All the code you’ll write is in the sass directory. You’ll code in the partials/base (for now) directory and import these files into the main.scss file. Compass will compile it in the stylesheets directory automatically as you write.

**What are Partials?** They are Sass files that contain little snippets of CSS that you can include in other Sass files. This is a great way to modularize your CSS and help keep things easier to maintain. A partial is simply a Sass file named with a leading underscore (e.g. \_myFile.scss). The underscore lets Sass know that the file is only a partial file and that it should not be generated into a CSS file.

\_base.scss: main elements that are used site wide.

\_normalize: copied from github link http://goo.gl/4DCjrx .A collection of html attributes that will normalize the styles across all of the browsers.

\_variables: Sass variables that are used site wide.

Partials are used with the @import directive. CSS has an import option, but it requires multiple HTTP request. Sass will take the file that you want to import and combine it with the file you're importing into so you can serve a single CSS file or HTTP request to the web browser.

**As you code**: pay attention to the terminal running compass. If you get a bunch of gibberish in the terminal running compass, or if you get an error in a file, then you probably made a mistake in the scss file. However, sometimes I’ve noticed that it wasn’t my code and I had to just crtl+c and then run compass again and it worked. Also you’ll probably need two terminals, one for compass and one for the server to run.