

1. CSS = Cascading Style Sheets

a. Purpose:

- i. Visual appearance of HTML elements
- ii. Positioning in relationship to one another
- iii. Interaction between elements
- iv. Transition/animation of elements

b. Context-free language

- i. Can be described by recursive rules
- ii. Stylesheet parsing -- strict
- iii. Unlike HTML, parsers can and will generate syntax errors based on incorrect syntax usage
 1. Style pre-processors, SASS: syntax error
 2. Vanilla CSS: browser will tag error and not display intended style

iv. Example

c. Cascade: style sheets can "stack up" (cascade) until sum of calculated styles are reflected in the presentation

- i. CSS rules are in the global scope
 1. Applying styles too broadly can result in unintended consequences
 - a. Eg. `div { background: red; }` applies to EVERY div in the document, even divs from 3rd party libraries, etc.
 2. Be cautious about far-ranging overrides that can cascade through doc
- ii. Browser stylesheets
- iii. Best practice: "reset"/"normalize" stylesheet
 1. <https://necolas.github.io/normalize.css/8.0.1/normalize.css>

d. Specificity

- i. CSS rules win their way to visibility based on their specificity
- ii. Rules browser uses to calculate precedence of styling
- iii. If two or more selectors apply to the same element, the one with higher specificity wins
- iv. Four distinct categories which define the specificity level of a given selector
 1. inline styles
 2. IDs & classes
 3. Attributes
 4. Tag elements
- v. Rules:
 1. Give every id selector ("#foo") a value of 100
 2. Give every class selector (".bar") a value of 10
 3. Give every pseudo selector (":hover", ":selected") a value of 10
 4. Give every HTML selector ("div") a value of 1
 5. Give every pseudo element (":before", ":first-letter") a value of 1
 6. Add them all up to get the specificity value
 7. If selectors have an equal specificity value, the latest rule is the one that counts
 8. The inline stylesheet has a greater specificity than other rules
- vi. !important
 1. Add to a style rule to apply style rule regardless of specificity of others
 - a. If 2 conflicting rules have !important, specificity decides
 2. If everything is important, nothing is
 3. Best practice: add ids instead of !important

2. Stylesheet locations

- a. Inline head = <style> tag within <head> tag
 - i. Advantage = visibility within doc
 - ii. Disadvantage = only applies to current doc, not scalable
- b. Inline tag = style attribute on tag
 - i. Advantage = only applies to current tag, high specificity
 - ii. Disadvantage = only applies to current tag
- c. External = linked stylesheet <link href="stylesheet"> within <head> tag
 - i. Advantage = defined styles can be applied to any doc where stylesheet is linked, most common way of organizing styles
 - ii. Disadvantage = single stylesheet (or bundled) can be unwieldy, can import styles not present on page, wasteful
- d. CSS modules = CSS styles are included as js module via css class names created by webpack when building web app like React
 - i. Advantage = styles are namespaced within context of individual modules, no longer globally scoped = no unintentional style collisions
- e. Example

3. Stylesheet rules

- a. What does a rule look like?
- b. [selector] { [style rule] }
 - i. Eg `body { background-color: white; }`
- c. Can group many style rules between braces, all will apply to the selector
- d. Can have multiple duplicate selectors, all style rules will be applied
 - i. Eg
 - 1. `body { background-color: white; }`
 - 2. `body { padding: 0; }`
- e. Rules can override each other if they apply to the same selector and either
 - i. Come later (farther down) in the style sheet
 - ii. Have a higher specificity
- f. Naming
 - i. Give your style names (classes & ids) meaningful names that are easy to reuse
 - ii. Try not to reference how the class/id is styled within the name
 - 1. Eg. `.blue-underline`
 - 2. That may be how it's styled now, but what happens if that changes in the future?
 - 3. You don't want your codebase full of `.blue-underline` that are actually green background colors
 - 4. Better name might be the purpose, like `.content-highlight`
 - a. Reusable and not tied to specific implementation
 - b. Has semantic meaning for people not familiar why the blue underline is used

4. Styling HTML

- a. Stylesheet rule is associated with selector, combination of ids, classes, tags, combinators, etc.
 - i. https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS_Selectors
 - ii. IDs
 - 1. HTML tag is given id attribute
 - 2. Id must be unique, 1 ID per document
 - 3. Stylesheet rule begins with #
 - iii. Classes
 - 1. HTML tag is given class attribute, React = className attribute

2. Classes do not need to be unique, can have same class several times per document
3. Many classes can be applied to the same tag
- iv. Pseudo selectors/pseudo classes
 1. Used when you want to style a selected element but only when it is in a certain state
 2. Eg `:hover`, `:selected`, `:checked`, `:first-child`, `:nth-of-type`
 3. https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/Introduction_to_CSS/Pseudo-classes_and_pseudo-elements#Pseudo-classes
- v. Pseudo elements
 1. keywords preceded by a colons (`:`) added to the end of selectors to select a certain part of an element
 2. Different than the pseudo elements above!
 3. Only 6: `:after`, `:before`, `:first-letter`, `:first-line`, `:selection`, `:backdrop`
 4. `:first-letter` example
 5. `:after` example
- vi. Attribute Selectors
 1. Styling is applied to HTML tag based on characteristics inherent to the tag
 - a. Eg `a[href="http://www.google.com"] { color: green }`
 2. Brittle, will probably break styles if HTML structure is changed
- vii. Combinators
 1. Ways of combining classes and ids
 2. Descendent: element is a descendent of previous element
 - a. Use a space
 - b. Eg `section p` matches
`<section><div><p>text</p></div></section>`
 3. Child: element is a direct descendent of previous element
 - a. Use a `>`
 - b. Eg `section > div` matches, `section > p` does not
`<section><div><p>text</p></div></section>`
 4. Sibling: element is a sibling of previous element (they have the same parent but don't necessarily follow directly)
 - a. Use a `~`
 - b. Eg `div ~ button` matches
`<section><div><p>text</p></div><button>bar</button></section>`
 5. Adjacent: element is an adjacent sibling of previous element
 - a. Use a `+`
 - b. Eg `div + img` matches, `div + button` does not
`<section><div><p>text</p></div><button>bar</button></section>`
- b. Units
 - i. Px
 1. "Magic" unit of CSS
 2. not related to the current font
 3. 'reference' pixel, not a device pixel.
 4. px is an abstract unit where a ratio controls

- a. How it maps to actual device pixel
 - b. How it maps to physical units (in a fixed way, the ratio is always 96 CSS px to an inch)
 - 5. designed to be roughly equivalent across devices
 - ii. Percentage (relative to parent container)
 - iii. Em (relative to current font size)
 - 1. 1em = current font size of element to style
 - iv. Rem (relative to current font size)
 - 1. 1rem = current font size of root em (html font-size)
 - 2. Inherited font sizes have no effect
 - v. Vh = 100th height of viewport
 - vi. Vw = 100th width of viewport
 - vii. For screen, recommended using em/rem, px, %
5. visibility
- a. Hidden: hide the element but leave the space it occupied (almost like making it transparent)
 - b. Visible (default): show the element
6. Color
- a. Named colors: <https://htmlcolorcodes.com/color-names/>
 - b. Hexadecimal colors
 - i. = #[0-9a-f]{6}
 - ii. # + 6 digits/3 tuples: #[rr][gg][bb], 0-255 rgb value
 - 1. 0-255 → 0-9, A-F
 - 2. No need to calculate yourself
 - a. Designer will give you RGB/hex values
 - b. <https://www.google.com/search?q=rgb+to+hex>
 - iii. #ffffff = [255][255][255] = pure white
 - iv. #000000 = [0][0][0] = pure black
 - v. Can use hexadecimal shorthand notation to save space
 - 1. Eg .dark-yellow {color:#ffcc00;} → .dark-yellow {color:#fc0;}
 - 2. This only works if all 3 tuples are matching (ie cannot shorthand #ccfeff to #cfef)
 - c. Rgb/rgba
 - i. Use full RGB values as rgb(R, G, B)
 - 1. Eg rgb(255, 255, 255) = #ffffff = pure white
 - 2. Eg rgb(0, 0, 0) = #000000 = pure black
 - ii. Rgba
 - 1. adds opacity value at some decimal value between 0 and 1
 - 2. 0 = full transparency
 - 3. 1 = full opacity
 - 4. Eg rgba(255, 255, 255, .5) = #ffffff at .5 transparency
 - iii. example
7. Background
- a. Change the background of any element, ie what paints underneath the content in that element
 - b. Lots of background images: we'll cover during images in week 6
 - c. Background-color
 - i. applies solid colors as background on an element
8. Box model

- a. Each HTML element is rendered as a box
 - i. Block box
 - 1. Always appear below each other in default browser display
 - 2. "Static" flow
 - 3. Width is based on the width of its parent container
 - 4. Height is based on the content it contains
 - ii. Inline box
 - 1. Not for determining layout but for styling inside blocks
 - 2. Width is based on the content it contains
 - 3. Adding block styling like margins, height, width don't have any effect
 - iii. Can override behavior, ie block → inline + inline → block
 - iv. Display
 - 1. Inline = default value for elements
 - a. Browser stylesheets reset many to "block"
 - b. Inline within a block container
 - c. Accepts margin and padding but still sits inline within text
 - d. Does not accept height/width
 - 2. Inline-block
 - a. Similar to inline but will accept height/width
 - 3. Block = creates its own bounding box
 - 4. Flex = defines a flex container
 - 5. Grid = defines a grid container
 - 6. Table, et. al = force non-tabular elements to behave like a table
 - a. <https://css-tricks.com/almanac/properties/d/display/#display-table>
 - 7. None
 - a. Not displayed,
 - b. Still in the DOM, removed visually and ignored by screen readers (unlike visibility: hidden)
- b. border
 - i. Line at boundary of box of content
 - ii. Border-width
 - 1. thickness of the border
 - 2. Named:
 - a. Thick = 5px
 - b. Medium = 3px
 - c. Thin = 1px
 - 3. Length
 - a. px, em, rem, vh and vw units
 - iii. Border-style
 - 1. Specifies the type of line drawn around the element
 - 2. <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/border-style>
 - 3. solid: A solid, continuous line
 - 4. none (default): No line is drawn
 - 5. dashed: A line that consists of dashes
 - 6. dotted: A line that consists of dots
 - iv. Border-color
 - 1. Specifies the color of the border
 - v. Border-radius

1. give any element "rounded corners"
2. Eg `border-radius: 4px`
3. Can specify the value of border-radius in percentages to create a circle or ellipse shape
 - a. can be used any time you want the border radius to be directly correlated with the elements width
 - b. `Border-radius: 50%`
4. rounding doesn't have to be perfectly circular, it can be elliptical
 - a. Can specify the radiuses in which the corner is rounded by
 - b. `border-radius: 10px/30px`
- c. padding
 - i. Spacing inside box of content between content and border
 - ii. Cannot be negative
- d. margin
 - i. Spacing outside border
 - ii. Independent values
 - iii. Can be negative
 1. top/left: pulls element in that direction
 2. bottom/right: pulls other elements into overlapping element
- a. box-sizing
 - i. Allows you to change how the width of the box is calculated
 - ii. Content-box
 1. Built up from content box
 2. Eg 600px container, 3 boxes 200px wide
 3. Boxes are actually 202px wide with border
 - iii. Border-box
 1. Built down from external width
 2. Forces actual width of entire box to "width", accounting for padding/border
 3. Best practice: set your blocks to use border-box

2. Lists

- a. `list-style-type`: Sets the type of bullets to use for the list, for example, square or circle bullets for an unordered list, or numbers, letters or roman numerals for an ordered list
 - i. <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/list-style-type#Values>
 - ii. Disc: A filled circle (default value)
 - iii. Circle: A hollow circle
 - iv. Square: A filled square
 - v. Decimal: numbers
 - vi. Upper-roman: roman numerals
 - vii. None: removes the bullets from the list
- b. `list-style-position`: Sets whether the bullets appear inside the list items, or outside them before the start of each item
 - i. Outside (default): outside the bounds of the list item
 - ii. Inside: inside the bounds of the list item
- c. `list-style-image`: Allows you to use a custom image for the bullet, rather than a simple square or circle.
- d.

3. Typography

- a. Explanation of typography

- i. Baseline
 - ii. ascenders/descenders
 - iii. Line-height
 - iv. <https://builttoadapt.io/8-point-grid-vertical-rhythm-90d05ad95032>
- b. Font-family = specifies a prioritized list of one or more font family names and/or generic family names for the selected element
 - i. Font stack
 - ii. Serif, sans serif, monospace, cursive, fantasy, system-ui
 - iii. Best practice: always include at least one generic font family
 - 1. Cannot count on what fonts a user has installed
 - iv. Importing a font to use
 - 1. <link>
 - 2. @import
 - 3. Example
- c. Font-size
 - i. Named: `Xx-small`, `x-small`, `small`, `medium`, `large`, `x-large`, `xx-large`
 - ii. Relative: `smaller`, `larger` (roughly corresponding to named values)
 - iii. Length: `em`, `rem`, `px`, etc.
 - iv. Percentage: relative to parent's font size
- d. Line-height
 - i. sets the height of a line box
 - ii. amount of space between lines in the same block
 - iii. Example: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/line-height>
- e. Font-weight
 - i. Named weights: `normal`, `bold`
 - ii. Relative: `lighter`, `bolder`
 - iii. Numeric: between 1 and 1000, inclusive
 - 1. Numeric weights 100,200,etc. map to typical font weights like extra light, bold, black, etc.
 - 2. 1-1000 supports finer grained control from fonts
 - 3. Somewhat spotty support
 - 4. Not supported by all browsers, IE notably (Edge supports)
- f. Color
 - i. Change text color of content box
- g. Font-style
 - i. Normal
 - ii. Italic
 - iii. Oblique
 - iv. Italic vs. oblique = oblique is usually just sloped, italic is usually a different font style, often cursive
- h. Text-decoration
 - i. Shorthand for `text-decoration-line`, `text-decoration-color`, and `text-decoration-style`
 - ii. Appearance of decorative lines used on text
 - iii. Best practice: Do not use underlining except on links
 - iv. Style: dashed, dotted, wavy, solid, double
 - v. Line: underline, overline, line-through

- vi. Eg. `text-decoration: green dashed underline`
- vii. Example
- i. Transform
 - i. Takes language specific cases into account
 - ii. Capitalize
 - iii. Uppercase
 - iv. lowercase
- j. HTML entities
 - i. special character that can't be represented as plain text in an HTML document
 - ii. Reserved = `<`, `>`, and `&`
 - iii. Quotation marks
 - iv. <https://dev.w3.org/html5/html-author/charref>
- k. Example
- 4. Positioning with CSS
 - a. float
 - i. Concept comes from print design
 - ii. Images/elements set into layout so that text wraps ("flows") around them
 - iii. Removed from the flow of the page, but remain part of it to affect other elements
 - iv. Floating an element usually changes display: attribute to "block"
 - b. position
 - i. Can help you manipulate the location of an element in the page or relative to the other elements around it.
 - ii. Static
 - 1. every element has static position by default
 - 2. will conform to normal page flow.
 - iii. Relative
 - 1. Continues to appear in normal page flow
 - 2. left/right/top/bottom can now be applied
 - 3. Element will be nudged in that direction
 - 4. Example
 - iv. Absolute
 - 1. element is removed from the flow of the document
 - 2. other elements will behave as if it's not there
 - 3. Positional properties will work on it
 - 4. If no other positioning is set on parent, child positioning will be relative to the document.
 - a. To make positioning relative to parent, set position: relative on parent
 - 5. Example
 - v. Fixed
 - 1. Similar to absolute
 - 2. Position relative to document
 - 3. Not affected by scrolling
 - 4. Example
 - c. Z-index
 - i. controls the vertical stacking order of elements that overlap
 - 1. relative positioning has nudged it over something else
 - 2. negative margin has pulled the element over another
 - 3. absolutely positioned elements overlap each other

- ii. ie, which one appears as if it is physically closer to you
- iii. z-index only affects elements not statically positioned (ie, position absolute, relative, etc.)
- iv. Without z-index value
 - 1. elements stack in the order that they appear in the DOM
 - 2. ie the lowest one down at the same hierarchy level appears on top

5. CSS shorthand

- a. Way of collapsing some number of style rules that act on a certain set of values into a single rule
- b. Shorthand properties try not to force a specific order for the values of the properties they replace
 - i. If values could all be the same and would be difficult to determine which is which, certain orders are followed
 - 1. Shorthands handling properties related to edges of a box, like `border-style`, `margin` or `padding` use 1-to-4-value syntax:
 - a. `border-width: 1em` — value = all edges
 - b. `border-width: 1em 2em`
 - i. first value = top and bottom
 - ii. second value = left and right
 - c. `border-width: 1em 2em 3em`
 - i. first value = top
 - ii. second value = left and right
 - iii. third value = bottom
 - d. `border-width: 1em 2em 3em 4em`
 - i. first value = top
 - ii. second value = right
 - iii. third value = bottom
 - iv. fourth value = left
 - 2. Shorthands handling properties related to corners of a box, like `border-radius` use 1-to-4-value syntax:
 - a. `border-radius: 1em` — value = all corners
 - b. `border-radius: 1em 2em`
 - i. first value = top left and bottom right
 - ii. second value = top right and bottom left
 - c. `border-radius: 1em 2em 3em`
 - i. first value = top left
 - ii. second value = top right and bottom left
 - iii. third value = bottom right
 - d. `border-radius: 1em 2em 3em 4em`
 - i. first value = top left
 - ii. second value = top right
 - iii. third value = bottom right
 - iv. fourth value = bottom left
 - v. Clockwise from top left
- c. Inherit = take computed value of property from parent element
- d. Initial = apply initial/default value of property

6. CSS modules

- a. CSS files where class names are scoped locally by default
 - i. not an official spec or an implementation in the browser

- ii. a process in a build step (w/ the help of Webpack or Browserify)
 - iii. changes class names and selectors to be namespaced
 - iv. identifier is guaranteed to be globally unique
- b. Key benefits
 - i. Step towards modular and reusable components that will not have side effects
 - ii. Cleaner CSS
 - iii. Avoidance of monolithic CSS files (each component will have its own file)
- c. Disadvantages
 - i. not as human-readable DOM
 - ii. Need special webpack setup
- d. How does it work?
 - i. Normal css = styles are linked into the page and available globally
 - ii. Tries to solve inadvertent collisions/cascades in disparate components, esp in larger apps
 - iii. With modules, we import the styles like JS import
 - iv. This transforms the CSS rules, namespacing all classes
 - v. css-loader injects stylesheet into the document
 - vi. value returned from the import is an object mapping of local CSS class names to their namespaced versions
 - 1. Eg, { foo:"foo_foo_abcde", bar:"foo_bar_abcde" }
 - vii. Setting `class={style.foo}` in HTML = setting it to the local version of that named class, `class="foo_foo_abcde"`.