COSI 152A

Web Application Development



CSS Basics



The bad way to produce styles

Tags such as strong, em, u, and font are discouraged in strict HTML



Bad practices, why?

Inline styles: the style attribute

```
 This is a paragraph
```

Embedding style sheets



Content vs. Presentation

- HTML is for content, the information on the page.
- CSS is for presentation, how to display the page.
- Keeping content separate from presentation is a very important web design principle.
- If the HTML contains no styles, its entire appearance can be changed by swapping .css files.



Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- CSS describes the appearance and layout of information on a web page
 - as opposed to HTML, which describes the content of the page.
- The CSS properties for color, font, text, background, and lists are the basic properties used on almost every page.
- Can be embedded in HTML or placed into separate .css file (preferred).



Link external style sheets: <link>

- The link> tag defines the relationship between the current document and an external resource.
- The link> tag is most often used to link to external style sheets.

```
<head>
     link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet"/>
</head>
```



Basic CSS rule syntax

- A CSS file consists of one or more rules.
- A rule is a grouping of one or more CSS properties which are to be applied to one or more target HTML elements.
 - A rule's selector specifies HTML element(s) and applies style properties.
 - The * selector, selects all elements

```
selector {
    property: value;
    property: value; ...
}
p {
    font-family: sans-serif;
    color: red;
}
```

To add a comment, use: /* */

CSS properties for colors

property	description
color	color of the element's text
background-color	color that will appear behind the element

```
p {
    color: white;
    background-color: blue;
}
```

This paragraph uses the style above.



Specifying colors

- Color names: aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, white, yellow.
- RGB & RGBA codes: red, green, and blue values from 0 to 255
- HEX codes: RGB values in base-16 from 00 (none) to FF (full)

```
h1 { color: red; }
h2 { color: rgb(128, 0, 196); }
h3 { color: rgba(128, 0, 196, 0.5); }
h4 { color: #FF8800; }
```

CSS properties for fonts

property	description	Values
font-family	which font will be used	serif or "Courier New"
font-size	how large the letters will be drawn	A unit value, percentage, or named value
font-style	used to enable/disable italic style	normal(default), italic, oblique
font-weight	used to enable/disable bold style	normal(default), bold, bolder,
font	Sets all font properties	style weigh size family
Complete li	st of font properties	

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CSS properties for fonts

```
/* which font will be used */
h1{ font-family: Georgia;}
/* enclose multi-word font names in quotes */
h2 { font-family: "Courier New"; }
/* specify multiple fonts from highest to lowest priority */
h3 { font-family: Garamond, "Times New Roman", serif; }
```

- If first font not found, the next is tried.
- Generic font name at the end of font-family ensures a valid font.
 - generic font names: serif, sans-serif, monospace, cursive, fantasy
- Serifed fonts easier to read on printed pages, harder to read on computer screens.

font-size, font-weight, font-style

```
p {
    /* howlarge theletters will be drawn * /
    font-size:14vw;
    /* used to enable/disable bold style */
    font-weight: bold;
    /* used to enable/disable italic style * /
    font-style: italic;
}
```



- Units: pixels (px), point (pt), m-size (em) (rem), viewport (vh,vw)
- px specifies number of pixels on the screen
- pt specifies number of points, where a point is 1/72 of an inch on screen
- em relative to the font-size of the element (2em means 2 times the size of the current font)
- Vague font sizes: xx-small, x-small, small, medium, large, x-large, xx- large, smaller, larger
- vw and vh represent 1% of viewport width and height



CSS properties for text

Text has to do with words and layout and spacing of letters and words.

Property	Description	Values
text-align	alignment of text within its element	left, center, right, justify
text-decoration	decorations such as underlining	underline, overline, line- through, blink, none
text-indent	Indent first line	a size(px, pt, %, em)
line-height	vertical size of each line	a size(px, pt, %, em)
letter-spacing	Horizontal gap between letters	a size(px, pt, %, em)
word-spacing	Horizontal gap between words	a size(px, pt, %, em)



CSS properties for text

```
h2 {
 /* also overline, line-through, blink, or none. Effects can be combined */
 text-decoration: underline overline;
  /* Alignment of text within its element, left, right, center, or justify */
  text-align: center;
  /* Space between the lines in two paragraphs */
  line-height: 30px;
  /* Space between words in  elements should be 30 pixels */
  word-spacing: 30px;
  /* Indent the first line of all  elements with 50 pixels */
  text-indent: 50px;
```



CSS properties for background

Property	Description	Values
background-color	color to fill background	A color
background-image	image to place in background	url(image URL)
background-position	placement of bg image within element	Two tokens for x/y as top, bottom, left, right, center, or a size(pt, px, %, em)
background-repeat	whether/how bg image should be repeated	repeat(default), repeat- x, repeat-y or no-repeat
background-size	scaling of bg image	a size(pt, px, %, em), cover, or contain
background	shorthand to set all background properties	



CSS properties for background

```
body {
 /* image to place in background */
  background-image: url("../images/draft.jpg");
  /* How bg image should be repeated */
  /* repeat (default), repeat-x, repeat-y, or no-repeat */
  background-repeat: repeat-x;
  /* placement of bg image within element, two tokens, can
     be top, left, right, bottom, center, a percentage, or
     a length value in px, pt, etc */
  background-position: 370px 20px;
```



The list-style-type property

- none: No marker
- disc (default), circle, square
- decimal: 1, 2, 3, etc.
- decimal-leading-zero: 01, 02, 03, etc.
- lower-roman : i, ii, iii, iv, v, etc.
- upper-roman: I, II, III, IV, V, etc.
- lower-alpha : a, b, c, d, e, etc.
- upper-alpha: A, B, C, D, E, etc.
- lower-greek : alpha, beta, gamma, etc.

```
ol { list-style-type: lower-roman;}
```

i. first item ii. second item iii. third item



Thank You!