An introduction to Cascading Style Sheets

- CSS is the acronym for: 'Cascading Style Sheets.
- CSS describes how HTML elements are to be displayed on screen or in other media
- CSS is an extension to basic HTML that allows you to style your web pages.
- CSS work on only property: value

CSS Syntax

A CSS stylesheet consists of a set of rules that are interpreted by the web browser and then applied to the corresponding elements such as paragraphs, headings, etc. in the document.

A CSS rule set contains a selector and a declaration block.



- The selector specifies which element or elements in the HTML page the CSS rule applies to.
- Whereas, the declarations within the block determines how the elements are formatted on a webpage. Each declaration consists of a property and a value separated by a colon (:) and ending with a semicolon (;), and the declaration groups are surrounded by curly braces {}.

Applying CSS

There are three ways to apply CSS to HTML

- ►In-line CSS
- ►Internal CSS
- ► External CSS

In-line CSS

- In-line styles are plonked straight into the HTML tags using the style attribute.
- **►**Example

This is my CSS Tag

This will make that specific paragraph red

Internal CSS

Embedded, or internal styles are used for the whole page. Inside the head tags, the style tags surround all of the styles for the page.

```
><style type="text/css">
    p { color: red; }
    a { color: blue; }
</style>
```

This will make all of the paragraphs in the page red and all of the links blue.

External CSS

External styles are used for the whole, multiple-page website. There is a separate CSS file.

Make a CSS file Web.css.

```
p { color: red; }
```

- Link the css file in your html document.
- k href="web.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"

CSS Selectors, Properties, and Values

- HTML has tags, CSS has 'selectors'. Selectors are the names given to styles in internal and external style sheets.
- Each selector there are 'properties' inside curly brackets, which simply take the form of words such as color, font-weight or background-color.
- A value is given to the property following a colon (NOT an 'equals' sign) and semi-colons separate the properties.

► The CSS element Selector: The element selector selects HTML elements based on the element name.

```
Example : p {
    text-align: center;
    color: red;
}
```

- ► The CSS id Selector: The id selector uses the id attribute of an HTML element to select a specific element.
- The id of an element is unique within a page, so the id selector is used to select one unique element.
- ► To select an element with a specific id, write a hash (#) character, followed by the id of the element.

► The CSS id Selector :

```
Example: #para1 {
          text-align: center;
          color: red;
     }
```

The CSS class Selector: The class selector selects HTML elements with a specific class attribute. To select elements with a specific class, write a period (.) character, followed by the class name.

```
Example: .center {
    text-align: center;
    color: red;
}
```

Note: HTML elements can also refer to more than one class.

The CSS Universal Selector: The universal selector (*) selects all HTML elements on the page.

```
Example:* {
    text-align: center;
    color: blue;
}
```

The CSS child Selector: This rule will render all the paragraphs in red if they are direct child of <body> element. Other paragraphs put inside other elements like <div> or would not have any effect of this rule.

► The CSS Descendant Selector: It is used to select those elements which are inside of a given parent.

```
Example : div p {
    color: blue;
}
```

It will select each and every element which is inside of the <div>. It means that these paragraphs either can be the direct child of the div or can be the nested child of the div element.

Adjacent and general sibling selectors: Adjacent means "immediately following". This selector is used when you want to select the elements that immediately follow the specified element (adjacent siblings). In other words it selects the element which is right next to another element at the same level of the hierarchy.

```
Example : div + p {
    color: blue;
}
```

It selects p element that are directly following a 'div' element

- The CSS Attribute Selectors: You can also apply styles to HTML elements with particular attributes. The style rule below will match all the input elements having a type attribute with a value of text
- Example:input[type='text'] {
 color: blue;
 }
- ► **Grouping Selectors:** You can apply a style to many selectors if you like. Just separate the selectors with a comma.

- ► Pseudo-classes and Pseudo element: It styles an element based on the state of a specified element, CSS uses pseudo classes (:)
- Example: button:hover
 {
 color: green;
 }

- The :first-child Pseudo-class : The :first-child pseudo-class matches a specified element that is the first child of another element.
- Example:p:first-child

```
{
    color: blue;
}

p i:first-child
{
    color: blue;
}
```

The selector matches the first <i> element in all elements:

- The :last-child Pseudo-class : The :first-child pseudo-class matches a specified element that is the first child of another element.
- Example: p:last-child

 {
 color: blue;
 }

Selects every elements that is the last child of its parent

- ► The : nth-child Pseudo-class : The :nth-child(n) selector matches every element that is the nth child of its parent.
- \rightarrow **n** can be a number, a keyword (odd or even), or a formula (like an + b).

```
Example: /* Selects the second element of div siblings */
    div:nth-child(2) {
        background: red;
}

/* Selects the second li element in a list */
li:nth-child(2) {
        background: lightgreen;
}

/* Selects every third element among any group of siblings */
:nth-child(3) {
        background: yellow;
}
```

CSS Backgrounds

Property	Description	Values
background-color	specifies the background color of an element.	RGB, hex, keyword
background-image	Sets the background image for an element	url
background-position	Sets the starting position of a background image	left, right, center
background-repeat	Sets how a background image will be repeated	repeat, repeat-x, repeat-y
background- attachment	Sets whether a background image is fixed or scrolls with the rest of the page	Scroll, fixed

Text Properties

Property	Description	Values
color	Sets the color of a text	RGB, hex, keyword
line-height	Sets the distance between lines	normal, number, length, %
letter-spacing	Increase or decrease the space between characters	normal, <i>length</i>
text-align	Aligns the text in an element	left, right, center, justify
text-decoration	Adds decoration to text	none, underline, overline, line-through
text-indent	Indents the first line of text in an element	length, %
text-transform	Controls the letters in an element	none, capitalize, uppercase, lowercase
text-shadow	The text-shadow property adds shadow to text.	Number, color name

CSS Fonts

Property	Description	Values
font-family	this property is to specify the font of a text.	Font Names
font Style	This property is mostly used to specify italic text.	normal , italic
font-weight	This property specifies the weight of a font	Normal, lighter, bold
font Variant	property specifies whether or not a text should be displayed in a small-caps font.	Normal, small-caps
font-size	This property sets the size of the text.	int

Border Properties

Property	Description	Values
border	Sets all the border properties in one declaration	border-width, border-style, border-color
border-bottom	Sets all the bottom border properties in one declaration	border-bottom-width, border- bottom-style, border-bottom- color
border-bottom-color	Sets the color of the bottom border	border-color
border-bottom-style	Sets the style of the bottom border	border-style
border-bottom-width	Sets the width of the bottom border	border-width
border-color	Sets the color of the four borders	color_name, hex_number, rgb_number, transparent, inherit
border-left	Sets all the left border properties in one declaration	border-left-width, border-left- style, border-left-color
border-left-color	Sets the color of the left border	border-color
border-left-style	Sets the style of the left border	border-style
border-left-width	Sets the width of the left	border-width

CSS Lists

Property	Description	Values
list-style-type	property specifies the type of list item marker	Circle, square, upper- roman, lower-alpha, none
list-style-image	property specifies an image as the list item marker	url('')
list-style-position	list-style-position property specifies the position of the list-item markers (bullet points).	Outside, inside

CSS Links

Property	Description	
a:link	a normal, unvisited link	
a:visited	a link the user has visited	
a:hover	a link when the user mouses over it	
a:active	a link the moment it is clicked	

Note: a:hover MUST come after a:link and a:visited in the CSS definition in order to be effective! a:active MUST come after a:hover in the CSS definition in order to be effective! Pseudo-class names are not casesensitive.

CSS Table

Property	Description	Values
border	specify table borders in CSS	
width	Specifies width of table	
border-collapse	property sets whether the table borders should be collapsed into a single border	collapse
nth-child()	For zebra-striped tables	Even, odd
border-spacing	Specifies the distance between the borders of adjacent cells	

The display property specifies if/how an element is displayed.

Every HTML element has a default display value depending on what type of element it is. The default display value for most elements is block or inline.

Block-level Elements: A block-level element always starts on a new line and takes up the full width available (stretches out to the left and right as far as it can).

Example: <div>, <h1> - <h6>,

Inline Elements: An inline element does not start on a new line and only takes up as much width as necessary.

Example: <a>,



display property specifies the display behavior (the type of rendering box) of an element.

Syntax:

display: value;

Property Values:

Value	Description
inline	Displays an element as an inline element (like). Any height and width properties will have no effect
block	Displays an element as a block element (like). It starts on a new line, and takes up the whole width
contents	Makes the container disappear, making the child elements children of the element the next level up in the DOM
grid	Displays an element as a block-level grid container
inline-block	Displays an element as an inline-level block container. The element itself is formatted as an inline element, but you can apply height and width values
list-item	Let the element behave like a element
none	The element is completely removed

- CSS transforms allow you to move, rotate, scale, and skew elements.
- CSS 2D Transforms Methods
- With the CSS transform property you can use the following 2D transformation methods:

```
translate() rotate()
scaleX() scaleY()
scale() skewX()
skewY() skew()
```

translate(): The translate() method moves an element from its current position.

Below example moves the <div> element 50 pixels to the right, and 100 pixels down from its current position:

```
div {
  transform: translate(50px, 100px);
}
```

rotate() Method: The rotate() method rotates an element clockwise or counter-clockwise according to a given degree.

The below example rotates the <div> element clockwise with 20 degrees.

```
div {
  transform: rotate(20deg);
}
```

Using negative values will rotate the element counterclockwise.

- scale() Method: The scale() method increases or decreases the size of an element.
- Below example increases the <div> element to be two times of its original width, and three times of its original height:

```
div {
   transform: scale(2, 3);
}
```

skew() Method: The skew() method skews an element along the X and Y-axis by the given angles.

```
div {
  transform: skew(20deg, 10deg);
}
```

Thank you