COMP5347 Web Application Development

HTML and CSS Week 2 Lecture

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HTML

- "To publish information for global distribution, one needs a universally understood language, a kind of publishing mother tongue that all computers may potentially understand. The publishing language used by the World Wide Web is HTML (from Hyper Text Markup Language"
- A <u>markup</u> language is simply a way of <u>annotating</u> a document in such a way to make the annotations distinct from the text being annotated.
 - E.g. Latex
- HTML is used world wide, standardization is essential
 - The W3C is the main standards organization for the World Wide Web.

Key events in the history of HTML

- First public specification proposed in 1991 by Tim Berners-Lee
- Was adopted and standardized by World Wid web Consortium (W3C) in 1997
- The HTML specification was frozen by W3C in 1998 at version 4.01
- W3C also spent efforts on developing XTHML (XML + HTML) in late 1990s
 - Survived till XHTML 2.0 in mid 2000
- In mid 2000, a small working group WHATWG(Web Hypertext Application Technology Working Group) under W3C was formed by developers at Opera and Mozilla to challenge the idea of XML+HTML
 - More practical approach, e.g. instead of forcing all browsers and developers to support a standard set of markups, it would specify how should browser deal with invalid markup.
- In 2009, W3C stopped work on XHTML 2.0 and adopted the work by WHATWG and named it HTML5

HTML5

- There are three main aims to HTML5
 - Specify unambiguously how browsers should deal with invalid markup.
 - Provide an open, non-proprietary programming framework (via Javascript) for creating rich web applications.
 - Be backwards compatible with the existing web.

HTML: Elements and Attributes

- HTML documents are composed of textual content and HTML elements.
- An HTML element can contain text, other elements, or be empty. It is identified in the HTML document by tags.
- HTML elements can also contain attributes. An HTML attribute is a name=value pair that provides more information about the HTML element.

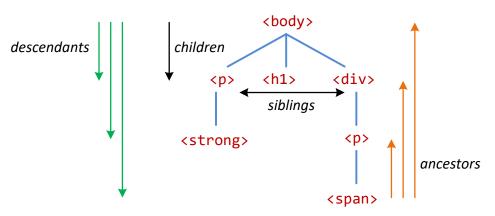
What HTML lets you do

- Insert images using the tag
- Create links with the <a> tag
- Create lists with the , and tags
- Create headings with <H1>, <H2>, ..., <H6>
- Define metatdata with <meta> tag
- And much more...

Elements and Attributes

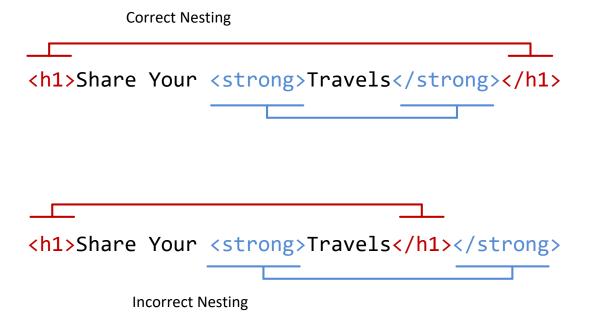


Nesting HTML elements



Nesting HTML elements

- In order to properly construct a hierarchy of elements, your browser expects each HTML nested element to be properly nested.
- That is, a child's ending tag must occur before its parent's ending tag.



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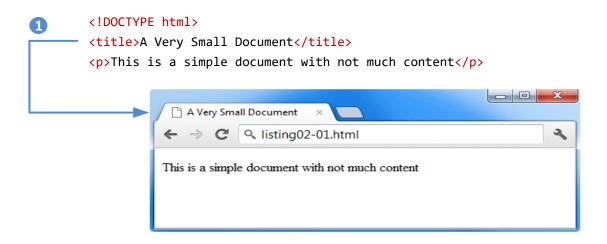
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Simplest HTML document



The <title> element (Item) is used to provide a broad description of the content. The title is not displayed within the browser window. Instead, the title is typically displayed by the browser in its window and/or tab.

A more complete document

DOCTYPE

- Tells the browser (or any other client software that is reading this HTML document) what type of document it is about to process.
- Notice that it does not indicate what version of HTML is contained within the document: it only specifies that it contains HTML.

HTML, Head, and Body

- HTML5 does not require the use of the <html>, <head>,
 and <body>.
- However, in XHTML they were required, and most web authors continue to use them.
- The <html> element is sometimes called the root element as it contains all the other HTML elements in the document.

Head and Body

- HTML pages are divided into two sections: the head and the body, which correspond to the <head> and <body> elements.
- The head contains descriptive elements about the document

The body contains content that will be displayed by the browser.

Inside the head

- You will notice that the <head> element contains a variety of additional elements.
- The first of these is the <meta> element. Our example declares that the character encoding for the document is UTF-8.



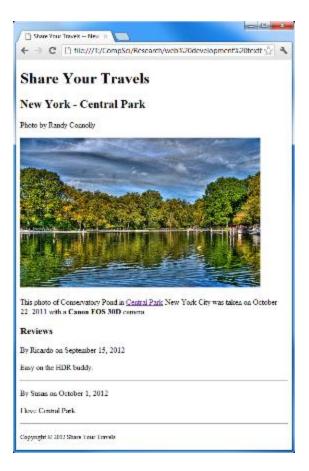
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Sample Document

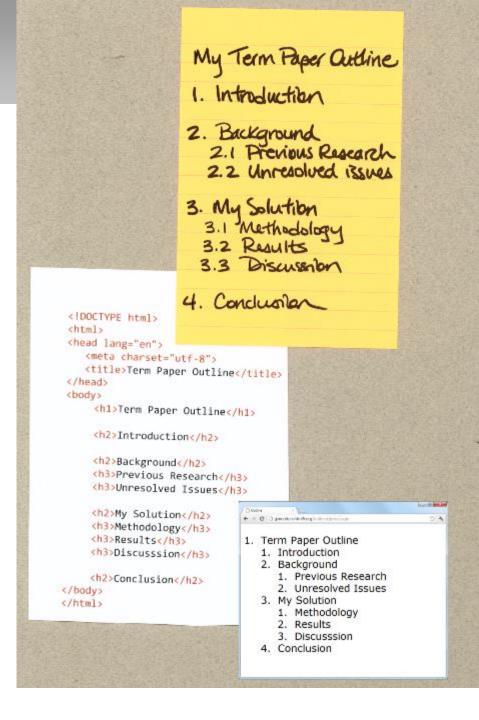
```
<body>
  <h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
  <h2>New York - Central Park</h2>
  Photo by Randy Connolly
  This photo of Conservatory Pond in
     <a href="http://www.centralpark.com/">Central Park</a> ----
     New York City was taken on October 22, 2011 with a
     <strong>Canon EOS 30D</strong> camera.
  <img src="images/central-park.jpg" alt="Central Park" />
  <h3>Reviews</h3>
  <div>
     By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
     Easy on the HDR buddy.
  </div>
  <div>
     By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
     I love Central Park.
  </div>
  <small>Copyright &copy; 2012 Share Your Travels</small>
</body>
```



Headings

HTML provides six levels of heading (**h1**, **h2**, **h3**, ...), with the higher heading number indicating a heading of less importance.

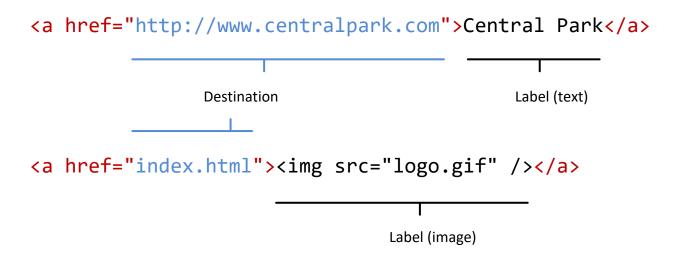
Headings are an essential way for document authors use to show their readers the structure of the document.



Links

Links are created using the **<a>** element (the "a" stands for anchor).

A link has two main parts: the destination and the label.



Types of Links

You can use the anchor element to create a wide range of links:

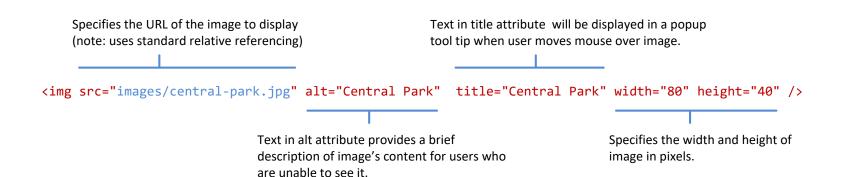
- •Links to external sites (or to individual resources such as images or movies on an external site).
- •Links to other pages or resources within the current site.
- Links to other places within the current page.
- Links to particular locations on another page.
- •Links that are instructions to the browser to start the user's email program.
- •Links that are instructions to the browser to execute a Javascript function.

Different link destinations

```
Link to external site
<a href="http://www.centralpark.com">Central Park</a>
                Link to resource on external site
<a href="http://www.centralpark.com/logo.gif">Central Park</a>
      Link to another page on same site as this page
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
      Link to another place on the same page
<a href="#top">Go to Top of Document</a>
          Link to specific place on another page
<a href="productX.html#reviews">Reviews for product X</a>
                        Link to email
<a href="mailto://person@somewhere.com">Someone</a>
                 Link to javascript function
<a href="javascript://OpenAnnoyingPopup();">See This</a>
         Link to telephone (automatically dials the number
          when user clicks on it using a smartphone browser)
<a href="tel:+18009220579">Call toll free (800) 922-0579</a>
```

Images

- There are two different ways of specifying images
 - For purely decorative images, such as background gradients and patterns, logos, border art, and so on, it makes semantic sense to keep such images out of the markup and in CSS where they more rightly belong.
 - when the images are content, such as in the images in a gallery or the image of a product in a product details page, then the tag is the semantically appropriate approach.



Lists

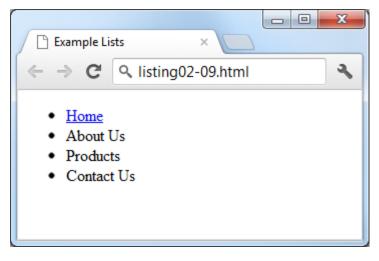
Unordered lists. Collections of items in no particular order; these are by default rendered by the browser as a bulleted list.

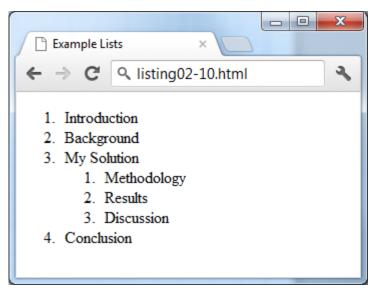
Ordered lists. Collections of items that have a set order; these are by default rendered by the browser as a numbered list.

Definition lists. Collection of name and definition pairs.

Lists

```
Introduction
                                  Background
                                  My Solution
      Notice that the list item element
                                  <
      can contain other HTML
                                   <01>
      elements
                                     Methodology
<l
                                     Results
 <a href="index.html">Home</a>
                                     Discussion
 About Us
                                   Products
                                  Contact Us
                                  Conclusion
```





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Semantic markups

- The commonly agreed good practice
 - HTML should only focus on the structure of a document
 - How the content should be displayed in a browser window is best left to CSS
- HTML5 has introduced many new semantic tags
 - <article>, <section>, <header>, <footer>, <aside>, etc to replace tags like
 - <div id="header">, <div id = "footer">, etc

XHTML versus HTML5

```
<body>
                                                                                                          <body>
                <div id="header">
                                                                                                             <header>
                   <div id="logo-headings">
                                                                                                                <hgroup>
<header>
                                                            <hgroup>
                  </div>
                                                                                                                </hgroup>
                                                                                                                 . . .
                  <div id="top-navigation">
                                                                                                                <nav>
                     . . .
                  </div>
                                                                                                                                    8
                                                     8
                                                              <nav>
                                                                                                                </nav>
                </div>
                                                                                                             </header>
                <div id="main">
                                                                                                             <div id="main">
                   <div id="left-navigation">
                                                                                                                <nav>
                   </div>
                                                                                                                </nav>
                   <div class="content">
                                                                                                                <section>
                      <div class="story">
                                                                                                                    <article>
<section>
                                                                                                                                      6
                                                   6
                                                        <article>
                                                                                                                      . . .
                      </div>
                                                                                                                   </article>
                      <div class="story">
                                                                                                                   <article>
                                                                                                                      <figure>
                          <div class="story-photo">
                                                                  7
                                                                                                                          <img ... />
                             <img ... class="blog-photo"/>
                                                                                                                          <figcaption>...
                                                               <figure>
                             ...
                                                                                                                      </figure>
                          </div>
                                                                                                                      . . .
                                              <figcaption>
                      </div>
                                                                                                                   </article>
                       <div class="related-stuff-on-right">
                                                                                                                   <aside>
                                                                         <aside>
                      </div>
                                                                                                                   </aside>
                   </div>
                                                                                                                </section>
                   <div class="content">
                                                                                                                <section>
                                                                                                                    . . .
                   </div>
                                                                                                                </section>
                </div>
                                                                                                             </div>
                <div id="footer">
                                                                                                             <footer>
                                                                                                                                10
<footer>
                </div>
                                                                                                             </footer>
             </body>
                                                                                                         </body>
```

Header and Footer

- Typically the header contains
 - the site logo
 - title (and perhaps additional subtitles or taglines)
 - horizontal navigation links, and
 - perhaps one or two horizontal banners.
- The typical footer contains less important material, such as
 - smaller text versions of the navigation,
 - copyright notices,
 - information about the site's privacy policy, and
 - perhaps twitter feeds or links to other social sites.

Navigation

The <nav> element represents a section of a page that contains links to other pages or to other parts within the same page.

Like the other new HTML5 semantic elements, the browser does not apply any special presentation to the <nav> element.

The <nav> element was intended to be used for major navigation blocks, presumably the global and secondary navigation systems.

Figure and Figure Captions

This photo was taken on October 22, 2011 with a Canon EOS 30D camera. <figure>
 Figure could be <figcaption>Conservatory Pond in Central Park</figcaption> moved to a </figure> different > location in It was a wonderfully beautiful autumn Sunday, with strong sunlight and document expressive clouds. I was very fortunate that my one day in New York was blessed with such weather! - - X But it has to Figure Example exist in the ← → C Q listing02-12.html document

(i.e., the figure isn't optional)

Figure Example

C Q listing02-12.html

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Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

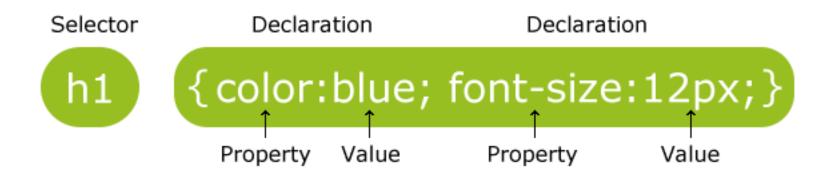
- CSS is a W3C standard for describing the presentation (or appearance) of HTML elements.
- With CSS, we can assign
 - font properties,
 - colors,
 - sizes,
 - borders,
 - · background images,
 - even the position of elements.

A brief history

- CSS came not too long after the proposal of HTML
- The first recommendation CSS Level 1 (CSS1) was released by W3C in 1996.
- The CSS Level 2 (CSS2) was published in 1998, with a updated version CSS2.1 became official W3C recommendation in 2011
- The current version is CSS3 with a variety of modules at different stages: recommendation, draft and so on
 - backwards-compatible with earlier versions of CSS.
- Browser support has long been an issue of CSS
 - all browsers have left certain parts of the CSS2 Recommendation unimplemented

CSS Syntax

- A CSS document consists of one or more style rules
- Each rule consists of a selector followed by list of declarations (property value pairs)



CSS Syntax

- Selector is used to identify the element or elements that will be affected by the styles.
 - Selector can be based on <u>name</u>, <u>class</u>, <u>id</u>, <u>attribute</u> and more
- The property name are predefined by CSS standard
- The property value are either predefined keywords such as color name or other values such as length measurement, percentage and so on.
 - The unit of any given value is dependent upon the property

Units of Measurement

Relative vs. Absolute measurements

- Relative units are based on the value of something else, such as the size of a parent element.
- Absolute units have real world size

Unit	Description	Туре
in	Inches	Absolute
cm	Centimeters	Absolute
mm	Millimeters	Absolute
pt	Points (equal to 1/72 of an inch)	Absolute
рс	Pica (equal to 1/6 of an inch)	Absolute

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Relative Units

Unit	Description	Туре	
рх	Pixel. In CSS2 this is a relative measure, while in CSS3 it is absolute (1/96 of an inch).	Relative (CSS2)	
		Absolute (CSS3)	
em	Equal to the computed value of the font-size property of the element on which it is used. When used for font sizes, the em unit is in relation to the font size of the parent.	Relative	
%	A measure that is always relative to another value. The precise meaning of % varies depending upon which property it is being used.	Relative	
ех	A rarely used relative measure that expresses size in Relative relation to the x-height of an element's font.		
ch	Another rarely used relative measure; this one expresses size in relation to the width of the zero ("0") character of	Relative	
	an element's font.	(CSS3 only)	
rem	Stands for root em, which is the font size of the root element. Unlike em , which may be different for each	Relative	
	element, the rem is constant throughout the document.	(CSS3 only)	
vw, vh	Stands for viewport width and viewport height. Both are percentage values (between 0 and 100) of the viewport (browser window). This allows an item to change size when the viewport is resized.	Relative (CSS3 only)	

CSS location

- CSS rules can be defined <u>inline</u> with an element, <u>embedde</u>d in a HTML document or as <u>externa</u>l document.
 - <h1 style = "font-family:arial; color:red">Hello World</h1>
- Embedded style consists of a list of rules enclosed as an element of <style> inside HTML's <head> element
- External style are placed in a separate document xxx.css and are linked to the HTML file
 - - link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet">
- Browser has a default set of rules for pages/elements that do not have a customized style
 - Browser Style Sheet
 - User Style Sheet

What is "Cascading"?

- Cascading is the principle to resolve conflicting style rules
 - Inheritance
 - Specificity
 - Location

Inheritance

 Certain properties defined for the <body> element will be inherited by all elements embedded in it

Specificity

- Style rules with more specific selector will override rules with more general selector
 - E.g. If both <body> and elements define a font rule, the text inside the element will use the font defined in the element

Location

- If inheritance and specificity cannot determine style precedence, the latest (closest) rule wins
 - E.g. inline rule is closer to that element than the rules in an external file

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Selectors

- When defining CSS rules, you will need to first need to use a selector to tell the browser which elements will be affected.
- CSS selectors allow you to select
 - individual elements
 - multiple HTML elements,
 - elements that belong together in some way, or
 - elements that are positioned in specific ways in the document hierarchy.

Element Selectors

Uses the HTML element name.

You can select all elements by using the universal element selector, which is the * (asterisk) character.

```
declaration

selector { property: value; property2: value2; } rule

declaration block

selector

em { color: red; }
 property value

p {
 margin: 5px 0 10px 0;
 font-weight: bold;
 font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

Grouped Selectors

```
/* commas allow you to group selectors */
p, div, aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
/* the above single grouped selector is equivalent to the
    following: */
p {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
div {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
```

LISTING 3.4 Sample grouped selector

Class Selectors

A **class selector** allows you to simultaneously target different HTML elements regardless of their position in the document tree.

If a series of HTML element have been labeled with *the same class attribute value*, then you can target them for styling by using a class selector, which takes the form: period (.) followed by the class name.

Class Selectors

```
<head>
   <title>Share Your Travels </title>
     <style>
           .first {
                font-style: italic;
                color: brown;
     </style>
</head>
<body>
   <h1 class="first">Reviews</h1>
   <div>
       By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
      Easy on the HDR buddy.
   </div>
   <hr/>
   <div>
       By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
      I love Central Park.
   </div>
   <hr/>
                                                 Share Your Travels -- New X
                                                  → C Q listing03-06.html
</body>
                                                ACM-SIGITE | Specia... SIGITE 2012 Databas..
                                                                             " Other bookmarks
                                                Reviews
                                                                                             .first {
                                                                                                font-style: italic;
                                                By Ricardo on September 15, 2012
                                                Easy on the HDR buddy.
                                                                                                color: brown;
                                                By Susan on October 1, 2012
                                                I love Central Park.
```

Id Selectors

An id selector allows you to target a specific element by its id attribute regardless of its type or position.

If an HTML element has been labeled with an id attribute, then you can target it for styling by using an id selector, which takes the form: pound/hash (#) followed by the id name.

Id Selectors

```
<head lang="en">
   <meta charset="utf-8">
   <title>Share Your Travels -- New York - Central Park</title>
     <style>
           #latestComment {
                 font-style: italic;
                 color: brown;
     </style>
</head>
<body>
   <h1>Reviews</h1>
   <div id="latestComment">
       By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
       Easy on the HDR buddy.
   </div>
   <hr/>
   <div>
       By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
       I love Central Park.
   </div>
   <hr/>
                                                 ← → C ☐ file:///T:/CompSci/Research/web%20development%20textbc  =
</body>
                                                 ACM-SIGITE | Specia... SIGITE 2012 Databas...
                                                 Reviews
                                                                                               #latestComment {
                                                 By Ricardo on September 15, 2012
                                                                                                   font-style: italic;
                                                 Easy on the HDR buddy.
                                                                                                   color: brown;
                                                 By Susan on October 1, 2012
                                                 I love Central Park.
```

Id versus Class Selectors

Id selectors should only be used when referencing a single HTML element since an id attribute can only be assigned to a single HTML element.

Class selectors should be used when (potentially) referencing several related elements.

Pseudo Selectors

A pseudo-element selector is a way to select something that does not exist explicitly as an element in the HTML document tree but which is still a recognizable selectable object.

A pseudo-class selector does apply to an HTML element, but targets either a particular state or, in CSS3, a variety of family relationships.

The most common use of this type of selectors is for targeting link states.

Pseudo Selectors

```
<head>
  <title>Share Your Travels</title>
  <style>
      a:link {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: blue;
      a:visited {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: purple;
      a:hover {
      text-decoration: none;
      font-weight: bold;
      a:active {
      background-color: yellow;
  </style>
</head>
<body>
    Links are an important part of any web page. To learn more about
       links visit the <a href="#">W3C</a> website.
  <nav>
    <u1>
      <a href="#">Canada</a>
      <a href="#">Germany</a>
      <a href="#">United States</a>
    </u1>
  </nav>
</body>
```

LISTING 3.8 Styling a link using pseudo-class selectors

Contextual Selectors

A contextual selector (in CSS3 also called combinators) allows you to select elements based on their ancestors, descendants, or siblings.

That is, it selects elements based on their context or their relation to other elements in the document tree.

Selector	Matches	Example
Descendant	A specified element that is contained somewhere within another specified element	div p Selects a element that is contained somewhere within a <div> element. That is, the can be any descendant, not just a child.</div>
Child	A specified element that is a direct child of the specified element	div>h2 Selects an <h2> element that is a child of a <div> element.</div></h2>
Adjacent Sibling	A specified element that is the next sibling (i.e., comes directly after) of the specified element.	h3+p Selects the first after any <h3>.</h3>
General Sibling	A specified element that shares the same parent as the specified element.	$h3^p$ Selects all the elements that share the same parent as the <h3>.</h3>

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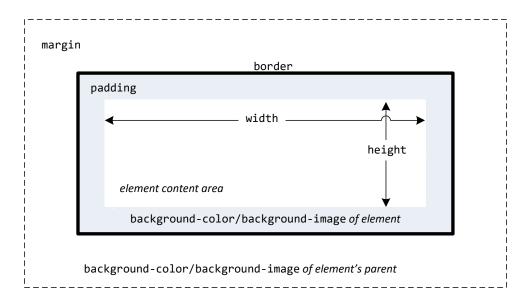
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The Box Model

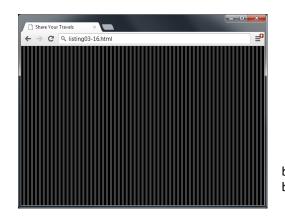
In CSS, all HTML elements exist within an element box.

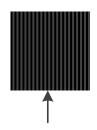


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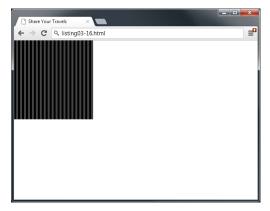
Background properties

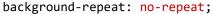
The background color or image fills an element out to its border (if it has one that is).

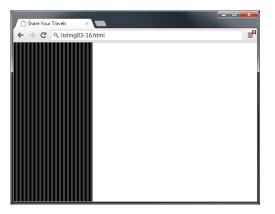




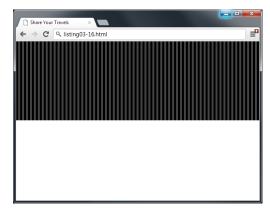
background-image: url(../images/backgrounds/body-background-tile.gif);
background-repeat: repeat;





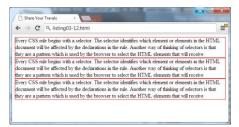


background-repeat: repeat-y;



background-repeat: repeat-x;

Margins and Padding



```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
}
```

```
Shaev Your Travels

To listing 03-12 html

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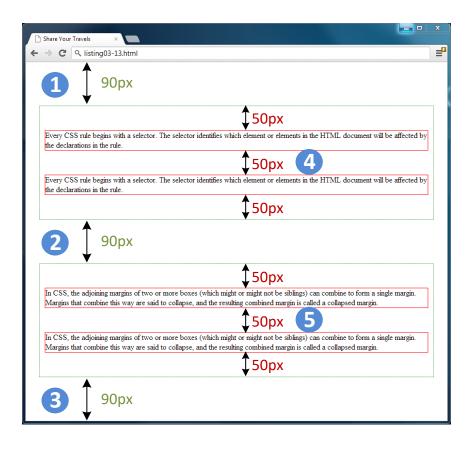
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Collapsing Margins



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<div>
    Every CSS rule ...
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```

```
div {
   border: dotted 1pt green;
   padding: 0;
   margin: 90px 20px;
}
```

```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   padding: 0;
   margin: 50px 20px;
}
```

If overlapping margins did not collapse, then margin space for 2 would be 180p (90pixels for the bottom margin of the first <div> + 90 pixels for the top margin of the second <div>), while the margins 4 and 5 for would be 100px.

Collapsing Margins

When the vertical margins of two elements touch,

- the largest margin value of the elements will be displayed
- the smaller margin value will be collapsed to zero.

Horizontal margins, on the other hand, **never** collapse.

Outline

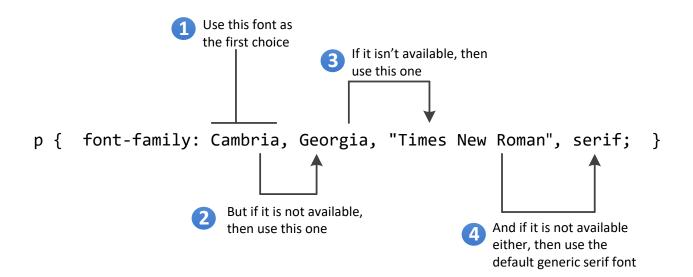
HTML

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- Syntax and Location
- Selector
- The box model
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Specifying the Font-Family



Font sizes

- How do we specify font sizes?
 - Typically in word document, we specify 10 points, 12 points
 - Printer based, the size of point varied through history
- On screen based media
 - Pixel has been a relatively stable measure
 - Device Pixel vs. CSS pixel
- Using relative measure gives better results on various devices

How to use ems and percents

```
Shody>
Browser's default text size is usually 16 pixels
100% or 1em is 16 pixels
125% or 1.125em is 18 pixels
150% or 1.5em is 24 pixels
200% or 2em is 32 pixels
```

```
/* using 16px scale */

body { font-size: 100%; }

h3 { font-size: 1.125em; } /* 1.25 x 16 = 18 */

h2 { font-size: 2em; } /* 2 x 16 = 32 */

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chl>this will be about 16 pixels</hl>
ch2>this will be about 24 pixels</hl>
ch2>this will be about 18 pixels</hl>
ch3>this will be about 18 pixels</hr>
ch3>this will be about 16 pixels</hr>
```

ems and percents complications

```
<body>
  <this is 16 pixels</p>
  <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
  <article>
        <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        <this is 16 pixels</p>
        <div>
            <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        <this is 16 pixels</p>
        </div>
        <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        <hi>this is 32 pixels</h1>
        this is 16 pixels
        </div>
        </article>
</body>
```

Percents and em units are relative to their parents, so if the parent font size changes, this affects all of its contents.

```
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this is 16 pixels

this is 32 pixels

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this is 16 pixels
```

```
/* using 16px scale */
body { font-size: 100%; }
p { font-size: 1em; } /* 1 x 16 = 16px */
h1 { font-size: 2em; } /* 2 x 16 = 32px */
```

```
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this is 16 pixels

this is 32 pixels

this is 32 pixels

this is 15 pixels

this is 32 pixels

this is 15 pixels

this is 15 pixels
```

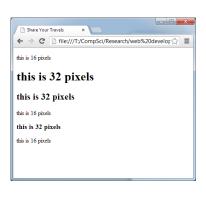
```
/* using 16px scale */
body { font-size: 100%; }
p { font-size: 1em; }
h1 { font-size: 2em; }

article { font-size: 75% } /* h1 = 2 * 16 * 0.75 = 24px
p = 1 * 16 * 0.75 = 12px */

div { font-size: 75% } /* h1 = 2 * 16 * 0.75 * 0.75 = 18px
p = 1 * 16 * 0.75 * 0.75 = 9px */
```

The rem unit

CSS3 supports a new relative measure, the **rem** (for root em unit). This unit is always relative to the size of the root element (i.e., the <html> element).



References

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