

CSC 337

Cascading Style Sheets

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Preview of a styles sheet

```
/* The good way, with a preview of cascading style sheet that has class mystyle */
```

```
body {  
  background-color: grey;  
}
```

```
.mystyle {  
  border-style: solid;  
  border-width: 2px 20px 10px 30px;  
  border-color: red;  
  margin: 20px;  
  padding: 40px;  
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
  font-size: 1.5em;  
  color: aqua;  
}
```

```
<body>  
  Default rendering  
  <div class="mystyle"> A styled block </div>  
</body>
```

Default rendering

A styled block

Styles on W3Schools

- The online tutorials have styles like this (okay)
 - in `<head>` *add* `<style>` `</style>` *here* `</head>`



The screenshot shows the W3Schools online HTML editor interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, a menu icon, a refresh icon, and a green 'Run »' button. On the right side of the navigation bar, it says 'Result Size: 352 x 675'. The main area is split into two panels. The left panel contains the following HTML code:

```
<head>
<style>
  p {
    border: 1px solid powderblue;
  }
</style>
</head>
<body>
<h1>This is a heading</h1>
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

The right panel shows the rendered output of the code. It features a large heading 'This is a heading' in a bold, black, serif font. Below the heading are three paragraphs, each enclosed in a light blue border with a thin blue outline. Each paragraph contains the text 'This is a paragraph.'.

The poor way to produce styles (also on W3)

- W3Schools also showed styles in html tags (not okay)

```
<body>  
<h1 style="color: blue;">This is a heading</h1>  
<p style="color: red;">This is a paragraph.</p>  
</body>
```

This is a heading

This is a paragraph.

- We'll use a 3rd way to include styles in the next project

```
<head>  
<title>Store CSS code in a separate file</title>  
<link href="mystyles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" />  
</head>
```

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS):

- HTML describes the content of the page
- CSS describes appearance and layout of information on a web page

Basic CSS rule syntax

- A CSS file consists of one or more rules
- Each rule begins with a selector, such as an HTML tag
 - When using a tag like `<p>`, the style will apply to ALL `<p>` blocks
- Between `{ }` there are 1 to many style `property: value` declarations

General Form:

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

Example

```
p {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  color: red;  
}
```

CSS Properties for Colors

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Styles</title>
<style>
p {
  color: red;
  background-color: yellow;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
<p>This paragraph uses the style above</p>
<p>So does this <p></p>
</body>
</html>
```

Property	Description
<u>color</u>	color of an element's text
<u>background-color</u>	color that will appear behind the element

This paragraph uses the style above

So does this

Specifying Colors

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>This is a Title</title>
<style>
p { color: red; }
h2 { color: rgb(128, 0, 196); }
h4 { color: #8000ff; }
</style>
</head>
```

Show color
selector in Eclipse

```
<body>
<p>
This paragraph uses the first style above.
</p>
<h2>
  This h2 uses the second style above
</h2>
<h4>
  This h2 uses the third style above
</h4>

</body>
</html>
```

- Color names: aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, (white), yellow
- RGB codes: red, green, and blue values from 0 (none) to 255 (full)
- Hex codes: RGB values in base-16 from 00 to FF

This paragraph uses the first style above.

This h2 uses the second style above

This h2 uses the third style above

Fonts

- Units: pixels (px), point (pt), or m-size (em) for better resizing of web pages
16px, 16pt, 1.16em
- Vague font sizes: xx-small, x-small, small, medium, large, x-large, **xx-large**, smaller, **larger**
- Percentage font sizes, e.g.: 90%, 120%
- Weights 100 200 300 ... 900

CSS Properties for Fonts

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Styles</title>
<style>
p {
  font-family: Courier;
  font-size: 8pt;
  font-style: italic;
}
div {
  font-family: Arial;
  font-size: 2em;
  font-weight: 900;
  color: blue;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
<p>Arial 8pt italic</p>
<div>2em div bold blue</div>
</body>
</html>
```

property	possible value
<u>font-family</u>	Courier Arial
<u>font-size</u>	8pt 2em
<u>font-style</u>	normal italic or beak
<u>font-weight</u>	normal bold lighter thickness 100 200 300 ... 800 900
There are a couple dozen more	

Arial 8pt italic

2em div bold blue

Multiple font choices

- Can specify multiple fonts from highest to lowest priority
 - Because some fonts may not exist on the computer
 - If Garamond is not on the computer, try "Times new Roman", then serif
- ```
p {
 font-family: Garamond, "Times New Roman", serif;
}
```
- A few commonly used font families
    - Georgia, serif
    - "Times New Roman", Times, serif
    - Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif
  - Or use generic font names, probably best to use:  
serif, sans-serif, *cursive*, monospace

# Embedding styles in a separate css file

- CSS can be embedded in HTML (previous slide) or placed in a .css file
- Use the code below to include the styles you build in the
  - `rel` attribute means relationship
  - There must be an `href` present
  - The file name can be anything, but use .css extension
  - If the file is named styles.css, you get them with this in the `<head>`

```
<head>
```

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

```
</head>
```

# Backgrounds and an External css File

```
/* styles.css */
body {
 font-size: 1.5em;
 background-image: url("images/moviebg.png");
}
h1 {
 background-color: green;
}
```

Code demo, try a new image that is more clearly repeated

- These are needed in project 2
  - external style sheet
  - background-color
  - background-image

```
<!DOCTYPE html> <!-- background.html -->
<html>
<head>
<link href="styles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
Body has a repeating image, looks
like color green
<h1>h1 has green background</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

Body has a repeating image, looks like color green

**h1 has green background**

```
/* styles.css */
```

```
div {
 border-style: solid;
 color: green;
 width: 160px;
 height: 120px;
}
p {
 border-style: double;
 color: grey;
 width: 100px;
 height: 40px;
}
```

Code Demo: Play with height  
and width and padding sizes

# Borders and external CSS

- Project 2 also needs
  - properties border, height, width

```
<head>
<link href="styles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<div>
A div
<p>Inner paragraph </p>
<p>Another </p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

A div

Inner  
paragraph

Another

# The CSS Box Model

- Every element is composed of
  - **Content** - The content of the box, where text and images appear
  - **Padding** - Clears an area around the content, inside the element. The padding is transparent.
  - **Border** - A border that goes around the padding and content
  - **Margin** - Clears an area outside the border. The margin is transparent



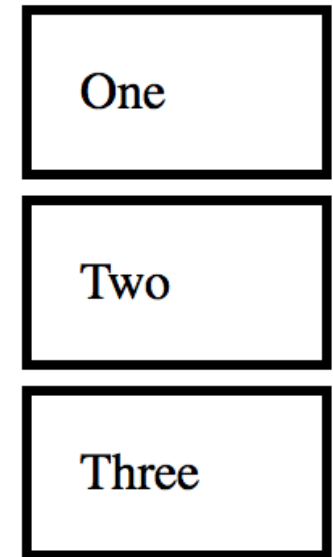
# margin and padding

```
/* styles.css */
p {
 border-style: solid;
 margin: 5px;
 padding: 15px;
 width: 60px;
}
```

Code Demo, play with  
margin and padding

- Project 2 also needs
  - margin padding
- Margin is between elements
- Padding is inside the border

```
<head>
<title>Background</title>
 <link href="styles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
<p>One</p>
<p>Two</p>
<p>Three</p>
</body>
```

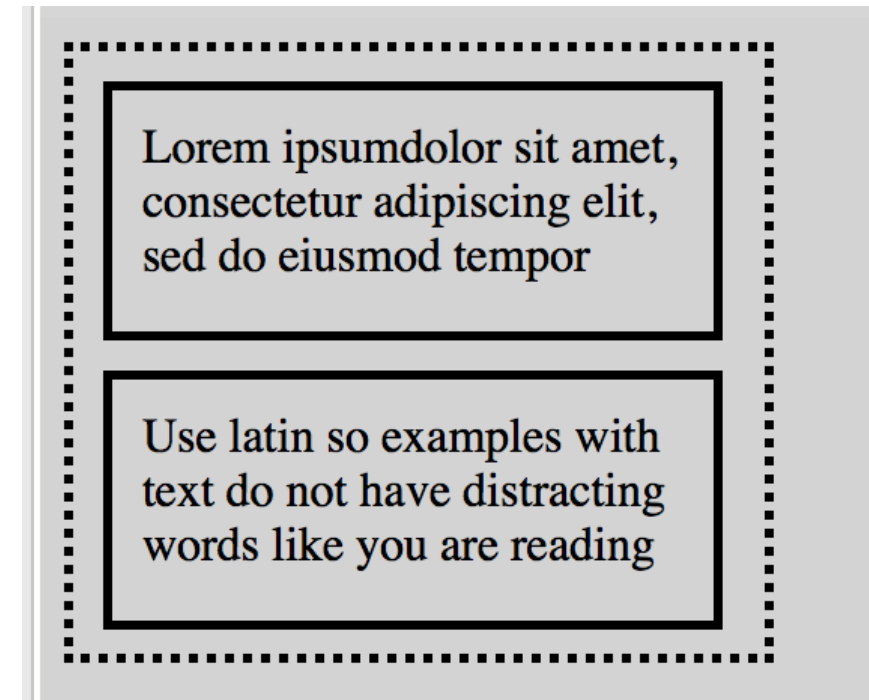




# Active Learning

Given this HTML file, write the CSS style sheet named styles.css to get the appearance shown to the right

```
<head>
<title>Box Model</title>
<link href="styles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
<div>
<p>
Lorem ipsumdolor sit amet, consectetur
adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor
</p>
<p>
Use latin so examples with text do not
have distracting words like you are reading
</p>
</div>
</body>
```



A large, solid blue arrow pointing horizontally to the right. The arrow has a rectangular body and a triangular head. Centered within the rectangular body is the text "More CSS" in a black, sans-serif font.

More CSS

# Content vs. presentation

- HTML is for **content**; *what* is on the page (heading; list; code; etc.)
- CSS is for **presentation**; how to display the page (bold; centered; 20px margin; layouts, etc.)
- Keeping content separate from presentation is an important web design principle
- If the HTML contains no styles, its entire appearance can be changed dramatically by swapping .css files
- See <http://csszengarden.com/>

# Review Basic CSS Rule Syntax / Preview .classes

```
selector
h1 {
 color: red;
}
```

property      value

- A .css file consists of rules
- Selectors include
  - HTML tags like **p table**
  - classes starting with **.**
  - About 62 other selectors

```
p { /* CSS */
 font-family: sans-serif;
 color: red;
}
```

```
.review {
 width: 290px;
 background: lightgray;
 border: solid
}
```

---

```
<!-- HTML -->
<p>The default values of p elements are changed</p>
<div class="review">This div has a border now</div>
```

The default values of p elements are changed

This div has a border now

# More Selectors

- So far, we have only used HTML tags as selectors like p and body
  - To style tables, we have seen selectors table, td, tr
- We now need class selectors, which is any identifier preceded by '.'
  - Use in HTML with the **class** attribute

```
/* styles.css */
```

```
.bordered {
 border-style: solid;
 border-width: 6px;
 padding: 10px;
 color: grey;
 width: 120px;
 height: 20px;
}
```

```
<head>
<title>class Selector</title>
<link href="styles.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
<p class="bordered">
 Styled with a class
</p>
</body>
```



Styled with a class

# text-shadow

- Shadow is specified as an X-offset, a Y-offset, and a color

```
/* styles.css */
.shadowed {
 font-weight: bold;
 font-size: 1.8em;
 color: blue;
 text-shadow: 2px 6px lightgrey;
}
```

**Styled with a class**

```
<head>
<title>class Selector</title>
<link href="styles.css"
 type="text/css"
 rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>

<div class="shadowed">
 Styled with a class
</div>

</body>
</html>
```

# background-image, text-align

- Image repeats to fill all of the HTML block

```
.woodbg { /* CSS */
 color: white;
 text-align: center;
 background-image: url("images.jpg");
 width: 300px;
 height: 250px;
}
```

```
<!-- HTML -->
```

```
<div class="woodbg">
```

This entire div should have an image

```
</div>
```



# box-shadow

- Put a shadow to the right and bottom of an element

```
.box { /* CSS */
 /* 10px down, 10px right, 5px thick */
 box-shadow: 10px 10px 5px black;
 border: solid;
 border-width: 2px;
 width: 400px;
 height: 100px;
}
```

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```
<!-- HTML -->
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<div class="box">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur
adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et
dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud
exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo
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```

```
</div>
```

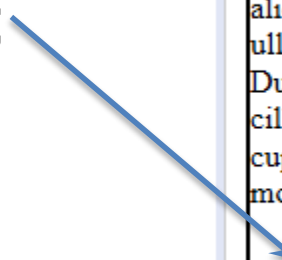
```
</body>
```

How can we stop  
this overflow?




# A couple of ways

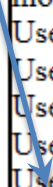
- Make the **height**: value larger, like **200px**;
- Or better yet, use **min-height**: **100px**;



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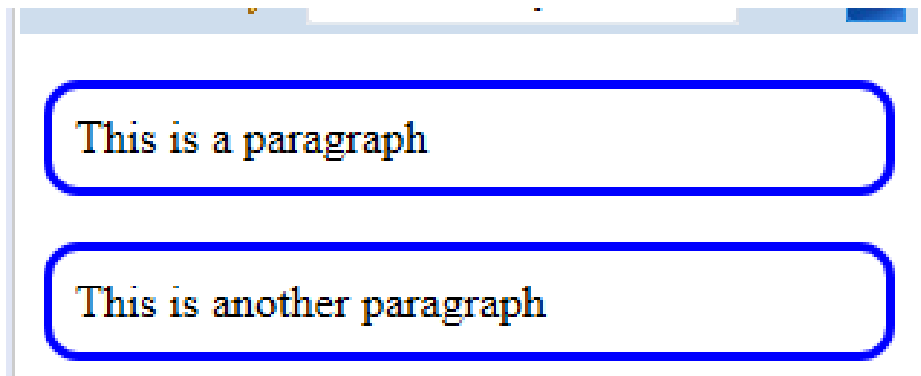
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Use min-width so just the right height renders  
Use min-width so just the right height renders  
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Use min-width so just the right height renders  
Use min-width so just the right height renders

# Rounded corners with border-radius

- Put a shadow to the right and bottom of an element

```
/* CSS */
.rounded {
 border: 3px solid blue;
 border-radius: 12px;
 padding: 0.5em;
}
```



```
<head>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>

<body>
<p class="rounded">
This is a paragraph
</p>

<p class="rounded">
This is another paragraph
</p>

</body>
```

# Rounded corners with border-radius

```
p {
 border: 3px solid blue;
 border-radius: 12px;
 padding: 0.5em;
}
```

This is a paragraph.

This is another paragraph.  
It spans multiple lines.

output

- each side's border radius can be set individually, separated by spaces

# Vertical Align for an image

```
img { vertical-align: bottom }
```



```
img { vertical-align: middle }
```



```
img { vertical-align: top }
```



# span

- Use `<span>` to apply a style to part of an inline element
  - No new block start

```
.part {
 font-size: 1.5em;
 font-family: sans-serif, "Arial";
}
```

`<p>`Using span to `<span class="part">a piece</span>` of an element`</p>`

---

Using span to **a piece** of an element

# Styles that conflict

- When two styles set conflicting values for the same property, the latter style takes precedence

```
p, h1, h2 {
 color: blue;
 font-style: italic;
}

h2 {
 color: red;
 background-color: yellow;
}
```

***This h1 has 2 new styles***

***This h2 has 3 styles added***

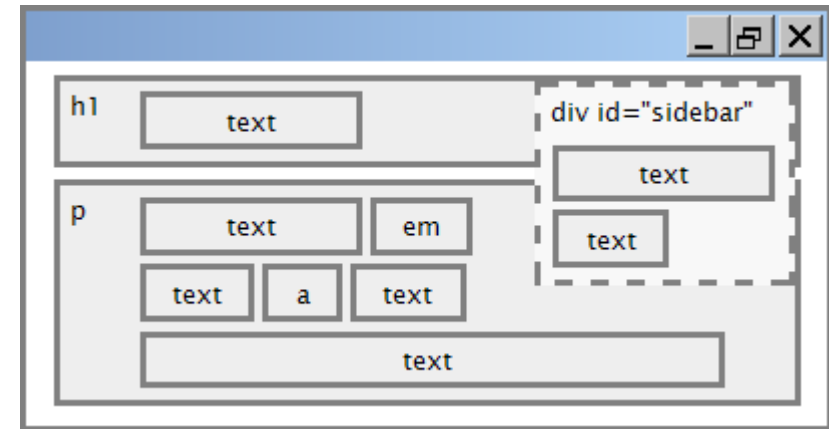


CSS Layout

# The CSS float property

property	description
float	side to hover on; can be left, right, or none (default)

- ***Floating*** elements are removed from normal document flow
- Underlying text wraps around it as necessary





# Floating content and width

I am not floating, no width set

I am floating, no width set

I am floating right, no width set, but my text is very long so this paragraph doesn't really seem like it's floating at all, darn

```
body {
 font-family: arial, serif
}
```

```
.red {
 background: red;
 padding: 5px 10px 15px 20px;
 margin: 5px;
}
```

```
.floatright {
 float: right;
 background: olive;
 margin: 5px;
}
```

```
<div class="red">
 I am not floating, no width set
</div>
```

```
<div class="floatright">
 I am floating, no width set
</div>
```

```
<div class="floatright">
 I am floating right, no width set, but
 my text is very long so this paragraph
 doesn't really seem like it's floating
 at all, darn
</div>
```

- Often floating elements should have a `width` property value
- If no `width` is specified, other content may be unable to wrap around the floating element



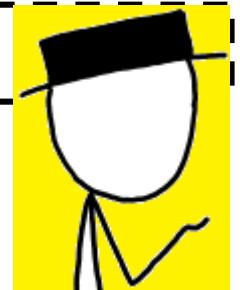
# Common error: container too short

```
<p>
XKCD a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language... </p>
```

```
p {
 border: 2px dashed black;
}

img {
 float: right;
}
```

XKCD a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language...



- What if you want the `<p>` containing the image to extend downward so that its border encloses the entire image

# The overflow property

```
p {
 border: 2px dashed black;
 overflow: hidden;
}
```

XKCD a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language...



property	description
overflow	specifies what to do if an element's content is too large; can be auto, visible, hidden, or scroll

# Float Example Needed on Rancid Tomatoes

```
img.headericon {
 float: left;
}
```

```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit....
```



Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aliquam scelerisque purus ut dui mollis, sed malesuada leo pretium. Morbi bibendum mi at lacus rutrum convallis. Duis id eros dolor. In id eros blandit lectus viverra facilisis at commodo velit. Cras pretium nunc id nisl elementum, at interdum odio blandit. Donec luctus rutrum iaculis. Praesent luctus ante et cursus suscipit. Nullam congue egestas lorem nec luctus. Donec tincidunt tortor mi, nec ultricies orci bibendum a. Aliquam viverra metus nec ligula varius feugiat. In lacinia ligula accumsan tortor porttitor ornare. Donec interdum mattis purus sit amet ultrices. **t**

```
.bigDiv {
float: right;
padding: 2.5em;
margin: 20px;
border: 2px solid black;
border: 2px solid black;
border-radius: 25px;
box-shadow: 11px 22px 6px gray;
width: 330px;
height: 165px;
background: cyan;
background-image:
 url("hand.jpeg");
background-repeat: repeat-y;
text-align: center;
}
```

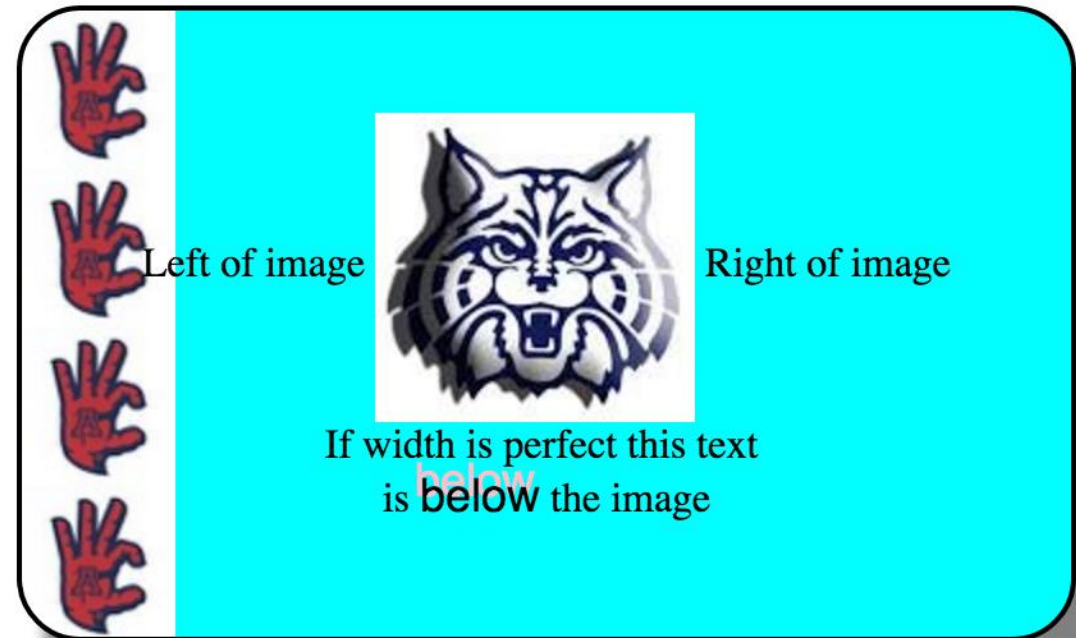
```
.shadow {
font-family:
 sans-serif,
 arial;
font-size: 18px;
font: italic bold;
text-shadow:
 -2px -6px pink;
}
```

```
img {
vertical-align: middle
}
```

- Summarizing some things

```
<div class="bigDiv">
 Left of image
 Right of image If width is perfect this text
 is
 below the image
</div>
<p> class="shadow">After the div floated right</p>
```

After the div floated right



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*Just about every css project out there*



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css must really be one of the ugliest, uncontrolled and uncharted fields in web design out there. The lack of best practices, clarity, clean code and bad browser support results in time bombs that eat away at every project.