NETWORK BASICS CHEAT SHEET HTML & CSS



HTML

Hypertext markup language is designed to structure content for web browsers. It is stored in plain text files, with an ".html" suffix.

'tags' are used to create 'elements', tags usually appear in pairs. Here is a tag that creates a paragraph element:

This is the story of my first webpage.

Some elements can be nested, for instance here we use the 'strong' tag to add bolded text:

This is the story of my first webpage. .

Nested elements cannot overlap in closure:

This is the story of my first webpage. .

A second paragraph is being added below the first. .

Some elements are self closing:

<image> src = "photo.jpg" />.

Common Elements:

DOCTYPE html	_ Always first document type declaration.
html	_ Surrounds the html content.
head	Contains the meta-data and referances.
title	Meta-data title for the browser.
body	Everything not in the head.
h1, h2, h3, h4	Specfication of different heading levels.
p	_ A paragraph.
ul, ol, li	_Unordered, ordered lists, which contain li element.
strong	_ Bold face text.
a	A link, defualt underlined and blue text.
span	An arbitrary span of texts, larger than 'p'.
image	Self closing that contains an image reference.
div	_ A 'division' within a document, used to group
	and contain related elements

Element Attributes:

HTML elements can be assigned 'attributes' by including properties and thier values. "href" is the required property and the url link is the value, in this case.

 Referance Page .

CSS Classes and ID's in an element tag are also treated as attributes:

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 some styled text .
<div id = "boxStyle" >  text   text  </div>.
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DOM

Document Object Model refers to the hierarchical structure of HTML, each tag is an 'element' with a relative relationship to anouther, ie. decendant, parent, child, etc.

All elements here are descendants of 'html', and 'body' is the parent of children 'h1' and 'p'. Web browsers parse the DOM to make sense of the content, it is therefore important that DOM is always applied.

CSS

Cascading Style Sheets are used to visually style the DOM elements. This is done by decalaring which element will be styled by naming a 'selector' and then applying a 'property' to the selector. In a separate CSS document we write the following:

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body {
     background-color: white;
     color: black;
}
```

In this case 'body' is the selector and 'background-color' and 'color' are the properties, with 'white' and 'black' as the values of these properties.

Element & Decendant Selectors:

h1	Selects and styles all level one headings.
p	Selects and styles all paragraphs.
strong	Selects and styles all strong elements.
div	Selects and styles all division elements.
div p	Selects and styles all paragraph elements within a division.

Class Selectors:

We can create a named selector and assign this to any elements. Class names are preceded with a full stop. Classes and also be extended.

.caption Selects and styles elements with the class "caption".
.caption.highlight Extends the "caption" with another property.

ID Selectors:

Named selector to match a single element with a given ID. Used once each. ID names are preceded with a hash mark.

#nav	Selects and styles elemets with the ID "nav".
#bigDiv	Selects and styles elements with the ID "bigDiv".