CSS Transitions & Keyframe animations

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What will be covered

- CSS transitions
 - Long- and short format
 - Transition functions & Bezier curves
- Animation tools in Chrome DevTools
- CSS keyframe animations
 - Syntax
 - Things carry over from 'transitions' part
- Additional info scattered around
 - Browser support
 - Examples
 - Open-ended exercise

You need...

- Node/npm would help
- Git
- A text editor that hits your particular sweet spots
- ...basic CSS knowledge, no JS needed
- Working towards examples (videos, opens on click):





Self Intro

- Not CSS expert, but have gotten into hobby project (lazy loading image gallery)
 that would be good to move some things away from poor single JS-thread.
- Usually doing data analytics, viz, coding (mainly JS), dreading CSS parts of work, because easy to shoot yourself in the foot.





Why animations, Why CSS(!?!) animations?

Why Anims:

- Guide user <u>attention</u>, and common <u>neatness</u>
- Much better than having things jump from one place to the next...
- Moving changing things makes heart go boom-boom

• Why CSS3:

- You're able to move things away from Javascript, which usually is responsible for looooads of other things
- Helps keep your code clean and more in line with single-responsibility principle if CSS does the 'adjectives' as much as possible

Good practices links:

- <u>Less-is-more</u>, <u>UX considerations</u>, <u>More UX/UI (important stuff)</u>
- More nice use of animations: 12345

Setup

- Cd into directory of choice
- \$ git clone git@github.com:Tille88/css_transition_anims_talk.git
- Basic exercise uses NOTHING but regular CSS and HTML
- More advanced examples does use SCSS and SVG as well. And a local server to make sure images can be shown... just do "\$ npm i" from any of those subfolders ought to work.

CSS3 Transitions

<u>Syntax</u>

- Property and time REQUIRED
- Note: Placement of transition on base-selection = please watch changes to this, used in all MDN examples (contrast: on hover selection <u>18:28</u>)

```
transition-property: <all|color|width|transform|...>; /*REQUIRED*/
  transition-timing-function: <def: ease|ease-in|ease-out|ease-in-out|linear|cubic-bezier()|step()>;
 transition-delay: <def: 0, numeric+[ms|s]>;
.base-selector{
 transition: transProp transDur <transFunc> <transDel> <,one-more-transition>;
.base-selector:modifier{
 property-to-modify: value;
```

Transition-property

- Advice avoid property [all], be explicit to avoid future bugs + performance bottlenecks
- Not all properties can be animated

Transition-duration

Not much to say, can be seconds or milliseconds

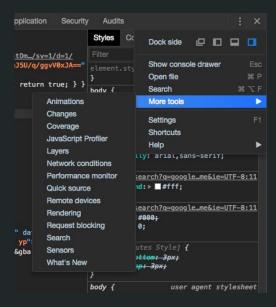
```
transition-duration: 2s;
transition-duration: 4000ms
```

Transition-delay

Default=0, CAN BE NEGATIVE VALUE

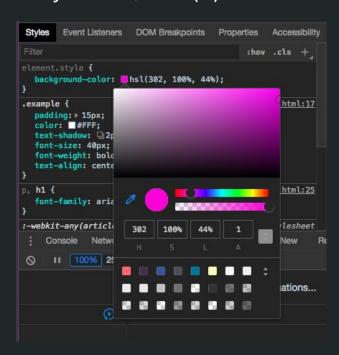
Transition-timing-function

- Ease-in, ease-out, ease-in-out, etc.
- Cubic-bezier, best shown as <u>example</u> in DevTools
- Side-note: can slow down animations and do <u>other cool stuff</u>



Advice in color transitions

- Use DevTools, and pick color-space that easily can interpolate between colors
- Personally, hsla() is really useful, RGB(A) sometimes less so.
- DEMO



Browser support

- Short story: <u>pretty good</u>
- Usually fails gracefully anyway...

Exercise time

- Have basic setup in folder /project-folder/css_transition_anims_talk/exercise
- You should only have to make changes to index.css
- Comments show where you can plug in transitions as you wish
- Maybe make a local copy of the files to use for keyframes animations later on

More advanced example

- Go through code of thumbnail_viewer
- Leads to => Keyframe animations

CSS3 Keyframe Animations

Keyframe animations

- When simple transition doesn't cut it. Can use multiple linked transitions, but easily gets messy.
- Similar structure as transitions, <u>detailed description with defaults</u>

```
animation: keyframeName dur <timing-func=ease> <anim delay=0> <iterations=1>... a few more...;
@keyframes keyframeName{
 0%, 100%{
   background-color: col1;
   background-color: col2;
```

Gotcha!

- This is not a transition! Meaning:
 - When transition ends, you need to specify what will happen. Unless 'infinite', then you can choose animation-direction
 - Best demo:ed <u>interactively...</u> animation-fill-mode to the rescue!
 - No real need to memorize all the options, look up what you need...
 - Not covered:
 - step animations using step-timing-function
 - animation-play-state possible that you want to start animation as paused...
- => animation: slidein 3s linear 1s [backwardslforwardslboth];
- => animation: slidein 3s linear 1s infinite alternate;

Exercise

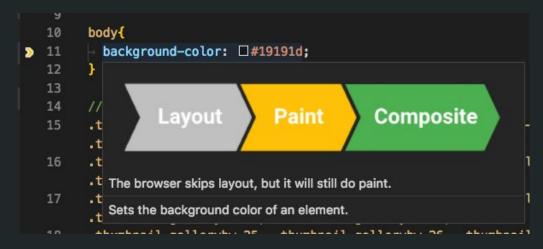
- Two choices:
 - Introduce keyframe animation to the previous exercise files
 - Use link from previous slide
- Will have an example after you have had a go

Advanced example code-review

- Inspiration
- If time, go through code of cheap_spinner

Additional Topics

- Browser support
- JS events to hook up [<u>animationstart</u> | <u>animationend</u> | <u>animationiteration</u>]
- For performance: will-change and TranslateZ(0)-hack
- What is cheap to animate? = transform and opacity
- <u>Extension</u> in VSCode



Lastly...

 If you can make the thumbnail_viewer actually usable without JS, let me know of ideas...

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