



Web  
CSS

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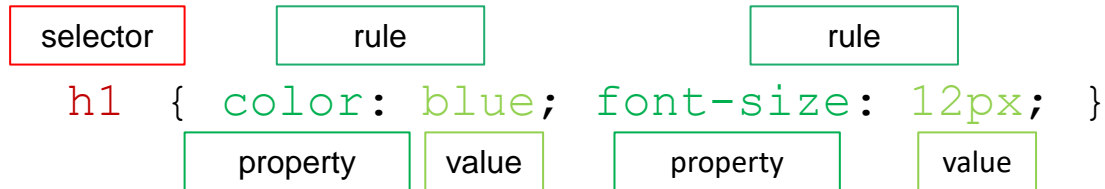
# Context

## **CSS:** *Cascading Style Sheets*

- Styling language
- Created and maintained by the W3C consortium
- Current version: 4 (we will be looking at version 3: <https://www.w3schools.com/css/>)
- Used to add styling to a web page content
- Styles in a separate file
  - More readability, easier to maintain, allows code modularisation
- Advantages
  - Saves time: code can be reused in other web pages
  - Fast loading: does not need HTML attributes for each *tag*
  - Easier to maintain: the web page style can be altered by changing only the CSS file
  - Platform independent: CSS is a standard and supports all browsers

# Syntaxe

The styles are defined as a set of rules



## Components

- **Selector:** selects the HTML elements to style
- **Set of rules:**
  - one or more style rules surrounded by curly braces ({ and }).
  - Each rule has a `property: value` pair and ends with a semicolon (;).
  - Comments are made with `/*` and `*/`

# Integrating CSS into HTML

- **Local**

```
<h1 style="color:blue;margin-left:30px;">I am the header</h1>
```

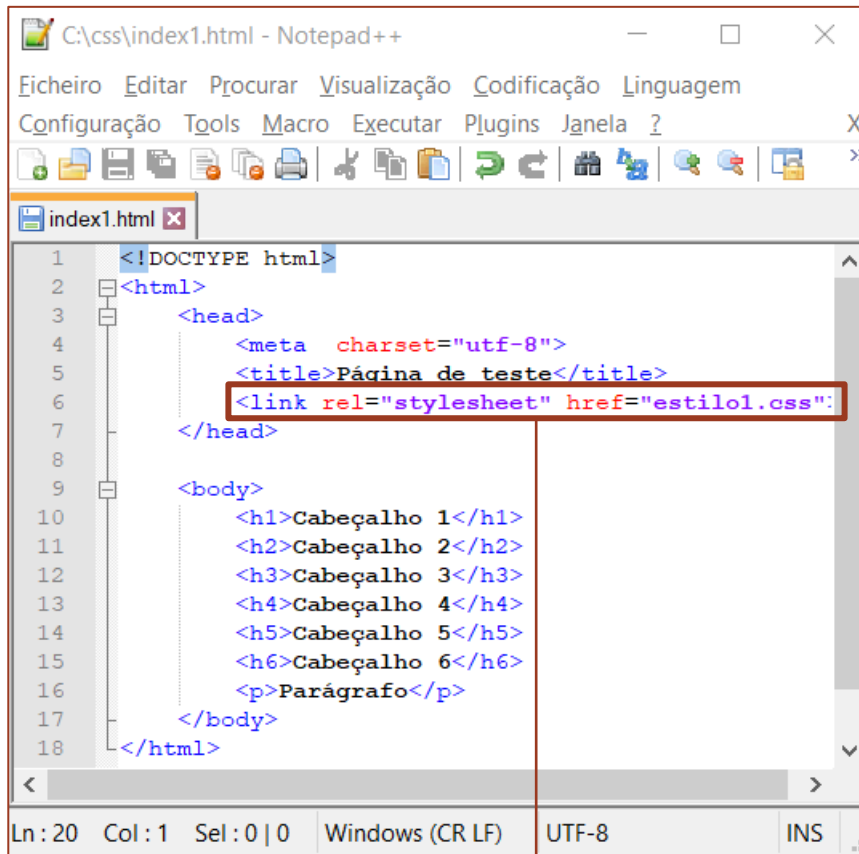
- **Internal**

```
<html>
  <head>
    <style>
      body {
        background-color: red;
      }
    ...
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1> I am the header </h1>
</body>
</html>
```

- **External**

```
<head>
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
</head>
```

## Selector by type of element

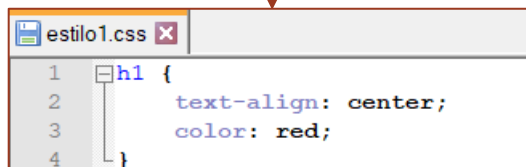


```

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo1.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10    <h1>Cabeçalho 1</h1>
11    <h2>Cabeçalho 2</h2>
12    <h3>Cabeçalho 3</h3>
13    <h4>Cabeçalho 4</h4>
14    <h5>Cabeçalho 5</h5>
15    <h6>Cabeçalho 6</h6>
16    <p>Parágrafo</p>
17  </body>
18 </html>

```

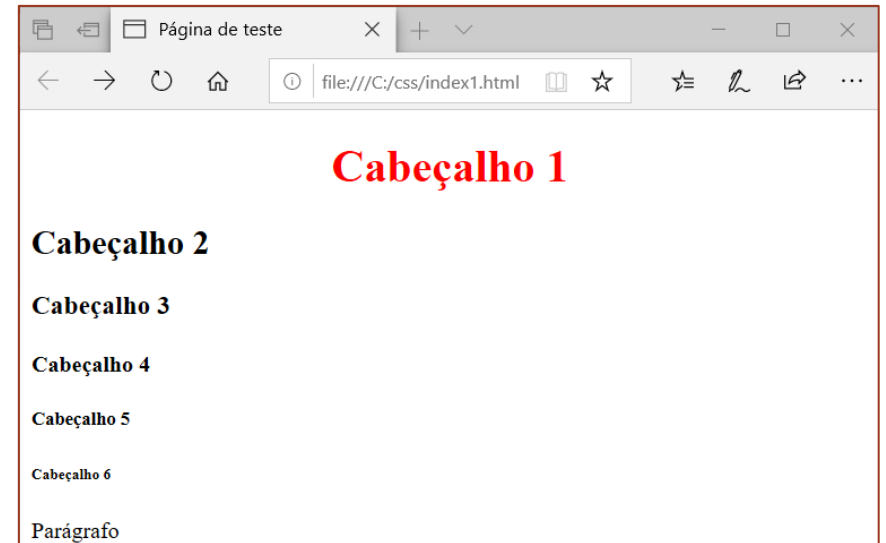
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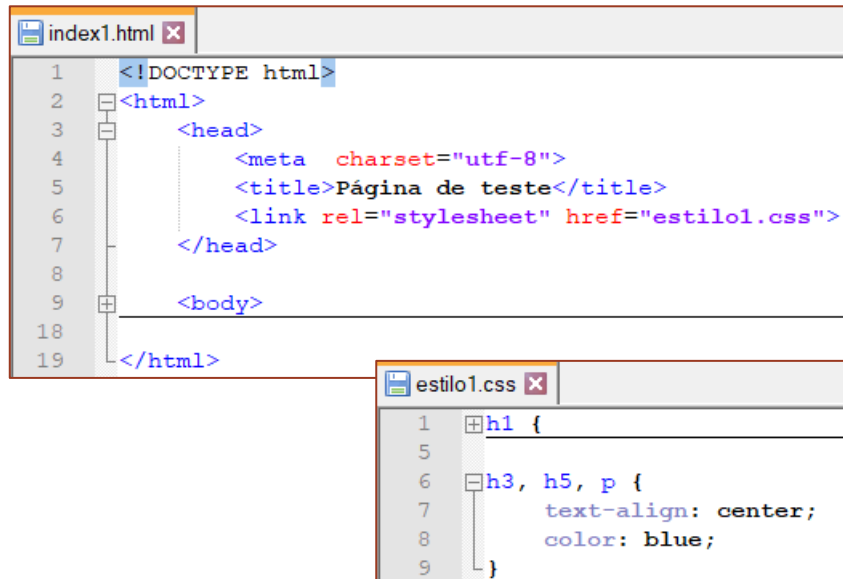
```

1 h1 {
2   text-align: center;
3   color: red;
4 }

```



## Selector by several types of elements

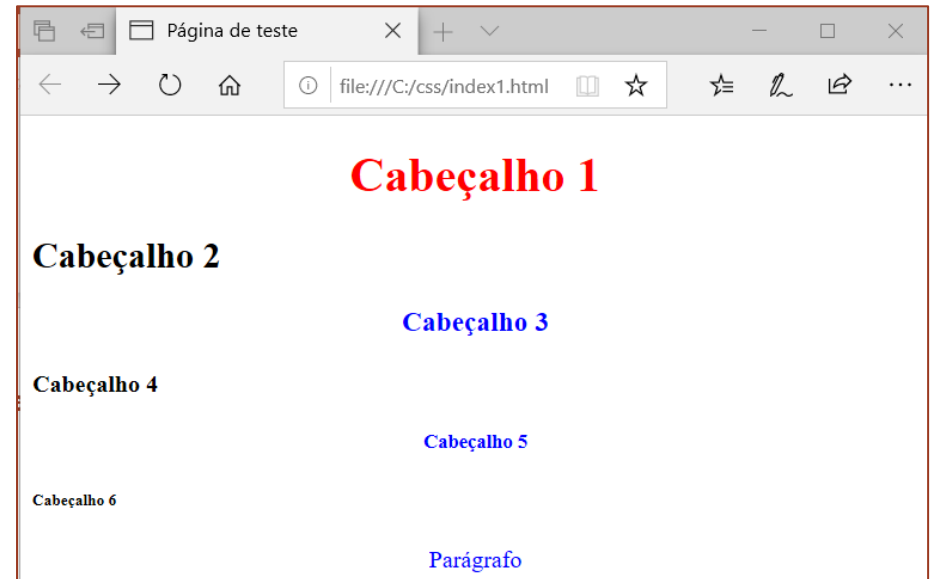


The image shows a code editor with two files open. The first file, `index1.html`, contains the following HTML code:

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo1.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10
18
19 </html>
```

The second file, `estilo1.css`, contains the following CSS code:

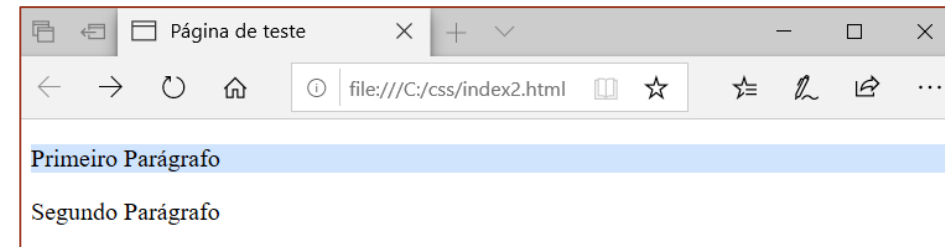
```
1 h1 {
5
6 h3, h5, p {
7   text-align: center;
8   color: blue;
9 }
```



## Selector by identifier (#)

Selects HTML elements based on their id

```
index2.html x
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8">
5      <title>Página de teste</title>
6      <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo2.css">
7  </head>
8
9  <body>
10     <p id="p1">Primeiro Parágrafo</p>
11     <p id="p2">Segundo Parágrafo</p>
12 </body>
13
14 </html>
```



```
estilo2.css x
1  #p1 {
2      background-color: #d0e4fe;
3  }
```

Choose hexadecimal colors:

[https://www.w3schools.com/colors/colors\\_picker.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/colors/colors_picker.asp)

# before the id



## Selectors by class (.)

Selects HTML elements based on their `class`

```

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo3.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10    <h1 class="centro">Cabeçalho 1</h1>
11    <h2 class="esquerda">Cabeçalho 2</h2>
12    <h3 class="centro">Cabeçalho 3</h3>
13    <h6 class="esquerda">Cabeçalho 4</h6>
14    <p class="centro">Primeiro Parágrafo</p>
15    <p class="esquerda">Segundo Parágrafo</p>
16  </body>
17 </html>

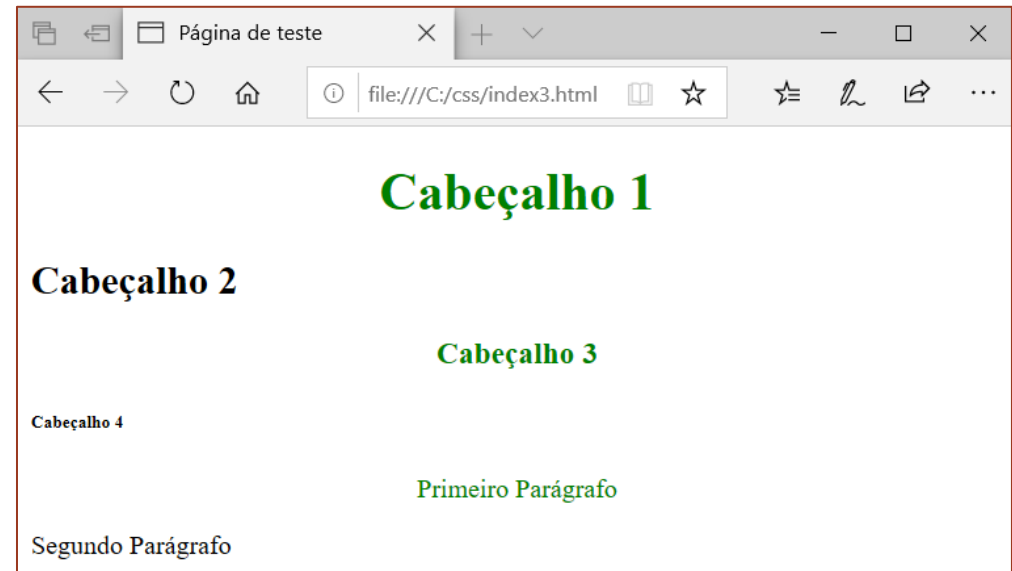
```

```

1 .centro {
2   text-align: center;
3   color: green;
4 }

```

. Before the `class`



## Selectors by class (.)

Selects specific HTML elements based on their `class`

```

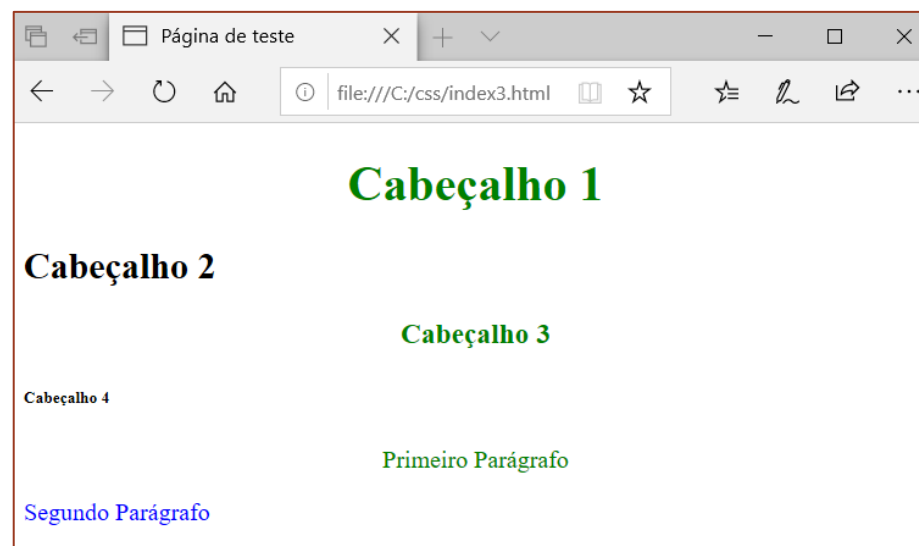
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8">
5      <title>Página de teste</title>
6      <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo3.css">
7  </head>
8
9  <body>
10     <h1 class="centro">Cabeçalho 1</h1>
11     <h2 class="esquerda">Cabeçalho 2</h2>
12     <h3 class="centro">Cabeçalho 3</h3>
13     <h6 class="esquerda">Cabeçalho 4</h6>
14     <p class="centro">Primeiro Parágrafo</p>
15     <p class="esquerda">Segundo Parágrafo</p>
16 </body>
17 </html>

```

```

1  .centro {
5
6  p.esquerda {
7      color: blue;
8  }

```



- Between the `tag` and the `class`

## Selectors by attributes

- Selects HTML elements based on two criteria:

```

index4.html x
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo4.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10    <a href="http://www.upt.pt" target="_blank">UPT nova janela</a><br/>
11    <a href="http://www.upt.pt" target="_self">UPT mesma janela</a>
12  </body>
13 </html>
  
```

- Specific attributes:** selector[attribute] to select elements with a specific attribute.

```

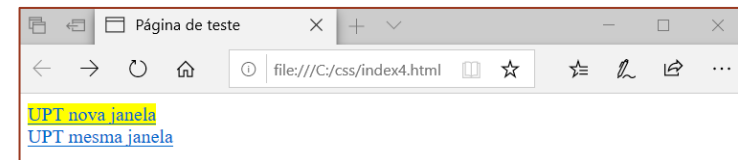
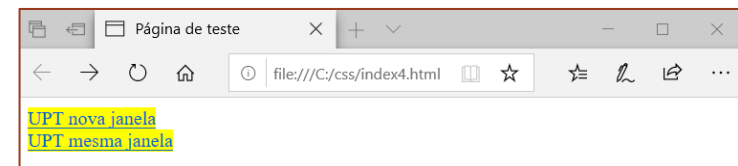
estilo4.css x
1 a[target] {
2   background-color: yellow;
3 }
  
```

- Attribute values:** selector[attribute=value] to select elements with specific attributes and values

```

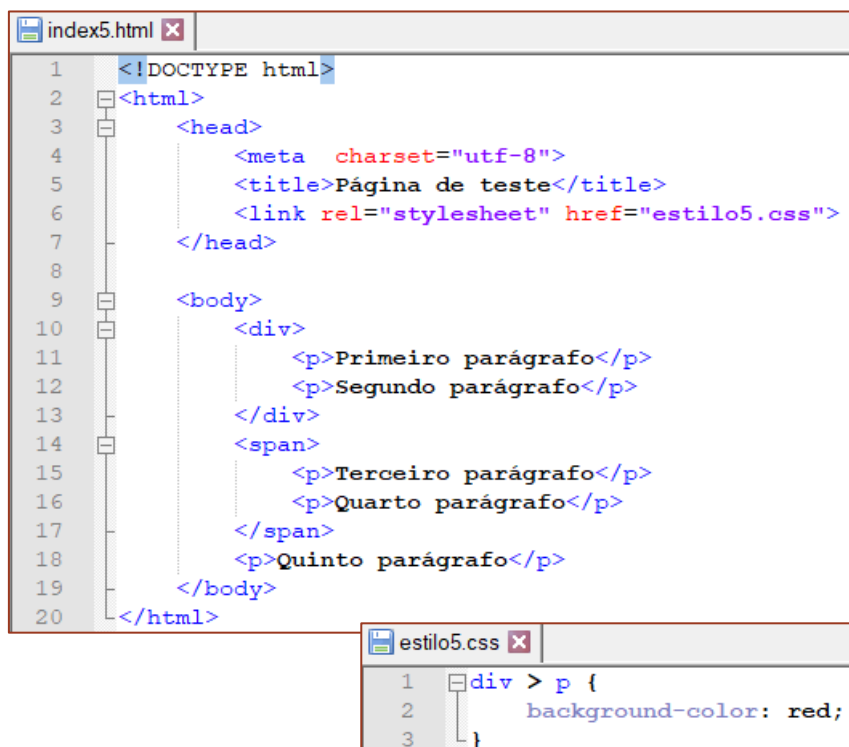
estilo4.css x
1 a[target="_blank"] {
2   background-color: yellow;
3 }
  
```

Selector	Description
[attribute~="value"]	Attribute value <u>contains</u> "value" (full word)
[attribute ="value"]	Attribute value <u>starts with</u> "value" (full word)
[attribute^="value"]	Attribute value <u>starts with</u> "value"
[attribute\$="value"]	Attribute value <u>ends with</u> "value"
[attribute*="value"]	Attribute value <u>contains</u> "value"



## Selectors based on combinators

- We can combine several selectors



```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8">
5      <title>Página de teste</title>
6      <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo5.css">
7  </head>
8
9  <body>
10     <div>
11         <p>Primeiro parágrafo</p>
12         <p>Segundo parágrafo</p>
13     </div>
14     <span>
15         <p>Terceiro parágrafo</p>
16         <p>Quarto parágrafo</p>
17     </span>
18     <p>Quinto parágrafo</p>
19 </body>
20 </html>
  
```

```

1  div > p {
2      background-color: red;
3  }
  
```

Selectors	Description
Children ( )	All the element's children and their children
Right child (>)	The elements children
Right sibling (+)	The siblings after the element
Sibling (~)	All the siblings



## Selectors by pseudo-classes

- **Pseudo-classes** define element status (e.g.: mouse-over, visited/not visited links, elements based on their location)
- **Syntax:** `selector: pseudoclass{  
    property: value;  
}`

```

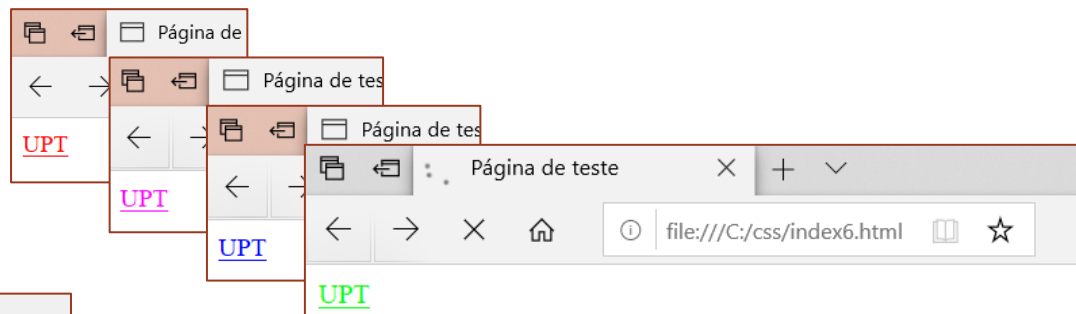
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo6.css">
7   </head>
8   <body>
9     <a href="http://www.upt.pt">UPT</a>
10  </body>
11 </html>

```

```

1 /*link não visitado*/
2 a:link {
3   color: #FF0000;
4 }
5
6 /*link visitado*/
7 a:visited {
8   color: #00FF00;
9 }
10
11 /*mouse over link*/
12 a:hover {
13   color: #FF00FF;
14 }
15
16 /*link selecionado*/
17 a:active {
18   color: #0000FF;
19 }

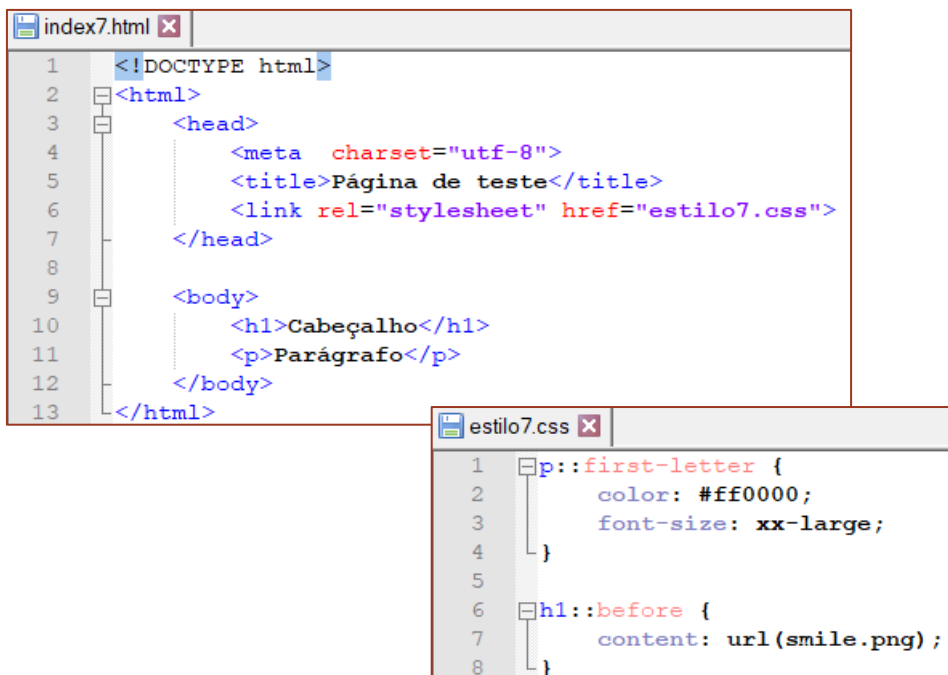
```



## Selectors by pseudo-elements

- Pseudo-elements: used to style parts of an element (e.g: element's first row or character, insert content before/after the element)
- Syntax: 

```
selector:pseudoelement{  
    property: value;  
}
```



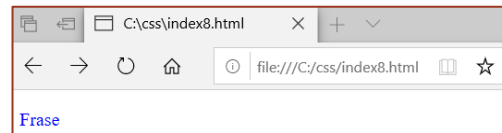
# Cascading

When more than one rule is defined for the same element, there are 3 “tiebreaker” methods:

- **Specificity:** the most specific “wins”

```

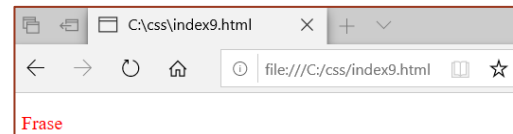
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <style>
5       body p {
6         color: blue;
7       }
8       p {
9         color: red;
10      }
11    </style>
12  </head>
13  <body>
14    <p>Frase</p>
15  </body>
16 </html>
  
```



- **Order:** the last one “wins”

```

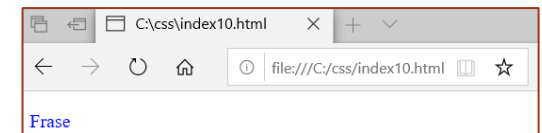
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <style>
5       p {
6         color: blue;
7       }
8       p {
9         color: red;
10      }
11    </style>
12  </head>
13  <body>
14    <p>Frase</p>
15  </body>
16 </html>
  
```



- **The one with !important “wins”**

```

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <style>
5       p {
6         color: blue !important;
7       }
8       p {
9         color: red;
10      }
11    </style>
12  </head>
13  <body>
14    <p>Frase</p>
15  </body>
16 </html>
  
```



# Inheritance

- HTML has an hierarchy
  - An HTML document can be represented by its document tree (**DOM: Document Object Model**)
    - Specifies relationships (parents, children, siblings, ancestors, descendants, ...)
- Heritage allows elements to inherit properties
  - Less need to write code and load heavy documents
- Not all properties can be inherited (e.g: background, border, width)
- To determine inheritance:
  - inherit: defines that the value must be inherited
  - initial: defines that the element must assume what is defined to its predecessor as pre-defined by the browser. If not defined, it inherits its predecessor style
  - unset: reset the property to its natural value (inherits if it is naturally inherited)

```

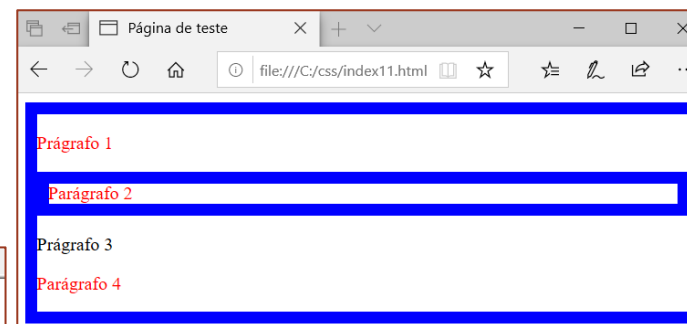
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo11.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10    <div class="container">
11      <p>Parágrafo 1</p>
12      <p class="inherit">Parágrafo 2</p>
13      <p class="initial">Parágrafo 3</p>
14      <p class="unset">Parágrafo 4</p>
15    </div>
16  </body>
17 </html>

```

```

1 .container {
2   color: red;
3   border: 10px solid blue;
4 }
5 .inherit {color: inherit; border: inherit;}
6 .initial {color: initial; border: initial;}
7 .unset {color:unset; border: unset}

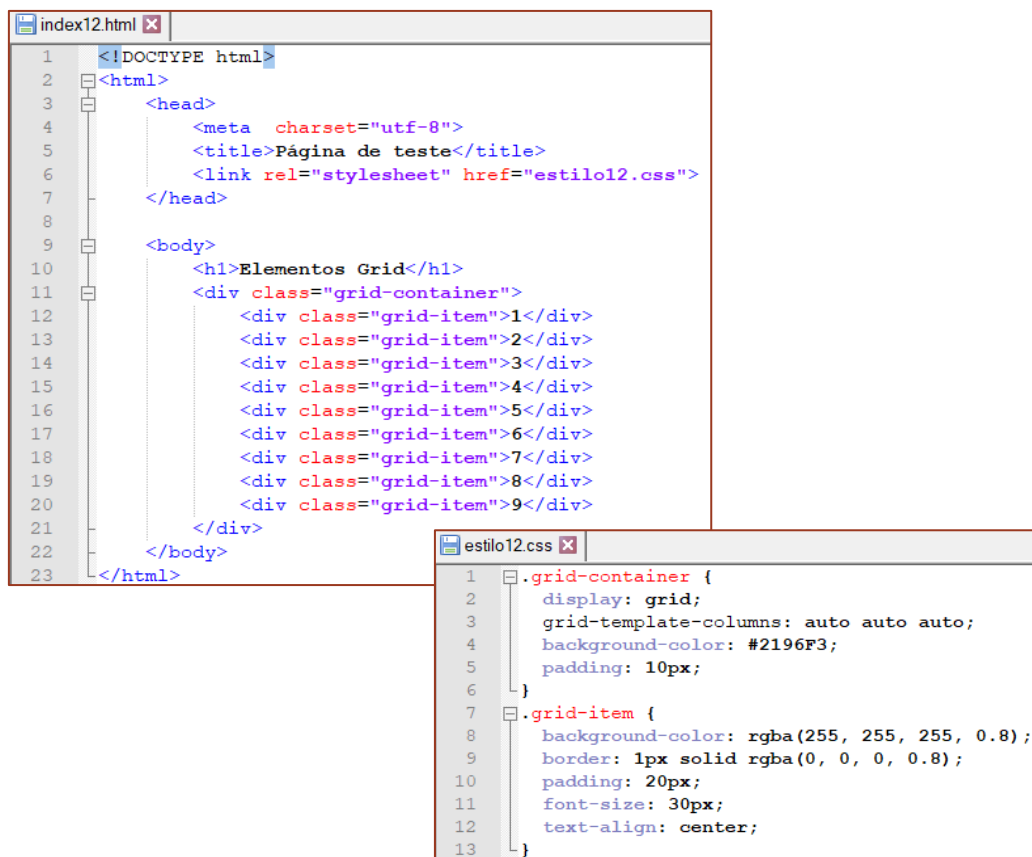
```





## CSS grid

- A grid *layout* must have a parent element with the **display** property defined as **grid** or **inline-grid**.
- That element's direct children automatically become grid elements



The screenshot shows two files in a code editor. The top file, `index12.html`, contains the following HTML code:

```

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <title>Página de teste</title>
6     <link rel="stylesheet" href="estilo12.css">
7   </head>
8
9   <body>
10    <h1>Elementos Grid</h1>
11    <div class="grid-container">
12      <div class="grid-item">1</div>
13      <div class="grid-item">2</div>
14      <div class="grid-item">3</div>
15      <div class="grid-item">4</div>
16      <div class="grid-item">5</div>
17      <div class="grid-item">6</div>
18      <div class="grid-item">7</div>
19      <div class="grid-item">8</div>
20      <div class="grid-item">9</div>
21    </div>
22  </body>
23 </html>

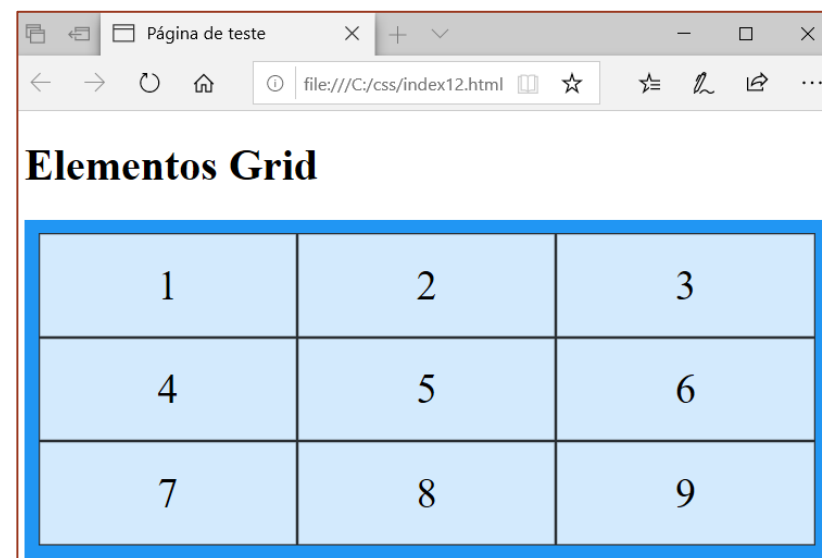
```

The bottom file, `estilo12.css`, contains the following CSS code:

```

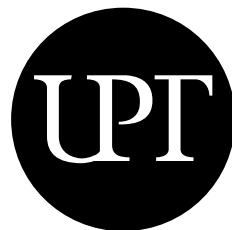
1 .grid-container {
2   display: grid;
3   grid-template-columns: auto auto auto;
4   background-color: #2196F3;
5   padding: 10px;
6 }
7
8 .grid-item {
9   background-color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.8);
10  border: 1px solid rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.8);
11  padding: 20px;
12  font-size: 30px;
13  text-align: center;
14 }

```



## Best practices

- Use CSS naming methodologies. Examples:
  - **OOCSS**: *Object Oriented CSS* <http://oocss.org/>
  - **BEM**: *Block, Element, Modifier* <http://getbem.com/introduction/>
  - **ACSS**: *Atomic CSS* <http://github.com/nemophrost/atomic-css>
  - **SMACSS**: *Scalable and Modular Architecture for CSS* <http://smacss.com/>
- Use external rules to:
  - Be able to reuse code between documents and keep consistency in websites with more than one page
  - Isolate the web page structure (HTML) from its styling (CSS)
    - More readability, easier to maintain, allows code modularisation
- Understand *cascading* and rule precedence
- Use inheritance to reduce the number of rules needed



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