

Today!

- Review from week 1
- Prepping images for the web
- Some more HTML:
 - New elements
 - Block versus inline elements
- Introduction to CSS

Review!



Clock designed by **Brandon Hopkins** from The Noun Project

Delivering content

- HTML structures content
- CSS creates style and layout
- Javascript adds extra interactivity

File structure

- Make subdirectories for CSS and media files (like img and css)
- Start with HTML files in the main directory
- Make your homepage index.html

Rules of file naming

- No spaces in file names
- Capitalization matters
- Use only letters, numbers, hyphens (-), and underscores (_)
- Filenames must start with a letter

Types of file paths

Absolute paths

Full URL of the page or file

```
http://google.com
http://
dpersing.github.io/svc/
img/svc-logo.png
```

Relative paths

URL in relation to the file you're in

```
svc/img/svc-logo.png
../svc/img/svc-logo.png
```

Good practices

- Leave <!-- comments --> for yourself and others
- Standardize your file structure
- Standardize your filenaming
- Indent your code so it's readable

HTML documents

- <!DOCTYPE html> tells the browser it's an HTML file
- <html> wraps all of the metadata and content
- <head> wraps all of the metadata
- <body> wraps all of the content

<head> elements

- <title> appears in the browser bar
- <meta> elements have attributes that give information about the page:
 - charset tells the browser what symbols to expect
 - description tells search engines what the page is about
 - author tells who wrote the page

body> elements

- all elements you want to appear on the page to visitors
- semantic elements, like:
 - headers: <h1> to <h6>
 - text: , and
 - images: or
 - links: <a>
- container elements (today!)

HTML element tags

- Most elements have opening and closing tags: stuff
- Some elements don't:

```
<img src="kittens.jpg">
or <img src="kittens.jpg" />
```

Some have attributes:

```
<a href="http://blah.com">link</a>
```

Connecting HTML pages together

 HTML page names have .html extensions in their filenames

```
index.html
about.html
photos.html
```

 Links between pages uses these filenames in their paths

```
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
```

Let's go over some examples!

Questions?

Getting graphics web-ready



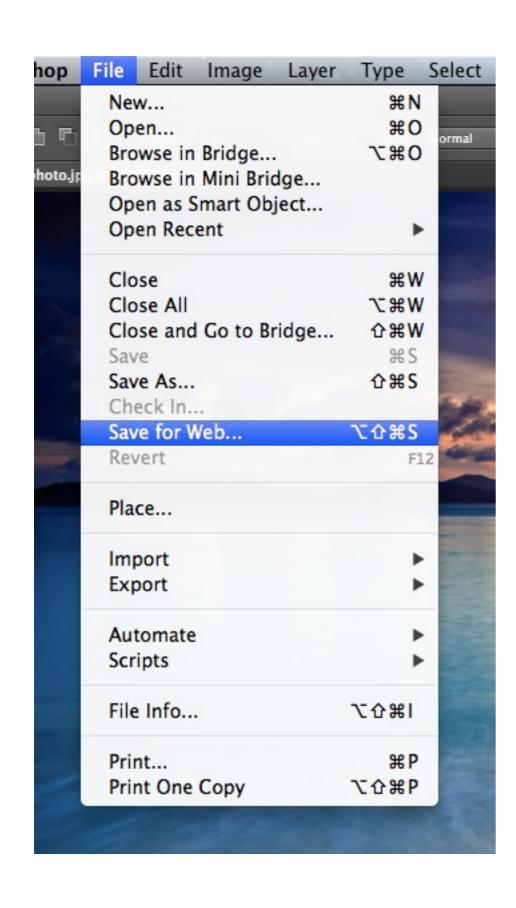
Why do I need to save for web?

- Strips out layers, metadata, and other bulk from your image
- Minimizes file size to help load time in the browser
- Optimizes images for RGB display at the correct resolution for the browser

Web image types

- JPG (or JPEG) is traditional for photos
- GIF is traditional for animation, illustrations and transparency
- PNG* was designed for the web for photos, illustrations, and transparent images

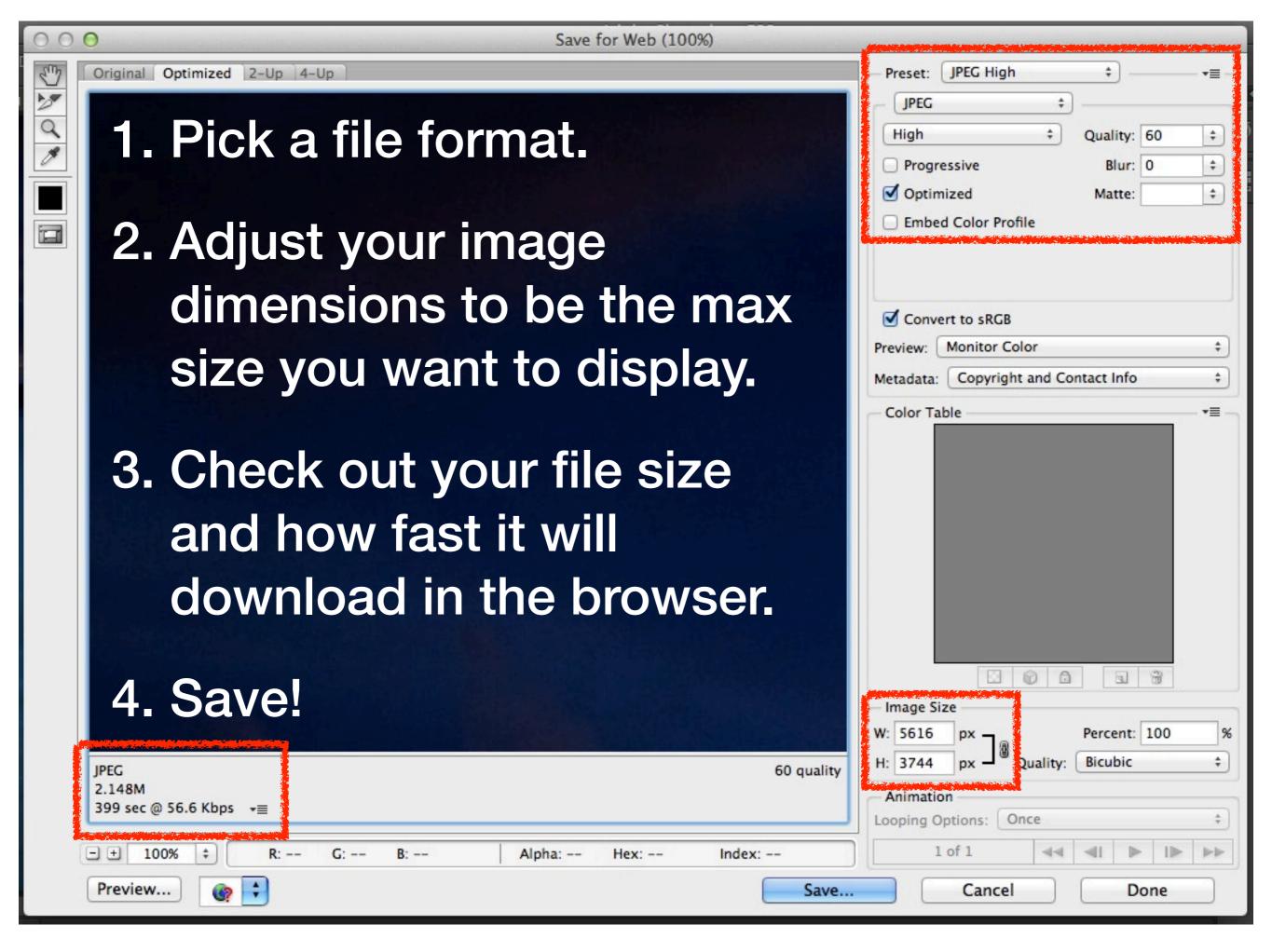
*When in doubt, make a PNG.



Use "Save for Web..."

(or "Save for Web and Devices..." in some versions)

instead of "Save" or "Save As..."



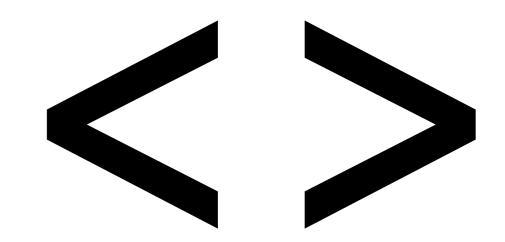
Videos demos!

- Saving for web from Photoshop
- Saving for web from Illustrator
- Look for these on the class site!

Let's add an image to our site

- 1. Find giant-photo.jpg in the img folder in today's sample files
- 2. Open the file in Photoshop
- 3. Save it for the web into the img folder
- 4. Include it in index.html using the tag and the src attribute

More HTML elements, and more about HTML elements



Block and inline elements

Block elements start a new line by don't start a new default

So far we know:

- <h1>...<h6>
- >
- , ,

Inline elements line by default

So far we know:

<a>

General block and inline elements

<div> elements
are block elements
without semantic
meaning

```
<div>
<h1>My Page</h1>
Here is my first
HTML page.
</div>
```

 elements
are inline elements
without semantic
meaning

```
<h1>My Page</h1>
Here is <span>my
first</span> HTML
page.
```

<div>elements

- Functions like a box to put related or adjacent content in
- Used to create divisions in an HTML page for layout and style
- Can nest inside each other



Open Box by Andrew McKinley from The Noun Project

 elements

- Function like an invisible thread that wraps content without affecting its position
- Used to style other inline content
- Can nest inside each other and other elements

The rare inline-block element

Inline-block elements

line up with other inline elements, but take up space like block elements

So far we know:

•



I love my polaroid camera!!!!!!! by Chase Zalewski on Flickr

More inline elements

- tags imply spoken emphasis, and are displayed with italics by default
- tags are used for contextual importance, and are displayed with bold text by default

Here is my first HTML page.

What about <i>> and ?

In XHTML:

- <i> means italic
-

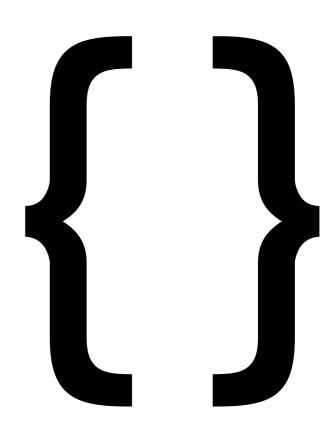
In HTML5:

- <i> <i> means an alternate mood or voice
- ** means stylistically offset**

Why do you think they changed?

Let's try out some block and inline elements!

Introduction to CSS



Cascading Stylesheets

- CSS brings style, formatting, and layout to HTML
- Provides a consistent and scalable way to design single pages and entire sites
- Separates look & feel from content so that sites can be restyled over time

Anatomy of a CSS rule

```
h1 { font-size: 2em; } selector declaration
```

- Selector is the HTML element you want to style
- Declaration is how you want to style it
- A single rule can have multiple declarations (and multiple selectors!)
- Declarations are grouped within { }

Anatomy of a CSS declaration

```
h1 { font-size: 2em; }
property value
```

- Each declaration has a property and a value
- The property is the aspect of the HTML element you want to style
- The value is exactly how you want the aspect to be styled
- Each declaration ends with a ;

Major kinds of selectors

Type selectors match element names h1 { color: #ff0000; }

```
h1, h2, h3 { color: #ff0000; }
```

 Descendent selectors point to an element that is the child ("inside") of another element

```
p a { text-decoration: none; }
```

Let's set up our CSS

- Open index.html of our sample files in your text editor
- 2. After the <title>...</title>, make a new line
- 3. Type <style></style>
- 4. Save your index.html file!

Let's start with typography!

Major font properties

- font-size: 2em; (em, px or %)
- font-family: Helvetica, sansserif; (or another font stack)
- font-style: italic; (or normal)
- font-weight: bold; (or normal or a weight number like 600)
- line-height: 1.5em; (em, px or %)

Major text properties

- text-decoration: underline; (or none)
- text-transform: capitalize; (or a few others!)
- text-align: center; (or left or right)
- text-indent: 1em; (em, px or %)

Let's try a few typographic styles.

Changing text color

- For text color, the property is color
- Color values can be expressed several ways:

```
color: #ff0000; (hex)
```

color: rgb(255,0,0); (rgb)

color: red; (name)*

*Technically correct, but not preferred!

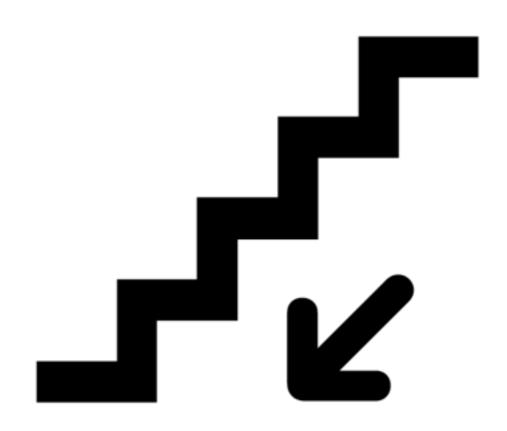
Let's change some colors.

"How will I remember all this?"

- You won't!
- Use online references, like:
 - Mozilla's <u>Getting Started with CSS</u> guide*
 - Mozilla's CSS Reference*

*These are both on the class website!

The style cascade



Styles can be in 4 locations

- Browser default styles are built into every browser
- External styles are linked to in the <head> of an HTML document
- Internal styles are written in the
 <head> of an HTML document
- Inline styles appear in the opening tag of an HTML element

We started with internal styles

```
<style>
  /* styles all go here, indented for neatness! */
  /* these are CSS comments, btw */
</style>
```

- Added in the <head> of an HTML document
- Only apply to the HTML file they are written in!

How about external styles?

- External styles can be used by multiple HTML pages
- Create consistent styles across your whole site
- Make a change in one place instead of on every web page
- This seems much better! Let's try it.

Move'em out!

- 1. Create a new text file and save it as styles.css in our css folder
- 2. Copy/paste our internal styles to the new file
- 3. Delete our <style>...</style> wrapper from index.html
- 4. Save both files and refresh the page in the browser...

Linking an external stylesheet

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

- Tells an HTML page to load a stylesheet at a give URL
- External stylesheet links go inside the
 <head> element of your HTML pages
- Add the link to each HTML document to which the styles should apply

The cascading part of CSS

Inheritance

• Which values are passed down to children?

Precedence

- Which rule is seen first by the browser?
- How specific are the selectors?
- Is the CSS rule internal, external, etc.?

Inheritance

 Most styles are passed from parents to children

```
body { color: #0000cc; } all text in the (body) will be this color...
```

 Inheritance is overridden when a child has different values for the same property

```
p { color: #ff0000; } ...except  elements, which will be this color instead
```

Rule order

 If the same property is styled for a single selector multiple times, the last one the browser sees takes precedence

```
p { color: #666666; }
ul { color: #000000; }
p { color: #ff0000; } this one wins!
```

Specificity of HTML elements

 If one style is more specific than another, it takes precedence

```
p { color: #666666; } this styles (p) elements

a { color: #cc0000; } this styles (a) elements

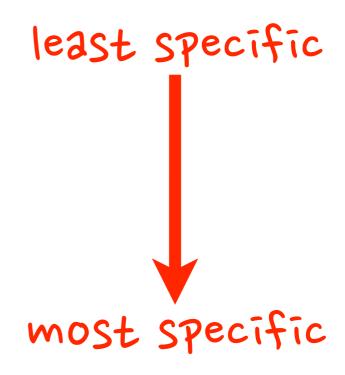
p a { color: #ff0000; } this styles (a) elements that
are inside (p) elements only

div p a { color: #000000; }
```

this styles (a) elements that are inside (p) elements that are inside (div) elements only

Specificity of stylesheet location

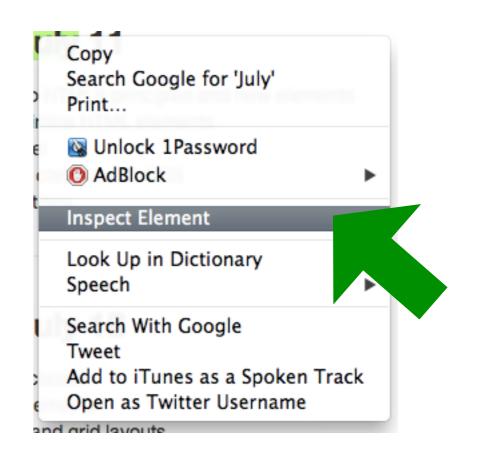
- Styles that are "closer" to the elements they style take precedence
 - Browser default styles
 - External stylesheets
 - Internal stylesheets
 - Inline styles



Let's test out the cascade.

Cascade got you down?

- Right click on an element and choose "Inspect Element"
- See what styles are being applied and which are being overridden



Validation



Validating HTML and CSS

- Validation is an easy way to make sure your code is properly formatted and will work as expected
- HTML: http://html5.validator.nu/
- CSS: http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/

For next time

- Create a header image for your project and add it to all your pages
- Add <div> elements to group content on your pages
- Style your text with an external stylesheet
- Validate your HTML and CSS
- HTML and CSS: read ch. 10-12

Next time

- Week 2 review!
- New HTML5 container elements
- The CSS block model
- Using ids and classes with CSS
- CSS abbreviations
- Overriding browser defaults for style

Questions?

- Visit http://dpersing.github.io/svc
 - Class slides
 - Code examples from class
 - Additional general and class-specific resources
- Email me at dep@dpersing.com