CSS Frameworks

Before I started this class I had a job at an IT firm. My boss was in the process of making a website for himself and asked me if I had any experience with bootstrap, which I did not. Since then I've been interested in learning about bootstrap and css frameworks. From what I was able to find out, css frameworks are html plugins that can style your code without the use of css. They operate by using the html class system to give templates for design aspects. For instance, if you are using bootstrap you can create a pre-stylized table by defining it as: <table class="table">. This is helpful in creating styled elements on your webpage without having to know how to style it. While css frameworks offer quick styling solutions, there are a few things it lacks or takes away from your code. Firstly, it eliminates the ability of the class system to organize elements. Classes in this instance are used to specify styling, so making general changes to content become more difficult. Secondly, all of these styled elements are generic templates. Using styling classes will create the same visual for every one used. This might be fine in some cases, but it takes away the coder's ability to fine tune those aspects to be exactly how they want. Overall css frameworks offer an easy styling alternative for those without experience in page styling. However, this efficient solution lacks the in depth customization offered in css.