

CODE CHUNKS

ANALOG CLOCK

HTML | CSS | JAVASCRIPT



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Chapter #1

Introduction

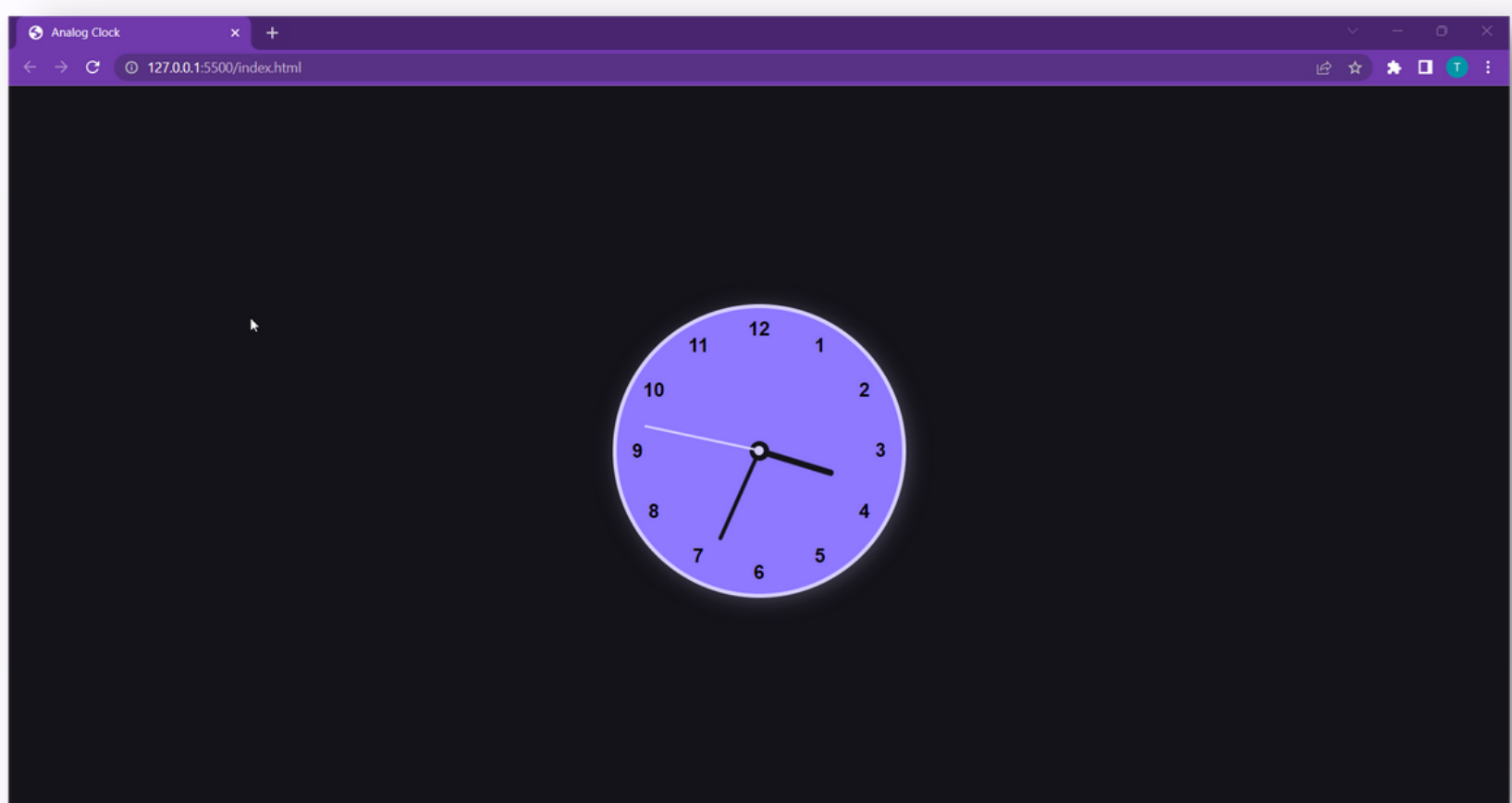
Analog Clock–html, css and javascript

In this blog/e-book, we will explore how to create an **ANALOG CLOCK** using the powerful trio of web technologies: **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**.

We will **break down the code into smaller chunks**, explain each part in detail, and provide code snippets to guide you through the process step by step.

By the end of this guide, you will have a **clear understanding** of how to **build your own analog clock and customize it** to suit your needs.

FINAL OUTPUT:–



Chapter #2

Html Structure

Create an structure of analog clock

The **HTML structure** lays the foundation for our analog clock. We will **examine** the **different components** and **their purposes**.

» Clock Container

- The outermost '**<div>**' element with the class '**clock**' acts as a container for the entire clock.

```
<div class="clock">
  ...
</div>
```

» Clock Numbers

- These lines of code represent the **clock's numbers or hour markers**.
- Each number is enclosed within a '**<div>**' element with the class '**numbers**'.
- The '**style**' attribute is used to set the custom CSS property '**--i**' to a specific value.
- This property will be used later in the **CSS to position the numbers correctly**.
- The '****' element inside each '**<div>**' displays the corresponding number.

```
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 1"><span>1</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 2"><span>2</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 3"><span>3</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 4"><span>4</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 5"><span>5</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 6"><span>6</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 7"><span>7</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 8"><span>8</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 9"><span>9</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 10"><span>10</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 11"><span>11</span></div>
<div class="numbers" style="--i: 12"><span>12</span></div>
```

» Clock Circles

- The '**<div>**' element with the class '**circle**' represents the **circular shape present at the center of the clock**. It acts as a **container** for the **clock's hands**.

```
<div class="circle">
  ...
</div>
```

» Clock Hands

- These lines of code define the clock's **hour, minute, and second hands**.
- Each hand is represented by a '**<div>**' element with a specific '**class**' ('**hour**', '**minute**', & '**second**') and an '**id**' attribute ('**hour-hand**', '**minute-hand**', & '**second-hand**').
- These IDs will be **used in JavaScript to manipulate the clock hands' rotation** based on the current time.

```
<div class="hour" id="hour-hand"></div>  
<div class="minute" id="minute-hand"></div>  
<div class="second" id="second-hand"></div>
```



Overall, this HTML code structures the analog clock by using nested '**<div>**' elements and appropriate '**classes**' for styling and positioning the clock's components.

Chapter #3

CSS Styling

Styling our Html Structure using CSS

In this chapter, we will explore the **CSS code** that **brings life to our analog clock**.

We will discuss the **styles applied to various elements, including the clock container, numbers, circle, and clock hands**.

» Global Styles

- These styles apply to all elements on the page.
- The '*' selector **selects all elements**, and the '**margin: 0; padding: 0;**' rule **removes any default margin and padding**.
- The '**box-sizing: border-box;**' rule ensures that the element's **width and height include the padding and border**.

```
* {  
  margin: 0;  
  padding: 0;  
  box-sizing: border-box;  
}
```

» Body Styles

- These styles are applied to the '<**body**>' element.
- They set the **body's height and width to occupy the full viewport ('100vh' and '100vw')**.
- The '**color**' property sets the text color to '**#14131a**', and the '**background-color**' property sets the background color to '**#14131a**'.
- The '**font-size**', '**font-weight**', and '**font-family**' properties define the **font styles for the text**.

- The **'display: flex;', 'align-items: center;', 'justify-content: center;'** properties **center the content horizontally and vertically within the body.**

```
body {  
  height: 100vh;  
  width: 100vw;  
  font-size: 20px;  
  font-weight: bolder;  
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
  background-color: #14131a;  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;  
  justify-content: center;  
}
```



Clock Styles

- These styles are applied to the clock container, which has the class **'clock'**.
- The **width and height** properties set the **dimensions of the clock to '300px'**.
- The **'border-radius: 50%;'** creates a **circular shape by rounding the corners.**
- The **'display: flex;', 'align-items: center;', 'justify-content: center;'** properties **center the clock's contents horizontally and vertically.**
- The **'background-color'** property sets the background color to **'#8f79ff'**.
- The **'border property'** adds a **4px solid border with color #d9d1ff**, and the **'box-shadow'** property adds a **shadow effect** to the clock.
- The **'position: relative;'** property is used to **position the clock's child elements.**


```
.clock {  
  width: 300px;  
  height: 300px;  
  border-radius: 50%;  
  background-color: #8f79ff;  
  border: 4px solid #d9d1ff;  
  box-shadow: 3px 3px 20px #d9d1ff42;  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;  
  justify-content: center;  
  position: relative;  
}
```

» Clock Numbers Styles

- These styles are applied to the **clock's numbers or hour markers**, which are **represented by the elements with the class numbers inside the clock container**.
- The **'`.clock .numbers`'** selector selects these elements.
- The **'`text-align: center;`'** property **horizontally centers** the content of each number.
- The **'`inset: 10px;`'** property provides an **inset spacing of 10 pixels** from the clock's edge.
- The **'`position: absolute;`'** property **positions the numbers relative to the clock**.
- The **'`transform: rotate(calc(var(--i) * 30deg));`'** property **rotates each number by a specific angle** calculated based on the custom CSS property **'`--i`'**.
- The second block **'`.clock .numbers span`'** selects the **«span» element inside each number** and **applies similar rotation but in the opposite direction** to ensure the numbers are properly aligned.

```
.clock .numbers {
  position: absolute;
  text-align: center;
  inset: 10px;
  transform: rotate(calc(var(--i) * 30deg));
}

.clock .numbers span {
  display: inline-block;
  transform: rotate(calc(var(--i) * (-30deg)));
}
```

» Clock Circle Styles

- These styles are applied to the **clock's circle**, which is present at the center of the circle.
- The **'`.circle`'** selector selects this element.
- The **'`position: absolute;`'** property **positions the circle relative to the clock**.
- The **width and height** properties **set the dimensions of the circle to 20px**.
- The **'`border-radius: 50%;`'** creates a **circular shape** by rounding the corners.
- The **'`display: flex;`', '`align-items: center;`', '`justify-content: center;`'** properties **center the circle's content horizontally and vertically**.
- The **'`background-color`'** property sets the **background color to '#14131a'**.
- The **'`.circle::after`'** selector **selects the pseudo-element `::after` of the circle element**.
- The **'`content: " ";`'** property is used to **add content to the pseudo-element**.
- The **'`position: absolute;`'** property **positions the pseudo-element**.
- The **width and height** properties set the **dimensions of the pseudo-element to 10px**.
- The **'`border-radius: 50%;`'** creates a **circular shape** for the pseudo-element.
- The **background-color** property sets the background color to **#d9d1ff**.

```
.circle {
  position: absolute;
  width: 20px;
  height: 20px;
  border-radius: 50%;
  display: flex;
  align-items: center;
  justify-content: center;
  background-color: #14131a;
}

.circle::after {
  content: " ";
  position: absolute;
  width: 10px;
  height: 10px;
  border-radius: 50%;
  background-color: #d9d1ff;
}
```

» Clock Hands Styles

- These styles are applied to the **clock's hour, minute, and second hands**, which are represented by the elements with the classes **'hour, minute, and second'**, respectively.
- The **'hour, minute, second'** selector selects these elements.
- The **'position: absolute;'** property **positions the hands relative to the clock**.
- The **'bottom: 50%;'** property **positions the hands vertically at the bottom half of the clock**.
- The **'border-radius: 3px;'** property gives a **slight rounded appearance to the hands**.
- The **'transform-origin: bottom;'** property sets the **transformation origin for the hands to the bottom**.
- The **.hour** selector sets the **width to 6px, height to 80px, and background color to #14131a** for the hour hand.
- The **.minute** selector sets the **width to 4px, height to 100px, and background color to #14131a** for the minute hand.
- The **.second** selector sets the **width to 2px, height to 120px, and background color to #d9d1ff** for the second hand.

```
.hour,  
.minute,  
.second {  
  position: absolute;  
  bottom: 50%;  
  border-radius: 3px;  
  transform-origin: bottom;  
}  
  
.hour {  
  width: 6px;  
  height: 80px;  
  background-color: #14131a;  
}  
  
.minute {  
  width: 4px;  
  height: 100px;  
  background-color: #14131a;  
}  
  
.second {  
  width: 2px;  
  height: 120px;  
  background-color: #d9d1ff;  
}
```



These **CSS styles** are responsible for **positioning, sizing, and styling** various components of the analog clock.

Chapter #4

JavaScript Functionality

Provide logic to the clock to make it functional

The **JavaScript code** is responsible for **making our analog clock functional**.

We will **explore** how it **retrieves** the **current time**, **calculates** the **rotation angles for the clock hands**, and **updates their positions** accordingly.

» Element Selection

- These lines of code **select the hour, minute, and second hands** of the clock by their respective **'id'** attributes.
- The **document.getElementById()** method retrieves the **DOM element** with the specified **'id'** value and assigns it to the corresponding variables (**'hourHand'**, **'minuteHand'**, **'secondHand'**).

```
let hourHand = document.getElementById("hour-hand");  
let minuteHand = document.getElementById("minute-hand");  
let secondHand = document.getElementById("second-hand");
```

» Setting the Time

- The **setTime** function is defined as an **arrow function**.
- It **retrieves** the **current time** using the **Date object** and **assigns the hour, minute, and second values** to their respective **variables** (**hour, minute, second**).

```
let setTime = (()=> {  
  let date = new Date();  
  let hour = date.getHours();  
  let minute = date.getMinutes();  
  let second = date.getSeconds();
```

» Calculating Rotation

- These lines of code **calculate the rotation angles for the hour, minute, and second hands** based on the **current time**.
- The **rotation angles** are **calculated in degrees**.
- The **hourRotation** is determined by **multiplying the hour value by 30** (since each hour represents 30 degrees on the clock) and **adding an additional rotation based on the minute value divided by 2** (since the hour hand also moves slightly based on the current minute).
- The **minuteRotation** is simply obtained by **multiplying the minute value by 6** (since each minute represents 6 degrees on the clock).
- The **secondRotation** is obtained by **multiplying the second value by 6** (since each second represents 6 degrees on the clock).

```
let hourRotation = 30*hour + minute/2;  
let minuteRotation = 6*minute;  
let secondRotation = 6*second;
```

» Applying Transformations

- These lines of code **set the transform CSS property** of each **clock hand to rotate** them **based on the calculated rotation angles**.
- The **rotate()** function is used to **specify the rotation angle in degrees**.

```
hourHand.style.transform = `rotate(${hourRotation}deg)`;  
minuteHand.style.transform = `rotate(${minuteRotation}deg)`;  
secondHand.style.transform = `rotate(${secondRotation}deg)`;
```

» Updating Time

- The **setInterval()** function is used to **call the setTime function repeatedly every 1000 milliseconds (1 second)**.
- This ensures that the **clock's hands are updated every second to reflect the current time**.

```
setInterval(setTime, 1000);
```



Overall, this **JavaScript code** retrieves the **current time**, **calculates the rotation angles for each clock hand**, and **updates the hands' positions on the clock every second**.

Chapter #5

Bringing It All Together

Now that we have covered the **HTML structure**, **CSS styling**, and **JavaScript functionality**, it's time to put all the pieces together.

We will create a **cohesive code snippet** that **integrates these components and displays a fully functional analog clock**.

Chapter #6

Fine-tuning and customization options

Congratulations! You have successfully **built your own analog clock** using **HTML**, **CSS**, and **JavaScript**.

But we're not done yet – there's **room for customization and further enhancements**.

1. Changing colors:

- **Experiment with different colors** to customize the clock's appearance.
- **Modify the background color, clock face color, and hand colors** to match your preferred style.

2. Adding additional features:

- **Extend the functionality** of your analog clock **by incorporating extra features.**
- **For example,** you could **add a ticking sound effect** or **a digital time display.**

3. Implementing different clock styles:

- **Explore various clock styles** to give your analog clock a unique look.
- Consider **using Roman numerals** or **different types of fonts** for the numbers, or even **creating a retro-style clock.**

4. Animating the clock:

- **Add smooth animation effects** to make your clock more visually appealing.
- Consider **animating the transition between time updates** or **adding subtle movements to the clock hands.**

Chapter #7

Conclusion

In this tutorial, we've **learned** how to create an **interactive analog clock using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**.

We **started by** setting up the **HTML structure**, **applied CSS styles** for the clock's appearance, and **implemented JavaScript** code to make the clock hands update in real-time.

We also **explored fine-tuning** and **customization options** to **further enhance the clock**.

Now it's **your turn to get creative! Customize** your analog clock, **experiment** with different styles and features, and **let your imagination guide you**.

Building an analog clock is **just the beginning** of your **journey** into web development.


I hope you **enjoyed this tutorial** and **found it helpful** in learning how to create an interactive **analog clock using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**.

Happy coding and **have fun** exploring the endless possibilities of **web development!**

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