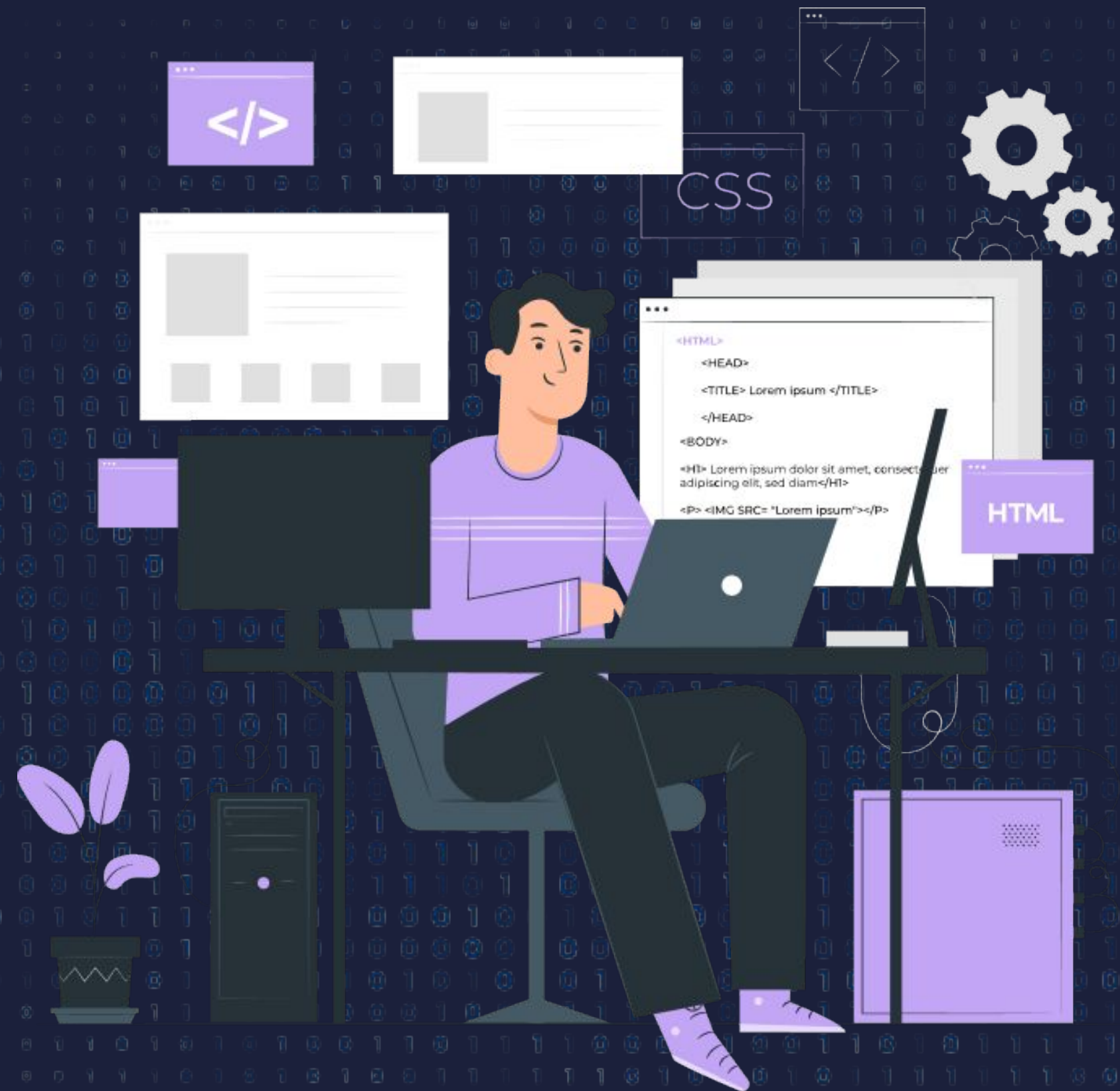




Inline, Internal and External CSS styling and their priority





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Introduction to link CSS to HTML

Linking CSS to HTML is a fundamental step in web development to control the presentation and style of web pages.

Several ways to link our CSS to HTML,

- Inline
- Internal
- External



Inline CSS styling with example and its priority

Inline style are one of the ways to add CSS to an HTML document. A style attribute can be added to any HTML tag and CSS properties are added to it.

Note – Inline styles override any CSS Inline or External style sheet

Example

```
<h1 style="color:green;text-decoration:underline;"> Hello world </h1>
```

Browser output-

Hello world



Internal CSS styling with example and its priority

An internal stylesheet is a method of adding CSS rules directly within the `<style></style>` element in the `<head>` section of an HTML document

This allows developers to define styles for specific HTML elements or classes within the same HTML file, without the need for an external stylesheet

Note – It has priority less than the inline styles and will be able to override external styles but not the inline styles.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Example of Semantic HTML Tags</title>
    <style>
      h1 {
        color: green;
        text-decoration: underline;
      }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

Hello world



External CSS styling with example and its priority

An external stylesheet is a separate file that contains CSS rules and is linked to an HTML document using the `<link>` element.

HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Example of External style sheet</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
    <style></style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
h1 {
  color: green;
  text-decoration: underline;
}
```

Output

Browser output -

Hello world



Pros and cons of Inline, Internal and External CSS styling

CSS styling	Pros	Cons
Inline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides complete control over the styling of a specific elementEasier to override global styles for specific elements as it has the highest specificity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be difficult to maintain, especially on larger projectsIncrease page load times if used excessivelyNot very scalable, as each individual element needs to have its own inline style.
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">More maintainable than inline CSS, as styles can be defined once in the head section of the HTML document and applied to multiple elements.It provides greater flexibility than inline CSSIt is easier to override styles than inline CSS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It can be difficult to apply styles consistently across multiple pages, as style must be defined in each HTML document individuallyIt can still lead to code duplication if the same styles are defined in multiple sections of the same HTML document.
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is the most maintainable option, as styles can be defined in a single file and applied to multiple pages.it is the most efficient option, as the CSS code can be cached by the browser, reused across multiple files, and easily edited.It allows for greater organisation and consistency, as styles can be separated into different files and easily editedit is the most recommended approach for small to big projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It may not be as flexible as inline or external CSS, as styles must be defined in a separate file and cannot be applied directly to an HTML element.It requires an additional HTTP request, which can slow down the page load time.it has lower specificity than inline and internal CSS, which means it can be overridden by other styles applied to the same element.



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