



## HTML & CSS: FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT

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## INTRODUCTIONS

- Who are you?
- What do you do/study/etc?
- What is your experience with web development?
  - Do you have related skills like Photoshop, Wireframing, E-mail Marketing, etc?
- What are you hoping to get out of this class?

## CLASS SCHEDULE

- Five sessions over a six-week period
- Thursdays from Jan 11 to Feb 8, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- 10 minute break somewhere in the middle
- No grades, no tests
- Questions and feedback highly encouraged!

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

- Basic rules of HTML and CSS
- Using CSS to style web pages
- Website structure, navigation, and file organization
- Hosting, FTP, Github
- Overview of Javascript and jQuery
- The role of the developer

## TODAY

- Overview of a website
- Code editors
- Basic HTML
- How to FTP (put your website online)
- · What does a developer DO anyway?



## kweeket.github.io/dev-101

Slides, sample files, "homework", and interesting links will be posted here



# OVERVIEW OF A WEBSITE

## CONTENT, DESIGN, & CODE







#### CONTENT

Most important part of any website

#### **DESIGN**

Critical to the best user experience

#### CODE

Brings content and design to life





## What am I presenting?

#### **TEXT**

- Articles
- Links
- Lists

#### **MEDIA**

- Images
- Videos
- Audio





#### What is the experience?

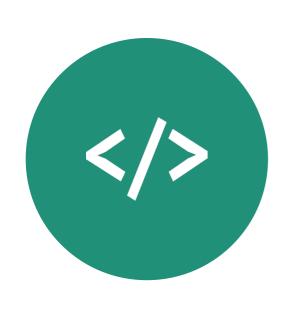
#### **USER EXPERIENCE**

- Layout
- Navigation
- User flows
- Ease of use

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Colors
- Fonts
- Backgrounds
- Icons

## </> CODE



How does the computer understand?

HTML structures and organizes content

**CSS** stylizes the content and creates layout

JAVASCRIPT adds interactivity



## CODE EDITING TOOLS

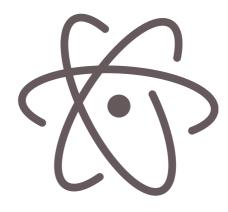
## **CODE EDITORS**



VS Code



Brackets



Atom



**Sublime Text** 



Coda



## HTML is just text

You can right-click and select "View Source" on any webpage to see how the developer made it

## \* WEB BROWSERS



HTML and CSS require testing in all major modern browsers and devices

You can experiment directly in the browser before making permanent changes

## **DEVELOPER TOOLS**

#### Chrome

- Right-click > Inspect
- OR hit the F12 key

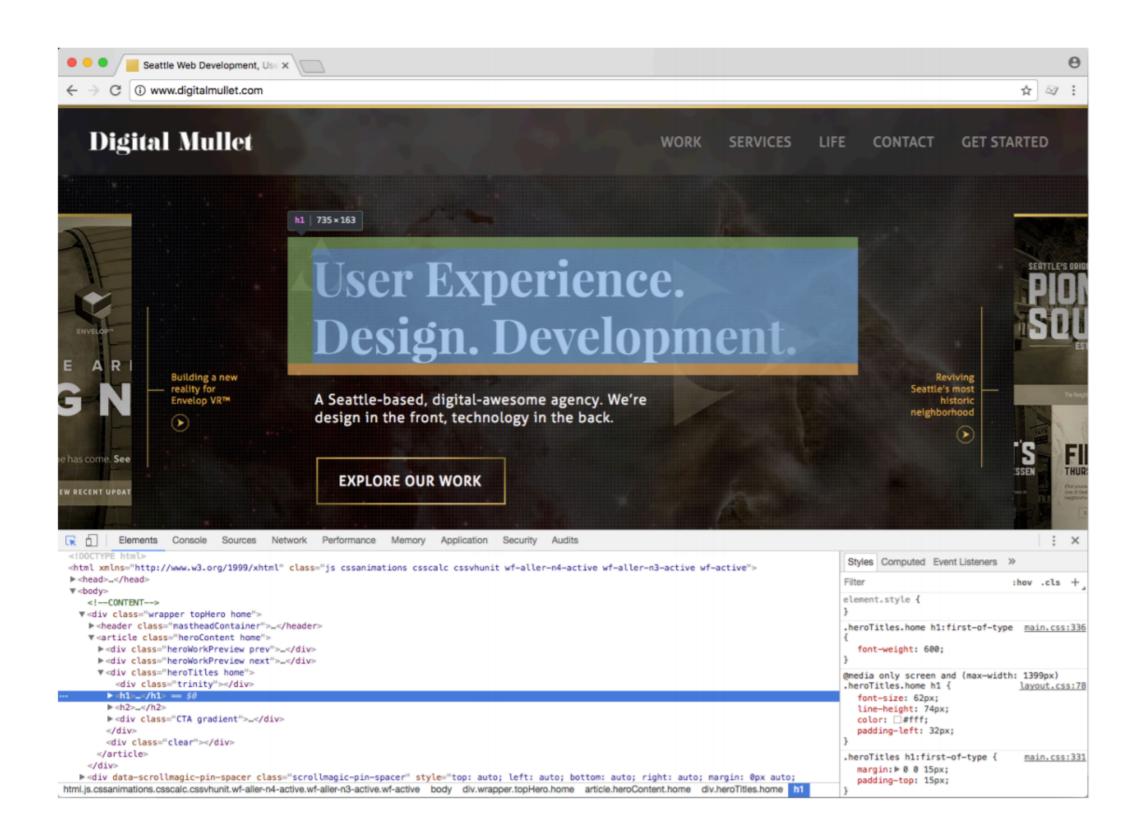
#### Safari

- Open Preferences > Advanced > Show Develop menu
- Right-click > Inspect Element

#### Internet Explorer

• F12 key

## **DEVELOPER TOOLS**





# <html> HTML DOCUMENTS

#### HTML DOCUMENT

```
<!doctype html>
                                                        C \( \) www.someurl.com
<html>
                                                     The body is what the
                                                     browser sees.
<head>
                                                     Several ways to format text.
     <meta charset="UTF-8">
     <title>My First Page</title>
</head>
<body>
     <h1>The body is what the browser sees.</h1>
     Several ways to format text.
</body>
</html>
```

#### HTML ELEMENTS

- HTML elements are contained in <> brackets
- Most HTML tags have an opening tag and a closing tag

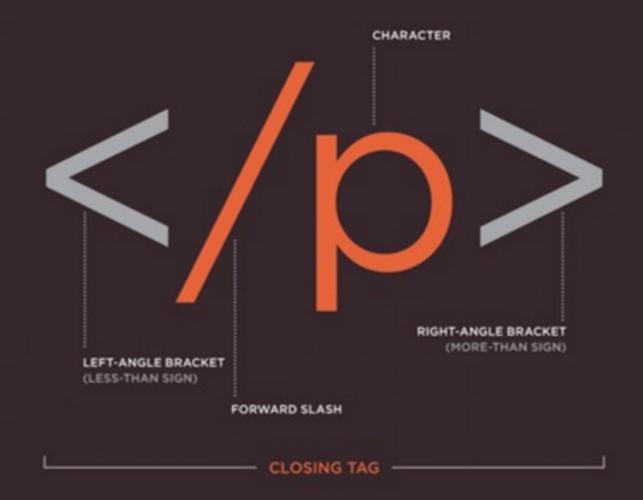
```
<tag>Content goes in here</tag>
```

Some types of tags are "self-closing"

```
<tag />
```

#### HTML ELEMENTS





#### HTML RULES

• Tags are written in lowercase

```
<a> not <A>
```

Tags must be closed

```
Text in here.
<div>Content in here.</div>
<br/><br/> Self-closing line break
```

#### DOCTYPE

## <!doctype html>

- The very first thing in any HTML document
- Tells the browser what version of HTML the document is written in (this one is HTML5)

#### DOCTYPE

These other doctypes are not commonly in use anymore:

```
<!doctype html PUBLIC "=//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0
Strict//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml-
strict.dtd">
<!doctype html PUBLIC "=//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01
Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/transitional.dtd">
```

#### HTML DECLARATION

## <ht1>

- The top line after <doctype> declaration.
- Tells the browser "This is where everything starts!"

```
<html><!-- everything else --></html>
```

#### <!--HTML COMMENTS-->

## <!-- Comments are great -->

- Are not visible to the user in their browser
- Great for leaving notes for yourself or other developers
- · Can be seen in "view source"

#### <!--HTML COMMENTS-->

Sometimes they don't really have a point...

```
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  a view-source:https://www. x
             Secure view-source:https://www.amazon.com
                                                            ☆
    </div></body></html>
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   <!--
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                .) < (MEOW)
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     ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
6862 <!--
    sp:eh:6p7vMBc2nA2xxUdwY0KTQgcTA2YCwqqEYK0cbqTFWBdaM/avbmHZ+VMc
    saiio5M4M6/ABWVE1BKS7xu8WLAvGIItFD3meESk1ZCtQYF08pdrA+aJSKkzXA
    == -->
6883
```

#### HEAD ELEMENT

## <head></head>

- Required for a valid HTML document
- Holds information about the document that is (mostly) not visible to the user
- Can contain CSS and Javascript

```
<head>
    <!-- metadata and resources -->
</head>
```

#### **META TAGS**

#### <meta charset="UTF-8"/>

- Used to specify "meta" information to the browser like page description, author, search engine keywords, and character encoding
- UTF-8 represents Unicode, a system to handle text consistently in a variety of languages.

#### TITLE TAG

#### <title>My First Page</title>

Displays in the browser tab

Required inside <head>



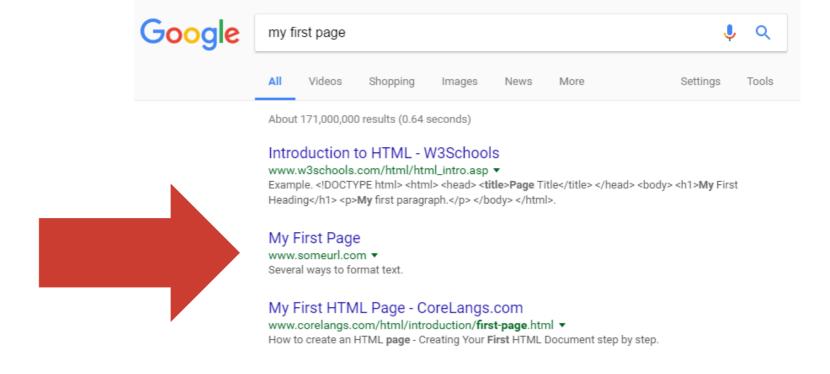
#### TITLE TAG

#### <title>My First Page</title>

Name of the page when page is bookmarked

The title for the page in search results on Google

(or Bing)



#### **BODY ELEMENT**

## <body></body>

The part of the HTML document that's visible to the user

• Contains all content of the document, such as tags, links, images, tables, etc.

```
<body>
    <!-- all my sweet content -->
</body>
```

#### MAJOR BODY ELEMENTS

· Headings for dividing up your page and content

Paragraphs of text

• Bulleted, ordered, unordered **lists** 

Images

• Links to other pages, websites, or resources.

#### **HEADINGS**

**Headings** range from most important to least important

Search engines use <h1> to determine important information about the page

#### **HEADINGS**

```
<h1>Heading 1</h1>
<h2>Heading 2</h2>
<h3>Heading 3</h3>
<h4>Heading 4</h4>
<h5>Heading 5</h5>
<h6>Heading 6</h6>
```

## Heading 1

Heading 2

Heading 3

Heading 4

Heading 5

Heading 6

#### **PARAGRAPHS**

Hi! I'm a paragraph!

Browsers automatically add space around
 elements (although this can be changed with CSS)

#### LAYOUT

- <header> wraps header content
- <footer> wraps footer content
- <nav> indicates that everything inside is related to navigation
- <section> is used to define content sections

#### **FORMATTING**

- <em> indicates emphasis
  - By default, this displays as <em>italic</em>

- <strong> indicates importance
  - By default, this displays as <strong>bold</strong>

#### LIST ELEMENTS

```
PuppiesKittens
```

**Unordered** lists ul> appear inthe browser by default with **bullets** 

- Puppies
- Kittens

#### LIST ELEMENTS

```
    <!i>Puppies
    <!i>Kittens
```

**Ordered** lists 
 appear in the browser by default with **numbers**

- 1. Puppies
- 2. Kittens

#### LIST ELEMENTS

```
    <!i>Puppies
    <!i>Kittens
```

Both unordered and ordered lists can only contain **list items** <**li**> directly

#### IMAGES

```
<img src="kitten.jpg" alt="Cute kitten" />
```

- Images do not have a closing tag
- Images have two required **attributes**:
  - **src** is where the file lives (local or external)
  - **alt** is a description of the image (used for screen readers, search engines, etc)

#### **IMAGES**

```
<img src="kitten.jpg" alt="Cute kitten"
height="200" title="Ollie" />
```

- height and width resize images and ensure the page doesn't jump
- title is shown as a tooltip in some browsers when you hover your mouse over the image



#### LINKS WITH THE ANCHOR TAG

<a href="http://google.com">Google</a>

The <a> element defines an "anchor" or link

Anything inside <a> is clickable – can be text, an image, or any other valid HTML

#### **SOME <A>TTRIBUTES**

```
<a href="http://google.com" title="Search"
target="_blank">Google</a>
```

- href is the URL where the link should send the user
- title appears as a tooltip when you mouse over the link. It is read by screen readers
- target="\_blank" opens link in a new tab

#### **URL-SCUSE ME?**

URL stands for "Uniform Resource Locator"

#### **UNIFORM**

because it is a global standard

#### **RESOURCE LOCATOR**

because that's what an URL does — it locates a resource that lives on the internet

#### RELATIVE FILE PATHS

Relative paths are URLs that go to a resource in relation to the page you're on

• Resources "local" to you should all be relative paths
(your images, HTML documents, fonts, CSS, and JS files)

#### **ABSOLUTE FILE PATHS**

Absolute paths are URLs that start with http

```
<a href="http://google.com">Ubiquitous
search engine</a>
```

• These documents are not hosted by you, so if someone renames or deletes the file, your link will be broken



## PRACTICE TIME!

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

## Create a website that about something that interests you

- At least two pages that are linked to each other
- Include a link to an outside website. Bonus: have the link open in a new tab
- Use three heading tags and at least one paragraph
- Use at least one list
- Show at least two images one local and one remote
- Add one HTML comment
- Validate your website

# DOMAINS & WEB HOSTING

### What is a domain name?

The Domain Name System, or **DNS**, is like a phone book for the internet

It's essentially a list that maps the location of files on a server (identified by a series of unique numbers called an IP Address) to a friendly name, like Wikipedia.org

## How do I buy a domain name?

Companies called registrars manage the reservation of domain names

- GoDaddy is one of the largest registrars, but many smaller companies also provide this service
- ICANN is the agency responsible for regulating and accrediting registrars

# I bought a domain name... now what?

Registering a domain name maps that name to a location where the files will be hosted, but does NOT necessarily provide server space for your files

- GoDaddy will both register and host your website, as will many other companies
- You can buy a domain name from one company and host your files at another (or, host from a computer you own!)

A common way to upload your website is using FTP (File Transfer Protocol).

You don't have to understand it, just find an FTP client you like and copy your files using the program.





Cyberduck



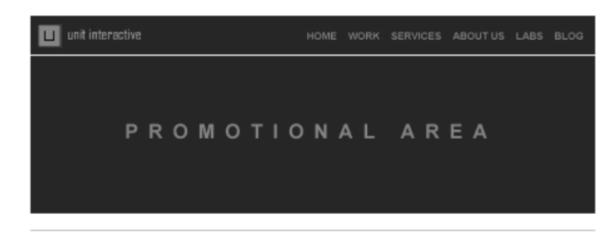
# THE ROLE OF THE DEVELOPER

#### LIFECYCLE OF A WEBSITE

## Step 1

User Interface
Designers (UX) create
wireframes based on
research and
conversations with the
client

Wireframes show layout and content



#### ABOUT DESIGN

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#### FOOTER

#### LIFECYCLE OF A WEBSITE

## Step 2

Visual Designers turn wireframes into comprehensive layouts, or "comps"

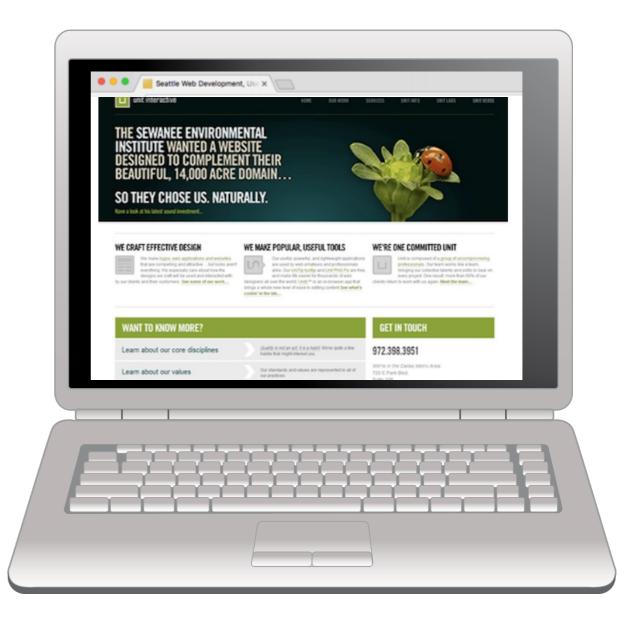


#### LIFECYCLE OF A WEBSITE

## Step 3

Developers turn comps into HTML and style with CSS

 Add interactivity with Javascript



#### THE ROLE OF THE DEV

### What do I do besides code?

- Problem solve
- Innovate with new technologies and frameworks
- Bring designs to life with animation and motion
- Optimizing for fast loading

#### "HOMEWORK"

• Practice!

• Next time you see a cool website, inspect how they did it

• If you have questions during the week, feel free to email me at aaron@bronow.net

• Optional: read chapters 6-7 of HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites

