From: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#History> on July 20, 2018

* WHO:
  + CSS was first **proposed** by [Håkon Wium Lie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H%C3%A5kon_Wium_Lie" \o "Håkon Wium Lie) on October 10, 1994
    - At the time, Lie was working with [Tim Berners-Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Berners-Lee) at [CERN](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CERN).[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-chapter20-20) - switzerland
    - [Håkon Wium Lie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H%C3%A5kon_Wium_Lie), [chief technical officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_technical_officer) of the [Opera Software](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opera_Software) company and co-creator of the CSS [web standard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_standards)
    - Norwegian
  + inside [World Wide Web Consortium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Web_Consortium) resulted in the first W3C CSS Recommendation (CSS1)[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-w3c-css1-21) being **released** in 1996.
    - W3C – at MIT in Cambridge, MA,
    - Develops the www standards
* WHAT:
  + **Cascading Style Sheets** (**CSS**) is a [style sheet language](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Style_sheet_language) (COMPUTER LANGUAGE) used for describing the [presentation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_semantics) of a document written in a [markup language](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markup_language) like [HTML](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTML).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-1)
  + **CASCADING**  - styles written last are given priority, parent/child (1 part –the child is inserted under another – parent)relationships matter
  + **STYLE** – layout of pages, colors, fonts, accessibility features for access by Braille or screen readers
* WHERE:
  + Switzerland / Massachusetts
* WHEN:
  + 1994, 1996
* WHY:
  + Style sheets have existed in one form or another since the beginnings of Standard Generalized Markup Language ([SGML](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SGML)) in the 1980s
  + One requirement for a web style sheet language was for style sheets to come from different sources on the web. Therefore, existing style sheet languages like [DSSSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document_Style_Semantics_and_Specification_Language" \o "Document Style Semantics and Specification Language)and [FOSI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formatting_Output_Specification_Instance) were not suitable. CSS, on the other hand, let a document's style be influenced by multiple style sheets by way of "cascading" styles.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-css-phd-23)
  + so that different style sheets could describe different presentation for printing, screen-based presentations, and editors.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-IEEE-24)
* VERSIONS:
  + CSS 1 - published on December 17, 1996.[Håkon Wium Lie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H%C3%A5kon_Wium_Lie) and [Bert Bos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bert_Bos) are credited as the original developers.[[37]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-37)[[38]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-38)
  + CSS 2 - developed by the W3C and published as a recommendation in May 1998.
    - includes a number of new capabilities like absolute, relative, and fixed positioning of elements and [z-index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Z-index), the concept of media types, support for aural style sheets (which were later replaced by the CSS 3 speech modules)[[40]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-40) and bidirectional text, and new font properties such as shadows.
  + CSS 2.1 – bounced back and forth between Working Draft status and Recommendations status and was finally published as a W3C Recommendation on 7 June 2011.[[43]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-w3.org-43)
    - Removed removes poorly supported or not fully interoperable features and adds already implemented browser extensions to the specification.
  + CSS 3 – as of today, 13 specs of 1150 are recommended on <https://www.w3.org/TR/?tag=css&status=rec&version=latest>
    - * CSS 3 is divided into several separate documents called "modules".different modules have different stability and statuses.[[45]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets#cite_note-45)