

WEEK 2 | PROGRAMMING HTML BASICS II & INTRO TO CSS

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Review

HTML

- Structure
- = Skeleton

CSS

- Design
- = Clothes

Javascript

- Function
- = Muscle



Review

- What 3 elements are essential in HTML?
 - HTML tags
 - Head tags
 - Body tags
- What is the image element for a file called “panda.png”?
 - ``



Today's Outline

1. HTML Tables
2. Divs & Spans
3. IDs & Classes
4. Intro to CSS
5. CSS Properties
6. Linking to CSS





Goal Today:
Style Websites and Make Beautiful Pages



HTML Tables



HTML Tables

- A **table** is useful for organizing lots of data and content
- `<table>... </table>` tags
- Inside a table, we have rows and columns
 - `<tr>...</tr>` is a row
 - `<td>...</td>` is a column
 - `<th>...</th>` is a special column (header column)
- Each **row** contains several **columns**

HTML Tables

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Name</th>
    <th>Age</th>
    <th>Gender</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Jeff</td>
    <td>22</td>
    <td>Male</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```



Name	Age	Gender
Jeff	22	Male



Divs & Spans

Divs and Spans

- `<div></div>` tags are the primary tags we will use from now on
 - They are essentially tags with no special properties (like `` or `<h1>`)
 - You customize them with CSS
 - They are stacked **vertically**, meaning you cannot have two divs side by side unless you alter the CSS
- `` tags are used from time to time
 - Like a div tag, they have no special properties
 - You customize them with CSS
 - They are stacked **horizontally**, meaning you can have two spans side by side



IDs and Classes

IDs and Classes

- IDs and Classes are both **attributes** to HTML elements
- They look like this: `<div id="main-content">` or `<p class="intro">`
- **IDs**
 - *Unique* to a single HTML file (no other IDs on page can have the same ID)
- **Classes**
 - There can be one or more of the same class on a given page
- IDs and Classes are important concepts for CSS. This is how CSS will select certain elements and style them



Intro to CSS

Intro to CSS

- CSS stands for **Cascading Style Sheets**
- They go in another file with an extension of .css
 - Link to the CSS file from your HTML file (in the `<head></head>` tags)
- Basic Structure of CSS:

SELECTOR

p { color: red; font-size: 16px; }

PROPERTY

VALUE

Intro to CSS

```
SELECTOR
|
p { color: red; font-size: 16px; }
      |           |
PROPERTY      VALUE
```

- A “selector” can be the HTML element name, its ID name or Class name
- It is followed by braces { }, with CSS property-value pairs in between
- **Properties** define a CSS style
 - They are followed by a colon : and a value
 - Close property-value pairs with a **semicolon ;** (important!!)



Intro to CSS

- Sample CSS Documents

```
7 @font-face {
8   font-family: 'akashiregular';
9   src: url('../fonts/akashi-webfont.eot');
10  src: url('../fonts/akashi-webfont.eot?#iefix')
11       url('../fonts/akashi-webfont.woff') format('woff'),
12       url('../fonts/akashi-webfont.ttf') format('truetype'),
13       url('../fonts/akashi-webfont.svg#akashi-webfont') format('svg');
14  font-weight: normal;
15  font-style: normal;
16 }
17
18 body {
19   background: #2e2e2e url(../images/bg-main.jpg);
20   color: #d6f1ff;
21   font-family: Verdana, Helvetica, sans-serif;
22   font-size: 20px;
23   text-align: center;
24 }
25
26 p {
```

```
untitled  style.css
382 .entry-meta {
383   margin-bottom: 15px;
384   -webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
385   -moz-osx-font-smoothing: grayscale;
386 }
387 .entry-meta ul {
388   padding: 0;
389   list-style-type: none;
390 }
391 .entry-meta li {
392   float: left;
393   margin-right: 12px;
394 }
395 .entry-meta a {
396   color: #999999;
397 }
```


Intro to CSS

- Selecting elements to style is simple
- Use either the HTML element name, its class or its id
- `<p>Hello World!</p>`
 - Select this element with **p**
 - Style **p**: `p { color: red; }`
- What if you have **multiple** paragraphs, but want to style just the first one?
- You can use IDs:
 - `<p id="intro">Hello World!</p><p>My name is Bob.</p>`
 - Select the ID *intro*:
 - `#intro { color: red; }`

Intro to CSS

- Select elements by ID with a pound symbol #
 - Example: `#intro { font-size: 16px; }`
- Select elements by Class with a dot symbol .
 - Example: `.items { line-height: 26px; }`
- How would you select “Second Paragraph”? What about both divs?

```
<div id="first" class="paragraph">  
  First Paragraph  
</div>  
<div id="second" class="paragraph">  
  Second Paragraph  
</div>
```

- Answer 1: `#second { ... }`
- Answer 2: `.paragraph { ... }`



CSS Properties



CSS Properties

- There are a **lot** of properties! We will teach you the most essential
- **color**
 - Changes the color of your text
 - Value is either a default color value (red, blue, etc.), RGB or HEX value (we will go over this next week)
- **background-color**
 - Changes the background color of your HTML element
 - Value is either a default color value (red, blue, etc.), RGB or HEX value (we will go over this next week)



CSS Properties

- **text-align**
 - Values: left, center, right, justify
- **text-decoration**
 - Values: underline, overline, line-through
- **font-size**
 - Value in px (ex: 16px or 24px)
 - Other ways to define font too (but we won't go over them)
- **font-weight**
 - Values: normal, bold, bolder, or lighter
 - Or use values from 100, 200, ..., to 900
 - 400 = normal, 700 = bold

CSS Properties – Font Family

- Before we talk about font-family, let's go over some basics
- There are **2 types** of fonts: **Serif** and **Sans-serif**





CSS Properties – Font Family

- On the web, we call commonly used fonts “**web-safe**”, meaning all browsers can render the fonts without trouble
- Here is a list of web-safe “**serif**” fonts:

Times New Roman, Times New Roman:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890

COPPERPLATE GOTHIC LIGHT
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ / 1234567890

Georgia, Georgia; Georgia:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890



CSS Properties – Font Family

- Here is a list of web-safe “**sans-serif**” fonts:

Lucida Sans Unicode, Lucida Sans Unicode;
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890

Gill Sans, Gill Sans; Gill Sans:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890

Verdana, Verdana; Verdana:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890

Arial, Arial, Arial, Arial:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz / 1234567890

CSS Properties – Font Family

- Let's see the CSS property for using a font-family
- **font-family**
 - Example: *font-family: Arial;*
- Usually there are more than one font-family value
 - Example: *font-family: Helvetica, Arial, Verdana, sans-serif;*
 - This means the font-family *Helvetica* will be used
 - If *Helvetica* is not supported by the browser, the next font is used
 - These are called **fallback** fonts
 - The last fallback font in this example is sans-serif (what the browser chooses as the default sans-serif)
- If no fallback fonts or no font defined, default serif font used

CSS Properties – Font Family

```
1. body { /*the outer layer of the site and global style attributes*/
2.     font-family: "Museo Sans", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
3.     margin: 0px;
4. }
5. a {
6.     color: inherit;
7.     text-decoration: none;
8.     outline: none;
9. }
10. .img_scaled {
11.     width: 100%;
12. }
13. #logo {
14.     height: 50px;
15.     float: left;
16. }
17. #header_container {
18.     position: absolute;
19.     height: 80px;
20.     width: 100%;
21.     z-index: 100;
22. }
```



CSS Properties – Font Family

- Lastly, there is border
- **border**
 - Takes in 3 values, space-separated
 - 1st value: border-width in px (pixels)
 - 2nd value: border-style
 - 3rd value: color
- Example: *border: 1px solid #999;*
 - Thin solid gray border around your element





Linking to CSS



Linking to CSS

- 3 ways to style CSS
 - Inline CSS
 - Internal Stylesheet
 - External Stylesheet
- We will only cover the **External Stylesheet**, the most commonly used and *best* way to utilize CSS



Linking to CSS

- In your HTML file's `<head></head>` tags, include the following line

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

- It is a lot to take in! Thankfully, you can copy this line for all your HTML pages and just change the href attribute to any .css file
- Just know this is a `<link>` tag, linking your HTML page to your CSS file



Summary

- **HTML Tables** are useful for organizing data and content
- **Divs & Spans** are non-special elements that can be customized with CSS
- **IDs** are unique to a page, **Classes** are not
- **CSS** styles require a selector and a property-value pair
- Selecting elements by IDs and Classes, and styling them
- A lot of CSS properties!
- Linking HTML to CSS files

All lecture material, handouts, and homework can be found at:
<http://www.thewebdesignworkshop.co>



Bonus Slides!

Font-Face

- Sometimes you may want to use a custom font
- We can use the CSS3 rule **@font-face**
 - Example (put this at the top of your CSS file)

```
@font-face {  
    font-family: someName;  
    src: url(/path/to/font.otf);  
}
```
 - Name your font in the *font-family* property
 - Put the relative/absolute path to your font in *src* (.ttf, .otf, .woff)
- To use your custom font “**someName**”, simply use it as you would any other font
 - Example: `p { font-family: someName, Arial, sans-serif; }`

Other ways to link CSS

- **Inline CSS**

- Very poor design choice, but you may see them in old websites (or if the web developer is lazy)
- They utilize the HTML attribute **style**="...", and styles are inserted in the attribute
- Example: `<p style="color: red; font-size: 14px;">Hi!</p>`

- **Internal Stylesheet**

- A little better than inline CSS
- Inside the `<head></head>` tags, you insert `<style></style>` tags

```
<style>
  p { color: red; font-size: 14px; }
</style>
```