Exercise 1: Research

In this exercise, you will research various facts and figures about web standards and use, and will run some of your preferred websites through validation tools.

Browsers & user agents

- 1. What browsers are available on the Internet today for users of Windows, Mac OS X and Linux?
- 2. Roughly what percentage of web users uses each browser?
- 3. What browsers do mobile devices use when accessing web pages?
- 4. What is a User Agent? List the different user agents that access the World Wide Web. What is meant by user agent sniffing?

Standards

- 1. How many web standards have the W3C published, and which are widely supported by browsers and manufacturers today?
- 2. What case can you make for the use of web standards in business?

Validation

- 1. Run a few of the sites that you visit regularly through the W3C validator.
 - a. If they do not validate, look at some of the errors to get a sense of why they are failing.
 - b. Do you care if they do not validate?