WEB DEVELOPMENT

Lecture 05 Tables

XHTML Tables

HTML table elements were first introduced in Netscape v1.1 as a way of displaying lists and tabular data.

HOWEVER:

Webpage designers started to use them as a way of laying out the pages.

As a result, there are quite a few websites which do not use these elements in the correct way.

All page layout should now be done by using CSS.

Table elements

Establishes a table

Table Row

Table Data cell

Table Header cell

<caption> Table caption

<thead> Table header

Table body

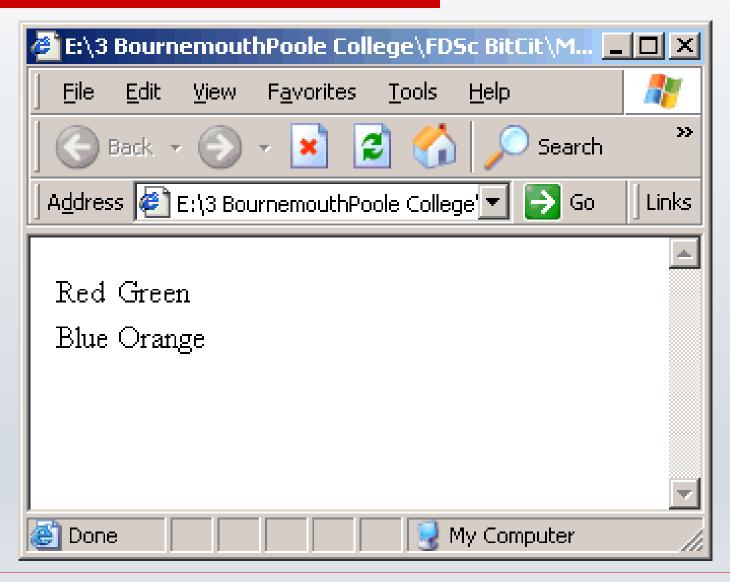
<tfoot> Table footer

<colgroup> Declares a group of columns

Basic Table Structure

```
RedGreen
Blue
```

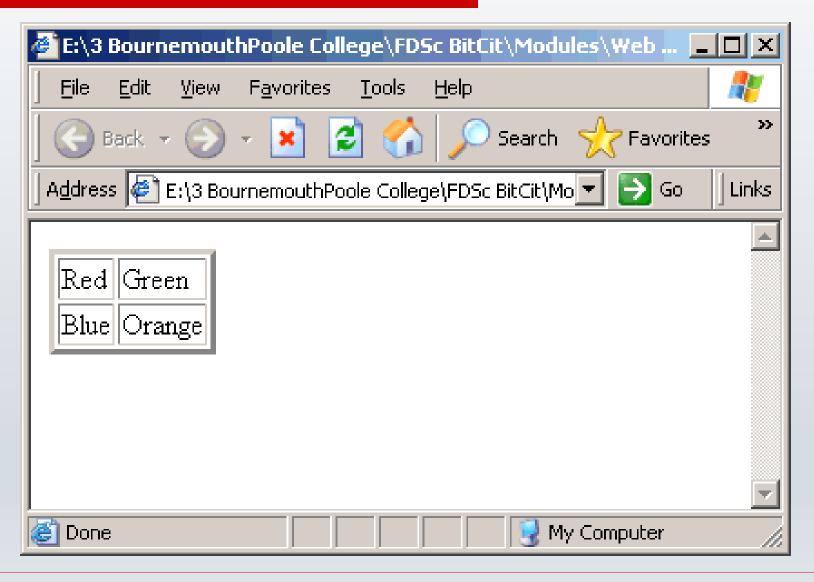
Which would look like this



To make things easier to see....

```
RedGreen
Blue
```

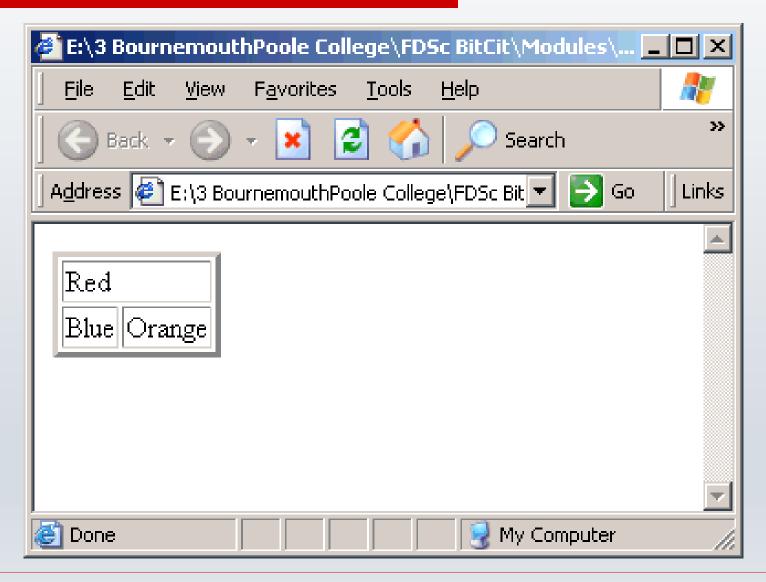
which would display this...



Spanning Columns

```
Red
Blue
```

will cause that data cell to span 2 cols



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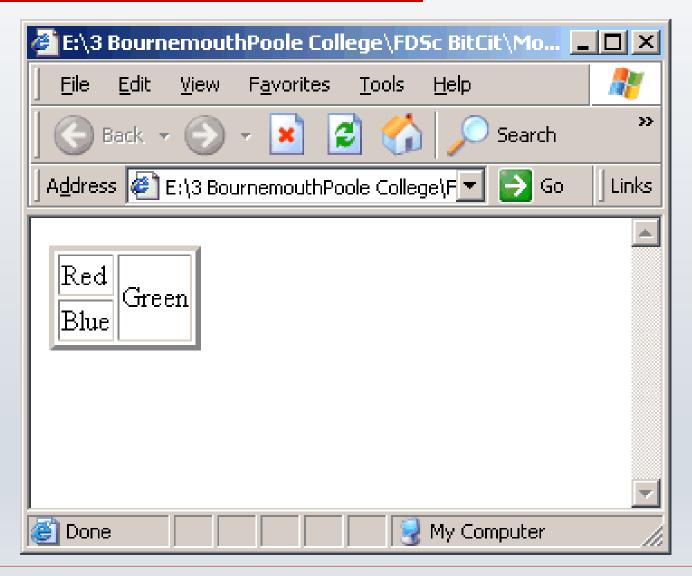
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Spanning Rows

```
Red
Green

Blue
```

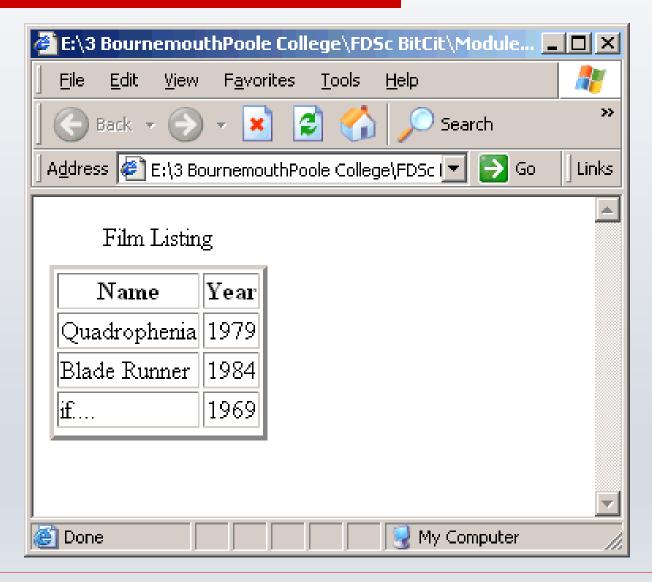
will produce this



Headers and Captions

You can add captions and markup one of the rows as being the headings for the table.

Table with caption and headings



Applying CSS to Tables

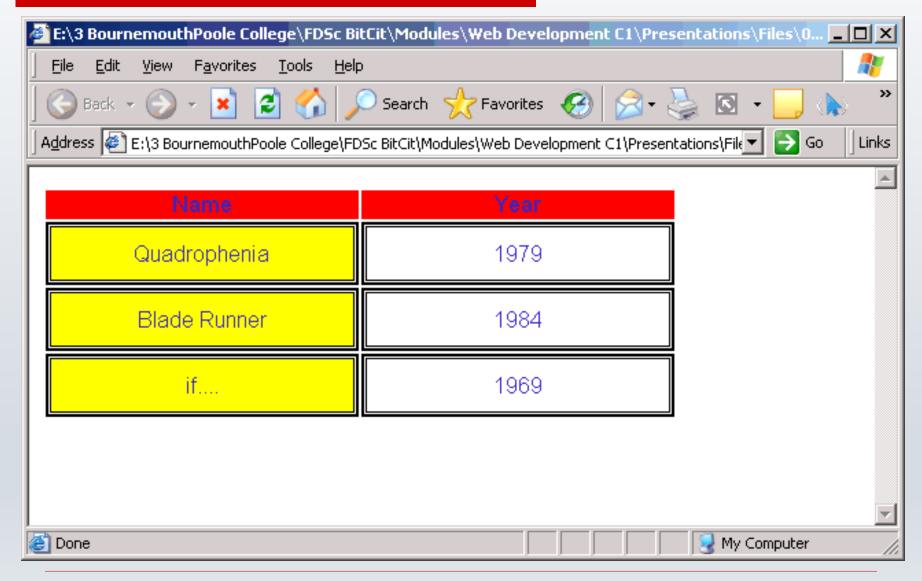
```
<html>
<head>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="Table07.css"</pre>
                  type="text/css"></link>
</head>
<body>
NameYear
 Quadrophenia1979
 Blade Runner1984
 if....1969
</body>
</html>
```

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```
table
font-family: Arial;
color: Blue;
text-align: center;
vertical-align: middle;
th
font-weight: bold;
background-color: red;
td
width: 200px;
padding: 10px;
border: double;
border-color: black;
td.title
background-color: yellow;
```

will produce this monstrosity....



Row Groups

You can group together rows into three categories like this:

```
<thead>
 NameYear
</thead>
<tfoot>
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</tfoot>
Quadrophenia1979
 Blade Runner1984
 if....1969
```

Purpose of Rowgroups

It enables you hang styles on them in a CSS.

It may one day be possible to display the <thead> and <tfoot> elements as fixed, and have the body elements scroll independently.

Another possibility is that the <thead> and <tfoot> elements could print on every page of a long table that is printed.

The W3C requires that a <tfoot> element, if there is one, should appear before the element.

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Column Groups

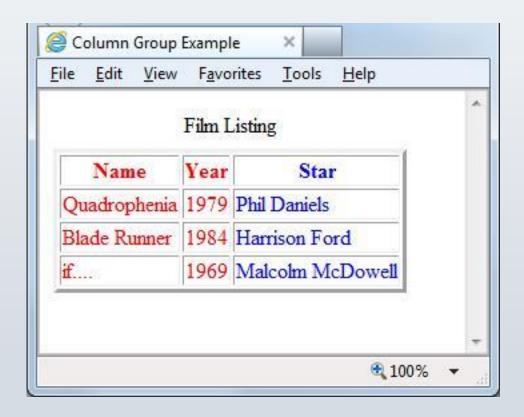
```
col.main
    { color: red;}

col.star
    { color: blue; }
```

```
NameYearStarQuadrophenia1979Phil DanielsBlade Runner1984Harrison Fordif....1969McDowell
```

You could then attach a style to that group of columns if you wish.

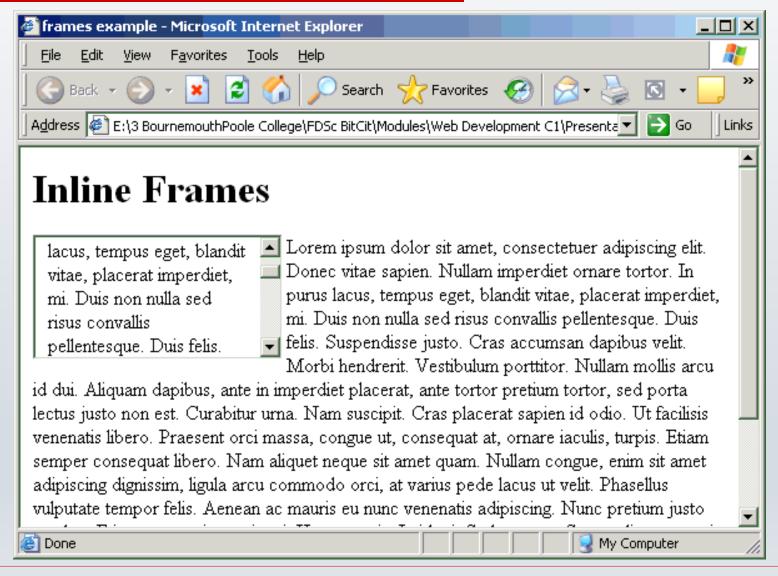
Gives you this



Inline (Floating) Frames

Rather than being part of the structure of the document, an iframe can be placed anywhere on the page:

will produce this...



History

Initially an Internet Explorer specific tag.

Incorporated into the HTML 4.0 and XHTML 1.0 as standard.

It is part of HTML5.

Dropped from XHTML 1.1 standard.

There are other ways of getting the same effect by using CSS.

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