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Day-4: CSS Combinators

CSS Combinators:

- The CSS combinator represent the relationship between two selectors.
- The CSS selector are the patterns that can be used for styling the particular HTML element. Sometimes, it is possible that there is more than one simple selector, and to combine the multiple simple selectors, we use the combinator.

Why use CSS Combinator ?

- Learning about combinator makes you **better at writing CSS** and **helps you to avoid excess CSS code**.
- Combinators can also help you **pinpoint the section or part of HTML** you want to style with high accuracy because they are based on the **relationship between the selectors**.

Types of Combinators in CSS

The combinator are of 4 types, which are given below:

1. `Descendant selector () (space)`
2. `Child selector (>)`
3. `General sibling selector (~)`

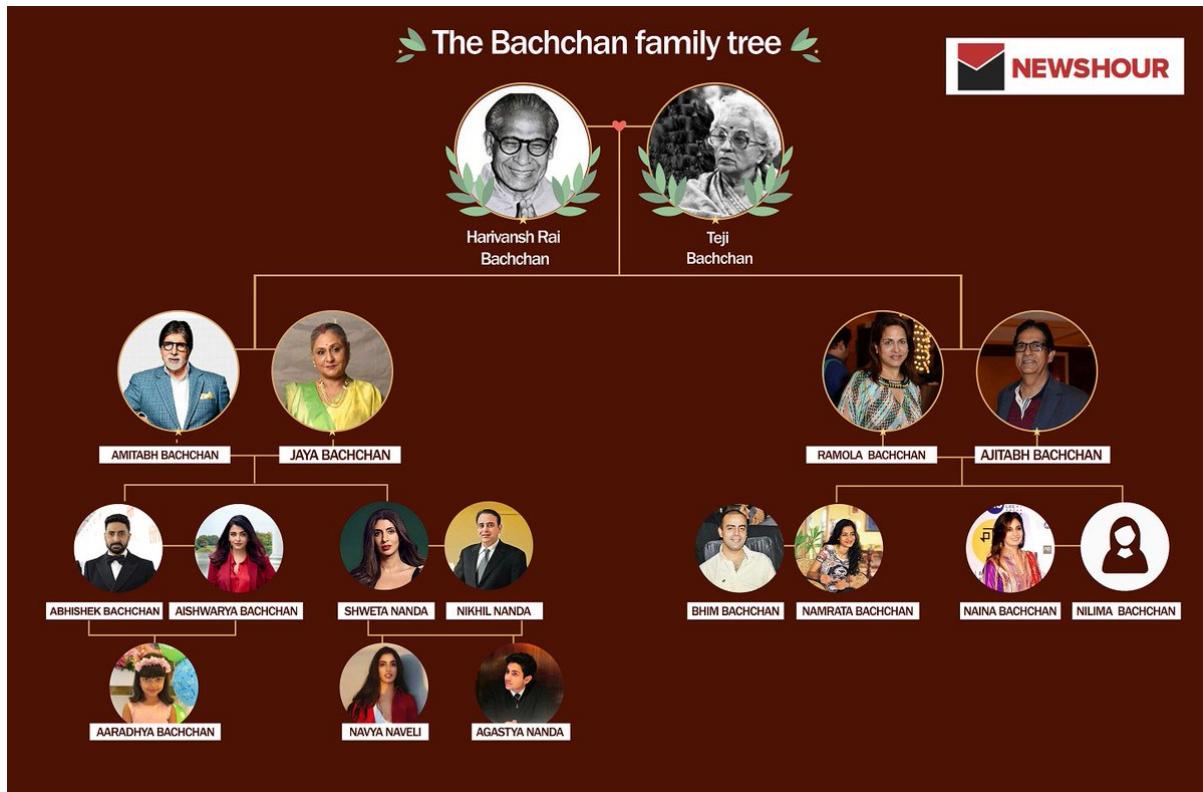
4. Adjacent sibling selector (+)

Descendant Selector in CSS

- **Descendant Meaning:** A person who is related to you and who lives after you, such as your child or grandchild
- Min 2 , can be greater than 2
- [Syntax](#)

```
selector1 selector2 selector3... {  
    // style properties  
}
```

Practical example:



- Look at Amitabh's family tree

- o Number of Descendants for Harivansh Rai Bachan - 15
- o Number of Descendants for Amitabh Bachan - 7
- o Number of Descendants for Abhishek Bachan - 1 (Aaradhyा)
- o Number of Descendants for Sweta Nanda - 2

```

Day-3 Selectors > amb.html > html
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4  <style>
5  div p {
6      /* It will select all p's which are descendants of div */
7      background-color: teal;
8  }
9  </style>
10 </head>
11 <body>
12 <div>
13   <p>Paragraph 1 in the div.</p>
14   <p>Paragraph 2 in the div.</p>
15   <span><p>Paragraph 3 in the div.</p></span>
16 </div>
17 <p>Paragraph 4. Not in a div, not a descendant</p>
18 <p>Paragraph 5. Not in a div, not a descendant</p>
19
20 </body>
21 </html>

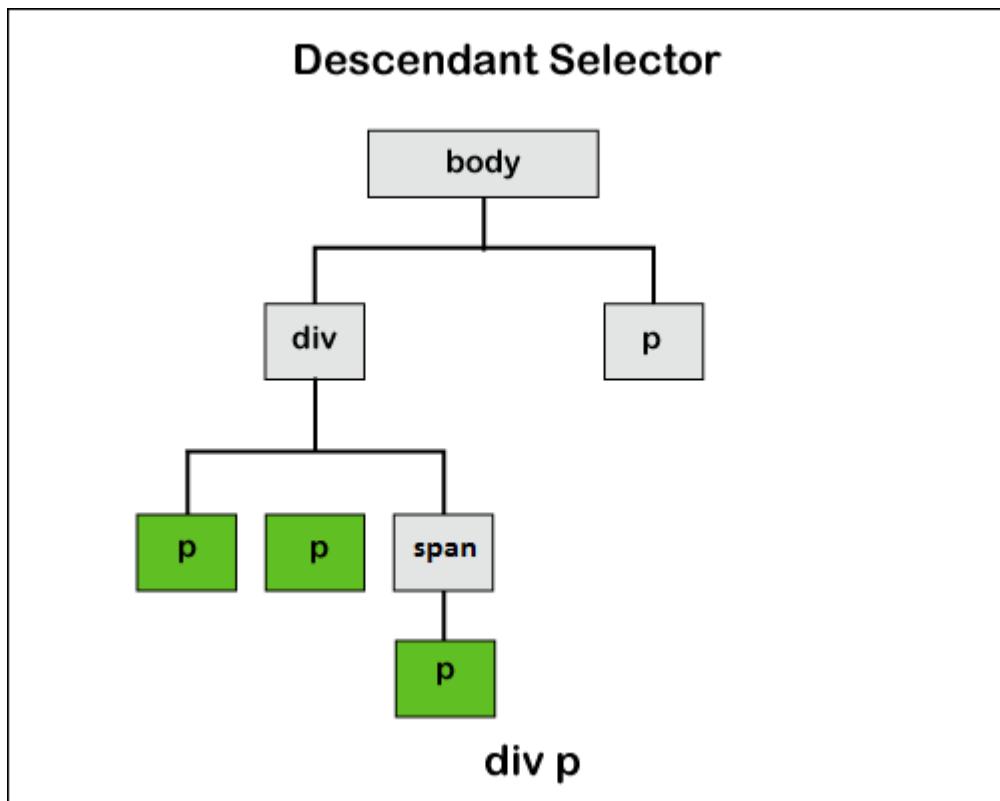
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```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
div p {
    /* It will select all p's which are descendants of div */
    background-color: teal;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
<div>
    <p>Paragraph 1 in the div.</p>
    <p>Paragraph 2 in the div.</p>
    <span><p>Paragraph 3 in the div.</p></span>
</div>
<p>Paragraph 4. Not in a div, not a descendant</p>
<p>Paragraph 5. Not in a div, not a descendant</p>

</body>
</html>

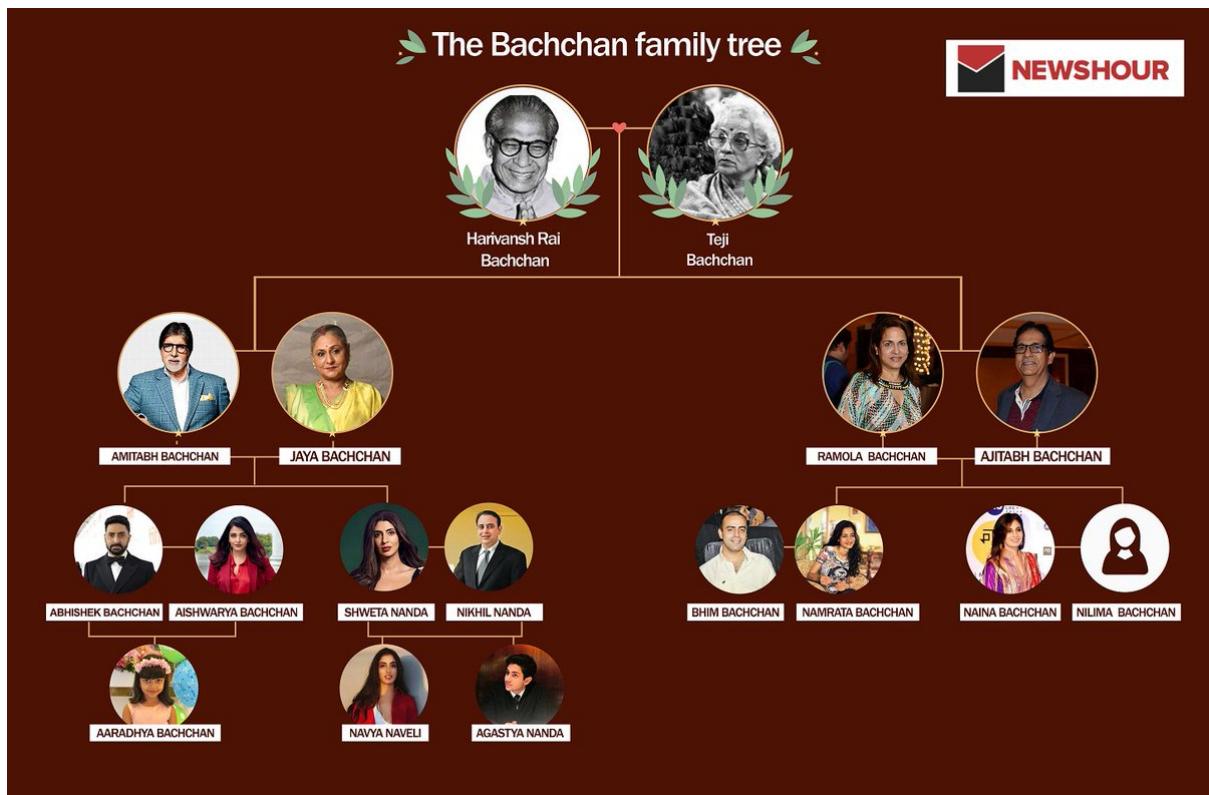
```



- In the above figure div, p will select all p's which are descendants of div

Child Selector

- The child selector uses the greater than sign (`>`) to separate the elements. The child selector is used when we want to apply the styling properties to the immediate child/children of the particular HTML element.
- This combinator is quite strict than the descendant selector and the styling properties are acquired only when the second selector is the direct child of the first one.



- Look at Amitabh's family tree
 - Number of Childs for Harivansh Rai Bachan - 2
 - Number of Childs for Amitabh Bachan - 2
 - Number of Childs for Abhishek Bachan - 1 (Aaradhya)
 - Number of Childs for Sweta Nanda - 2

Day-3 Selectors > amb.html > ...

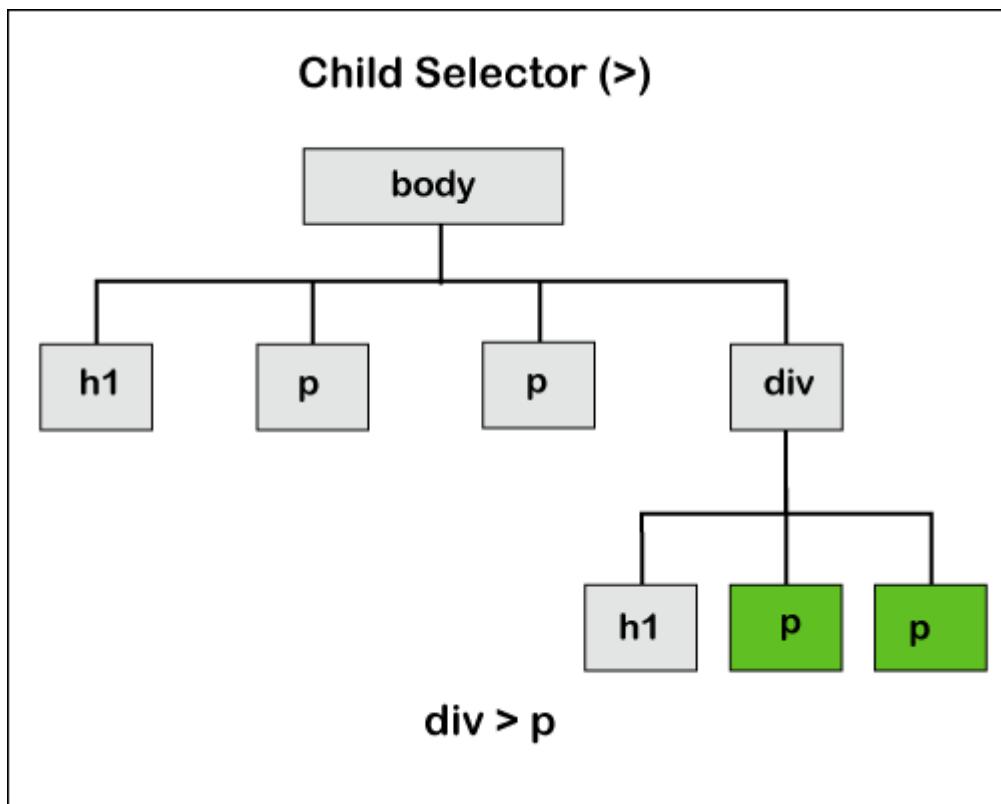
```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4  <style>
5  div > p {
6      /* Selects all p's which are child of div */
7      background-color: teal;
8  }
9  </style>
10 </head>
11 <body>
12
13 <div>
14     <p>Paragraph 1 in the div.</p>
15     <p>Paragraph 2 in the div.</p>
16     <span><p>Paragraph 3 in the div, but it is not child of div, it is
17     span</p></span>
18 </div>
19
20     <p>Paragraph 4. Not in a div, not child of div</p>
21     <p>Paragraph 5. Not in a div, not child of div</p>
22
23 </body>
24 </html>

```

Paragraph 1 in the div.
Paragraph 2 in the div.
Paragraph 3 in the div, but it is not child of div, it is
span
Paragraph 4. Not in a div, not child of div
Paragraph 5. Not in a div, not child of div

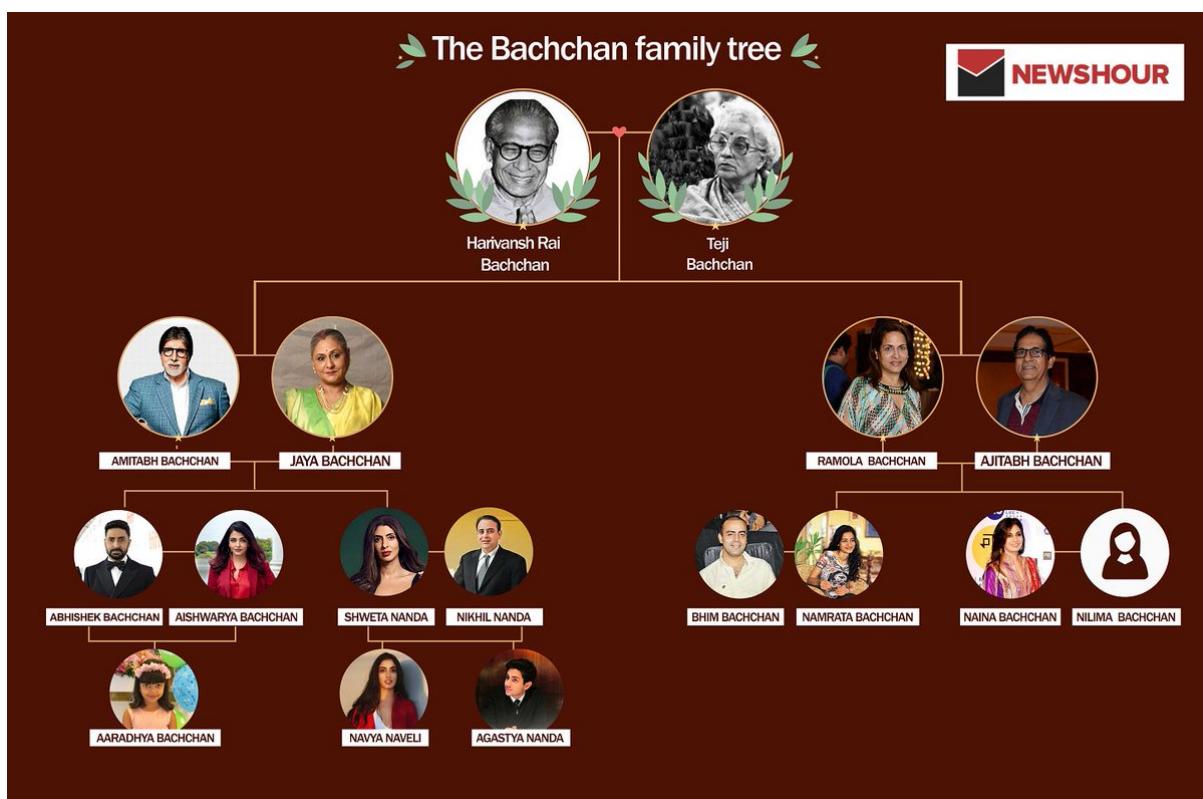
- Live code: [Codepen](#)



- In the above figure `div>p` will select all p's which are **childs** of div

General Sibling Selector:

- **Sibling meaning:** A brother or sister from the same parent
- The general sibling selector is used when the user wants to set the CSS properties for the elements that are the siblings of each other even if they are not the immediate ones.
- This selector is used when we have to set the styling properties of the elements that have the same parent element. This selector can be separated by adding the (~) sign between them.



- Look at Amitabh's family tree
 - Number of general siblings for Amitabh Bachan - 1 (Ajitabh Bachan)
 - Number of general siblings for Abhishek Bachan - 1 (Sweta Nanda)
 - Number of general siblings for Bhim Bachan - 3
 - Number of general siblings for Aaradhy - 0

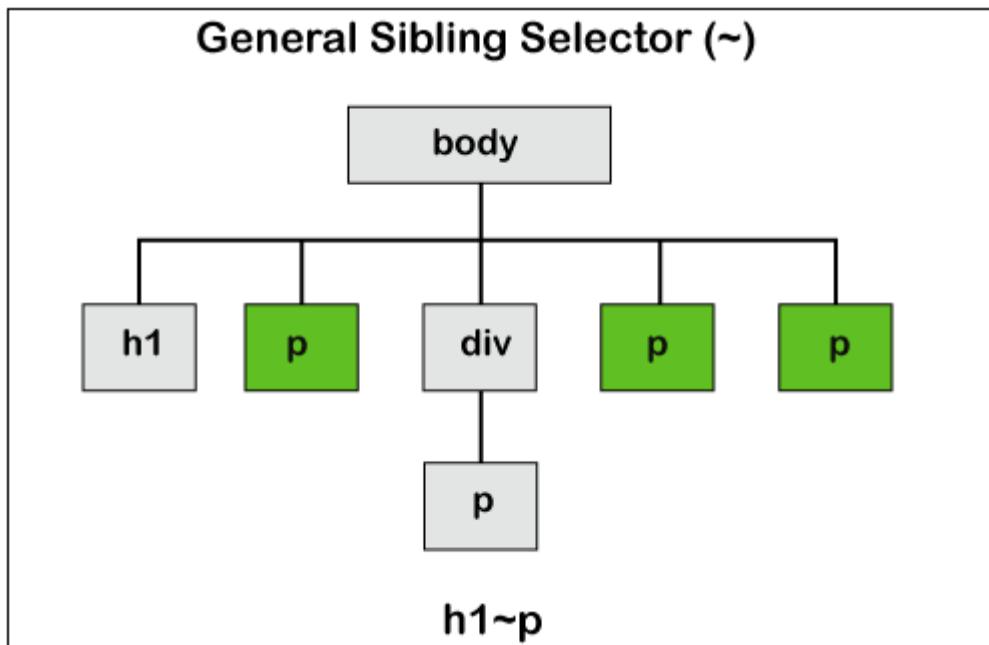
Remember that siblings will be of the same generation

```

Day-3 Selectors > amb.html > ...
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <style>
5        h3 ~ p {
6          /* selects all p's which are general siblings of h3 */
7          background-color: yellow;
8        }
9      </style>
10     </head>
11     <body>
12       <h3>I am heading 3</h3>
13       <p>Paragraph 3, general sibling of h3</p>
14       <p>Paragraph 4, general sibling of h3</p>
15       <p>Paragraph 5, general sibling of h3</p>
16       <p>Paragraph 6, general sibling of h3</p>
17       <p>Paragraph 7, general sibling of h3</p>
18     </body>
19   </html>
20

```

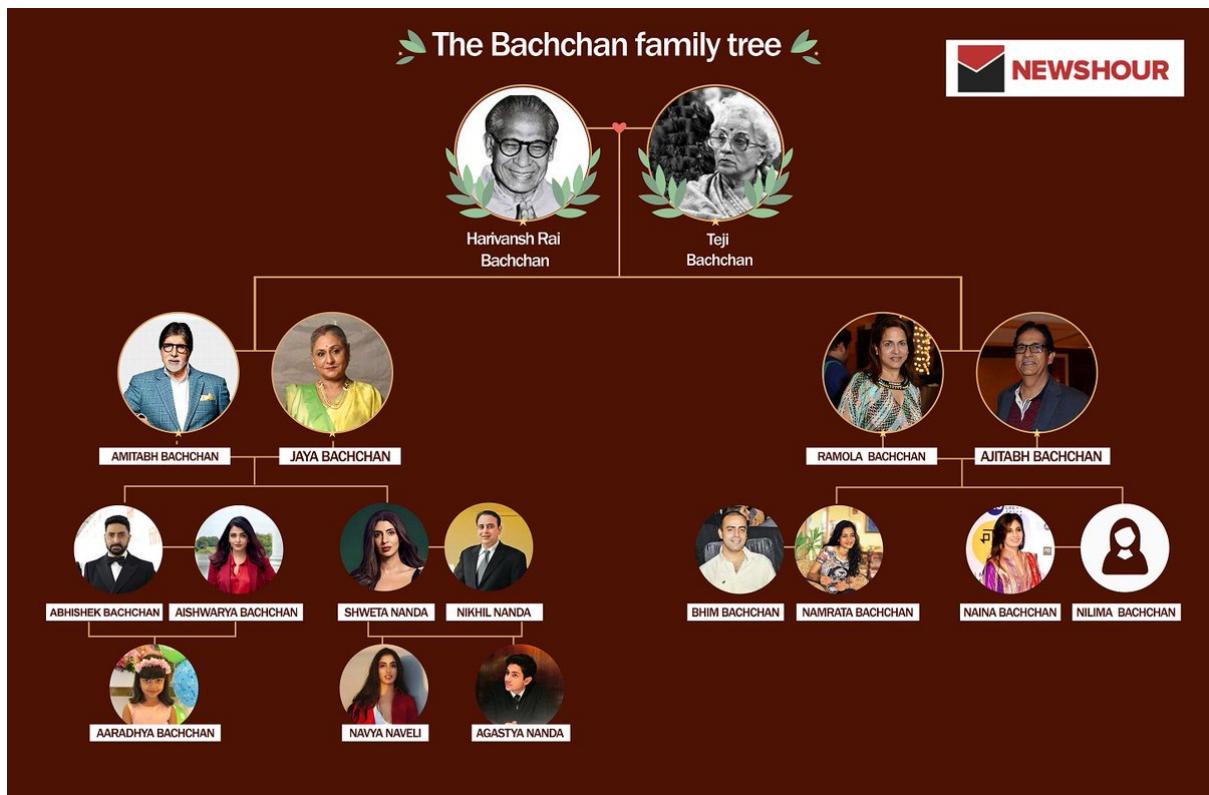
- Live code: [Codepen](#)



- In the above figure `h1 ~ p` will select all p's which are siblings of h1

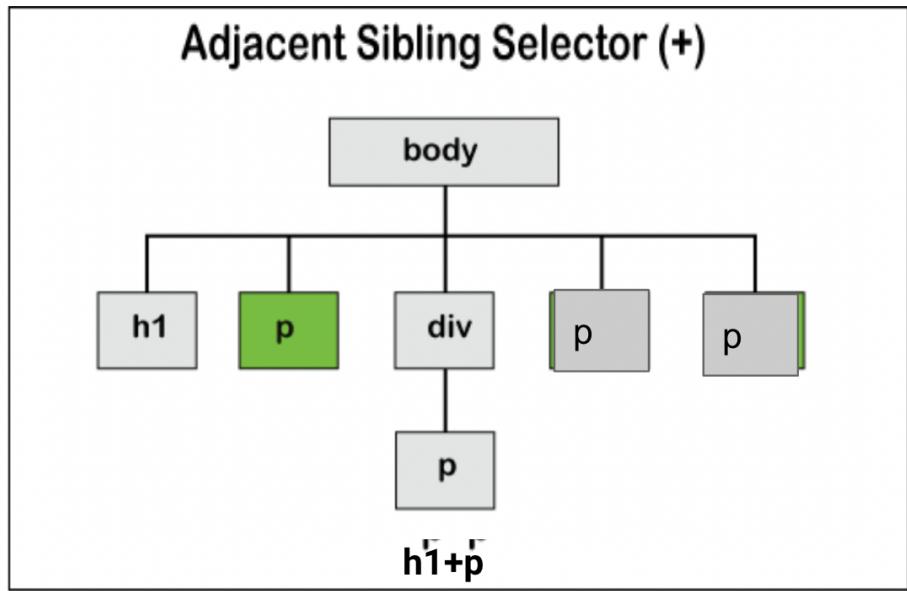
Adjacent / Immediate sibling Selector in CSS

- The adjacent sibling selector is used when we want to apply the CSS property or styling to the adjacent sibling of any element.
- The siblings should have the same parent element and also the second element must be the immediate follower of the first element.
- The selectors are separated by adding the (+) sign between the separators.



- Look at Amitabh's family tree
 - Number of immediate siblings for Amitabh Bachan - 1 (Ajitabh Bachan)
 - Number of immediate siblings for Abhishek Bachan - 1 (Sweta Nanda)
 - Number of immediate siblings for Bhim Bachan - 1 (Namrata Bachan)
 - Number of immediate siblings for Navya Naveli - 1

Remember that siblings will be of the same generation



Overview of all selectors:

Selector	Example	Example description
<code>.class</code>	<code>.intro</code>	Selects all elements with class="intro"
<code>#id</code>	<code>#firstname</code>	Selects the element with id="firstname"
<code>*</code>	<code>*</code>	Selects all elements
<code>element</code>	<code>p</code>	Selects all <p> elements
<code>element,element</code>	<code>div, p</code>	Selects all <div> elements and all <p> elements
<code>element element</code>	<code>div p</code>	Selects all <p> elements inside <div> elements
<code>element>element</code>	<code>div > p</code>	Selects all <p> elements where the parent is a <div> element
<code>element+element</code>	<code>div + p</code>	Selects all <p> elements that are placed immediately after <div> elements
<code>element1~element2</code>	<code>p ~ ul</code>	Selects every element that are preceded by a <p> element

More Selectors:

CSS `element,element` Selector

Select and style all `<h2>` elements AND all `<p>` elements:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
h2, p {
    background-color: yellow;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>

<h1>Demo of the element, element selector</h1>

<h2>Welcome to My Homepage</h2>

<div>
<p>My name is Donald.</p>
<p>I live in Duckburg.</p>
</div>

<p>My best friend is Mickey.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

CSS Attribute Selectors

- The `[attribute]` selector is used to select elements with a specified attribute.



Day-3 Selectors > amb.html > ...

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3  <head>
4      <title>Document</title>
5
6      <style>
7          a[href="https://www.masaischool.com/"] {
8              color: red;
9          }
10
11         a[target="_blank"] {
12             font-size: 40px;
13         }
14     </style>
15 </head>
16 <body>
17     <a href="https://www.masaischool.com/" target="_blank">Masai school</a>
18     <a href="https://sso.masaischool.com/signin/?returnTo=https://dashboard.masaischool.com/#/">Onwards</a>
19
20 </body>
21 </html>
```

Live code : [Link](#)

Types of attribute selector

	Selector	Example	Description
Presence & Value	[attr]	a[title]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute (whose name is the value in square brackets).
	[attr=value]	a[href="https://example.com"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute whose value is exactly <i>value</i> — the string inside the quotes.
	[attr~=value]	p[class~="special"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute whose value is exactly <i>value</i> , or contains <i>value</i> in its (space separated) list of values.
	[attr =value]	div[lang = "zh"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute whose value is exactly <i>value</i> or begins with <i>value</i> immediately followed by a hyphen.
Substring Matching	[attr^=value]	li[class^="box-"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute (whose name is the value in square brackets), whose value begins with <i>value</i> .
	[attr\$=value]	li[class\$="-box"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute whose value ends with <i>value</i> .
	[attr*=value]	li[class*="box"]	Matches elements with an <i>attr</i> attribute whose value contains <i>value</i> anywhere within the string.

Read more : [Link](#)

CSS Pseudo-classes

A pseudo-class is used to define a special state of an element.

For example, it can be used to:

- Style an element when a user mouses over it
- Style visited and unvisited links differently
- Style an element when it gets focus

Syntax

The syntax of pseudo-classes:

```
selector:pseudo-class {  
    property: value;  
}
```

- Although there are various CSS pseudo-classes, here we are going to discuss some of the most commonly used pseudo-classes. The widely used CSS classes are tabulated as follows:

All CSS Pseudo Classes

Date	Status	Property	Selector	Example	Example description
			<u>:active</u>	<u>a:active</u>	Selects the active link
			<u>:checked</u>	<u>input:checked</u>	Selects every checked <input> element
			<u>:disabled</u>	<u>input:disabled</u>	Selects every disabled <input> element
				<u>Untitled</u>	
				<u>Untitled</u>	
			<u>:empty</u>	<u>p:empty</u>	Selects every <p> element that has no children
			<u>:enabled</u>	<u>input:enabled</u>	Selects every enabled <input> element
			<u>:first-child</u>	<u>p:first-child</u>	Selects every <p> elements that is the first child of its parent
			<u>:first-of-type</u>	<u>p:first-of-type</u>	Selects every <p> element that is the first <p> element of its parent
			<u>:focus</u>	<u>input:focus</u>	Selects the <input> element that has focus
			<u>:hover</u>	<u>a:hover</u>	Selects links on mouse over
			<u>:in-range</u>	<u>input:in-range</u>	Selects <input> elements with a value within a specified range
			<u>:invalid</u>	<u>input:invalid</u>	Selects all <input> elements with an invalid value
			<u>:lang(<i>language</i>)</u>	<u>p:lang(it)</u>	Selects every <p> element with a lang attribute value starting with "it"

Date	Status	Property	Selector	Example	Example description
			<u>:last-child</u>	p:last-child	Selects every <p> elements that is the last child of its parent
			<u>:last-of-type</u>	p:last-of-type	Selects every <p> element that is the last <p> element of its parent
			<u>:link</u>	a:link	Selects all unvisited links
			<u>:not(selector)</u>	:not(p)	Selects every element that is not a <p> element
			<u>:nth-child(n)</u>	p:nth-child(2)	Selects every <p> element that is the second child of its parent
			<u>:nth-last-child(n)</u>	p:nth-last-child(2)	Selects every <p> element that is the second child of its parent, counting from the last child
			<u>:nth-last-of-type(n)</u>	p:nth-last-of-type(2)	Selects every <p> element that is the second <p> element of its parent, counting from the last child
			<u>:nth-of-type(n)</u>	p:nth-of-type(2)	Selects every <p> element that is the second <p> element of its parent
			<u>:only-of-type</u>	p:only-of-type	Selects every <p> element that is the only <p> element of its parent
			<u>:only-child</u>	p:only-child	Selects every <p> element that is the only child of its parent
			<u>:optional</u>	input:optional	Selects <input> elements with no "required" attribute
			<u>:out-of-range</u>	input:out-of-range	Selects <input> elements with a value outside a specified range
			<u>:read-only</u>	input:read-only	Selects <input> elements with a "readonly" attribute specified
			<u>:read-write</u>	input:read-write	Selects <input> elements with no "readonly" attribute
			<u>:required</u>	input:required	Selects <input> elements with a "required" attribute specified

Date	Status	Property	Selector	Example	Example description
			<u>:root</u>	<u>root</u>	Selects the document's root element
			<u>:target</u>	<u>#news:target</u>	Selects the current active #news element (clicked on a URL containing that anchor name)
			<u>:valid</u>	<u>input:valid</u>	Selects all <input> elements with a valid value
			<u>:visited</u>	<u>a:visited</u>	Selects all visited links

CSS Pseudo-elements

A CSS pseudo-element is used to style specified parts of an element.

For example, it can be used to:

- Style the first letter, or line, of an element
- Insert content before, or after, the content of an element

Syntax

The syntax of pseudo-elements:

```
selector::pseudo-element {
    property: value;
}
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge" />
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0" />
    <title>Document</title>

    <style>
      p::first-line {
        color: red;
```

```

        font-size: 40px;
    }

    p::before{
        content:"masai"
    }

```

</style>

</head>

<body>

<p>

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Blanditiis
 impedit consequatur enim rerum exercitationem natus iusto, repellendus
 porro minus illo. Laborum, ducimus. Cum enim nisi assumenda voluptates
 recusandae. Ipsa, fugit. Vel repellendus quidem debitis repellat fugiat
 corporis blanditiis omnis perferendis harum, consequatur nemo commodi
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 officia voluptate recusandae accusamus!

</p>

</body>

</html>

All CSS Pseudo Elements

Selector	Example	Example description
<u>::after</u>	p::after	Insert content after every <p> element
<u>::before</u>	p::before	Insert content before every <p> element
<u>::first-letter</u>	p::first-letter	Selects the first letter of every <p> element
<u>::first-line</u>	p::first-line	Selects the first line of every <p> element
<u>::selection</u>	p::selection	Selects the portion of an element that is selected by a user

Read more: [Link](#)