

FROM CSS TO SASS IN WORDPRESS

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BENEFITS OF SASS

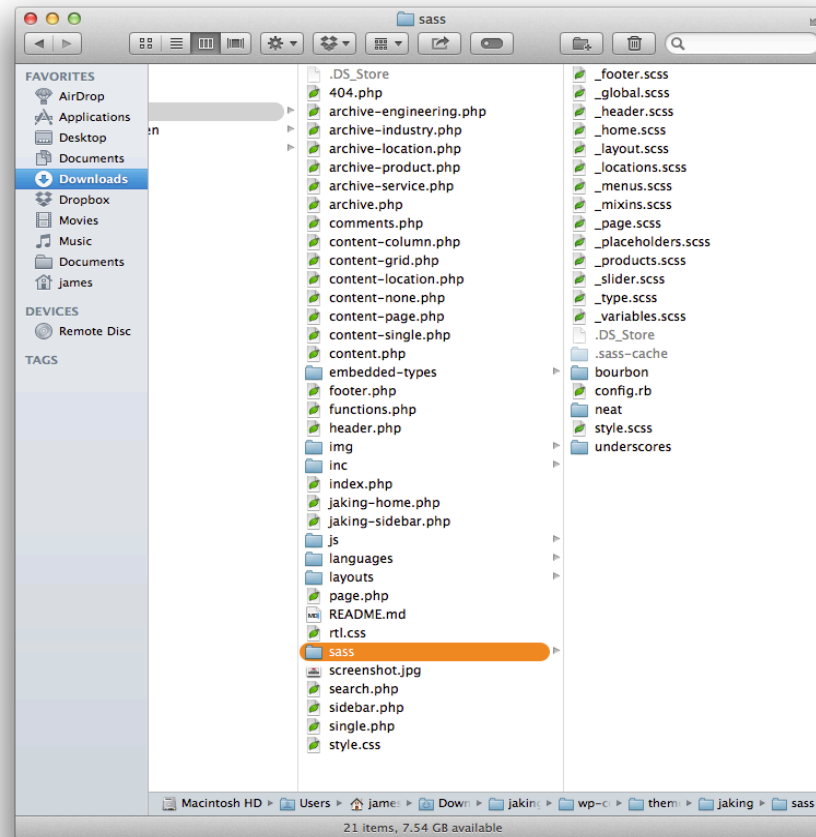
- Code organization (partials, nesting)
- Faster styling (mixins, functions)
- Scalable code (logic, variables)

NOT LIKE THIS:

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style.css
1 /*
2  Theme Name: Summit Web Services
3  Theme URI: http://summitws.com/themes/
4  Author: James Steinbach
5  Author URI: http://summitws.com
6  Description: Custom WP Theme for Summit Web Services
7  Version: 1.0
8  License: GNU General Public License
9  License URI: license.txt
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11 This theme, like WordPress, is licensed under the GPL.
12 Use it to make something cool, have fun, and share what you've learned with others.
13 Find out more at Underscores.me.
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15 Resetting and rebuilding styles have been helped along thanks to the fine work of
16 Eric Meyer http://meyerweb.com/eric/tools/css/reset/ and
17 along with Nicolas Gallagher and Jonathan Neal http://necolas.github.com/normalize.css/
18 and Blueprint http://www.blueprintcss.org/
19 */
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22 /* =Reset
23 ----- */
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25 html, body, div, span, applet, object, iframe,
26 h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p, blockquote, pre,
27 a, abbr, acronym, address, big, cite, code,
28 del, dfn, em, font, ins, kbd, q, s, samp,
29 small, strike, strong, sub, sup, tt, var,
30 dl, dt, dd, ol, ul, li,
31 fieldset, form, label, legend,
32 table, caption, tbody, tfoot, thead, tr, th, td {
33     border: 0;
34     font-family: inherit;
35     font-size: 100%;
36     font-style: inherit;
37     font-weight: inherit;
38     margin: 0;
39     outline: 0;
40     padding: 0;
41     vertical-align: baseline;
42 }
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44 html {
45     font-size: 62.5%; /* Corrects text resizing oddly in IE6/7 when body font-size is set using em units http://clayall.net/notes/bug-fixes-to-css.html */
46     overflow-y: scroll; /* Keeps page centred in all browsers regardless of content height */
47     -webkit-text-size-adjust: 100%; /* Prevents iOS text size adjust after orientation change, without disabling user zoom */
48     -ms-text-size-adjust: 100%; /* www.456bereastreet.com/archive/201012/controlling_text_size_in_safari_for_ios_without_disabling_user_zoom/ */
49 }
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51 body {
52     background: #fff;
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55 article,
56 aside,
57 details,
58 figcaption,
59 figure,
60 footer,
61 header,
62 hgroup,
63 nav,
64 section {
65     display: block;
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68 ol, ul {
69     list-style: none;
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```

```
style.css
856 .content .gallery-columns-4 .gallery-item img {
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858     /*
859     * sure embeds and iframes fit their containers */
860     width: 100%;
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MORE LIKE THIS:



CONVERT A STYLESHEET TO SASS

So where do we even start?

THE BARE MINIMUM

- CSS is valid Sass:
 - change style.css to style.scss
 - edit
 - compile back to style.css

SETTING UP PARTIALS

- Copy each “section” of style.css to a separate .scss file in your /sass/ folder.
- Name the file after what it does with an underscore prefix.
 - Example: styles relating to your navigation go to _navigation.scss
- Import that partial in your main style.scss file.
 - `@import 'navigation';`

REFACTOR AS NECESSARY

```
.header .logo {  
  //styles  
}  
  
.header .tagline {  
  //styles  
}  
  
.header .menu {  
  //styles  
}
```

```
.header {  
  .logo {  
    //styles  
  }  
  
  .tagline {  
    //styles  
  }  
  
  .menu {  
    //styles  
  }  
}
```


REFACTOR AS NECESSARY

```
.menu a {  
  -webkit-transition: color 0.2s;  
  -moz-transition: color 0.2s;  
  transition: color 0.2s;  
}
```

```
.menu a {  
  @include transition(color 0.2s);  
}
```

COMPILE YOUR SASS FOR WP

Now that we broke it down, how do we put it back together?

WP REQUIREMENTS

- Theme root contains style.css with WP comments
- All Sass files in a subdirectory to keep theme root clean
- Ability to compress output for deployed code
- Avoid long, complex command line code

CLI COMPILE METHODS

- Sass CLI
 - Compile:
`sass style.scss style.css`
 - Watch:
`sass --watch style.scss style.css`
- Compass CLI
 - Watch:
`compass watch`

GUI COMPILE METHODS

- Codekit: incident57.com/codekit
- Koala: koala-app.com
- Scout: mhs.github.io/scout-app
- Compass.app: compass.kkbox.com

COMPASS WATCH

- Easiest CLI syntax:
`compass watch`
- Config.rb file for options:
 - File path (keep style.css in the right place)
 - Output
`expanded`
`compressed`

MY COMPASS CONFIG.RB

- Lives in /theme/sass/
 - style.css goes up a level to theme root
`css_dir = '..'`
 - sass files live in same /sass/ directory as config.rb
`sass_dir = ''`
 - development setting
`output_style = :expanded`
 - deployment setting
`output_style = :compressed`

WP STYLE.CSS COMMENTS

- style.scss in /theme/sass/
- Include '!' to preserve comments in :compressed output

```
/*!  
Theme Name: Sassy Theme  
Theme URI: http://jamessteinbach.com/  
Author: James Steinbach  
Author URI: http://jamessteinbach.com  
Description: From CSS to Sass  
*/
```

```
@import 'variables';  
@import 'bourbon/bourbon';  
//etc all your other imports...
```


ORGANIZE YOUR PARTIALS

Can I make all these new files easier to maintain?

CASCADES STILL MATTER

- Import your broadest styles first.
- Import your most specific styles last.

USE FOLDERS

- Group your .scss partials into folders:
 - Base (variables, mixins, reset, typography)
 - Layout (grid, header, footer)
 - Components (buttons, menus, forms, widgets)
 - Pages (home, landing page, portfolio)
 - 3rd Party (plugins, vendors, etc)

FULL DISCLOSURE

- My Sass folder structure is not usually this detailed.
 - /bourbon/
 - /neat/
 - /underscores/ (blank theme styles)
 - All my partials (from _variables.scss to _home.scss)

TRY THESE SASS TOOLS

Are there any other tricks for making this workflow better?

BOURBON

- Advanced Measurement/Color Functions
 - `golden-ratio(16px, 1);`
returns 25.888px
 - `strip-units(12px);`
returns 12
 - `tint(#330000, 50%);`
returns #997f7f;
 - `rem(24px);`
default \$em-base: 16px, returns 1.5rem

BOURBON

- Prefixing Mixins

- `@include animation();`
- `@include background-image();`
- `@include columns();`
- `@include flexbox();`
- `@include transform();`
- `@include font-feature-settings();`

BOURBON NEAT

```
$grid-columns: 12;  
$gutter: 1em;  
  
.container {  
  @include outer-container();  
}  
  
.grid-item {  
  @include span-columns(3);  
}
```


MY MIXINS: BREAKPOINTS

```
$breakpoints: (small: 600px, large: 920px);

@mixin breakpoint($name) {
  @if not index(map-keys($breakpoints),
$name) {
    @warn "Invalid breakpoint '#{ $name }'.";
  } @else {
    @media (min-width: map-
get($breakpoints, $name)) {
      @content;
    }
  }
}
```

MY MIXINS: FONT SIZES

```
$font-sizes: (sm: 14, p: 16, bq: 20,  
ssh: 24, sh: 30, h: 32, hero: 48);
```

```
@each $label, $size in $font-sizes {  
  %#{ $label } {  
    font-size: $size * 1px;  
    font-size: rem($size);  
  }
```

```
.page-title { @extend %h; }
```

MY MIXINS: ABS. POSITION

```
@mixin abs($t,$r,$b,$l) {  
  position: absolute;  
  top: $t;  
  right: $r;  
  bottom: $b;  
  left: $l;  
}
```

MY MIXINS: FONT-SMOOTHING

```
@mixin font-smoothing($val) {  
  @if $val == 'antialiased' or $val ==  
  'subpixel-antialiased' {  
    -webkit-font-smoothing: $val;  
    -moz-osx-font-smoothing: $val;  
  } @else {  
    @warn 'Invalid value.'  
  }  
}
```

RESOURCES

Where do I get more information?

ADDITIONAL READING

- “Compass Compiling and WordPress Themes,” Chris Coyier - css-tricks.com/compass-compiling-and-wordpress-themes/
- “How to Use Sass with WordPress,” Andy Leverenz - elegantthemes.com/blog/tips-tricks/how-to-use-sass-with-wordpress-a-step-by-step-guide
- “Get Your Sass in Line,” Micah Godbolt - godbolt.me/blog/get-your-sass-in-line.html
- “Architecture for a Sass Project,” Hugo Giraudel - sitepoint.com/architecture-sass-project/

DOCUMENTATION

- Sass: sass-lang.com
- Compass: compass-style.org
- Bourbon: bourbon.io/docs
- Bourbon Neat: neat.bourbon.io/docs
- SassMeister App: sassmeister.com

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