

Appendix A: Freelance Services Marketplace - CSS Styling Requirements

Global Page Layout

Page Structure

All pages must follow consistent layout structure:

HEADER (Logo, Navigation Links, User Card, Cart Icon)	
NAV (15%)	MAIN CONTENT (85%)
FOOTER (Copyright, Contact Info, Links)	

Layout Components

1. **Header** - Top, full width
2. **Navigation** - Left sidebar
3. **Main Content** - Center/right area
4. **Footer** - Bottom, full width

Technical Requirements

Layout System:

- Use CSS Flexbox or Grid for page layout
- Three-column layout where applicable: Navigation (15%) | Content (variable) | Sidebar (variable)

Header Component

Display Requirements

Header must include:

- Platform logo/name (left side, clickable to homepage)

- Search bar (center) - available to guests and logged-in users
- User authentication controls (right side)

Logo/Brand

Requirements:

- Platform name: "Freelance Marketplace" (or custom)
- Text-based or image logo
- Clickable link to homepage
- Position: Left side of header
- Prominent and readable

Search Bar

Location: Center of header

Display:

- Search input field (placeholder: "Search services...")
- Search button or submit icon
- Full-width or fixed width (minimum 300px)

Functionality:

- Accepts keyword search query
- Submits to search results page
- Available to all users (guests and logged-in)

Authentication Controls (Right Side)

For Guest Users:

- "Login" link → redirects to login page
- "Sign Up" link → redirects to registration page
- Links styled as buttons or prominent text links

For Logged-In Users:

Display varies by role:

All Logged-In Users:

- User profile card (small)
- Logout link

Clients Only:

- Shopping cart icon with badge showing item count
- Cart icon clickable → redirects to shopping cart page

Profile Card

Display:

- User photo (60x60px, circular)
- User full name (below photo or beside)
- Entire card clickable → links to profile page

Profile Card Styling by Role:

- **Client:** Blue border/accent (#007BFF), light blue background (#E7F3FF)
- **Freelancer:** Green border/accent (#28A745), light green background (#D4EDDA)

Shopping Cart Icon (Clients Only)

Specifications:

- Icon: Shopping cart symbol (30x30px)
- Badge: Red circular badge (#DC3545) with white text
- Badge position: Top-right of icon
- Badge content: Number of services in cart (e.g., "3")
- Badge minimum size: 18x18px
- Clickable: Links to shopping cart page



Cart Badge Updates:

- Updates when service added to cart (Use Case 8)
- Updates when service removed from cart (Use Case 9)
- Shows current count in the shopping cart

Logout Link

- Text: "Logout" or logout icon
- Destroys session and redirects to homepage

Navigation Component

Navigation Structure

Position: Left sidebar (15% width) or horizontal below header

For Guest Users	For Clients	For Freelancers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home• Browse Services• Login• Sign Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home• Browse Services• Shopping Cart• My Orders• My Profile• Logout	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home• Browse Services• My Services• My Orders• My Profile• Logout

Navigation Requirements

Technical:

- Use semantic HTML (<nav> element)
- Current page visually indicated (active state)
- Links clearly visible and clickable
- Consistent across all pages

Active Page Indication:

- Current page link styled differently
- Examples: Bold text, different background color, underline
- Clear visual distinction from other links

Footer Component

Display Requirements

Footer must include:

- Copyright notice
- Links to static pages
- Contact information (optional)

Required Content:

- Copyright: "© 2024 Freelance Marketplace. All rights reserved."
- Links: Terms of Service, Privacy Policy, Contact Us

Position: Bottom of page, full width

Styling:

- Visually distinct from main content
- Typically: Darker background, lighter text
- Adequate padding for readability

Form Standards

General Form Requirements

All forms in the application must follow these standards.

Form Structure

- **Sections:** Forms should be organized into logical sections with clear headings when appropriate
- **Field Groupings:** Related fields grouped together visually (e.g., "Account Information", "Service Details")

Field Requirements

Labels:

- All input fields must have clear, descriptive labels
- Labels positioned above or beside input fields
- Labels associated with inputs (for attribute)

Required Fields:

- Clearly marked (e.g., asterisk *, "required" text, or styling)
- Validation enforced server-side
- Error message if not provided
- All required input fields must be clearly marked with an asterisk (*) next to the label

Optional Fields:

- Clearly marked as optional
- "(optional)" text in label or placeholder

Placeholders:

- Helpful examples or format hints
- Should not replace labels
- Light gray text, disappears on focus

Input Types

Use appropriate HTML5 input types:

- `text`, `email`, `password`, `number`, `date`, `tel`, `url`
- `textarea` for multi-line text
- `select` for dropdown lists

- `radio` buttons for single choice
- `checkboxes` for multiple choice or agreements

Input Field Width:

- Standard input fields (text, email, password) must occupy the full width of their container
- Achieved using CSS properties like `width: 100%`

Validation

Server-Side Validation Required:

- All inputs must be validated on server
- Appropriate error messages displayed
- Form data preserved on validation failure (user doesn't re-enter everything)
- **Exception:** Passwords should never be preserved/re-populated

Validation Types:

- Required field validation
- Format validation (email, phone, etc.)
- Length validation (min/max characters)
- Type validation (numeric, alphabetic, etc.)
- Business rule validation (e.g., unique email)

Error Handling

Error Display:

- Errors displayed clearly near relevant fields, or above form in case an error is not a field-related error
- Red text or red border on error fields
- Specific error messages (not generic "error occurred")
- Multiple errors shown together if applicable
- Display validation error messages clearly and near the relevant input field, must be rendered in red text

Error Message Format:

- Clear and specific: "Email is required"
- Not technical: Avoid error codes or technical jargon
- Actionable: Tell user how to fix

Success Handling

Success Messages:

- Green background or green text
- Clear confirmation message
- Displayed prominently
- Redirect to appropriate page after brief display (optional)

Button Standards

Button Labels:

- Meaningful, action-oriented text
- Examples: "Create Account", "Login", "Save Changes", "Place Order"
- NOT: "Submit", "OK", "Click Here"

Button Types:

- Primary action: Most prominent button (e.g., submit)
- Secondary action: Less prominent (e.g., cancel, back)
- Destructive action: Warning color for delete/cancel operations

Button Placement:

- Primary button on right (in LTR languages)
- Cancel/Back button on left
- Adequate spacing between buttons

Button Styling:

- The primary action button must be prominent and visually distinct from secondary buttons
- Primary button should use a dominant brand color and often be full width

Exact Button Text Requirements

Form	Primary Button	Secondary Button
User Registration	"Create Account"	"Cancel"
User Login	"Login"	-
Create Service	"Publish Service"	"Save as Draft"
Edit Service	"Update Service"	"Cancel"
Edit Profile	"Save Changes"	"Cancel"
Add to Cart	"Add to Cart"	"Order Now"
Checkout - Step 1	"Continue to Payment"	"Edit Cart"
Checkout - Step 2	"Continue to Review"	"Back"
Checkout - Step 3	"Place Order"	"Edit Payment"
Request Revision	"Submit Request"	"Cancel"
Upload Delivery	"Upload Delivery"	"Cancel"
Leave Review	"Submit Review"	"Cancel"

Links and Terms & Conditions

Requirements:

- Any agreement text (like Terms of Service) must contain working links to the relevant pages
- Use the appropriate HTML element (<a>)

Accessibility

Requirements:

- Labels for all inputs
- Logical tab order
- Clear focus indicators
- Adequate color contrast
- Error messages readable

Visual Hierarchy

Requirements:

- Ensure a clear visual flow and distinction between different sections
- Use different font sizes, weights, or card containers
- Must be easily scannable and digestible

Table Styling Requirements

General Table Requirements

Table Headers:

- For all tables exceeding the viewport height, the table headers must remain visible while scrolling
- Requires correct application of the `position: sticky` CSS property
- The table header should have a different background and text color from the table data
- Header data should be centralized

Table Structure:

- The table result should have a border and consume 100% width of the containing element
- The table rows should have a different background for even rows than odd rows

Row Hover Effect:

- Table rows will change background color on hover for better readability

Link Styling:

- The reference data that appear in search table, such as service number, should be given a different style than the other links within the document

File Display Styling Requirements

Container Layout

Structure:

- Each file displays in a horizontal container with two sections: **Icon (left) | File Info (center)**

Container Styling:

- White background
- 1px solid border (#DEE2E6)
- 15px padding
- 6px border-radius
- 10px margin between files

Hover Effect:

- Light shadow: 0 2px 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.1)

File Type Icons (CSS Attribute Selectors with Pseudo-elements)

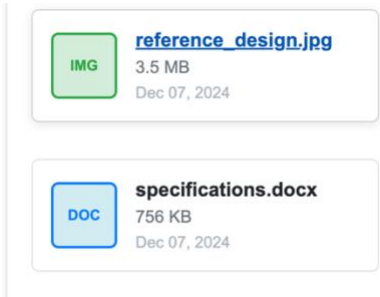
File Type	Icon Color	Background	Content
PDF Files	#DC3545 (Red)	#F8D7DA (Light Red)	"PDF"
Documents (DOC/DOCX)	#007BFF (Blue)	#D1ECF1 (Light Blue)	"DOC"
Images (JPG/PNG/GIF)	#28A745 (Green)	#D4EDDA (Light Green)	"IMG"
Archives (ZIP/RAR)	#6F42C1 (Purple)	#E2D9F3 (Light Purple)	"ZIP"
Generic/Unknown	#6C757D (Gray)	#E9ECEF (Light Gray)	"FILE"

Icon Specifications:

- Size: 40-50px square
- Centered text/content
- 2px solid border matching icon color
- 6px border-radius

File Information

File Name:



- Font size: 16px
- Font weight: Semi-bold (600)
- Color: Dark gray (#212529)
- Clickable with underline on hover
- Truncate with ellipsis if too long

File Size:

- Font size: 14px
- Color: Gray (#6C757D)
- Format: "X.X MB" or "X KB" (human-readable, 1 decimal place)

Upload Date:

- Font size: 13px
- Color: Light gray (#ADB5BD)
- Format: "MMM DD, YYYY" (e.g., "Dec 07, 2024")

Vertical Spacing:

- 5px gap between name, size, and date

Empty State

Display:

- Message: "No files uploaded"
- Font size: 14px
- Color: Gray (#6C757D)
- Center-aligned
- 20px padding
- Light gray background (#F8F9FA)
- 1px dashed border (#DEE2E6)

Progress Breadcrumb Navigation

Position and Layout

- Fixed horizontal progress navigation bar at top of content area (below main header)
- Full width of content area with white or light gray background (#F8F9FA)
- Center-aligned with equal spacing between steps

Step Labels (Three Steps)

1. **Step1; example Service Requirements (Check out use case)**
2. **Step2; example Payment Information (Check out use case)**

3. Step3; example Review and Confirmation (Check out use case)

Step Structure

- Each step displays a circular icon (40-50px diameter) with label below
- Steps connected by horizontal connector lines
- Icons created using CSS attribute selectors with pseudo-elements

Visual States

Completed Steps

Property	Value
Background	Green (#28A745)
Icon	Checkmark (✓) via CSS pseudo-element
Text	White (#FFFFFF)
Font Weight	Normal or Semi-bold
Clickable	YES
Hover	Darker green (#218838)
Cursor	Pointer
Action	Navigate back and restore data from Session

Current Step

Property	Value
Background	Blue (#007BFF)
Icon	Step number in filled circle
Text	White (#FFFFFF)
Font Weight	Bold
Clickable	NO
Cursor	Default
Emphasis	Most prominent visual element

Pending Steps

Property	Value
Background	Light gray (#E9ECEF) or transparent
Icon	Empty circle outline (CSS border)
Text	Gray (#6C757D)
Font Weight	Normal or Light
Clickable	NO
Cursor	Not-allowed
Border	2px solid gray (#6C757D)

Connector Lines

- Between completed steps: Green (#28A745)
- Between current and pending: Gray (#DEE2E6)
- Between pending steps: Gray (#DEE2E6)
- Height: 2-4px solid line

Data Restoration

Functionality:

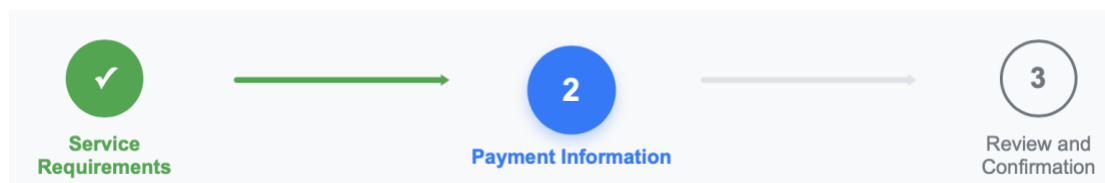
- Clicking completed steps loads data from session
- Pre-fill all form fields with previously entered data

Implementation

- Use Unicode characters (✓) or CSS-drawn shapes for icons

Color Palette Summary

State	Background	Text/Icon	Border/Hover
Completed	#28A745 (Green)	#FFFFFF (White)	#218838 (Hover)
Current	#007BFF (Blue)	#FFFFFF (White)	-
Pending	#E9ECEF (Light Gray)	#6C757D (Gray)	#6C757D
Connectors (completed)	#28A745	-	-
Connectors (pending)	#DEE2E6	-	-



Page-Specific Styling Requirements

Profile Page Layout (Use Case 3)

Two-Column Layout

- **Left Column:** 30% width, sticky positioning
- **Right Column:** 70% width
- Use CSS Flexbox or Grid for layout

Profile Card

- **Profile Photo:** 150x150px, circular, centered
- **Upload/Change Option:** Button or link below photo

- **Default Placeholder:** If no photo set
- **User Information:** Full name, email, role badge, member since
- **Role Badge:**
 - Positioned below name
 - Colored background (Client: #007BFF, Freelancer: #28A745)
 - White text
 - Rounded corners (border-radius: 15px)
 - Padding: 5px 15px

Statistics Card (Freelancers Only)

- **Position:** Below profile card in left column
- **Layout:** 2x2 grid using CSS Grid
- **Display:** Four statistics cards
 - Total Services (all owned)
 - Active Services (green accent #28A745)
 - Featured Services (gold/yellow #FFD700 if at limit, format: X/3)
 - Total Orders (completed only)
- **Styling:**
 - Large numbers (font-size: 32px, font-weight: bold)
 - Small labels below (font-size: 14px, color: #6C757D)
 - White/light background
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Optional icons above numbers
 - Equal height cells
 - Gap: 15px between cards

Professional Information Section (Freelancers Only)

- **Fields:** Professional Title, Bio, Skills, Years of Experience
- **Styling:** Same as personal information section
- **Note:** Hidden for clients

Service Browse Page Layout (Use Case 6)

Services Grid

- **Layout:** CSS Grid or Flexbox
- **Columns:** 3-4 cards per row (responsive)
- **Properties:**
 - **Equal Height Cards:** All cards same height in each row
 - **Consistent Spacing:** 25px gap between cards

Service Card Component

- **Card Container:**

- White background (#FFFFFF)
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Box-shadow: 0 2px 4px rgba(0,0,0,0.1)
 - Padding: 0 (image full-width at top)
 - Entire card clickable
- **Service Image:**
 - Full width at top of card
 - Height: 200px (object-fit: cover)
 - Border-radius: 8px 8px 0 0
 - Clickable (links to service detail)
- **Card Content:**
 - Padding: 15px
- **Service Title:**
 - Font-size: 18px
 - Font-weight: 600 /* ('semi-bold' isn't standard, use 600) */
 - Color: #212529
 - Clickable (links to service detail)
 - Margin-bottom: 10px
- **Freelancer Info:**
 - Profile photo: 30x30px, circular
 - Name beside photo
 - Font-size: 14px
 - Color: #6C757D
 - Margin-bottom: 10px
- **Category:**
 - Font-size: 13px
 - Color: #6C757D
 - Margin-bottom: 10px
- **Price:**
 - Font-size: 20px
 - Font-weight: bold
 - Color: #28A745
 - Format: "Starting at \$XX"
- **Featured Badge:**
 - Position: Top-right corner (absolute positioning)
 - Gold background (#FFD700)
 - White text
 - Padding: 5px 10px
 - Border-radius: 0 8px 0 8px
 - Font-size: 12px
- **Hover Effect:**
 - Box-shadow: 0 4px 12px rgba(0,0,0,0.15)
 - Border-color: #007BFF (optional)
 - Transform: translateY(-2px)
 - Transition: all 0.3s ease

Featured Services Section

- **Location:** Above main services grid
- **Heading:** "Featured Services" (H2)
- **Layout:** Horizontal row or carousel
- **Separator:** Margin-bottom: 40px before main grid

Search Results Display

- **Search Term Display:** "Search results for '[term]'" + result count
- **Category Filter Display:** Category name + result count
- **Clear Filter Link:** "Show All Services" or "Show All Categories"
- **No Results Message:** Clear message with link to clear filters

Service Detail Page Layout (Use Case 7)

Two-Column Layout

- **Left Column:** 65% width
- **Right Column:** 35% width
- Use CSS Flexbox or Grid

Image Gallery (Left Column)

- **Main Image:**
 - Large display (width: 100%, max-height: 500px)
 - Object-fit: cover
 - Border-radius: 8px
- **Thumbnails:**
 - Horizontal row below main image
 - Each thumbnail: 100px × 75px
 - Gap: 10px between thumbnails
 - Border: 2px solid transparent
 - Active thumbnail: Border-color: #007BFF
 - Clickable to switch main image
 - Border-radius: 4px

Service Information (Left Column)

- **Service Title:** H1, font-size: 28px, margin-bottom: 15px
- **Category Badge (Breadcrumb):**
 - Format: "Category > Subcategory"
 - Font-size: 14px
 - Color: #6C757D
 - Separator: ">" with spacing
 - Margin-bottom: 20px

- **Freelancer Info Card:**
 - Light background (#F8F9FA)
 - Padding: 15px
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Margin: 20px 0
 - **Layout:** Profile photo (left) | Info (right)
 - Profile photo: 60x60px, circular
 - Name: Bold, clickable link
 - Member since: Small text, gray
 - Link to profile
- **Description:**
 - Heading: "About This Service" (H3)
 - Font-size: 16px
 - Line-height: 1.6
 - Color: #212529
 - Max-width: 100%

Booking Card (Right Column - Sticky)

- **Position:** Sticky (top: 20px)
- **Container:**
 - White background
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Box-shadow: 0 2px 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.1)
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Padding: 20px
- **Price Display:**
 - Heading: "Starting at" (small, gray)
 - Price: Large (font-size: 32px), bold, green (#28A745)
 - Margin-bottom: 15px
- **Info Items:**
 - Delivery time: Icon + "X days"
 - Revisions: Icon + "X included"
 - Font-size: 14px
 - Margin: 10px 0
- **Buttons:**
 - Full width of card
 - Margin: 10px 0
 - Order: "Add to Cart" first, then "Order Now"
 - Different states for guests, clients, freelancers (see Use Case 7)

Create/Edit Service Page (Use Case 4 & 5)

Multi-Step Progress Indicator

- Already documented in "Progress Breadcrumb Navigation"

- Same styling applies to service creation steps

Image Upload Area

- **Container:**
 - Border: 2px dashed #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Padding: 30px
 - Background: #F8F9FA
 - Text-align: center
- **Upload Button:**
 - Styled as primary button
 - Icon: Upload icon
- **Thumbnails Display:**
 - Size: 150px × 112px
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 4px
 - Position: Relative (for radio buttons and remove button)
- **Main Image Indicator:**
 - Gold star icon (★)
 - Position: Top-left corner (absolute)
 - Background: #FFD700
 - Padding: 5px
 - Border-radius: 0 0 4px 0
- **Remove Button:**
 - Red X icon (×)
 - Position: Top-right corner (absolute)
 - Background: #DC3545
 - Color: white
 - Border-radius: 50%
 - Width: 24px
 - Height: 24px
 - Cursor: pointer
 - Hover: Darker red (#C82333)

Subcategory Dropdown

- **optgroup Labels:**
 - Font-weight: bold
 - Background: #F8F9FA
 - Padding: 8px
 - Not selectable
- **Options:**
 - Indented (padding-left: 20px)
 - Background: white
 - Selectable

My Services Table (Use Case 5)

Table Structure

- **Sticky Header:** position: sticky, top: 0
- **Header Styling:**
 - Background: #F8F9FA
 - Text color: #212529
 - Text-align: center
 - Font-weight: 600
 - Padding: 12px
 - Border-bottom: 2px solid #DEE2E6
- **Table Body:**
 - Width: 100%
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
- **Row Styling:**
 - Even rows: Background #FFFFFF
 - Odd rows: Background #F8F9FA
 - Hover: Background #E7F3FF (light blue)
 - Padding: 10px
 - Transition: background 0.2s ease

Featured Star Icon

- **Implementation:** CSS ::before pseudo-element
- **Content:** "★ " (star character with space)
- **Color:** Gold (#FFD700)
- **Position:** Before text "Featured"
- **Example:**

```
.featured-indicator::before { content: "★ "; color: #FFD700; }
```

Sort Indicators

- **Sortable Columns:** Show sort icon
- **Active Sort:** Bold text, colored icon
- **Icons:** ↑ (ascending) or ↓ (descending)
- **Implementation:** Can use CSS content or SVG icons

Shopping Cart Page (Use Case 9)

Cart Table

- **Thumbnail Size:** 100px × 75px
- **All other specifications:** Same as My Services table (sticky header, alternating rows, hover)

Two-Column Layout

- **Main Area (Left):** 65-70% width
- **Summary Sidebar (Right):** 30-35% width

Summary Sidebar

- **Container:**
 - Position: Sticky (top: 20px)
 - White background
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Padding: 20px
 - Box-shadow: 0 2px 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.1)
- **Heading:** "Order Summary"
- **Items:**
 - Subtotal
 - Service Fee (5%)
 - Total (bold, larger font)
- **Checkout Button:**
 - Full width
 - Large
 - Primary color
 - Margin-top: 20px

Empty Cart State

- **Container:**
 - Text-align: center
 - Padding: 60px 20px
 - Background: #F8F9FA
 - Border-radius: 8px
- **Icon:** Shopping bag or cart icon (large, gray)
- **Message:** "Your cart is empty" (font-size: 24px)
- **Button:** "Browse Services" (primary, centered)
- **Recently Viewed Section:**
 - Heading: "Recently Viewed Services"
 - Display: Up to 4 service cards
 - Same styling as browse page cards
 - Horizontal layout or grid

Order Success Page (Use Case 10.8)

Success Banner

- **Position:** Full-width at top

- **Background:** Green (#28A745)
- **Text Color:** White (#FFFFFF)
- **Text-align:** Center
- **Padding:** 40px 20px
- **Checkmark Icon:**
 - Large (font-size: 48px or icon size: 64px)
 - Circle background: White with green checkmark
 - Or white checkmark on green background
- **Heading:** "Orders Placed Successfully!" (font-size: 32px)
- **Subtext:** "You have placed X orders" (font-size: 18px)
- **Total Amount:** Displayed prominently

Order Cards

- **Layout:**
 - Stack vertically
 - Centered (margin: 0 auto)
 - Max-width: 800px
 - Consistent spacing (margin-bottom: 20px)
 - Flexbox column layout
- **Card Styling:**
 - White background
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Padding: 20px
 - Box-shadow: 0 2px 4px rgba(0,0,0,0.1)
 - Hover: Box-shadow: 0 4px 12px rgba(0,0,0,0.15)
- **Card Content:**
 - Order ID: Bold, primary color (#007BFF), font-size: 18px
 - Service Title: Bold, font-size: 16px
 - Freelancer: Link to profile, font-size: 14px, blue
 - Status Badge: "Pending", orange background
 - Total Amount: Bold, font-size: 18px
 - Expected Delivery: Font-size: 14px, gray
 - Button: "View Order Details" (primary)

Action Buttons

- **Container:**
 - Center-aligned
 - Margin-top: 30px
 - Gap: 15px between buttons
- **View All Orders:** Primary button, large
- **Browse More Services:** Secondary button, large

Order Details Page (Use Case 11.3)

Order Timeline Display

- **Container:**
 - Vertical timeline layout
 - Margin: 30px 0
 - Padding: 20px
 - Background: #F8F9FA
 - Border-radius: 8px
- **Timeline Item Structure:**
 - Position: Relative
 - Padding-left: 50px
 - Margin-bottom: 30px (last item: 0)
- **Timeline Icon:**
 - Position: Absolute (left: 0)
 - Size: 40px × 40px
 - Border-radius: 50%
 - Background: Based on status (completed: green, pending: gray)
 - Icon centered inside circle
 - Z-index: 2 (above connector line)
- **Connector Line:**
 - Position: Absolute (left: 19px, top: 40px)
 - Width: 2px
 - Height: calc(100% + 30px)
 - Background: #DEE2E6
 - Last item: Hidden
- **Timeline Content:**
 - Status title: Bold, font-size: 16px
 - Timestamp: Font-size: 14px, gray
 - Description: Font-size: 14px, color: #6C757D
 - Margin-left: 20px from icon

Revision History Card

- **Container:**
 - White background
 - Border: 1px solid #DEE2E6
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Padding: 20px
 - Margin-bottom: 20px
- **Summary Statistics:**
 - Layout: Horizontal flex or grid
 - Items: Total requests, Accepted, Rejected, Pending, Revisions Remaining: 0/3 (if limits reached)
 - Each item:
 - Number: Large (font-size: 24px), bold
 - Label: Small (font-size: 12px), gray

- Color-coded: Accepted (green), Rejected (red), Pending (orange)
- **History Table:**
 - Same styling as other tables (sticky header, alternating rows)
 - Columns: Request #, Date, Description, Status, Response, Response Date

Status Notification Badges/Alerts

- **Alert Container:**
 - Full-width
 - Padding: 15px 20px
 - Border-radius: 8px
 - Margin-bottom: 20px
 - Border-left: 4px solid (color varies by type)
- **Types:**
 - Info: Background #D1ECF1, border #17A2B8
 - Success: Background #D4EDDA, border #28A745
 - Warning: Background #FFF3CD, border #FFC107
 - Danger: Background #F8D7DA, border #DC3545
- **Icon:** Left-aligned, matching border color
- **Text:** Font-size: 14px, color matching context

File Attachments with Download

- Use file display styling from earlier section
- **Download Link:**
 - File name is clickable
 - Hover: Underline, color: #007BFF
 - Cursor: pointer
- **File Actions:**
 - Download icon/button beside file name
 - Optional: Preview for images

CSS Class Reference

CSS Class Conventions

Purpose

Consistent CSS class naming improves code maintainability and clarity.

Class Naming Guidelines

Use descriptive, semantic names:

- Good: `.service-card`, `.order-summary`, `.user-profile`
- Avoid: `.box1`, `.red-text`, `.container2`

Use lowercase with hyphens:

- Good: `.order-details`, `.cart-item`
- Avoid: `.OrderDetails`, `.cart_item`

Component-based naming:

- Parent: `.service-card`
- Children: `.service-card-title`, `.service-card-price`

Technical Requirements

Styling Approach:

- Students must write custom CSS (no frameworks)
- May use CSS Flexbox for layouts
- May use CSS Grid for layouts
- Consistent spacing and sizing throughout

File Organization:

- CSS may be in separate file(s) or in `<style>` tags
- Consistent organization recommended
- Comments for major sections helpful

CSS Class Reference

This section provides a comprehensive reference of CSS classes used throughout the Freelance Services Marketplace application. These classes ensure consistent styling and maintainable code across all pages.

A.1 Layout Classes

Layout classes define the overall page structure and positioning of major components.

Class Name	Purpose	Usage
<code>.header</code>	Top navigation and branding area	Applied to the header element containing logo, search, and auth controls
<code>.navigation</code>	Sidebar or horizontal menu	Applied to nav element; contains role-based navigation links
<code>.main-content</code>	Primary content area	Contains the main page content between header and footer
<code>.sidebar</code>	Optional side panel	Used for filters, additional info, or contextual content

.footer	Bottom of page	Contains copyright, links, and footer information
.container	Content wrapper	Centers and constrains content width
.wrapper	Full-width container	Wraps sections requiring full viewport width

A.2 Component Classes

Component classes style individual UI elements such as cards, forms, and user profile displays.

Class Name	Purpose	Example Usage
.service-card	Individual service display card	Browse services grid, featured services
.service-card-title	Service title within card	Child element of .service-card
.service-card-price	Service price display	Shows formatted price within service card
.order-card	Order summary card	My Orders page, order history
.user-card	User profile summary	Freelancer profile display in service details
.profile-card	User authentication display	Header profile card for logged-in users
.statistics-card	Dashboard statistics	Freelancer dashboard metrics
.booking-card	Order details container	Checkout and order management pages
.card	Base card container	White background, border, shadow for content grouping

A.3 Button Classes

Class Name	Color	Purpose	Use Cases
.btn	Base	Base button class (all buttons)	Foundation for all button styles
.btn-primary	Blue (#007BFF)	Primary action button	Submit forms, Add to Cart, Place Order
.btn-secondary	Gray (#6C757D)	Secondary actions	Cancel, Back, View Details
.btn-success	Green (#28A745)	Success/confirm actions	Mark Complete, Accept, Approve
.btn-danger	Red (#DC3545)	Destructive actions	Delete, Remove, Cancel Order
.btn-disabled	Gray	Disabled state	Non-interactive buttons, cursor: not-allowed
.btn-sm	N/A (size)	Small button variant	Compact actions in tables or cards

A.4 Form Classes

Class Name	Purpose	Implementation
.form-container	Form wrapper	Main container for entire form
.form-group	Groups label and input	Wrapper for each form field
.form-label	Input field label	Applied to label elements
.form-input	Text input, textarea	Standard text input styling
.form-select	Dropdown select	Styled select/dropdown elements
.form-checkbox	Checkbox styling	Custom checkbox appearance
.form-radio	Radio button styling	Custom radio button appearance
.form-button	Form submit buttons	Buttons within forms
.form-error	Validation error message	Red text displayed near invalid fields
.form-section	Logical form grouping	Groups related fields with heading
.form-actions	Button container	Contains submit/cancel buttons at form bottom

A.5 Message Classes

Class Name	Color/Background	Purpose	Examples
.message-success	Green background (#D4EDDA)	Success confirmations	Account created, Order placed
.message-error	Red background (#F8D7DA)	Error notifications	Validation failures, system errors
.message-warning	Yellow background (#FFF3CD)	Warning messages	Incomplete data, approaching limits
.message-info	Blue background (#D1ECF1)	Informational alerts	Tips, helpful guidance

A.6 Status and Badge Classes

Class Name	Color	Purpose	Application
.badge	Base	Base badge styling	Pill-shaped status indicator, foundation for all badge styles
.badge-status	Variable	General status indicator	Displays current state
.badge-featured	Gold (#FFD700)	Featured item badge	Highlight special services
.badge-new	Blue (#007BFF)	New item badge	Recently added services
.badge-sale	Red (#DC3545)	Sale badge	Discounted or promotional items
.badge-top-rated	Green (#28A745)	Top rated badge	Highly rated services
.status-pending	Orange (#FFC107)	Pending status indicator	Order status: Pending

.status-active	Green (#28A745)	Active state	Service status: Active
.status-completed	Purple (#6F42C1)	Completed state	Order status: Delivered/Completed
.status-cancelled	Red (#DC3545)	Cancelled/failed	Order status: Cancelled
.status-in-progress	Blue (#007BFF)	In progress	Order status: In Progress
.status-inactive	Gray (#6C757D)	Inactive state	Service status: Inactive
.badge-warning	Yellow/Orange	Warning badge	Cart count, notification count
.badge-success	Green	Success badge	Completion indicators

A.7 Navigation Classes

Class Name	Purpose	Behavior
.nav-link	Base navigation link	Standard navigation link styling
.nav-link-active	Active page link	Highlights current page in navigation
.nav-link-client	Client-specific navigation	Styling for client role navigation
.nav-link-freelancer	Freelancer-specific navigation	Styling for freelancer role navigation
.nav-item	Navigation menu item	Individual navigation link container

A.8 Utility Classes

Class Name	Purpose	CSS Effect
.text-center	Center align text	text-align: center
.text-left	Left align text	text-align: left
.text-right	Right align text	text-align: right
.text-bold	Bold text	font-weight: bold
.text-muted	Secondary/muted text	Gray color for less important text
.text-error	Error text	Red color (#DC3545)
.text-success	Success text	Green color (#28A745)
.text-warning	Warning text	Orange color (#FFC107)
.hidden	Hide element	display: none
.visible	Show element	display: block or appropriate value
.heading-primary	H1 main page headings	Large, prominent primary headings

A.9 Typography Classes

Class Name	Purpose	Usage
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.heading-primary	H1, main page headings	Large, prominent primary headings
.heading-secondary	H2, section headings	Secondary level headings
.heading-tertiary	H3, subsection headings	Third level headings

A.10 Service Card Classes

Specialized classes for service display cards with different states and features.

Class Name	Purpose	Visual Effect
.service-card-featured	Featured service	Gold border (3px), special highlighting
.service-card-sale	On-sale service	Red sale badge displayed
.service-card-new	New service	Blue new badge displayed
.service-card-top-rated	Top rated service	Green top-rated badge displayed

A.11 Card Component Classes

Classes for card structure and special card variants.

Class Name	Purpose	Usage
.card-header	Card header section	Top section of card with title/actions
.card-body	Card main content	Primary content area of card
.card-footer	Card footer section	Bottom section with actions/metadata
.card-featured	Featured card	Gold styling for special featured items
.card-highlighted	Highlighted items	Subtle background

A.12 Pagination Classes

Classes for pagination controls on browse/search pages.

Class Name	Purpose	Behavior
.pagination	Pagination container	Container for all pagination buttons
.pagination-btn	Individual page buttons	Clickable page number buttons
.pagination-active	Current page	Primary color highlighting current page
.pagination-disabled	Disabled prev/next	Gray styling for disabled navigation

A.13 Progress and Step Indicator Classes

Classes for multi-step processes and progress indicators, including checkout steps.

Class Name	Purpose	Visual State
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.step-indicator	Step indicator container	Container for all steps in process
.step-active	Current step	Primary color, highlighted
.step-completed	Completed steps	Green with checkmark icon
.step-inactive	Future steps	Gray, not yet reached
.checkout-steps	Checkout step container	Specific container for checkout process
.checkout-step-active	Active checkout step	Blue, bold text
.checkout-step-completed	Completed checkout step	Green, checkmark, clickable
.checkout-step-pending	Pending checkout step	Gray, not clickable

A.14 Timeline Classes

Classes for order timeline display showing order status progression.

Class Name	Purpose	Usage
.order-timeline	Timeline container	Main container for order status timeline
.timeline-item	Individual milestone	Each status milestone in timeline
.timeline-icon	Milestone icon	Icon representing milestone type
.timeline-completed	Completed milestones	Green styling for past milestones
.timeline-pending	Pending milestones	Gray styling for future milestones

A.15 Statistics and Dashboard Classes

Classes for displaying dashboard statistics and metrics on freelancer dashboard.

Class Name	Purpose	Usage
.stats-container	Statistics cards container	Container for multiple stat cards
.stat-card	Individual stat card	Card displaying single statistic
.stat-value	Large stat number	Prominently displayed metric value
.stat-label	Stat description	Label describing the statistic

A.16 File Display Classes

Classes for displaying uploaded files with type-specific icons and metadata.

Class Name	Purpose	Styling
.file-item	File container	Container for file icon, info, and actions
.file-icon	File type icon container	40-50px square, colored by file type
.file-info	File metadata container	Contains file name, size, date
.file-name	File name display	16px, semi-bold, clickable
.file-size	File size display	14px, gray, human-readable format
.file-date	Upload date display	13px, light gray, date format

A.17 Role-Specific Profile Card Styling

Profile cards in the header use different color schemes based on user role.

Role	Border/Accent Color	Background Color
Client	#007BFF (Blue)	#E7F3FF (Light Blue)
Freelancer	#28A745 (Green)	#D4EDDA (Light Green)

Complete Color Palette

Comprehensive color reference for all UI elements in the application.

Color Name	Hex Code	Usage
Primary Blue	#007BFF	Primary buttons, client role, links, current steps
Success Green	#28A745	Success messages, freelancer role, active status, completed steps
Danger Red	#DC3545	Error messages, delete buttons, cart badge, sale badges
Warning Orange	#FFC107	Warning messages, pending status
Secondary Gray	#6C757D	Secondary buttons, inactive status, muted text
Purple	#6F42C1	Delivered/completed status, archive files
Gold	#FFD700	Featured badges, premium highlighting
Light Blue Background	#E7F3FF	Client profile card background
Light Blue Border	#B8DAFF	Client profile card border
Light Green Background	#D4EDDA	Freelancer profile card background, success messages
Light Red Background	#F8D7DA	Error messages, PDF file backgrounds
Light Yellow Background	#FFF3CD	Warning messages
Light Blue Info Background	#D1ECF1	Info messages, document file backgrounds
Light Purple Background	#E2D9F3	Archive file backgrounds
White	#FFFFFF	Card backgrounds, text on dark buttons
Black/Dark Gray	#212529	Primary text color
Border Gray	#DEE2E6	Borders, dividers
Light Gray Background	#E9ECEF	Pending steps, inactive elements
Muted Gray	#6C757D	Secondary text
Light Muted Gray	#ADB5BD	Tertiary text (dates, metadata)
Hover Green	#218838	Completed step hover state