Lecture 2

CSS Selectors

1. Basic Selectors

• Universal Selector (*): Selects all elements.

```
* {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
}
```

• **Type Selector**: Selects all elements of a given type (tag name).

```
p {
  color: blue;
}
```

• Class Selector (.): Selects all elements with a specific class.

```
.my-class {
  font-size: 16px;
}
```

• **ID Selector** (#): Selects a single element with a specific ID.

```
#my-id {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```

2. Combinators

• **Descendant Selector** (space): Selects elements that are descendants of a specified element.

```
div p {
  color: green; /* All  inside <div>
  */
}
```

• Child Selector (>): Selects elements that are direct children of a specified element.

```
ul > li {
   list-style-type: square; /* Only
direct  children of  */
}
```

• Adjacent Sibling Selector (+): Selects an element that is immediately preceded by a specified element.

```
h1 + p {
  margin-top: 0; /* First  after
<h1> */
}
```

• General Sibling Selector (~): Selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element.

```
h1 ~ p {
  color: red; /* All  after <h1> */
}
```

3. Attribute Selectors

• Selects elements based on their attributes.

```
a[target="_blank"] {
  color: orange; /* Links that open in
a new tab */
}
input[type="text"] {
  border: 1px solid #ccc; /* Text
inputs */
}
```

4. Pseudo-classes

• Selects elements based on their state.

```
a:hover {
  color: green; /* Change color on
  hover */
}

li:first-child {
  font-weight: bold; /* First item in a
  list */
}

input:focus {
  outline: 2px solid blue; /* Focused
  input field */
}
```

5. Pseudo-elements

• Selects a part of an element.

```
p::first-line {
  font-weight: bold; /* Style the first
line of a paragraph */
}
p::before {
```

```
content: "Note: "; /* Adds content
before paragraph */
  font-weight: bold;
}
```

6. Grouping Selectors

• Groups multiple selectors to apply the same styles.

```
h1, h2, h3 {
   margin-bottom: 10px; /* Applies to
all headings */
}
```

7. Combining Selectors

• You can combine selectors to create more specific selections.

```
div.my-class > p:first-child {
  color: blue; /* First  in <div>
with class 'my-class' */
}
```

Example

Here's an example of using various selectors:

```
body {
  font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
}
h1 {
  color: navy;
}
.my-class {
  margin: 20px;
}
#unique-id {
  font-size: 24px;
ul > li {
  list-style: none;
}
a:hover {
  text-decoration: underline;
}
```

Understanding selectors allows you to apply styles effectively and efficiently, making your web design more manageable and organized.