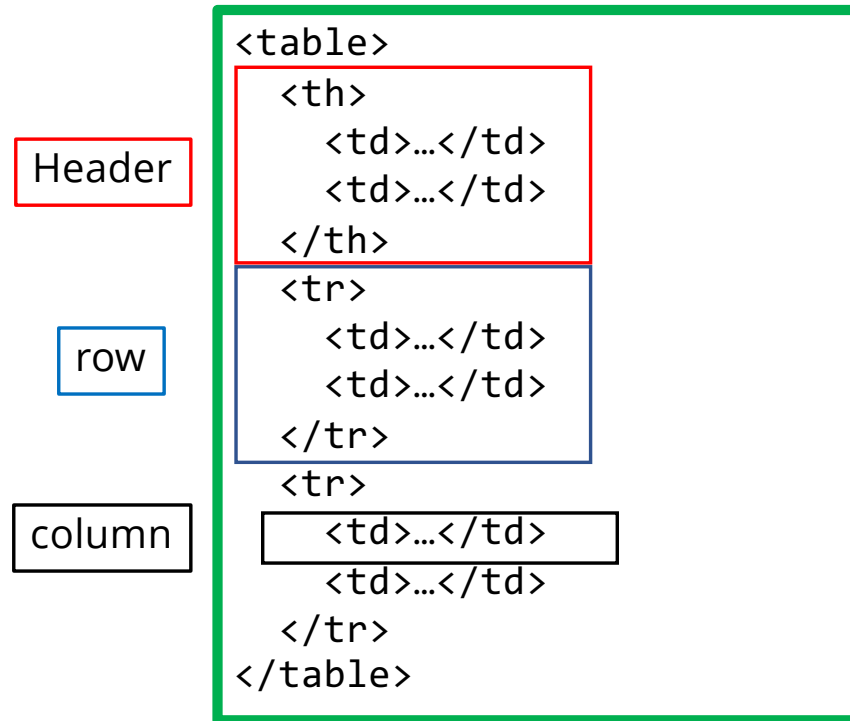
- Main attribute
 - src
 - alt
 - height
 - width

```

```

HTML Table

- **<table>: The Table element**



<form> tag

- <form> tag
 - action
 - method
- <input> tag
 - type – text, color, radio, password, and more types [here!](#)
 - placeholder
 - name
- <button> tag
- <label>
- Validation