ITP 104 Web Publishing

CSS Sprites and jQuery







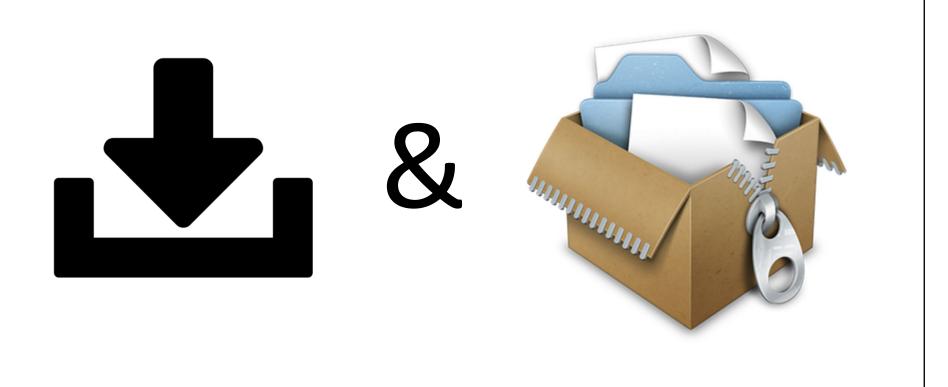






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CSS Sprites

- Sprite = single image file containing multiple images or icons.
- Using CSS Sprites:
 - Set the sprite as the element's background-image.
 - Show only 1 image or icon (part of the sprite) through the element.

Why use CSS Sprites?

1. Performance

Browsers only load 1 large image (1 server request) instead of multiple images (multiple requests).

2. (Slightly) Smaller File Size

Multiple images in 1 file take less memory than multiple images in multiple files.

3. Design

To change the design theme (for holidays or rebranding), only sprite needs to be replaced.

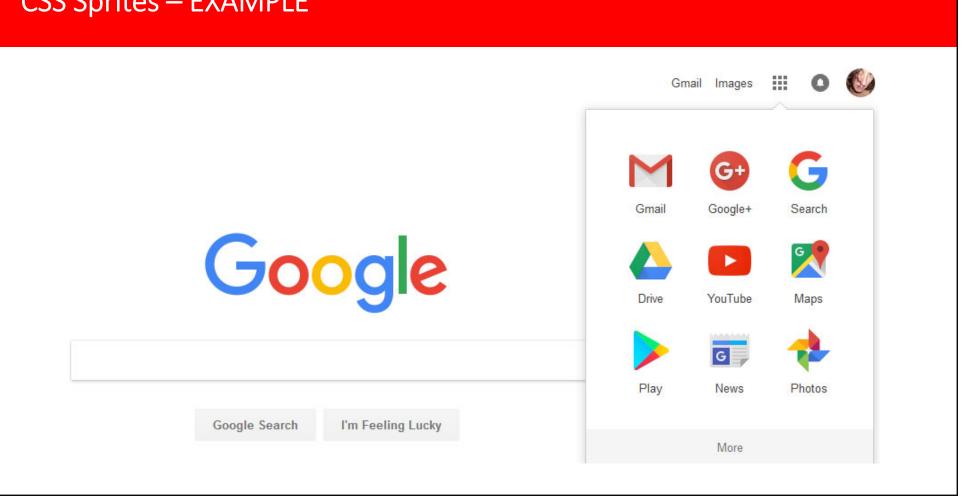
CSS Sprites

Instead of using three separate images, use a single image:



```
#home {
    width: 46px;
    height: 44px;
    background: url(sprite.gif) 0 0;
}
```

CSS Sprites – EXAMPLE



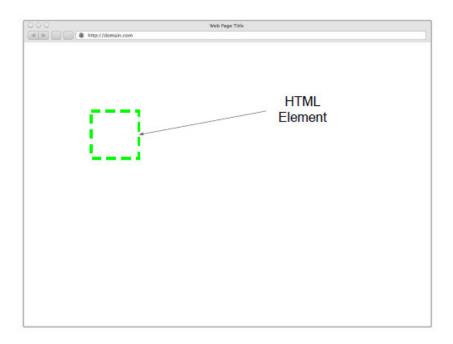
CSS Sprites – EXAMPLE

Sample CSS Sprite with social media icons:



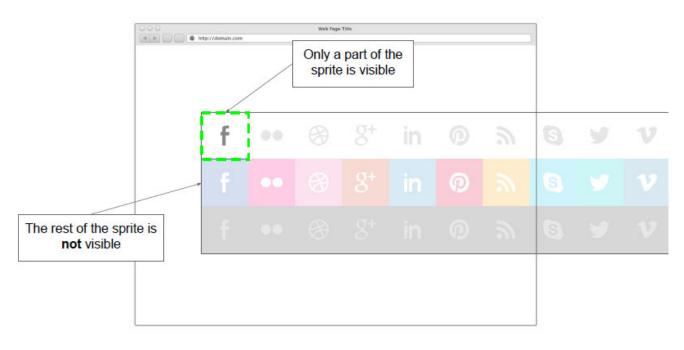
CSS Sprites – STEP 1

STEP 1: Create HTML element



CSS Sprites – STEP 2

STEP 2: CSS Sprite should be the element's background-image



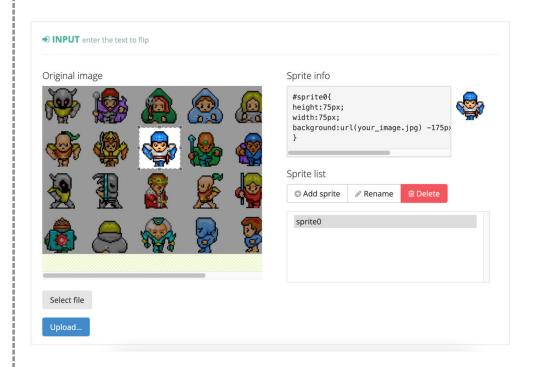
CSS Sprites – STEP 3

STEP 3: Adjust element's size and background-position



CSS Sprites Resources

The term "sprites" comes from a technique in computer graphics, most often used in video games. The idea was that the computer could fetch a graphic into memory, and then only display parts of that image at a time, which was faster than having to continually fetch new images. The sprite was the big combined graphic. CSS Sprites is pretty much the exact same theory: get the image once, and shift it around and only display parts of it. This reduces the overhead of having to fetch multiple images.

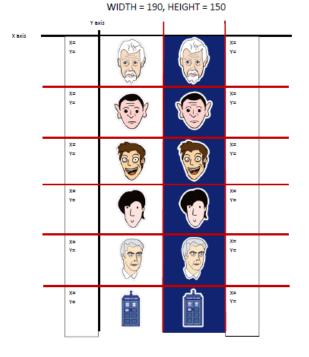


CSS Sprites Resources

Photoshop File

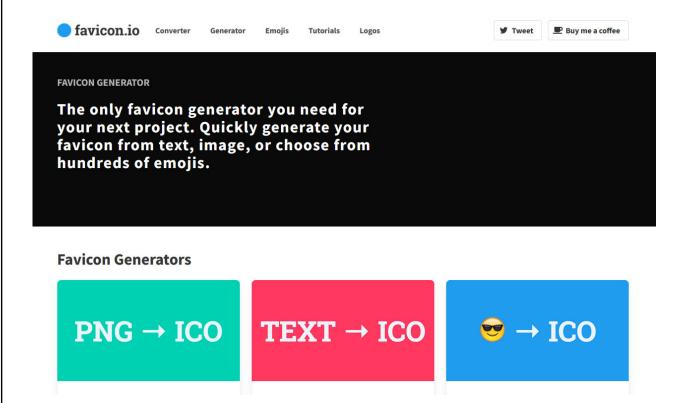


CSS SPRITE WORKSHEET



once you identify X and Y make the values negative and add a background-position property Identify
backgroundposition on
hover and
non-hover
states

Favicon Online Maker



A **favicon** is a small image displayed next to the page title in the browser tab.

<link rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" href="/images/favicon.ico">

Content Management Systems

A content management system, often abbreviated as **CMS**, is software that helps users create, manage, and modify content on a website without the need for specialized technical knowledge.



Popular Content Management Systems





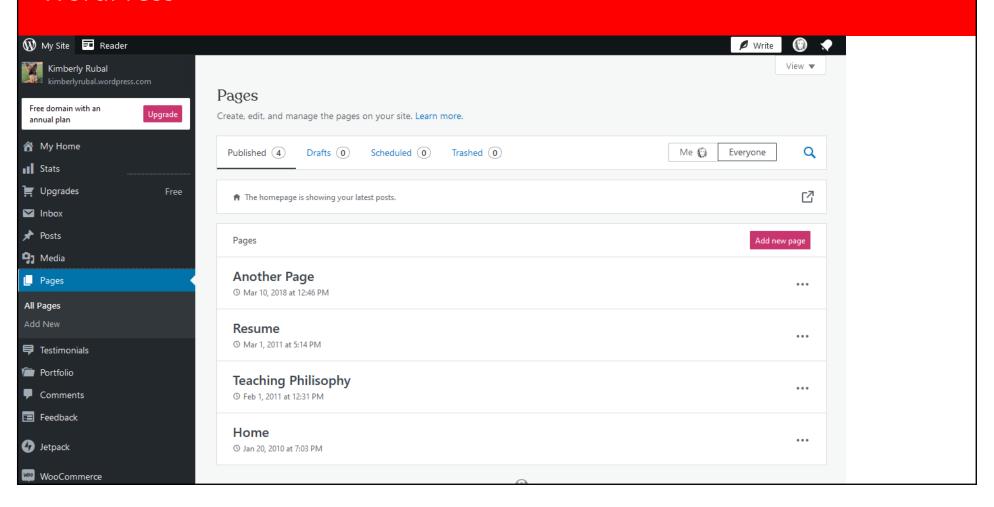








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