Comp 125 - Visual Information Processing

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CSS Basics - reset options

- to help us reduce browser defaults, we can use a CSS reset
- reset allows us to start from scratch
- customise aspects of the rendering of our HTML documents in browsers
- often considered a rather controversial option
- considered controversial for the following primary reasons
  - *accessibility*
  - *performance*
  - *redundancy*
- use resets with care
- notable example of resets is Eric Meyer
  - *discussed reset option in May 2007 blog post*
- resets often part of CSS frameworks...

Demo - CSS Reset - Before

Browser default styles are used for

- `<h1>`, `<h3>`, and `<p>`
- Demo - CSS Reset Before

Demo - CSS Reset - After

Browser resets are implemented using the Eric Meyer stylesheet.

- Demo - CSS Reset After

CSS - a return to inline styles

- *inline* styles are once more gaining in popularity
  - *helped by the rise of React &c.*
- for certain web applications they are now an option
  - *allow us to dynamically maintain and update our styles*
- their implementation is not the same as simply embedding styles in HTML
  - *dynamically generated*
  - *can be removed and updated*
  - *can form part of our maintenance of the underlying DOM*
- inherent benefits include
  - *no cascade*
  - *built using JavaScript*
  - *styles are dynamic*

CSS - against inline styles

- CSS is designed for styling
  - *this is the extreme end of the scale - in effect, styling is only done with CSS*
- abstraction is a key part of CSS
  - *by separating out concerns, i.e. CSS for styling, our sites are easier to maintain*
- *inline* styles are too specific
  - *again, abstraction is the key here*
- some styling and states are easier to represent using CSS
  - *psuedoclasses etc, media queries...*
- CSS can add, remove, modify classes
  - *dynamically update selectors using classes*

HTML5 - intro

- finally became a standard in October 2014
- introduces many new features to HTML standard
- additional features include, e.g.
  - *new canvas element for drawing*
  - *video and audio support*
  - *support for local offline storage*
  - *content specific elements*
  - *including article, footer, header, nav, section*
  - *form controls such as*
  - *calendar, date, time, email, url, search*
- new input type attribute values
  - *assigned to provide better input control*
- Check browser compatibility using HTML5 Test

HTML5 - basic template

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title></title>
  </head>
  <body>

  </body>
</html>
```

HTML5 - Elements - part 1

- often known simply as **tags**
- elements allow us to add a form of metadata to our HTML page
- for example, we might add

```
<!-- a paragraph element -->
<p>add some paragraph content...</p>
<!-- a first heading element -->
<h1>our first heading</h1>
```

- this metadata used to apply structure to a page's content

HTML5 - Elements - part 2

- we can now add additional structure to our basic template

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <!-- title for the web page appears in the window, tab heading... -->
    <title>Demo 1</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Our first web page</h1>
    <p>
      As we build our web apps, more elements and content will be added...
    </p>
  </body>
</html>
```

- Demo - Our first web page

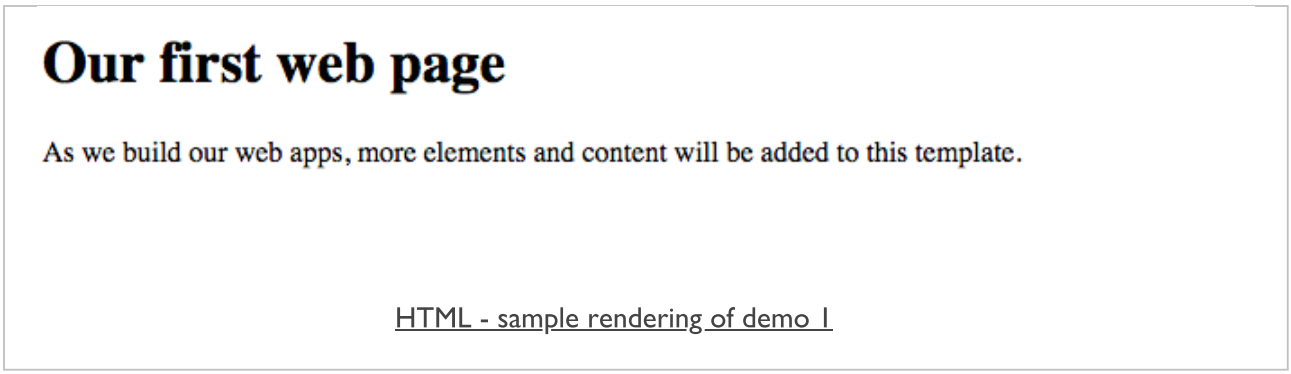
HTML5 - Comments

- comments are simple and easy to add to HTML
- add to HTML code as follows,

```
<!-- a comment in html -->
```

- comment not explicitly visible to the user in the rendered page
- comment appears in the code for reference...

Image - HTML5 sample rendering 1



Source - Demo 1

HTML5 - semantic elements - part 1

- new semantic elements added for HTML5
- known as **block-level** elements
  - *includes the following elements,*

```
<article>
<aside>
<details>
<figure>
<figcaption>
<footer>
<header>
<main>
<nav>
<section>
```

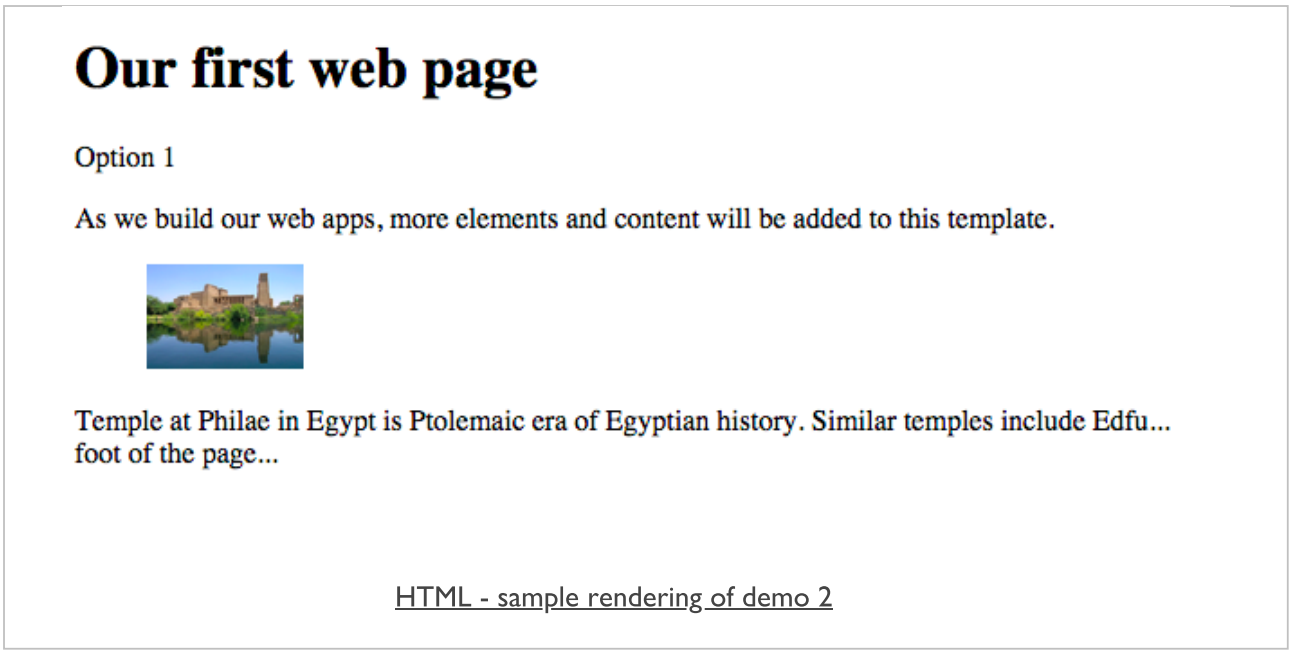
- better structure underlying documents
  - *add clear semantic divisions*

HTML5 - semantic elements - part 2

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <!-- our second demo with lots of new elements -->
    <title>Demo 2</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <header>
      <h1>Our first web page</h1>
    </header>
    <!-- primary navigation elements, links... -->
    <nav>Option 1</nav>
    <!-- main content -->
    <main>
      <section>
        <p>
          As we build our web apps, more elements and content will be added...
        </p>
        <figure>
          <img src="media/images/philae-demo2.jpg" alt="temple of philae" width="333px" height="200px"
        </figure>
      </section>
      <aside>
        Temple at Philae in Egypt is Ptolemaic era of Egyptian history...
      </aside>
    </main>
    <footer>
      foot of the page...
    </footer>
  </body>
</html>
```

- Demo - New elements added

Image - HTML5 sample rendering 2



Source - Demo - New elements added

HTML5 - semantic elements - part 3

- element tag `article` not used in previous demo
- `article` and `section` tag can both cause some confusion
- not as widely used as expected
- `div` element still widely seen in development
- HTML5 is supposed to have relegated `div`
  - *sectioning element of last resort...*
- `article` and `section`
  - *good analogy with a standard newspaper*
  - *different sections such as headlines, politics, health...*
  - *each section will also contain articles*
- HTML specification also states that an `article` element

> *represents a self-contained composition in a document, page, application, or site and that is, in principle, independently distributable or reusable, e.g. in syndication.*

References

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  - *CSS documentation*
  - *cascade and inheritance*
  - *fonts*
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