Java EE Web Development

Lesson 2 - CSS

What is CSS?

- CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets
- CSS describes how HTML elements are to be displayed on screen, paper, or in other media
- CSS saves a lot of work. It can control the layout of multiple web pages all at once
- External stylesheets are stored in CSS files

Why Use CSS?

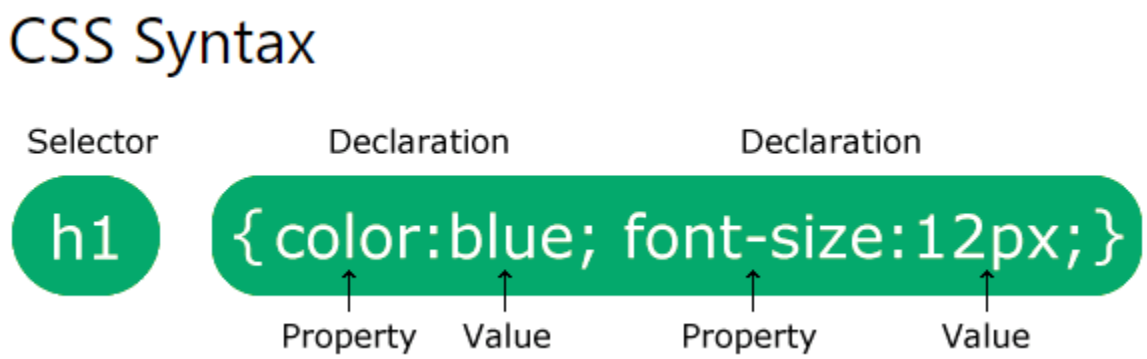
CSS is used to define styles for your web pages, including the design, layout and variations in display for different devices and screen sizes.

CSS Saves a Lot of Work!

The style definitions are normally saved in external .css files.

With an external stylesheet file, you can change the look of an entire website by changing just one file!

CSS Syntax



The selector points to the HTML element you want to style.

The declaration block contains one or more declarations separated by semicolons.

Each declaration includes a CSS property name and a value, separated by a colon.

Multiple CSS declarations are separated with semicolons, and declaration blocks are surrounded by curly braces.

```
p {
  color: red;
  text-align: center;
}
```

- `p` is a selector in CSS (it points to the HTML element you want to style: <p>).
- `color` is a property, and `red` is the property value
- `text-align` is a property, and `center` is the property value

CSS Selectors

CSS selectors are used to "find" (or select) the HTML elements you want to style.

The CSS element Selector

Here, all <p> elements on the page will be center-aligned, with a red text color:

```
p {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

The CSS id Selector

The id selector uses the id attribute of an HTML element to select a specific element.

The id of an element is unique within a page, so the id selector is used to select one unique element!

To select an element with a specific id, write a hash (#) character, followed by the id of the element.

The CSS rule below will be applied to the HTML element with id="para1":

```
#para1 {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

The CSS class Selector

In this example all HTML elements with class="center" will be red and center-aligned:

```
.center {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

You can also specify that only specific HTML elements should be affected by a class.

In this example only <p> elements with class="center" will be red and center-aligned:

```
p.center {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

HTML elements can also refer to more than one class.

In this example the <p> element will be styled according to class="center" and to class="large":

```
<p class="center large">This paragraph refers to two classes.</p>
```

The CSS Universal Selector

The universal selector (*) selects all HTML elements on the page.

The CSS rule below will affect every HTML element on the page:

```
* {
  text-align: center;
  color: blue;
}
```

The CSS Grouping Selector

The grouping selector selects all the HTML elements with the same style definitions.

Look at the following CSS code (the h1, h2, and p elements have the same style definitions):

```
h1 {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}

h2 {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}

p {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

It will be better to group the selectors, to minimize the code.

To group selectors, separate each selector with a comma.

In this example we have grouped the selectors from the code above:

```
h1, h2, p {
  text-align: center;
  color: red;
}
```

CSS Comments

Comments are used to explain the code, and may help when you edit the source code at a later date.

Comments are ignored by browsers.

A CSS comment is placed inside the `<style>` element, and starts with `/*` and ends with `*/`:

```
/* This is a single-line comment */
p {
  color: red;
}

/* This is
a multi-line
comment */

p {
  color: red;
}
```

HTML and CSS Comments

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
p {
  color: red; /* Set text color to red */
}
</style>
</head>
<body>

<h2>My Heading</h2>

<!-- These paragraphs will be red -->
<p>Hello World!</p>
<p>This paragraph is styled with CSS.</p>
```

```
<p>CSS comments are not shown in the output.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

CSS Colors

CSS Background Color

You can set the background color for HTML elements:

```
<h1 style="background-color:DodgerBlue;">Hello World</h1>
<p style="background-color:Tomato;">Lorem ipsum...</p>
```

CSS Text Color

You can set the color of text:

Hello World

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit, sed diam nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat volutpat.

Ut wisi enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exerci tation ullamcorper suscipit lobortis nisl ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

```
<h1 style="color:Tomato;">Hello World</h1>
<p style="color:DodgerBlue;">Lorem ipsum...</p>
<p style="color:MediumSeaGreen;">Ut wisi enim...</p>
```

CSS Border Color

You can set the color of borders:

Hello World

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Hello World

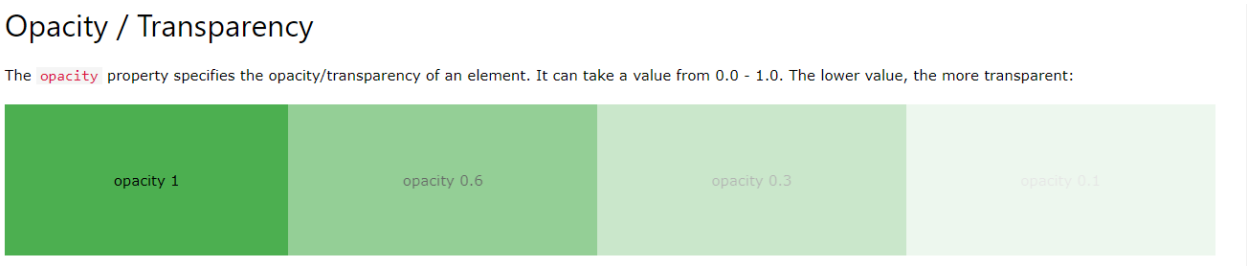
```
<h1 style="border:2px solid Tomato;">Hello World</h1>
<h1 style="border:2px solid DodgerBlue;">Hello World</h1>
<h1 style="border:2px solid Violet;">Hello World</h1>
```

CSS Color Values

```
<h1 style="background-color:#ff6347;">...</h1>
```

CSS Backgrounds

```
h1 {
  background-color: green;
}

div {
  background-color: lightblue;
}

p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```




```
div {
  background-color: green;
  opacity: 0.3;
}
```

CSS background-image

The `background-image` property specifies an image to use as the background of an element.

By default, the image is repeated so it covers the entire element.

```
body {
  background-image: url("paper.gif");
}
```

CSS background-repeat

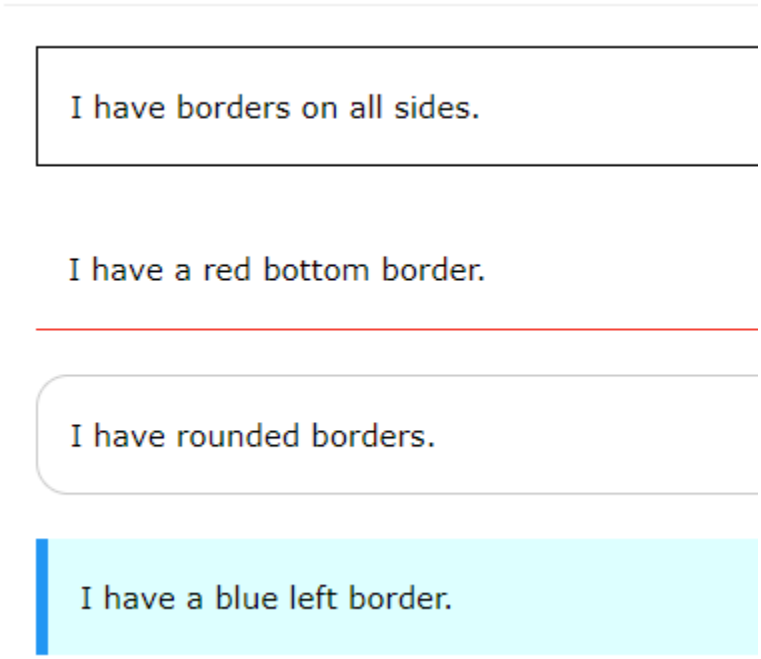
By default, the `background-image` property repeats an image both horizontally and vertically.

Some images should be repeated only horizontally or vertically, or they will look strange, like this:

```
body {
  background-image: url("gradient_bg.png");
  background-repeat: repeat-x;
}
```

CSS Borders

The CSS border properties allow you to specify the style, width, and color of an element's border.



CSS Border Style

The `border-style` property specifies what kind of border to display.

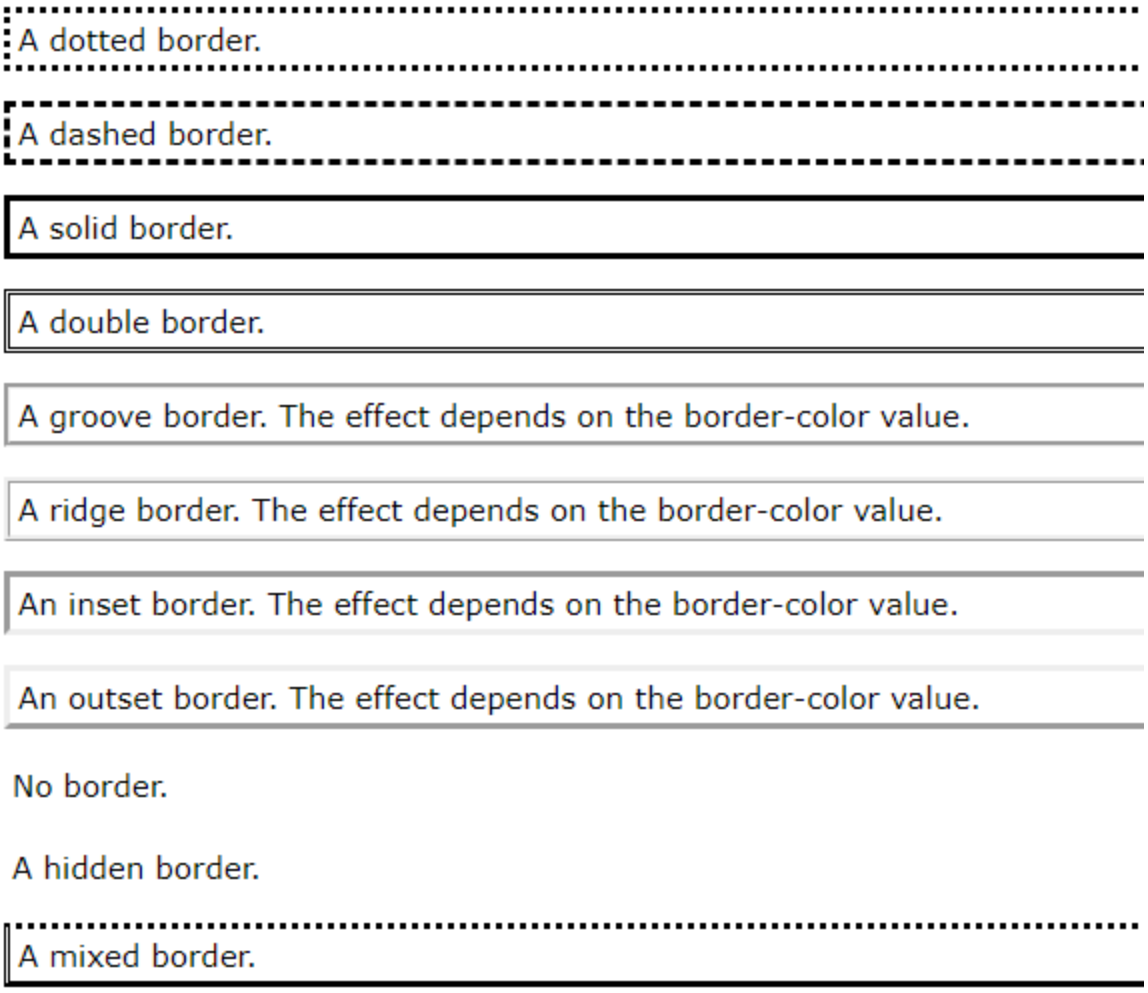
The following values are allowed:

- `dotted` - Defines a dotted border
- `dashed` - Defines a dashed border
- `solid` - Defines a solid border
- `double` - Defines a double border
- `groove` - Defines a 3D grooved border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- `ridge` - Defines a 3D ridged border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- `inset` - Defines a 3D inset border. The effect depends on the border-color value

- `outset` - Defines a 3D outset border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- `none` - Defines no border
- `hidden` - Defines a hidden border

The `border-style` property can have from one to four values (for the top border, right border, bottom border, and the left border).

```
p.dotted {border-style: dotted;}
p.dashed {border-style: dashed;}
p.solid {border-style: solid;}
p.double {border-style: double;}
p.groove {border-style: groove;}
p.ridge {border-style: ridge;}
p.inset {border-style: inset;}
p.outset {border-style: outset;}
p.none {border-style: none;}
p.hidden {border-style: hidden;}
p.mix {border-style: dotted dashed solid double;}
```



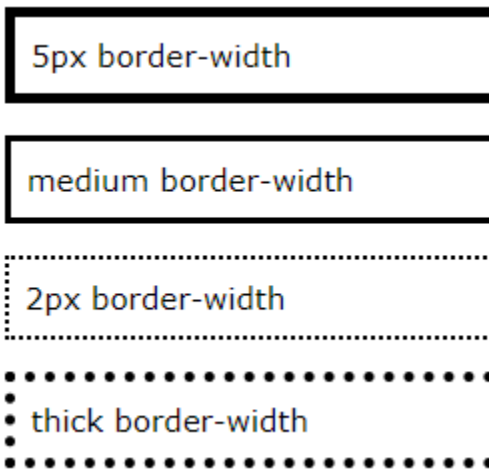
CSS Border Width

The `border-width` property specifies the width of the four borders.

The width can be set as a specific size (in px, pt, cm, em, etc) or by using one of the three pre-defined values: thin, medium, or thick:

```
p.one {
  border-style: solid;
  border-width: 5px;
}

p.two {
  border-style: solid;
```

```
  border-width: medium;
}

p.three {
  border-style: dotted;
  border-width: 2px;
}

p.four {
  border-style: dotted;
  border-width: thick;
}
```



CSS Border Color

The `border-color` property is used to set the color of the four borders.

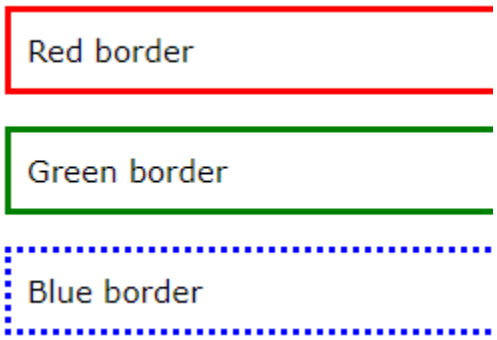
The color can be set by:

- name - specify a color name, like "red"
- HEX - specify a HEX value, like "#ff0000"
- RGB - specify a RGB value, like "rgb(255,0,0)"
- HSL - specify a HSL value, like "hsl(0, 100%, 50%)"
- transparent

Note: If `border-color` is not set, it inherits the color of the element.

```
p.one {
  border-style: solid;
```

```
  border-color: red;
}

p.two {
  border-style: solid;
  border-color: green;
}

p.three {
  border-style: dotted;
  border-color: blue;
}
```



CSS Border - Individual Sides

From the examples on the previous pages, you have seen that it is possible to specify a different border for each side.

In CSS, there are also properties for specifying each of the borders (top, right, bottom, and left):

```
p {
  border-top-style: dotted;
  border-right-style: solid;
  border-bottom-style: dotted;
  border-left-style: solid;
}
```

If the `border-style` property has four values:

- border-style: dotted solid double dashed;

    - top border is dotted
    - right border is solid
    - bottom border is double
    - left border is dashed

If the `border-style` property has three values:

- border-style: dotted solid double;
    - top border is dotted
    - right and left borders are solid
    - bottom border is double

If the `border-style` property has two values:

- border-style: dotted solid;
    - top and bottom borders are dotted
    - right and left borders are solid

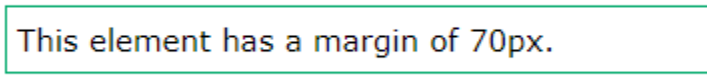
If the `border-style` property has one value:

- border-style: dotted;
    - all four borders are dotted

```
/* Four values */
p {
  border-style: dotted solid double dashed;
}

/* Three values */
p {
  border-style: dotted solid double;
}

/* Two values */
p {
  border-style: dotted solid;
}

/* One value */
p {
  border-style: dotted;
}
```

CSS Margins

Margins are used to create space around elements, outside of any defined borders.



Margin - Individual Sides

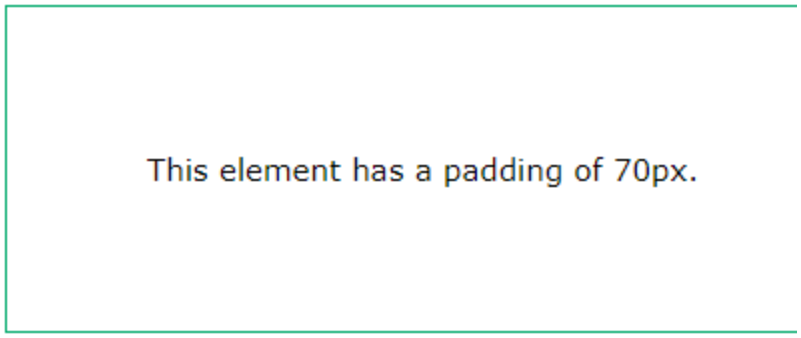
CSS has properties for specifying the margin for each side of an element:

- `margin-top`
- `margin-right`
- `margin-bottom`
- `margin-left`

All the margin properties can have the following values:

- auto - the browser calculates the margin
- *length* - specifies a margin in px, pt, cm, etc.
- *%* - specifies a margin in % of the width of the containing element
- inherit - specifies that the margin should be inherited from the parent element

CSS Padding



The CSS `padding` properties are used to generate space around an element's content, inside of any defined borders.

With CSS, you have full control over the padding. There are properties for setting the padding for each side of an element (top, right, bottom, and left).

Padding - Individual Sides

CSS has properties for specifying the padding for each side of an element:

- `padding-top`
- `padding-right`
- `padding-bottom`
- `padding-left`

All the padding properties can have the following values:

- *length* - specifies a padding in px, pt, cm, etc.
- *%* - specifies a padding in % of the width of the containing element
- inherit - specifies that the padding should be inherited from the parent element