Advanced Selectors

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1 CSS Selectors

- 1. *: This selector targets all elements on the page. It selects everything.
- 2. Element: Selects all instances of a specific HTML element, such as p, div, or h2.
- 3. Element OtherElement: This selects OtherElement that is a descendant of Element. For example, div p selects all p elements that are inside a div.
- 4. .class-name: Selects all elements with a specific class. For example, .class-name targets all elements with the class "class-name".
- 5. #id-name: Selects a specific element with the given ID. For instance, #id-name selects the element with the ID "id-name".
- 6. .parent .child: Selects all elements with class "child" that are descendants of an element with class "parent".
- 7. .class-one.class-two: Targets elements with both class "class-one" and class "class-two".
- 8. .class-name div, .class-name p: Selects div and p elements that have the class "class-name".
- 9. Element.class-name: Targets elements of a specific type with a particular class. For example, p.class-name selects all p elements with the class "class-name".
- 10. .parent > .child: Selects all elements with class "child" that are a direct child of an element with class "parent".
- 11. Element + Other Element => [div + p]: This selector targets a p element that is immediately preceded by a div element.
- 12. Element ~ Other Elements => [p ~ div]: This selector targets all div elements that are siblings of a p element, meaning they share the same parent and are preceded by the p element.
- 13. [Attribute]: Selects all elements that have the specified attribute, regardless of its value. For example, [data-attribute] selects all elements with a "data-attribute" attribute.
- 14. Element[Attribute]: Targets elements of a specific type that have the specified attribute. For instance, a[href] selects all a (anchor) elements with an "href" attribute.
- 15. [Attribute=Value]: Selects elements with a specific attribute value. For example, [class="example"] targets all elements with a class attribute equal to "example".
- 16. Element[Attribute=Value] => input[type="submit"]: Targets input elements with the attribute "type" set to "submit".
- 17. [Attribute~=Value] => Contains A Word: Selects elements where the attribute contains a specific word. For instance, [class~=important] targets elements with the class attribute containing the word "important."
- 18. [Attribute*=Value] => Contains A String: Selects elements where the attribute contains a specific substring. For example, [href*="example"] targets elements with an "href" attribute containing the substring "example."
- 19. [Attribute^=Value] => Start With A String: Selects elements where the attribute value starts with a specific string. For instance, [class^="prefix"] targets elements with a class attribute starting with "prefix."
- 20. [Attribute\$=Value] => End With A String: Selects elements where the attribute value ends with a specific string. For example, [class\$="suffix"] targets elements with a class attribute ending with "suffix."
- 21. :first-child: Selects an element that is the first child of its parent. For example, p:first-child selects the first p element among its siblings.

- 22. :last-child: Targets an element that is the last child of its parent. For instance, li:last-child selects the last li element among its siblings.
- 23. :first-of-type: Selects the first element of a specific type among its siblings. For example, h2:first-of-type selects the first h2 element among its siblings.
- 24. :last-of-type: Targets the last element of a specific type among its siblings. For instance, span:last-of-type selects the last span element among its siblings.
- 25. :only-child: Selects an element that is the only child of its parent, meaning it has no siblings. For example, div:only-child selects a div element that is the only child of its parent.
- 26. :not(Selectors): Selects elements that do not match the specified selectors. For example, p:not(.special) selects all p elements that do not have the class "special."
- 27. :nth-child(n): Selects the nth child of its parent. The value of n can be a number, a keyword, or a formula. For instance, li:nth-child(2) selects the second li element among its siblings.
- 28. :nth-last-child(n): Similar to :nth-child(n), but counts the children from the end. For example, div:nth-last-child(3) selects the third-to-last div element among its siblings.
- 29. :nth-of-type(n): Selects the nth child of its parent with a specific type. For example, p:nth-of-type(odd) selects all odd-numbered p elements among its siblings.
- 30. :nth-last-of-type(n): Similar to :nth-of-type(n), but counts the elements from the end. For instance, span:nth-last-of-type(4) selects the fourth-to-last span element among its siblings.
- 31. :root: Selects the highest-level parent element in the document, typically the <html> element. It is often used to define global styles or CSS variables.
- 32. :checked: Selects input elements that are checked, such as checkboxes or radio buttons. It is often used in conjunction with these input types for styling or interaction.
- 33. :empty: Selects elements that have no children, including text nodes and empty spaces. For example, p:empty selects all empty elements.
- 34. :disabled: Targets form elements that are disabled. This can include input fields, buttons, or other form elements with the disabled attribute.
- 35. :required: Selects form elements that are marked as required using the HTML required attribute. It's often used to style or apply specific behavior to required form fields.
- 36. :focus: Selects an element that is currently in focus. This is often used to style elements when they are selected by the user.
- 37. ::selection: Targets the portion of a document that is currently selected by the user. It is often used to style the background or text color of the selected text.
- 38. ::placeholder: Targets the placeholder text in an input field. It is often used to style the appearance of the placeholder text.