

Workshop 3
CSS: Stylesheet for Craigslist
February 4, 2014

Skill objective

This class-long workshop will cover the basics of CSS (Cascading Style Sheets). We'll first look at block and inline elements from a CSS perspective. Then we'll cover selectors, the box model, positioning, typography, and backgrounds.

Short assignment

1. Navigate to <http://www.craigslist.org/about/sites>. From the list, choose a location. You can pick any location, but it should be a location you know something about.
2. Think about how you might change the look & feel of Craigslist's homepage for this location. Should its style let users better understand this location? Or should its look provide relevant tension related to this place? *(This is just a simple exercise, so thinking about the location you chose can be a good source of content. You can also style the Craigslist you wish to browse.)*
3. Create a new CSS document. Title it after your location. (If I chose New Haven, my file would be `newhaven.css`.) Save it on your bert server or locally. Make sure you know your CSS document's URL or file path.
4. Navigate to <http://jsfiddle.net/n3CWZ/1/>. Find where I typed `"http://www.yaleinteractivedesign.com/2014/style/newhaven.css"`. Replace this with the URL or file path of your CSS file. Once you do that, click "Update" in the top navigation. Drag the link "Craigslist Style" to your bookmarks bar.
5. Use your CSS file to create a new stylesheet for your Craigslist homepage. To preview your changes, save your CSS file and press your bookmarklet while on your Craigslist homepage. This can be a mostly in-class activity, but if you want to make any final adjustments, please turn in a final version before next class on Thursday, Feb 6.