

COS10026 Computing Technology Inquiry Project

Lecture 5 CSS 2 – CSS Properties



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Topics

- CSS properties define which aspect of the *selected* HTML element will be changed or styled



- ☐ Size
- ☐ Color
- ☐ Typography
- ☐ List
- ☐ Display and Alignment

CSS: Property Groups

- Animation
- **Background**
- **Border and outline**
- **Box**
- **Color**
- Content Paged Media
- Dimension
- Flexible Box
- **Font**
- Generated content
- Grid
- Hyperlink
- Linebox
- **List**
- **Margin**
- Marquee
- Multi-column
- **Padding**
- **Paged Media**
- **Positioning**
- Print
- Ruby
- Speech
- Table
- Text
- 2D/3D Transform
- Transition
- User-interface

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Size measurement

■ **Relative** is used for styling screen webpages

e.g. **h1** { letter-spacing: .5em; }

Unit	Abbr	Description	Example
EM	em	Height of the current font's default size	p {padding: 2em;}
Percentage	%	Works like em, where 100% is the default font size	p {line-height: 100%;}
Ex	ex	Height of letter x in the current font	p {margin: 25ex;}
Pixel	px	Pixel size of screen	p {font-size: 12px;}

■ **Avoid** units *absolute* or *print* measurements:

cm, in, mm, pt

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Color

- We can specify **color**: in the following four basic ways:

Format	Description and Examples
name	Colour names . There are 16 basic colours (from the Windows VGA palette) Many others are now accepted by popular browsers, but best to use 'hex' colors. <code>h1 {color: red}</code> <code>p {color: green}</code>
#rrggbb or #rgb	Red , green and blue values in hexadecimal format Written in "hex" format in 6 or concise 3 character versions. Colour values between 00 and FF (or 0 and F) <code>hr {color: #FF0000} /* red */</code> <code>td {color: #00F} /* blue concise format - saves bandwidth */</code>
rgb (r, g, b)	rgb (red, green, blue) values in decimal with the rgb () command. Units between 0 and 255 <code>.info {color: rgb(255,0,255); } /* purple info class */</code>
rgb (r%, g%, b%)	rgb (red, green, blue) values in percentage units with the rgb () command. Unit values between 0% and 100%. <code>em {color: rgb(100%,0%,100%); } /* purple emphasised text */</code>

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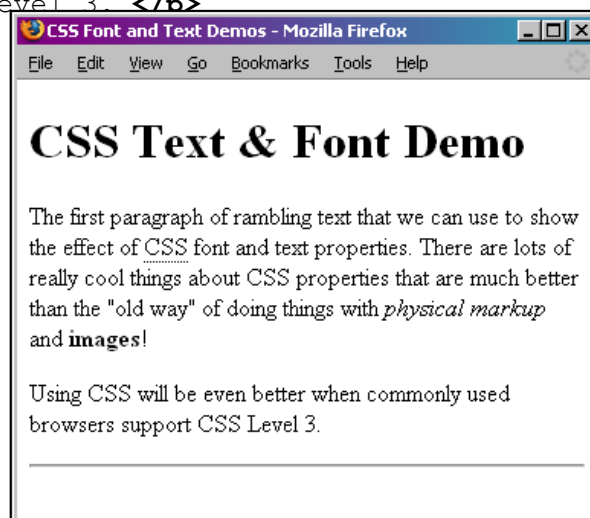
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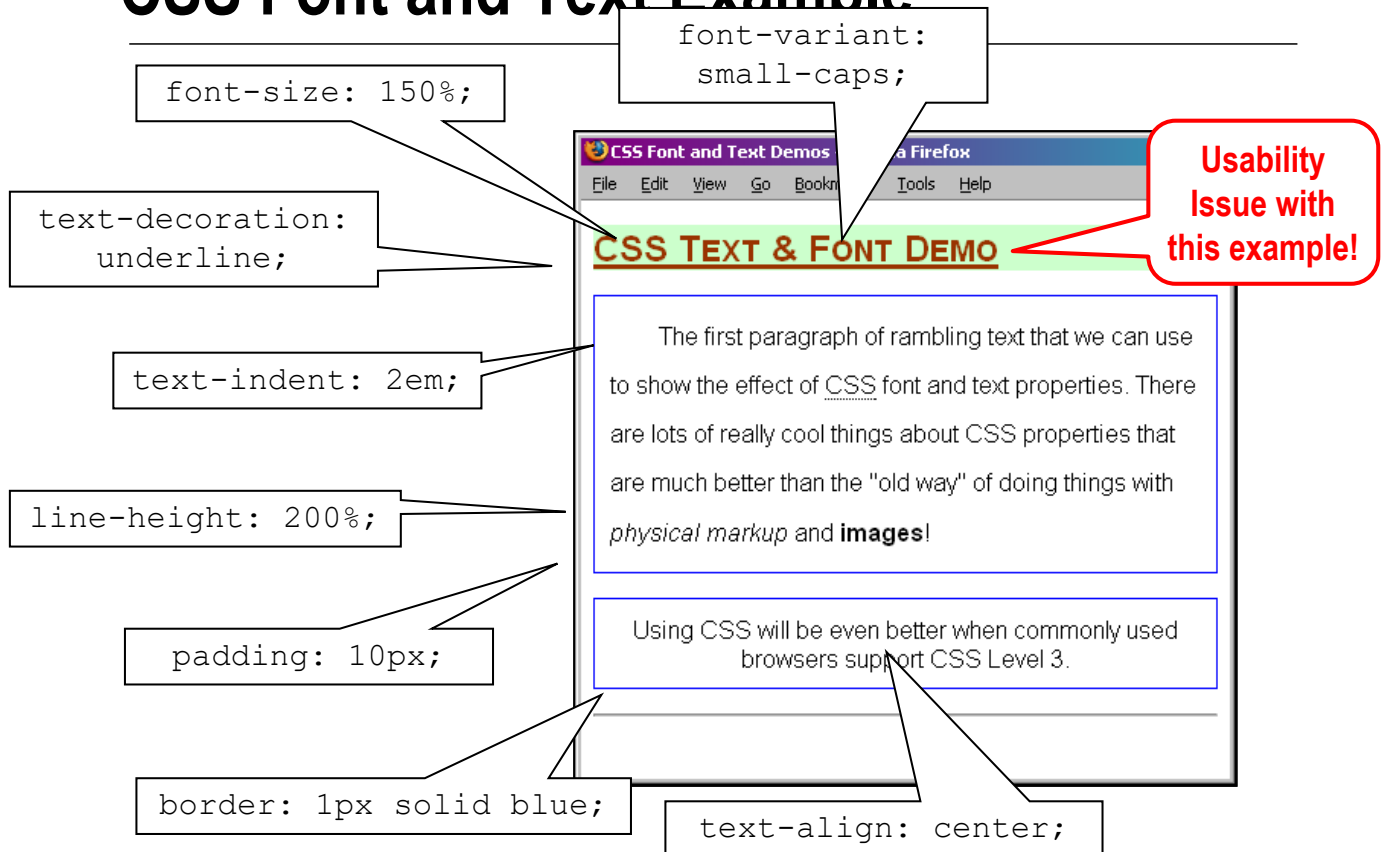
CSS Font and Text Example

```
...
<body>
<h1>CSS Text & Font Demo</h1>
<p class="intro">The first paragraph of rambling text that we can use
to show the effect of <abbr title="Cascading Style
Sheets">CSS</abbr> font and text properties. There are lots of
really cool things about CSS properties that are much better than
the &quot; old way &quot; of doing things with <em>physical
markup</em> and <strong>images</strong>!</p>
<p id="tag">Using CSS will be even better when commonly used browsers
support CSS Level 3. </p>
<hr />
</body>
</html>
```



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CSS Font and Text Example



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CSS Font and Text Example – Family, Colour, Spacing

```
h1, p { font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; }
```

grouping selector h1, p

```
/* shows the "block" in a background color */
h1 { background-color: #CCFFCC; color: #993300; }
/* percentage of the "normal" text size */
h1 { font-size: 150%; }
/* note that the h1 content is NOT in CAPITALS! Cool! */
h1 { font-variant: small-caps; }
/* not good - confuses users - they think it's a hyperlink! */
h1 { text-decoration: underline; }
```

element selector h1

It would be better if these rules were grouped into one rule.

```
p.intro { line-height: 200%; }
/* "em" units will scale nicely with font size! */
p.intro { text-indent: 2em; }
/* note border values. padding between text and border */
p { border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; }
```

class selector .intro

element selector p

```
/* only effects the #tag element */
#tag { text-align: center; }
```

id selector #tag

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CSS: Generic & Specific Fonts

- A **specific font** is a font such as “Times New Roman”, “Arial”, or “Garamond”. *Specific fonts are installed on a user’s computer, so availability depends on the user’s machine.*
- A **generic font** refers to the font’s general appearance such as: “serif”, “sans-serif”, “monospace”, “cursive” or “fantasy”.

Five Generic Fonts

	serif	sans-serif	monospace	cursive	fantasy
defg	defg	defg	defg	defg	defg
defg	defg	defg	defg	defg	defg
defg	defg	defg	defg	defg	defg
defg	defg	defg	defg	defg	defg
defg	defg	defg	defg	defg	defg

Font Samples

FF

The lines on letters are called “serifs”. “sans-serif” means “without serifs”.

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CSS Font Family

- To specify the font, we use the **font-family** property.

Example:

```
p {  
  font-family: Verdana; }  
}
```



Any font names containing characters such as whitespace, font must be quoted.
eg. “Times New Roman”

- If you specify a **“specific font”** a user might not have it on their device, so you **may** list alternatives, and **should** include a final **“generic font”**

```
h1 {  
  font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
}
```

The preferred specific font

Alternative specific fonts

A “generic font” alternative

Validation Warning if no generic font

- Fonts can also be downloaded using **@font**

```
@font-face {  
  font-family: myfont;  
  src : url("http://www.allfont.com/myfont.ttf"); }  
}
```

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CSS Font Properties

■ font-size:

xx-small, x-small, small, **medium**, large, x-large, xx-large, smaller, larger, [length], [%]

■ font-style:

normal, italic, oblique

■ font-weight:

normal, bold, bolder, lighter, [100,200, **400**, ... , 900]

■ font-variant:

normal, small-caps

■ font-stretch:

normal, wider, narrower, ultra-condensed, extra-condensed, condensed, semi-condensed, semi-expanded, expanded, extra-expanded, ultra-expanded

red = default values

■ line-height:

normal, [number], [length], [%]

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CSS Font Property

- We can write several font-properties in a shorthand, single declaration, format:

font: [style] [variant] [weight] **size** [/line-height] **family**

- ☐ **size** and **family** values **are required**
- ☐ The values in square brackets [] are optional.
- ☐ The first three values can be specified in any order
- ☐ /line-height, if used, *must* come straight after **size**

- Example:

```
p {  
    font: italic normal bold 10pt/14pt Helvetica, sans-serif;  
}
```

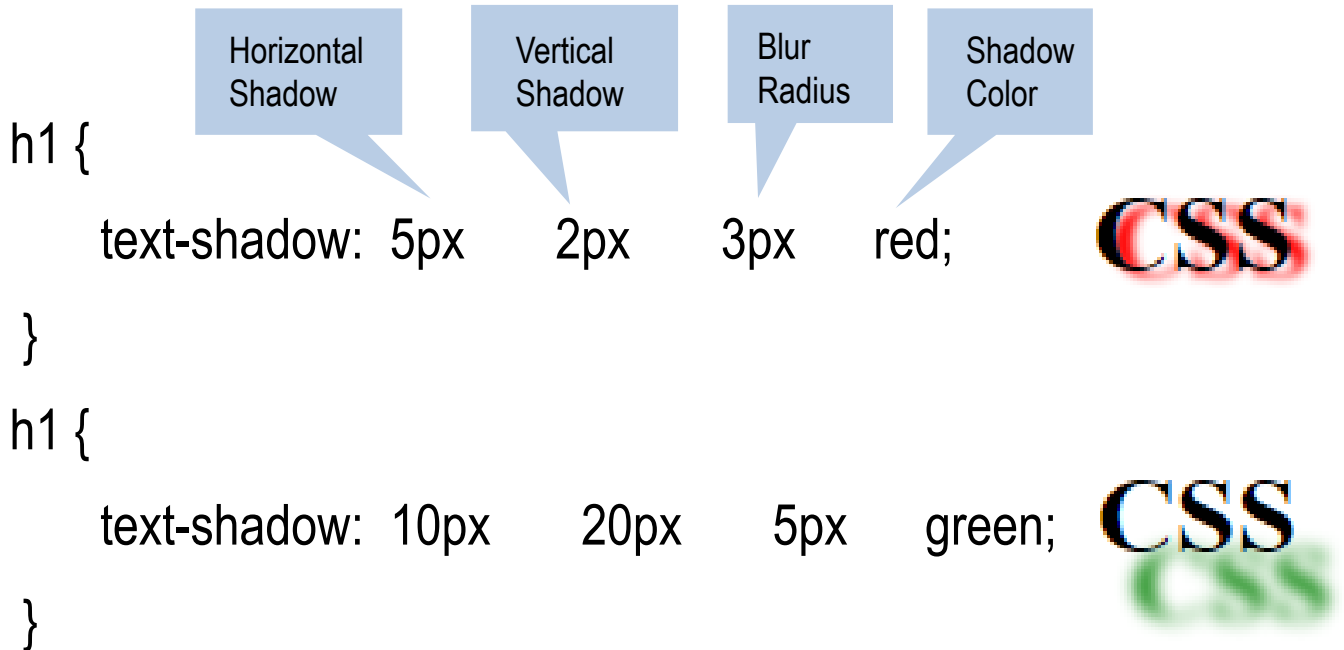


Note: Be aware of **default** and **required** values for style properties.

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Text Shadow

- text-shadow: adds shadow to text



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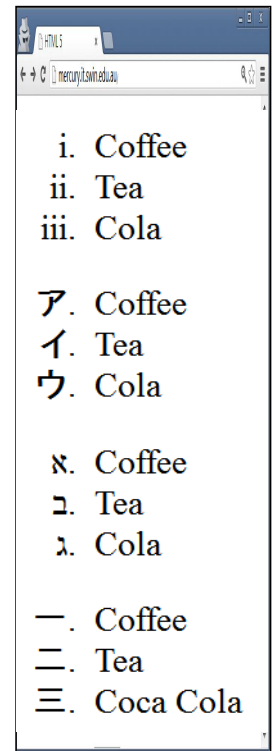
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Creating List styles with CSS

- list-style-type : none | **disc** | circle | square | decimal | decimal-leading-zero | lower-roman | upper-roman | lower-greek | lower-alpha | lower-latin | ...
 - ul.a {list-style-type:lower-roman;}
 - ul.b {list-style-type:katakana ;}
 - ul.c {list-style-type:hebrew ;}
 - ul.d {list-style-type:cjk-ideographic ;}
- list-style-image: **none** | <url>
 - list-style-image : url("spade.gif");
- list-style-position : inside | **outside**;
 - list-style-position : inside;
- list-style : [type] [position] [image];
 - list-style : lower-alpha inside;



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Display: block, inline, inline-block

- **display** : **inline** | block | list-item | inline-block | table | inline-table | table-row-group | table-header-group | table-footer-group | table-row | table-column-group | table-column | table-cell | table-caption | none

- ☐ **display: block**

used to change an inline element to a block level element,

- ☐ **display: inline**

used to change a block level element to an inline element

Useful for aligning menu items horizontally

- ☐ **display: table values**

used to create table-like displays using CSS (HTML tables are only for tabular data)

e.g. you might want to hide some elements in a small mobile layout

- ☐ **display: none**

value hides the element from display

<http://css-tricks.com/almanac/properties/d/display/>

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CSS: Inline Text Alignment, and other properties

- The **text-align** CSS property describes how **inline** content like text is aligned *within* its parent block element. **text-align** does not control the alignment of block elements, only their **inline** content.

- **text-align** : **left** | right | center | justify;

- ☐ text-align : center;

- ☐ Justify is not supported by all browser

Default values shown in red

- **text-indent**: <value>; (indents first line of paragraph) default is **0**

- ☐ text-indent : 2em;

- ☐ text-indent : -2em; (for hanging indent)

- **line-height** : **normal** | <value>;

- ☐ line-height : 150%; (1.5 spacing assuming font size is normal)

- **text-decoration**: **none**, underline, overline, line-through

'underline' is default for 'a' element

- Also see **CSS3 text-decoration**:
<http://www.w3.org/TR/css-text-decor-3/>

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CSS: Inline Alignment of Graphics with Text

```
<p>An 
image with a default alignment.</p>

<p>An 
image with a text-top alignment.</p>

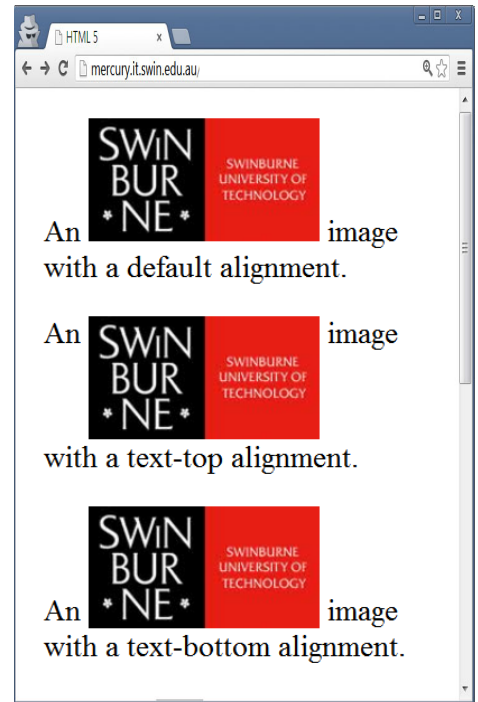
<p>An 
image with a text-bottom alignment.</p>

</body>
```

CSS

```
img.top {
    vertical-align: text-top; }

img.bottom {
    vertical-align: text-bottom; }
```



vertical-align : **baseline** | sub | super | top | text-top | middle | bottom | text-bottom