

CSS Overview

Model-Answer Approach

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This approach makes use of external CSS styles to provide a clean and organised layout by defining rules for various elements. By moving the CSS styles to an external stylesheet (styles.css), we achieve better separation of content and presentation, making the HTML file cleaner and easier to maintain.

The body element sets a neutral font family, background colour, and removes default margins and padding to create a consistent base. Headings (h1 and h2) are styled with distinct colours for better visual hierarchy, and paragraphs (p) are given a maximum width for readability and centred alignment. Images (img) are styled with rounded corners and a box shadow to add depth and are centred for aesthetic balance. The .container class wraps the main content, adding padding and a subtle box shadow to create a focused area on the page. The .section class separates different content areas with additional margin, preventing the layout from feeling cramped. The a element, specifically the "Back to Top" link, is styled with a noticeable colour, centred alignment, and an underline effect on hover to enhance navigation and interactivity.

By linking the HTML file to an external CSS file, we allow for easy updates and reuse of styles across multiple pages. This method helps in maintaining a consistent look and feel throughout the website, and demonstrates the importance of external stylesheets in web development.