

Lecture_6

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CSS Selectors

Combinator selectors

- Combinator selectors explains the **relationship between** the selectors, it can contain more than one simple selector, it have four types:
 - descendant selector
 - child selector (>)
 - adjacent sibling selector (+)
 - general sibling selector (~)

descendant selector

- ▶ Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element .
- ▶ **For example** : The `div p{}` selector in CSS is called a **descendant selector** – it selects all `<p>` elements that are inside a `<div>`, no matter how deeply nested they are.

```
▼ <html>
  ▼ <head>
    ▼ <style>
      ▼ div p{
          background-color: burlywood;
          font-size: 40pt;
        }

      </style>

    </head>
    ▼ <body>

      <div><p>Matches all elements that are descendants
      of a specified element </p></div>
      <p>Combinator selectors explains the
      relationship between the selectors, </p>
      </body>
    </html>
```



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Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element

Combinator selectors explains the relationship between the selectors,

child selector (>)

- ▶ The **child selector** (>) in CSS is used to select **only the direct children** of an element – not deeper descendants.

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  ▼ <html>
3  ▼ <head>   <title> CSS Example</title>
4  ▼ <style>
5  /* Select only direct <p> children of <div> */
6  ▼ div > p {
7      color: blue;
8      font-weight: bold;
9  }
10 </style>
11 </head>
12 ▼ <body>
13 ▼ <div>
14     <p>This paragraph is a direct child of div ✓</p>
15
16 ▼ <section>
17     <p>This paragraph is inside a section inside div X</p>
18 </section>
19 </div>
20
21
22 </body>
23 |
24 </html>
```

◆ Output Explanation:

- The first `<p>` turns blue and bold, because it's a **direct child** of `<div>`.
- The second `<p>` inside `<section>` does **not** get styled, because it's a **grandchild**, not a direct child.

child selector (>)

- ▶ **Example_1:** Selects all elements that are the children of a specified element.
- ▶ selects all elements that are children of an element.

```
4▼ <style>
5▼   div>p{
6       background-color:aquamarine;
7       font-size: 20pt;
8   }
9
10▼  div p{
11      background-color: burlywood;
12      font-size: 40pt;
13  }
14
15 </style>
16
17 </head>
18▼ <body>
19
20 <div><p>Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element </p></div>
21 <p>Combinator selectors explains the relationship between the selectors, </p>
22 </body>
```

The output of code



Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element

Combinator selectors explains the relationship between the selectors,

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>    <title> CSS Example</title>
4  <style>
5
6  div p {
7      color: red;
8      font-weight: bold;
9  }
10 <div>p{
11
12     color:blue;
13     font-size:30pt;
14
15 }
16 </style>
17 </head>
18 <body>
19 <div><p>This paragraph is right after h2 </p> </div>
20
21 <p>This paragraph is not immediately after </p>
22 |
23 </body>
24
25 </html>
```



This paragraph is right after h2

This paragraph is not immediately after

Example_2

The adjacent sibling selector (+) in CSS



Heading 1

This paragraph is right after h2

This paragraph is not immediately after h2

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>    <title> CSS Example</title>
4  <style>
5  /* Selects the <p> that comes immediately after an <h2> */
6  h2 + p {
7      color: red;
8      font-weight: bold;
9  }
0  </style>
1  </head>
2  <body>
3  <h2>Heading 1</h2>
4  <p>This paragraph is right after h2 </p>
5
6  <p>This paragraph is not immediately after h2 </p>
7
8  </body>
9
0  </html>
```

The adjacent sibling selector (+) in CSS selects the element that is immediately next (directly after) a specified element

◆ Explanation:

- The first `<p>` turns **red and bold**, because it's **immediately next to `<h2>`**.
- The second `<p>` does **not** get styled, since another `<p>` came before it — it's **not adjacent** to `<h2>`.

adjacent sibling selector (+)

- ▶ Selects all elements that are the adjacent siblings of a specified element.
- ▶ Sibling elements must have the same parent element and immediately follow its parent.

```
6    div p{  
7        background-color: burlywood;  
8        font-size: 40pt;  
9    }  
10   div>p{  
11       background-color:aquamarine;  
12       font-size: 20pt;  
13    }  
14   div + p {  
15       background-color: yellow;  
16    }  
17 </style>  
18  
19 </head>  
20 <body>  
21 |  
22 <div><p>Matches all elements that are descendants of a  
23     specified element </p></div>  
24 <p>Combinator selectors explains the relationship  
     between the selectors, </p>  
25 <p>Selects all elements that are the adjacent siblings  
     of a specified element. </p>
```

Output



Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element

Combinator selectors explains the relationship between the selectors,

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The **general sibling selector (~)** in CSS selects all elements that share the same parent and come after a specified element.

Example for the general sibling selector (~)

- ▶ The general sibling selector selects all elements that are *siblings* of a specified element

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2▼ <html>
3▼ <head>
4▼   <style>
5▼     div ~ p {
6       background-color: yellow;
7     }
8
9   </style>
10
11  </head>
12▼ <body>
13  <div><p>Matches all elements that are descendants of a
14    specified element </p></div>
15  <p>Combinator selectors explains the relationship
16    between the selectors, </p>
17  <p>Selects all elements that are the adjacent siblings
18    of a specified element. </p>
19
20  </body>
21  </html>
```

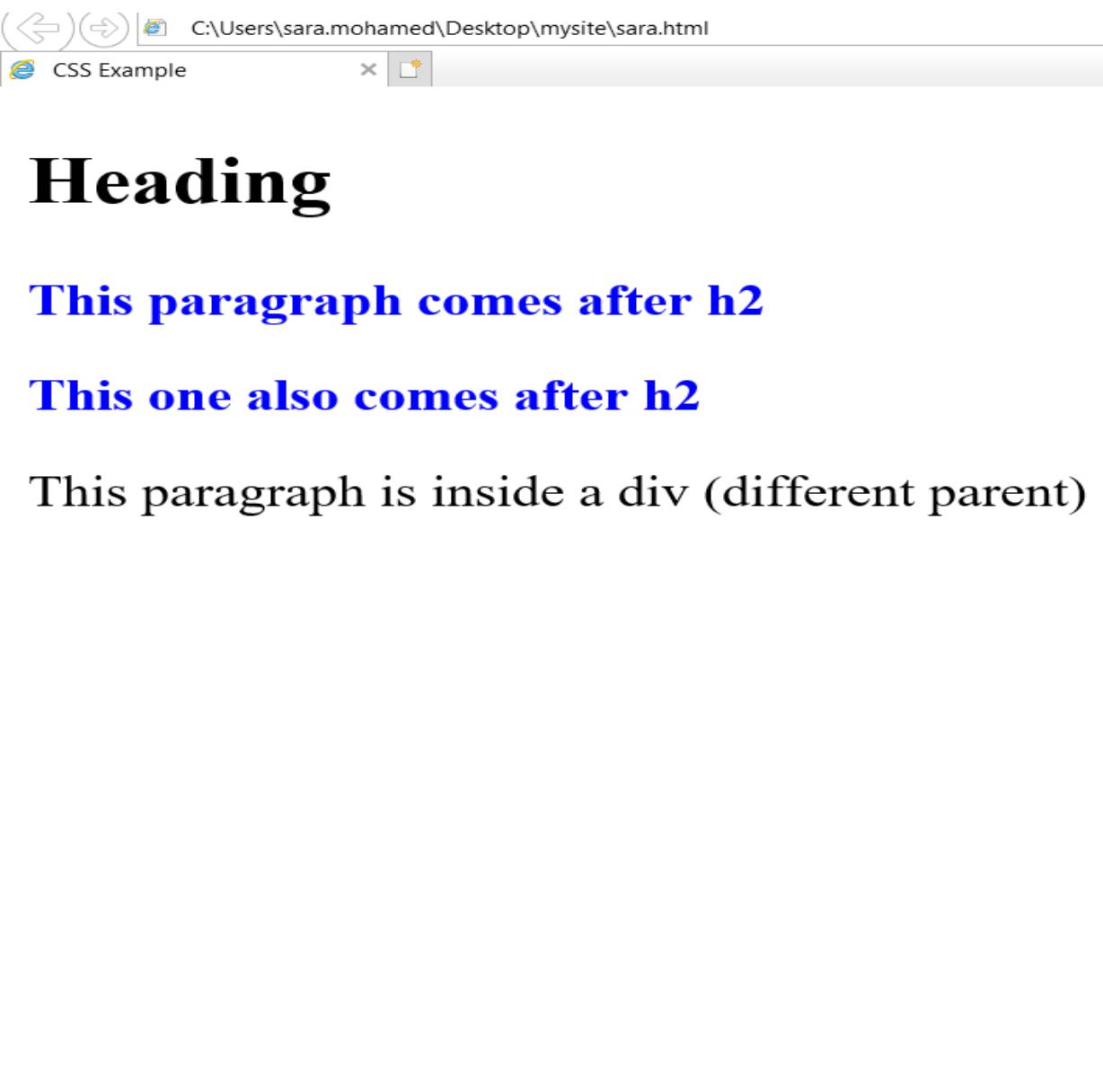
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Matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element

Combinator selectors explains the relationship between the selectors,

Selects all elements that are the adjacent siblings of a specified element.

Example_2: /* Selects all <p> elements that come after an <h2> with the same parent */



C:\Users\sara.mohamed\Desktop\mysite\sara.html

CSS Example

Heading

This paragraph comes after h2

This one also comes after h2

This paragraph is inside a div (different parent)

```
C:/Users/sara.mohamed/Desktop/mysite/sara.html (Getting Started) - Brackets
File Edit Find View Navigate Debug Help
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>    <title> CSS Example</title>
4  <style>
5  /* Selects all <p> elements that come
   after an <h2> with the same parent */
6  h2 ~ p {
7      color: blue;
8      font-weight: bold;
9  }
10
11 </style>
12 </head>
13 <body>
14     <h2>Heading</h2>
15     <p>This paragraph comes after h2 </p>
16     <p>This one also comes after h2 </p>
17 <div>
18     <p>This paragraph is inside a div
       (different parent) </p>
19 </div>
20
21 </body>
22
23 </html>
```

Pseudo-class selectors

The syntax for pseudo-classes selector

```
selector:pseudo-class {  
    property:value;  
}
```

- ▶ Is used to define a special state of an element
- ▶ You can combine more than one pseudo-classes with CSS classes.
- ▶ Note: a:hover MUST come after a:link and a:visited in the CSS definition to be effective.
- ▶ Note: a:active MUST come after a:hover in the CSS definition in order to be effective.

For example, you can use pseudo-classes selector to customize hyperlinks different states appearance

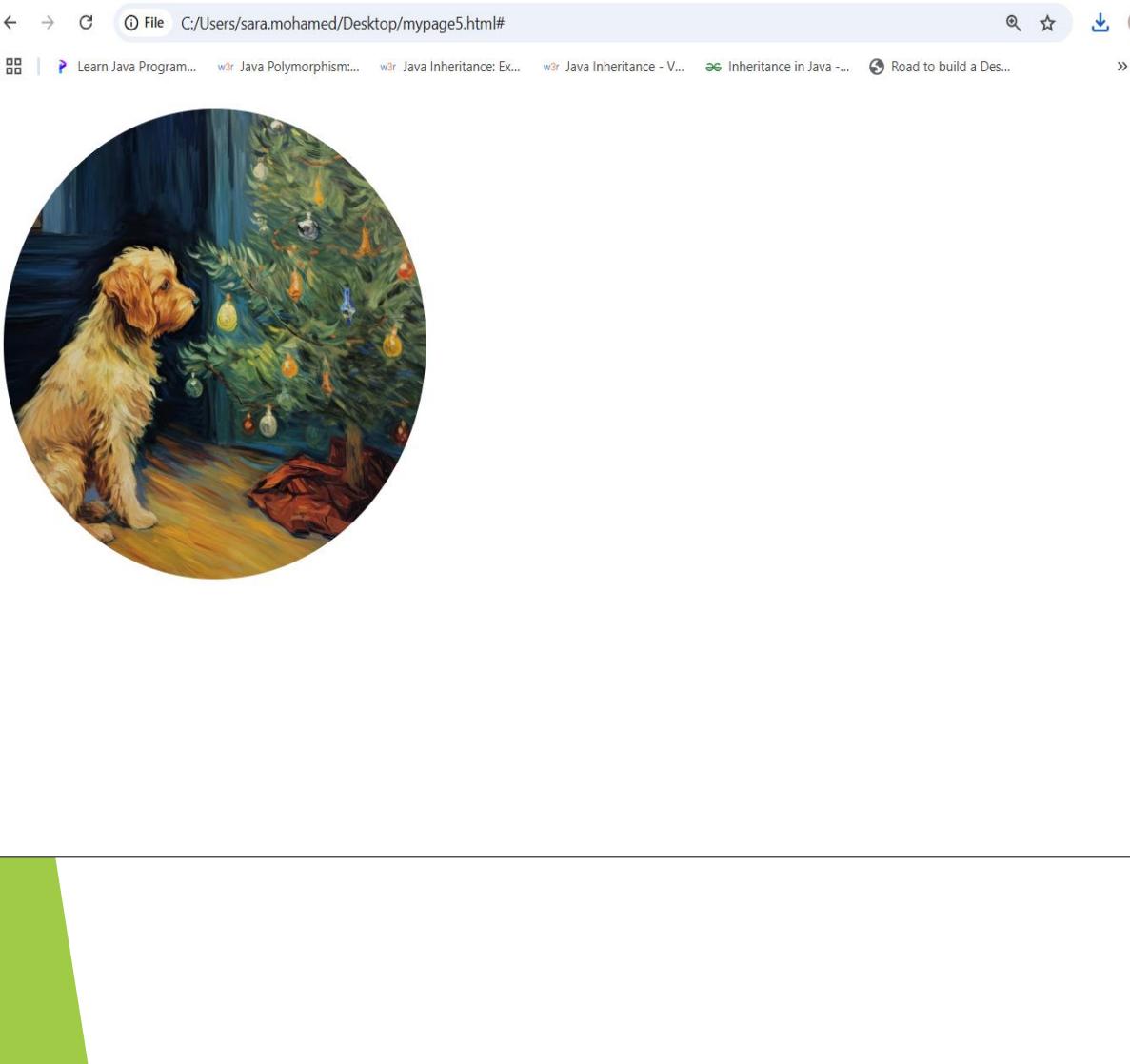
```
/* unvisited link */
▼ a:link {
  color: #FF0000;
}
/* visited link */
▼ a:visited {
  color: #00FF00;
}
/* mouse over link */
▼ a:hover {
  color: #FF00FF;
}
/* selected link */
▼ a:active {
  color: #0000FF;
}

</style>
| </head>
▼ <body>
<a href="#" target="_self">click</a>
<a href="#" target="_self">Stop</a>
```

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Click Stop

img:hover example



```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4  <style>
5  img:hover{
6
7      width: 200px;
8      height:200px;
9      border-radius: 50%;
10 }
11
12 </style>
13 </head>
14 <body>
15 
16 </body>
17 </html>
```

Pseudo-elements selectors

- The syntax for pseudo- elements selector:

```
selector::pseudo- elements{  
    property:value;  
}
```

- Used to style specified parts of an element.
- For example, it can be used to the first letter, or line, of an element or Insert content before, or after, the content of an element

- **First-line Pseudo-element** used to add a special style to the first line of a text.
- **First-letter Pseudo-element** used to add a special style to the first letter of a text.

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  ▼ <html>
3  ▼ <head>   <title> CSS Example</title>
4  ▼ <style>
5  ▼   p:first-line{
6      color: blue;
7      font-weight: bold;
8      text-transform: uppercase;
9  }
10
11 ▼   p::first-letter {
12     color: red;
13     font-size: 40px;
14     font-weight: bold;
15   }
16 </style>
17 </head>
18 ▼ <body>
19
20 ▼   <p>
21     This is an example paragraph showing how to use ::first-line and
22     ::first-letter in CSS.
23     These pseudo-elements let you style the first line and first
24     letter of text separately.
25   </p>
```



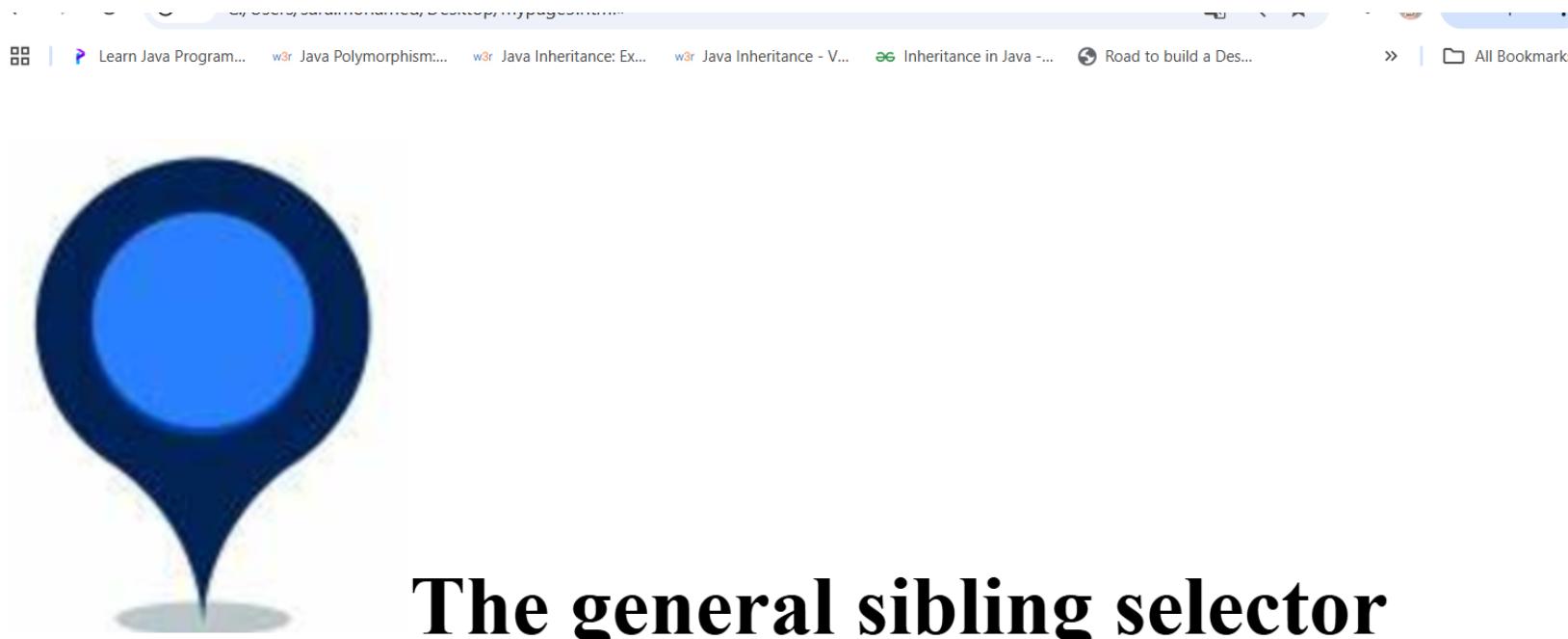
T HIS IS AN EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH SHOWING HOW TO USE ::FIRST-LINE

and ::first-letter in CSS. These pseudo-elements let you style the first line and first letter of text separately.

before Pseudo-element

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  ▼ <html>
3  ▼ <head>
4  ▼ <style>
5  ▼   h1::before {
6      content: url(icon.png);
7      }
8  </style>
9  </head>
10 ▼ <body>
11   <h1>The general sibling selector selects all elements that
12     are siblings of a specified element</h1>
13   </body>
14 </html>
```

before Pseudo-element used to insert some content before the content of an element,



The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element

Example2

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
▼ <html>
▼ <head>
▼ <style>
▼ p::before{

    content: "this is pseudo element selector";
    color:blue;
    text-align: center;
    background-color: antiquewhite;
    text-transform: capitalize;
    font-weight:bold;

}
</style>
</head>
▼ <body>
<p>before Pseudo-element used to insert some content before the content of an element,</p>
</body>
```

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This Is Pseudo Element Selector before Pseudo-element used to insert some content before the content of an element, before Pseudo-element used to insert some content before the content of an element,

after Pseudo-element used to insert some content after the content of an element

```
 1  <!DOCTYPE html>
 2  <html>
 3  <head>
 4  <style>
 5  h3::after {
 6
 7    content: url(icon.png);
 8  }
 9
10 </style>
11 </head>
12 <body>
13 <h3>The general sibling selector selects all elements that
   are siblings of a specified elementThe general sibling
   selector selects all elements that are siblings of a
   specified element.The general sibling selector selects all
   elements that are siblings of a specified elementThe
   general sibling selector selects all elements that are
   siblings of a specified element</h3>
14 </body>
```

after Pseudo-element

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The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element. The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element. The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element. The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element.



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4 <style>
5
6 p::selection {
7   color: red;
8   background: yellow;
9 }
10
11 </style>
12 </head>
13 <body>
14 <p>The general sibling selector selects all elements that
15   are siblings of a specified elementThe general sibling
16   selector selects all elements that are siblings of a
17   specified element.The general sibling selector selects
18   all elements that are siblings of a specified elementThe
19   general sibling selector selects all elements that are
20   siblings of a specified element</p>
21 </body>
22 </html>
```

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selection Pseudo-element used to
match the portion of an element
that is selected by a user

► Attribute selectors.

Used to style HTML elements that have specific attributes or attribute values

selects all elements with a target attribute. You can also select elements with a specified attribute and value

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  ▼ <html>
3  ▼ <head>
4  ▼ <style>
5  ▼   a[target] {
6      background-color:red;
7      }
8  ▼   a[target="_blank"] {
9      background-color: yellow;
10     }
11    |
12  </style>
13  </head>
14 ▼ <body>
15  <a href="#">Home</a>
16  <a href="#" target="_self">Contact us</a>
17  <a href="#" target="_blank">About us</a>
18  </body>
19  </html>
```



Home Contact us About us

The attribute selectors can be useful for styling forms without class or ID

The attribute selector `~=` in CSS

- ▶ It selects elements that have an attribute whose value contains the whole word value, separated by spaces.

◆ **Syntax:**

css

```
[attribute~=value]
```

Example for selector `~=`

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  ▼ <html>
3  ▼ <head>   <title> CSS Example</title>
4  ▼ <style>
5    /* Select elements whose class attribute includes the word 'highlight' */
6  ▼ [class~=highlight] {
7    background-color: yellow;
8    color: black;
9    padding: 5px;
0  }
1  </style>
2  </head>
3  ▼ <body>
4    <p class="note highlight important">This paragraph has 'highlight' in its class
      </p>
5
6    <p class="highlighted">This paragraph has 'highlighted', not 'highlight' </p>
7
8    <p class="note important">This one doesn't have 'highlight' </p>
9
0  </body>  |
1
2  </html>
```

This paragraph has 'highlight' in its class

This paragraph has 'highlighted', not 'highlight'

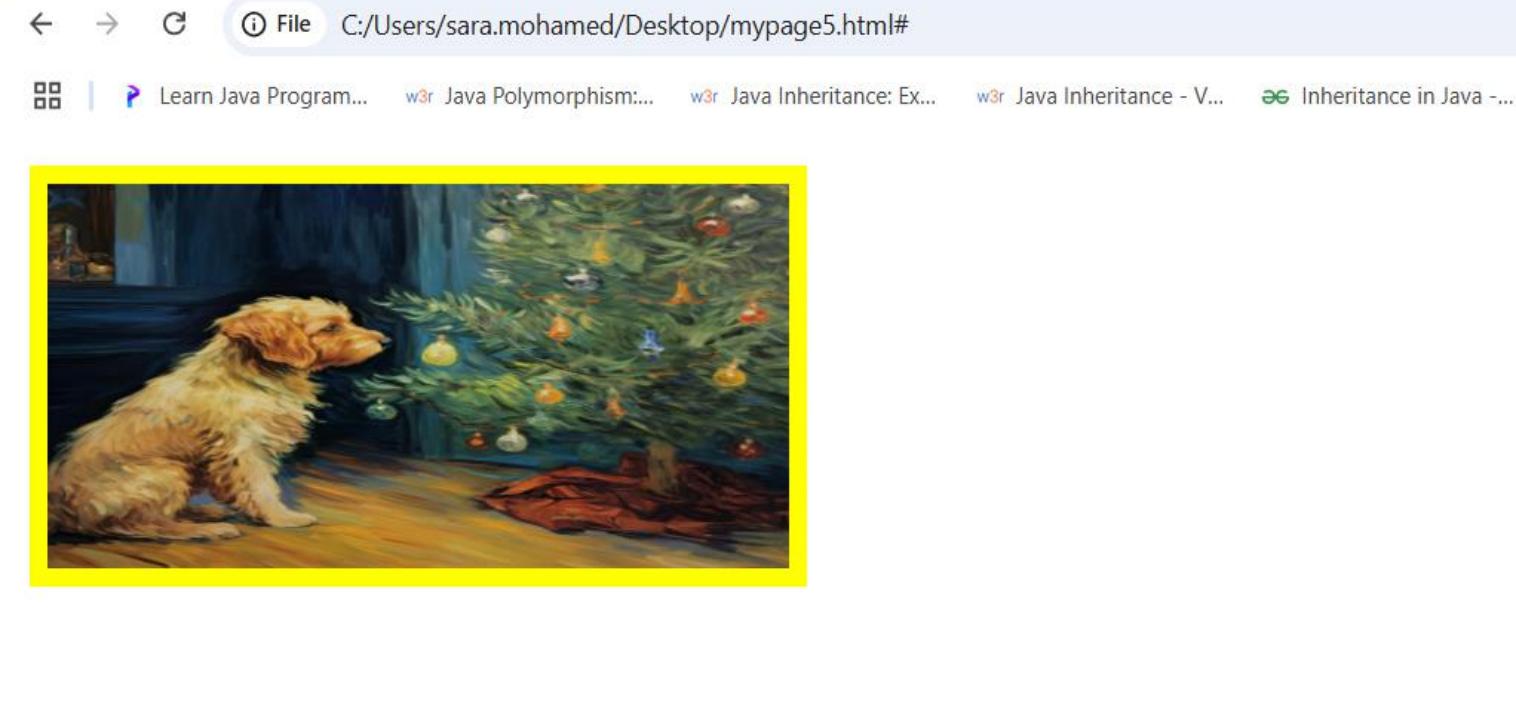
This one does not have 'highlight'

◆ Explanation:

- The first `<p>` is styled because its `class` attribute includes the word `highlight`.
- The second `<p>` is not matched, because `"highlighted"` is not the same word as `"highlight"`.
- The third `<p>` is ignored because it lacks `"highlight"` entirely.

Attribute contains a value selector

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4  <style>
5  [title~="flower"] {
6    border: 5px solid yellow;
7  }
8
9  </style>
10 </head>
11 <body>
12 
14 </body>
15 </html>
```



Begins with a specified value

Ends with a specified value

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2▼ <html>
3▼ <head>
4▼ <style>
5▼ [class$="red"] {
6  border: 5px solid red;
7  background-color: beige;
8 }
9▼ [class^="color"] {
10 border: 5px solid green;
11 background-color: beige;
12 }
13
14 </style>
15 </head>
16▼ <body>
17 <div class="col_red"> one</div>
18 <div class="color_blue"> two</div>
19 <div class="color_green"> three</div>
20
21 </body>
22 </html>
```



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one

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three

Contains a specified value

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
▼ <html>
  ▼ <head>
    ▼ <style>
      [class*= "te"] {
        background-color: yellow;
      }
    </style>
    </head>
  ▼ <body>
    <p class= "teowerjijj">selectors</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

Thank you