Code Your Own Website

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This class

In this class we'll be covering the basics of how both HTML & CSS work together to make well designed websites.

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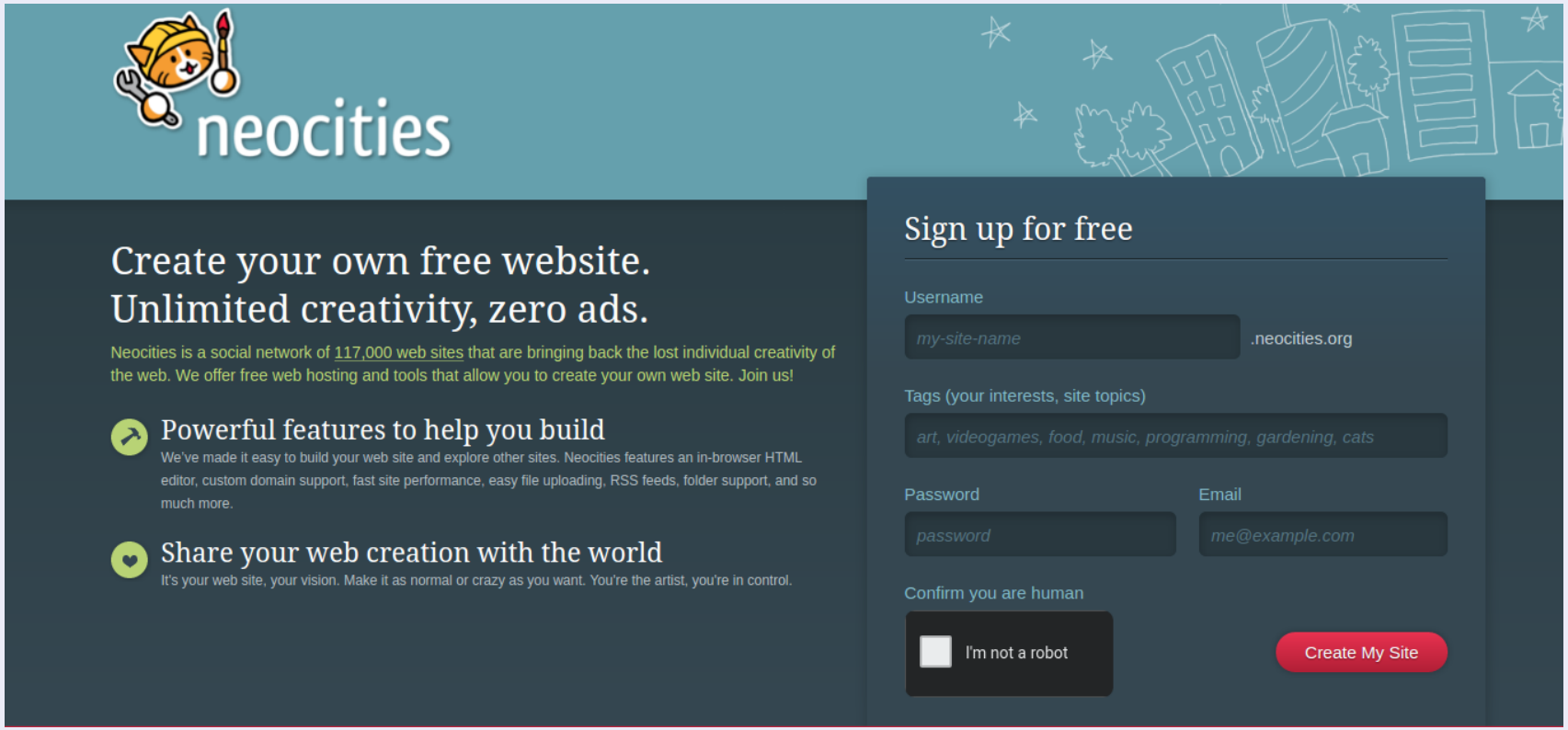

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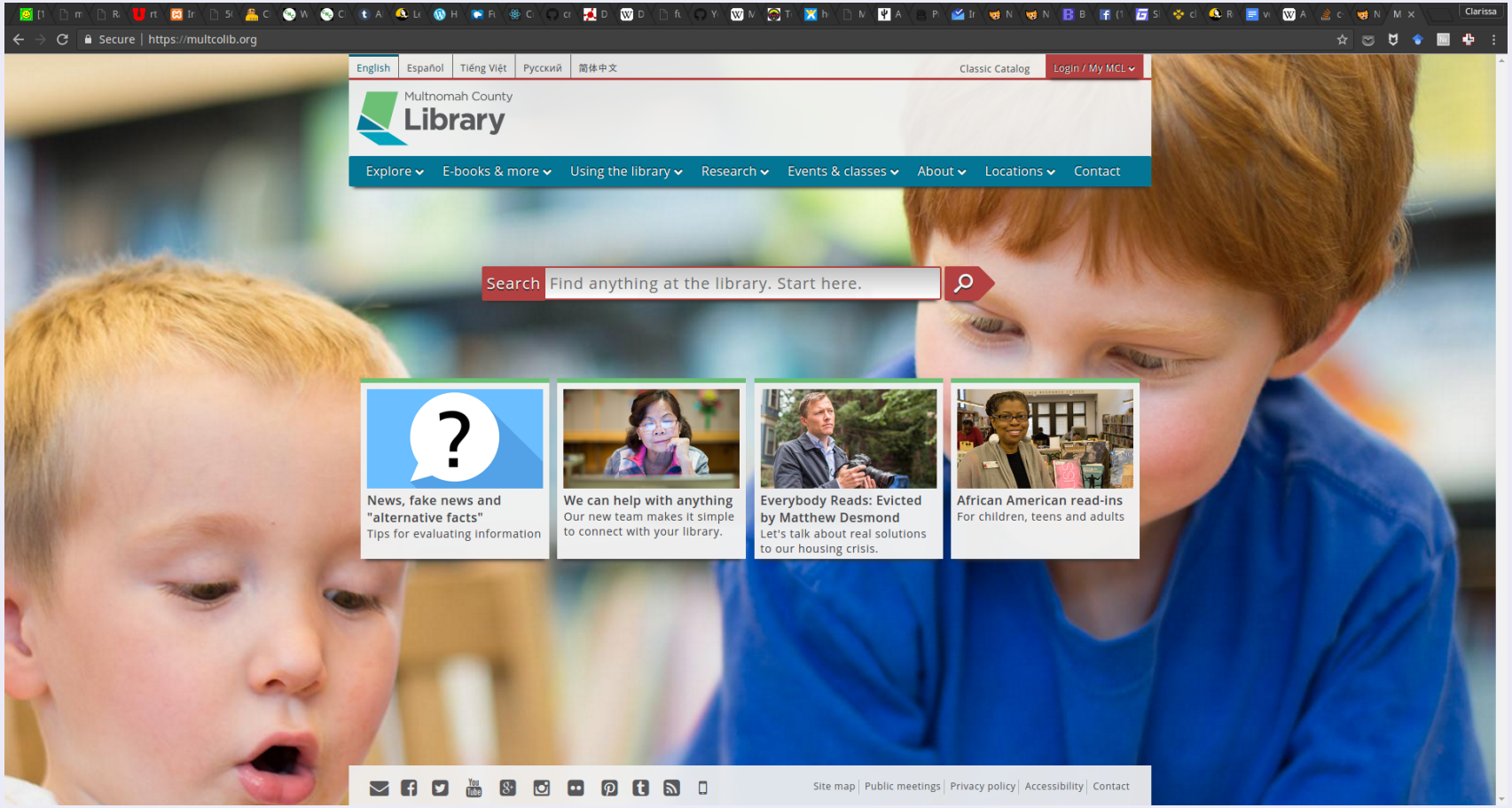
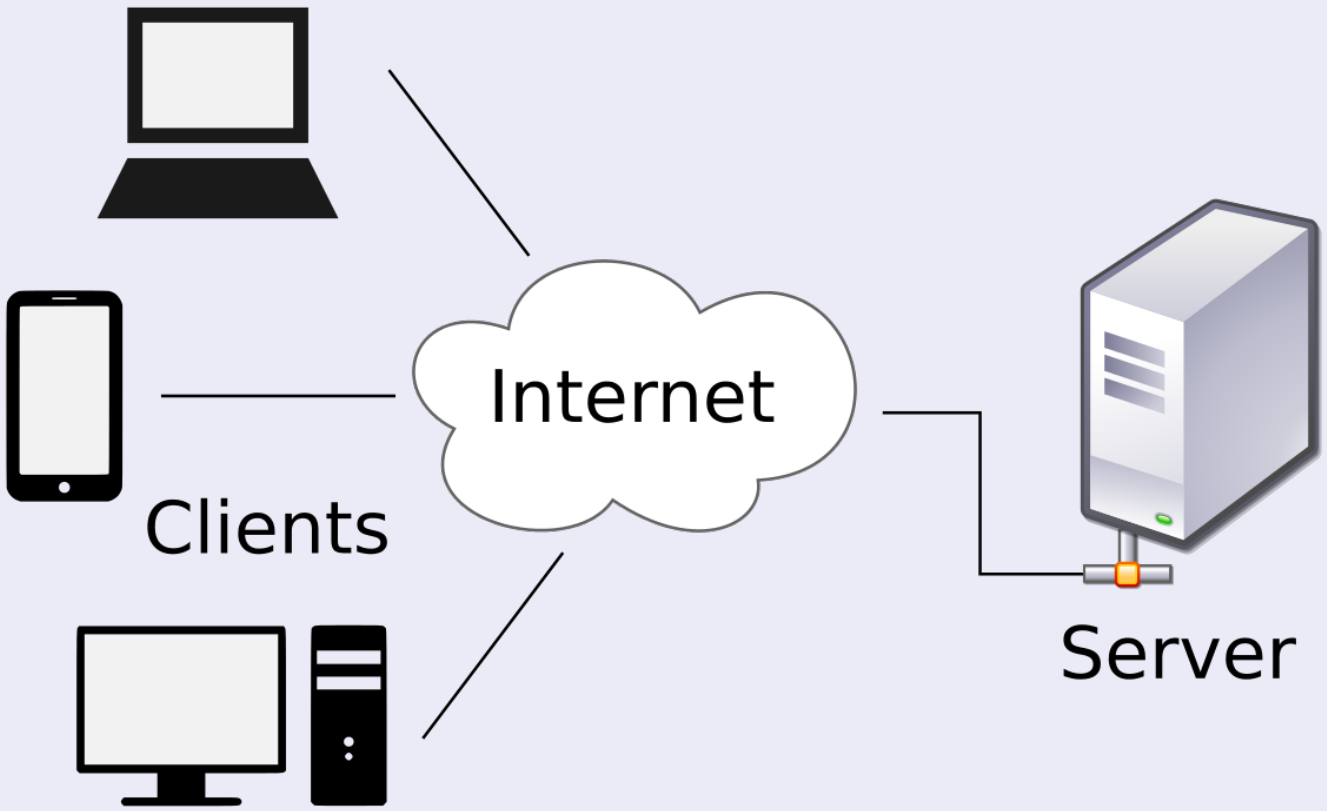


Technology behind a website

Client and server



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With markup

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Semantic markup

Markup should convey meaning

The shape of every page

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Our first tags

- <h1> - <h6>
- <ol>, <ul>, <li>
- <p>
- <q>
- <blockquote>

Exercise 1

Instructions

1. Go to your neocities.org page
2. Choose to make a new file, call it `ex1.html`
3. Delete the starter text
4. Type the text in the right hand colunm, and hit `view`

Follow along

```
<!doctype html>

<html>
  <body>
    <h1>This is a heading</h1>
    <p>Here is a paragraph.
    It has a <q>quote</q> in it.</p>
    <ol>
      <li>here's a list</li>
      <li>it has elements</li>
    </ol>
  </body>
</html>
```

Attributes

The form of attributes

Attributes consist of key-value pairs

```
<a href="http://multcolib.org">our library</a>
<p id="theparagraph">text</p>
<div class="bolder">more text</div>
<img src="imagePath.png">
```

Links

```
<a href="http://multcolib.org">
  This is our link</a>
```

This is our link

Images

```
<img src="Chicken.jpg">
```

Exercise 2

Try making something original!

- Make a new file called "firstExercise.html"
- Put in an `<h1>`, two `<p>`, and a `<a>` or an `<img>`
- Save the file and view it. Does it look how you expected?

Making sites less plain

So far, all of our sites have been very dull: there's been no styling

What is CSS?

Cascading Style Sheets

Cascading Style Sheets are how we change how things *look* or are *laid out* on the site.

Style sheets in other contexts

Style sheets, in print media, are how the look of the book or magazine or report are defined.

The shape of CSS to come

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Selecting by type

```
p {
    font-size: large;
    background-color: green;
    color: blue;
    width: 200px;
}
```

Changing color

Text color

```
p {
    color: blue;
}
```

Background color

```
ol {
    background-color: purple;
}
```

Changing color

Text color

This text is here

1. puppy
2. kitten

Background color

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Exercise

Instructions

1. Take the file from your previous exercise
2. Add style tags in the head
3. Write code to turn your paragraphs red

Selecting by ID

```
#thesis {
    font-weight: bold;
}
```

Selecting by ID

This paper presents a moral argument by the Kantian categorical imperative that cats are good

To begin with we need to first define what a cat is.

After defining cats, we need a phenomenologic account of being a cat.

Selecting by class

```
.important {
    font-weight: 900;
}
```

1. Things
2. That
3. Are bold

1. Things
2. That
3. Aren't

Block and inline elements

Block elements take up space around themselves

- <p>
- <h1>
- <ol> & <ul>
- <li>
-

Inline elements take up only the space of the text

-
- <a>
- <b>
-
- <i>
-

Changing height and width

```
.shortGraphs {
    width: 20em;
    height: 10em;
    background-color: purple;
}
```

Changing height and width

There's things to say here

And even more here

And, also, I'd like to say a few things here

Exercise

Instructions

1. Open your exercise file in the editor
2. Change the width of your paragraphs
3. Add a background color to your title

Difference between ID and class

ID

IDs are used for referencing a unique element

Class

Classes are used for referencing multiple elements

Pop quiz

You need to style one element differently: ID, class, or type?

Pop quiz

You need to style all the elements of a single type: ID, class, or type?

Pop quiz

You need to style multiple elements, possibly of different types: ID, class, or type?

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div vs. span

div styles block elements

```
<div id="makeitbig">
  <p>Here's some text</p>
  <ol>
    <li>list item</li>
    </li>list item</li>
  </ol>
</div>
```

span styles inline elements

```
<span class="spanner">And
    this text
    <em>should</em>
    be styled too</span>
```

Styling with span

```
<head>
  <style>
    .emphasized {
      color: red;
      font-weight: bold;
      font-style: italic;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <p>This is some
    <span class="emphasized">important</span>
    text, like
    <span class="emphasized">super</span>
    important.
  </p>
</body>
```

This is some ***important*** text, like ***super*** important.

Styling with div

```
<head>
  <style>
    #dividend {
      width: 10em;
      font-family: "Goudy Bookletter 1911", sans-serif;
    }
  </style>
</head>

<body>
  <div id="dividend">
    <p>
      Fourscore and something years ago
    </p>
    <p>
      Our four puppers
    </p>
  </div>
  <p>Sorry, that was silly</p>
</body>
```

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Exercise

Instructions

1. Open the exercise file you've been working on
2. Group together a chunk of text you'd like to style with a `<span>`
3. Change the color of the text in your style

Using the Mozilla Developer Network

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/

That's all

Any questions?