Getting Started: Baby Steps

CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets. What does it do? What is CSS and why use it? In this section, we will take a look at a proper introduction to CSS.

Introduction

This particular lesson has been written with a beginner in mind. If you're an intermediate CSS developer, feel free to skip this. There are more useful tips in later lessons.

What is CSS?

I am not a very big fan of boring, technical definitions. So, below is my definition.

> **CSS *(Cascading Style Sheet)* is the style language for the web.**

Every beautiful thing you see on the web is largely powered by CSS. That's the very simple way to put it.

However, CSS is not only used for the web. It may also be used to style any other documents written in a markup language.

HTML is a markup language, remember ?

This means you can style HTML (and other markup languages) with CSS.

Let's take a look at what that means, in plain English.

What Does that Even Mean?

Consider the basic markup below:

Output
HTML
CSS (SCSS)

```
1  <html>
2  <head></head>
3    <h1>My Very First CSS</h1>
4  <body>
5  </body>
6  </html>
7
8
9
```

Click the output tab in the code section above. All you see is the text, *"My Very First CSS"*

Now take a look at the code tabs below. Click the output tab.

What do you see?

Output
HTML
CSS (SCSS)

```
<html>
<head></head>
  <h1>My Very First CSS</h1>
<body>
</body>
</html>
```

Oh, we've got colors now! *CSS to the rescue.*

Now, that's what CSS does. It is the beauty agent of the world wide web.

The weird bit of code in the **CSS tab** above is CSS - go ahead and check it. Do not get troubled if you don't understand what you see. As we go through the different sections of this course, you'll understand everything you need to know to style your pages beautifully with CSS.

I'm excited to show you all these.

See you in the next lesson 😀