

Front End Technologies

CSS - Day 2

Agenda

- EXTERNAL CSS
- Cascading in CSS



External CSS:

External CSS contains separate CSS file which contains only style property with the help of tag attributes. CSS property written in a separate file with .css extension and should be linked to the HTML document using **link tag**. The advantage of external stylesheets is that it can be created once and the rules applied to multiple web pages. If we need to make widespread changes to your site design, you can make a single change in the stylesheet and it will be applied to all linked pages, saving time and effort as it prevents you from having to make many code changes in each page.

Let us now understand with an example how to make use of external css. Assume we have 3 html files index.html, index1.html, index2.html and we have to apply same styling for all these files then the concept of External css comes where styling should be done in one CSS file and linked to all html files.

index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Home Page</title>
  <link rel= "stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Full Stack Web Development</h1>
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</body>
</html>
```

index1.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>AI</title>
  <link rel= "stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Artificial Intelligence</h1>
  <p>The fourth industrial revolution is driven by AI</p>
  <h2>Categories of AI</h2>
  <h3>Strong AI</h3>
  <p>Strong AI is capable of thinking and acting like a human being. In short it must be able<br>to mimic a human being.</p>
  
  <h3>Weak AI</h3>
  <p>Weak AI is a AI which is very good at performing a single task but cannot do many things at the same time.<br>Its specific in nature and not generic like a human being.
  </p>
  
</body>
</html>
```

index2.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>Testing</title>
  <link rel= "stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Software Testing</h1>
  <p>Software testing is a process, to evaluate the functionality of a software application with an intent to find whether the developed software met the specified requirements or not.</p>
  <h2>Types of testing</h2>
  <h3>Manual Testing</h3>
  <p>Manual testing is testing of the software where tests are executed manually by a QA Analyst. It is performed to discover bugs in software under development.</p>
  
  <h3>Automation Testing</h3>
  <p>In Automated Software Testing, testers write code/test scripts to automate test execution. Testers use appropriate automation tools to develop the test scripts and validate the software. </p>
  
  </p>
</body>

</html>
```

style.css

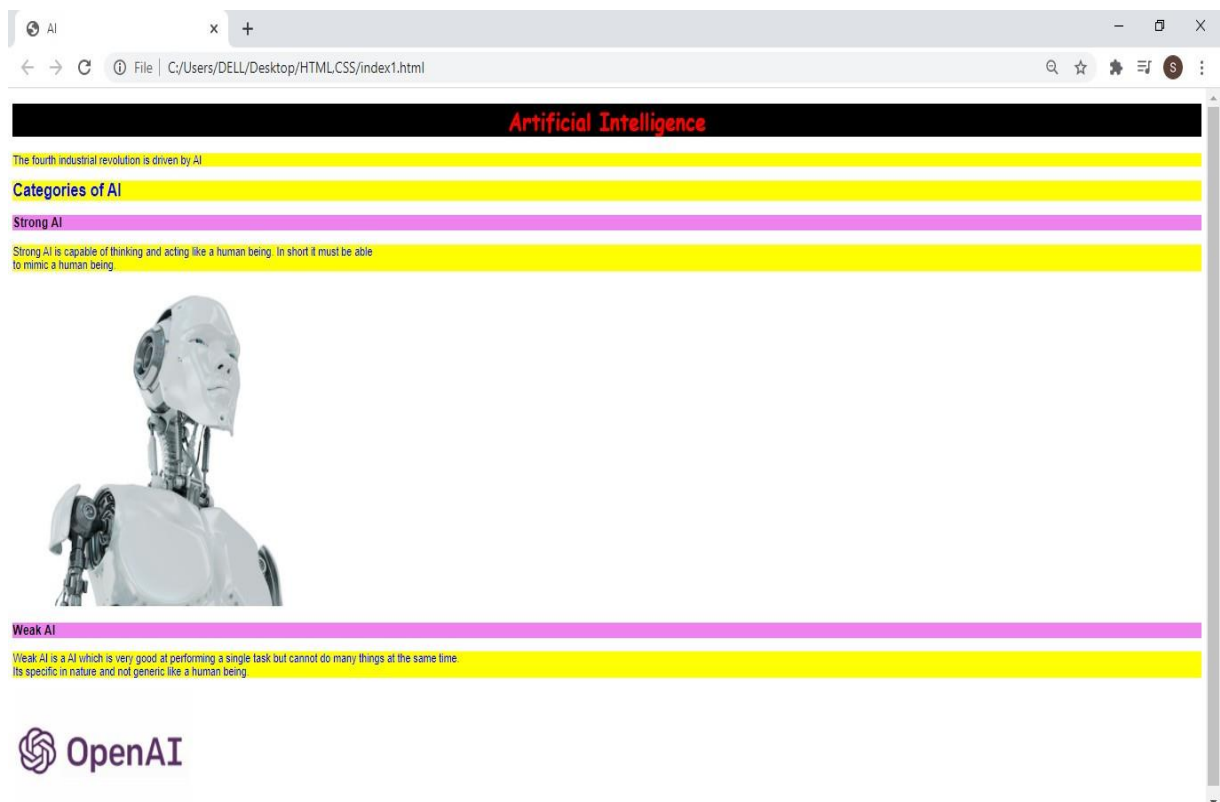
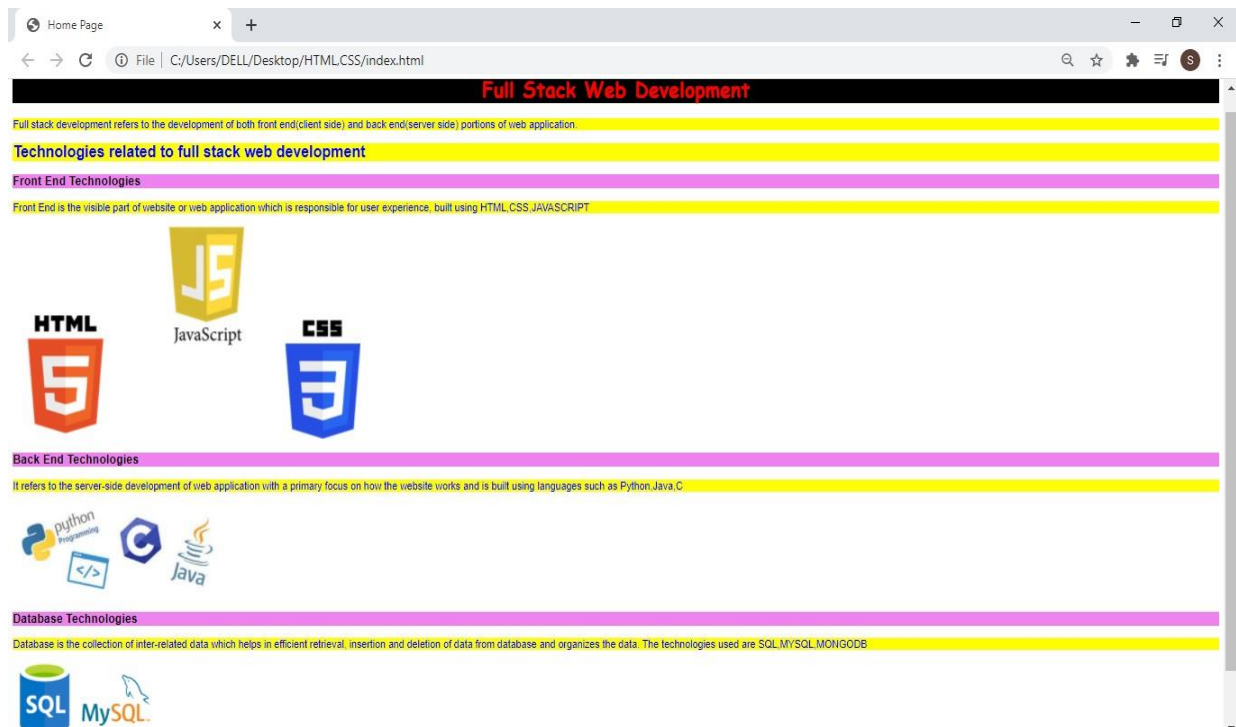
```
h1 {
    color: red;
    background-color: black;
    font-family: cursive;
    text-align: center;
}

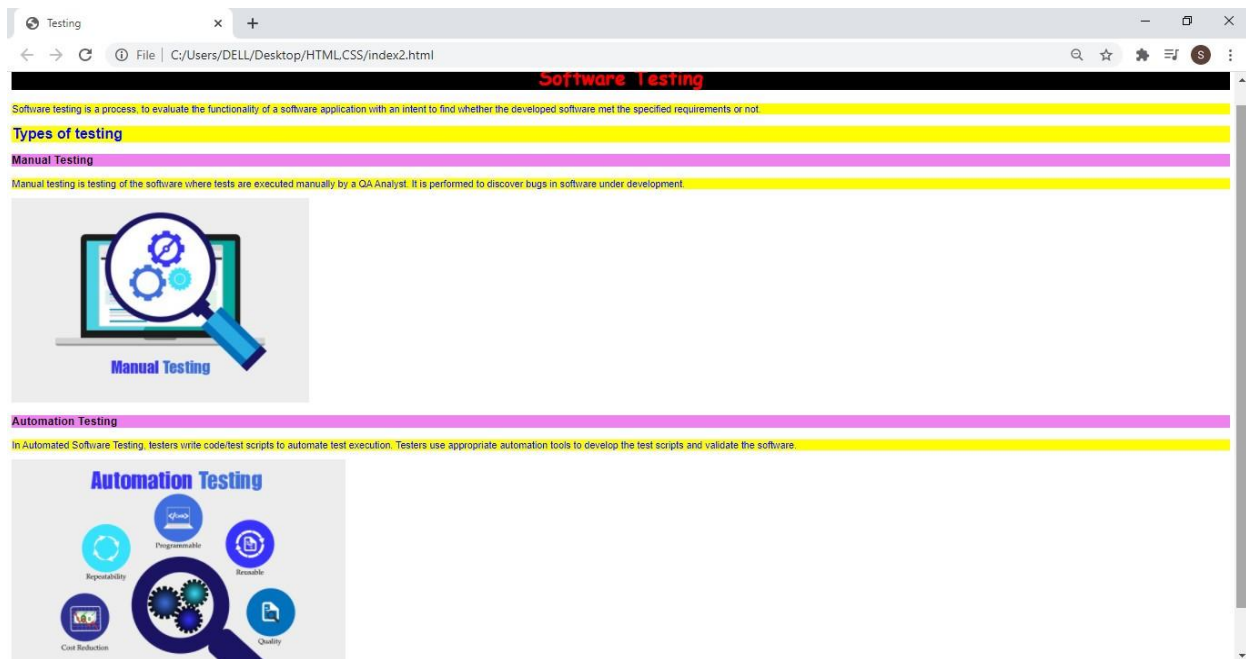
p {
    color: blue;
    background-color: yellow;
    font-family: sans-serif;
}

h2 {
    color: blue;
    font-family: Arial;
    background-color: yellow;
}

h3 {
    color: black;
    font-family: Helvetica;
    background-color: violet;
}
```

Output:





As we can see in the above output styling has been reflected to all web pages. So, by using external css it will be easy to style multiple pages at the same time. In the above example styling for index.html, index1.html and index2.html is done in the style.css file and is linked to all the html files using **<link> tag**. The **<link> tag** can be used in an HTML document to tell the browser where to find the CSS file used to style the page. It is an empty element and it lives inside the element. It should use three attributes i.e **rel**, **type** and **href**. The **rel** attribute specifies the relationship between the HTML page and the file it is linked to. The value should be stylesheet when linking to a CSS file. **type** attribute specifies the type of document being linked to. The value should be text/css. href specifies the path to the css file.

Let us now see an alternative way of using external stylesheet using @import with the same example.

index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Home Page</title>
  <style type="text/css">
    @import url(style.css)
  </style>
</head>
<body>
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  </p>
  
</body>
</html>
```

index2.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

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</html>
```

style.css

```
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    color: red;
    background-color: black;
    font-family: cursive;
    text-align: center;
}

p {
    color: blue;
    background-color: yellow;
    font-family: sans-serif;
}

h2 {
    color: blue;
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As we can see clearly from the above example there is no change in style.css file changes are done in html files. The @import is used to import style rules from other style sheets and <url>() representing the location of the resource to import. Certainly the output remains same you can try by yourself and cross verify by changing the styling.

Let us understand the meaning of **cascading** in CSS with an example.

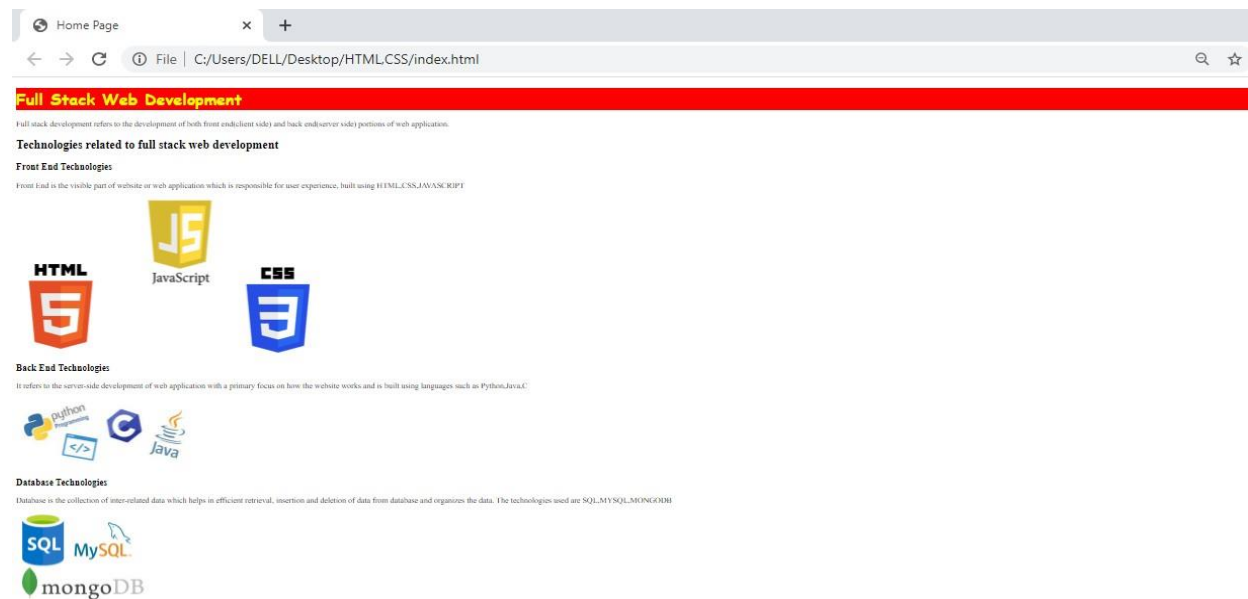
index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Home Page</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="index.css">
  <style type="text/css">
    h1{
      background-color: black;
      color: white;
      font-family: sans-serif;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1 style="background-color: red; color: yellow; font-family: cursive;">Full Stack Web Development</h1>
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</body>
</html>
```

index.css

```
h1{
  background-color: pink;
  color: purple;
  font-family: monospace;
}
```


Output:

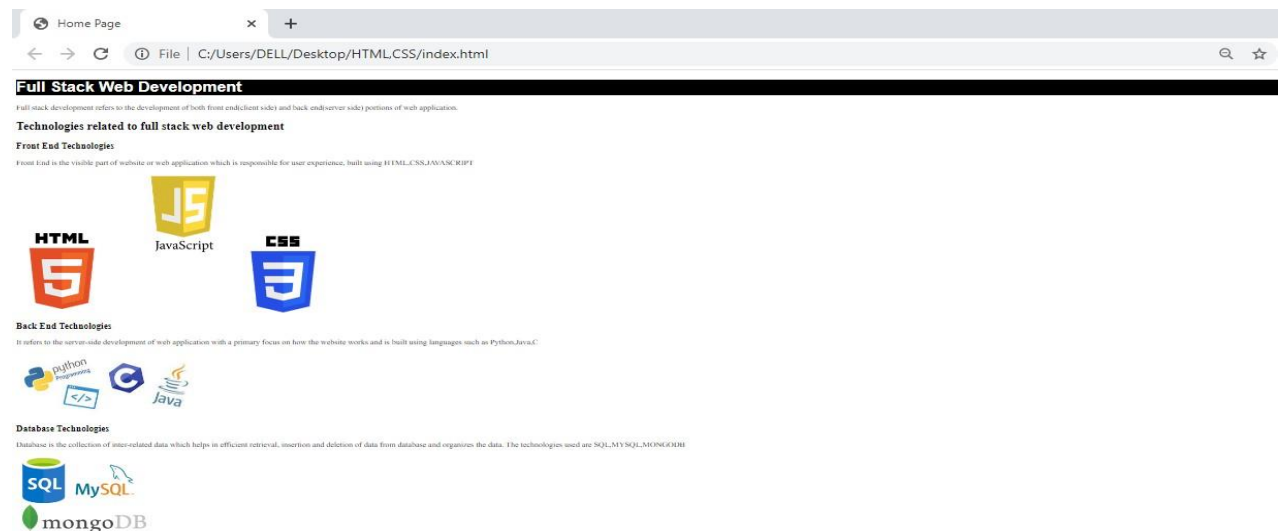


As we can see in the above example all three ways of css is applied to h1 tag and clearly we can see in the output by default inline css has been given higher precedence compared to internal and external css.

Now we will see if we remove inline css and only internal and external css is applied which will get higher precedence.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Home Page</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="index.css">
  <style type="text/css">
    h1{
      background-color: black;
      color: white;
      font-family: sans-serif;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Full Stack Web Development</h1>
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</html>
```

Output:

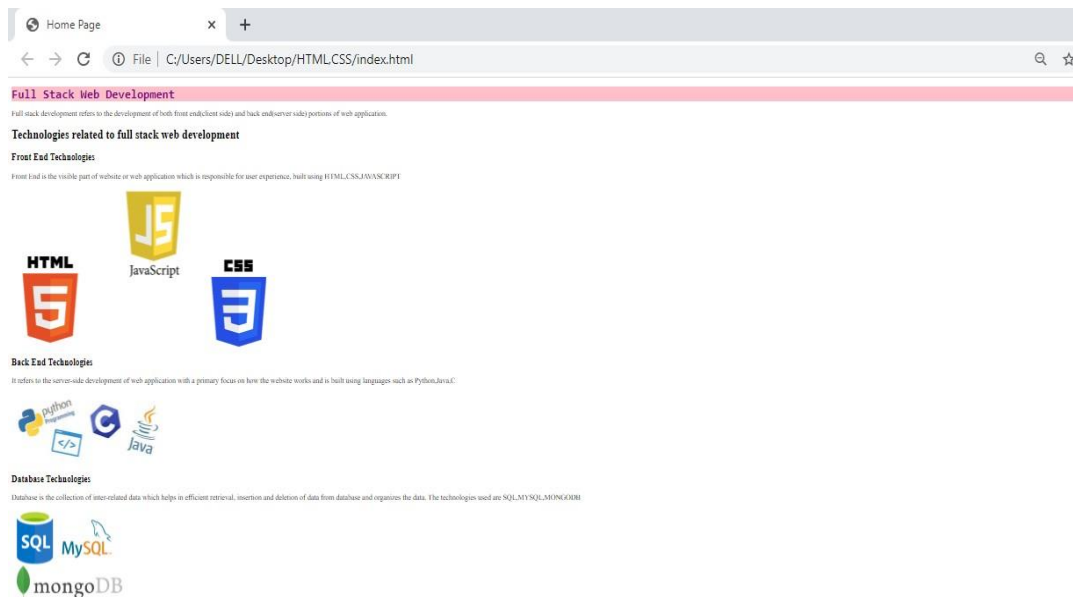


As we can clearly see from the output now precedence is given to internal css i.e it is going downwards and checking whether internal styling is there or not, going downwards is nothing but cascading. This is not the case always if inline styling is not there precedence is given to internal css, if in case external css code is placed after internal css precedence is given to external css.

Example: Without inline and internal css

```
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</body>
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Output:



Example: External css code is placed after internal css

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Home Page</title>
  <style type="text/css">
    h1{
      background-color: black;
      color: white;
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    }
  </style>
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="index.css">
</head>
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