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**Benefits of CSS**

Cascading style sheets are put simply the more efficient way of the future, providing a more modern way of not only how websites look, but also how they are built. CSS allows you to separate content from style, saving your document externally thus creating smaller file size, which not only makes everything easier for you, but your users has well. Though the benefits of CSS don’t include the time it takes to learn the style language, but will just show in ease of use.

Consistency among web pages not only makes maintaining the look and feel of a web site more manageable for you, but also provides a constant reminder to the user’s location. It constantly tells the user that they are on your site. This consistency is a modern design that are still under web standards, making file sizes smaller and therefor available to more people who use various different browsers.

The smaller the file, the quicker it is to load, and the less bandwidth being used to download the documents on a web browser. Quick loads just make things better for the user on the other hand because all your work is not only displayed quickly, but also allows the user to get to what they want faster.

Being that these files can be more complex with out risking the time is takes to download allows the programmers, and designers the flexibility to be creating. Elements are not embedded in the document themselves instead of stored in different files taking up much more space, and time to manage. This advantage makes positioning and alignment is as simple has typing a few keys describing how you would like things laid out allowing for a more modern design. HTML clutter is now reduced and your document just looks nice, which is also reflected in the design of your page.

Basically the benefits of CSS speak for themselves in the ease of use, especially in demanding world of web developers and designers. You’re now allowed to tell your documents what to do, instead of letting them control how creative you can be. You’re creativity isn’t limited to the size of your documents any more because the separation from content and presentation makes your file sizes smaller. The sizes of your files can now be read across different browsers attracting a bigger audience with out taking up too much bandwidth. Simply put, CSS just makes everything better.

**CSS Rule Syntax**

There are basically three parts of each syntax requires to describe the look of the element. You start the syntax with a selector, which identifies the element, text, or images you wish to make fancy. Then you continue your syntax with a property; this is where you tell that specific element’s attribute what exactly they’re going to do with a value. The value tells the attribute the color, size, font, border type, etc.

<p style=”color:#aaaeaf; font:12px Tahoma;”>

The style is your selector telling the text in that paragraph that their new property is going to be the color, size and font family. Then the value tells the text that it’s going to be gray, size 12, displayed has Tahoma style.

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