# **Class 8: CSS Layouts**

This class deals with using css layout properties.

# **Code concepts**

- Advanced CSS selection: grouping, nesting
- Comments in HTML and CSS
- HTML: Block vs inline elements
- CSS properties: display, vertical-align
- CSS property: float
- 3 Column Layouts

# Homework due next week:

- Assignment 8.1: Floats and layout
- Assignment 8.2: Mockups v1

# **Advanced CSS Selection**

## Grouping

You can combine several selections by adding a comma in-between.

1. Applis style to both classes styleA and StyleB

```
.styleA, .styleB { ... }
```

### Nesting

You can select items inside another selection by adding a space.

2. Selects all images inside id menu.

3. Selects class nav, within a div, within id menu.

# **CSS Selection practice**

Practice selecting parts of the following code using CSS selectors.

- 1. Select all menu items
- 2. Select only lunchtime menu items
- 3. Select only the cobb salad
- 4. Select the pepperoni pizza and bbq ribs
- 5. Select the paragraphs within dinner items
- 6. Select the chili image
- 7. Select all lunch menu items and the miso salmon item.

```
<div class="menu">
    <div class="lunch">
         <div class="menu-item" id="cheeseburger">
              Our Classic burger with American cheese melted on top.
         </div>
         <div class="menu-item" id="cobb-salad">
              <gray>Garden greens topped with bacon, avocado, hard-boiled eggs and house dressing.
         </div>
         <div class="menu-item" id="pepperoni-pizza">
              Thin-crust Pepperoni pizza.
         </div>
    </div>
    <div class="dinner">
         <div class="menu-item" id="bbq-ribs">
              1/2 rack of juicy Texas-style ribs.
         <div class="menu-item" id="chili">
              A bowl of hearty chili.
         <div class="menu-item" id="miso-salmon">
              Pan-asian miso salmon served on a bowl of rice
         </div>
    </div>
</div>
```

### Comments

Comments are parts of code that does not display on a page. Comments are simply notes to those looking at your code.

#### **HTML Comments**

Text inside the dashes are hidden as comments. It helps to put at the beginning and end of large sections.

```
<!-- menu begin -->
<!-- menu end -->
```

#### **CSS** comments

Like html comments, CSS comments help clarify code and provide notes to authors. Comments go between the slash and astrix.

```
/* padding pushes image right */
```

### **Block vs Inline elements**

#### **Block-level elements**

- Always begin on a new line
- Height, line-height and top and bottom margins can be manipulated
- Width defaults to 100% of their containing element, unless a width is specified
- Examples of block elements:

```
<h1></h1>
<div></div>
```

### Inline elements

- Always begin on the same line.
- Height, line-height and top and bottom margins can't be changed
- · Width is as long as the text/image and can't be manipulated
- Examples of inline elements:

```
<a href=""></a>
<img>
<span></span>
```

## CSS properties: display, vertical-align

• Change how an element is treated by changing the display propery in CSS:

```
display: block;
display: inline;
```

• You can set the vertical alignment for text and objects around inline elements in CSS:

```
vertical-align: top;
```

#### Block

<h1> Headline 1 </h1> <div> Text text </div> <div> Text text </div> <div> Text text </div> <div> Text text </div> <div> text



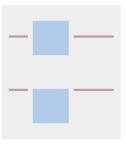
#### Inline

text <a href="">Link</a> text... text <img src=""> text... text <span></span> text...



#### Vertical-align

css: img{vertical-align: top;}
HTML: text <img src=""> text...



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# **CSS Property: Float**

To get block elements to sit side-by-side, you can set it to float. Other content will flow around the floating item.

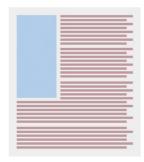
### In CSS:

```
float: none;
float: left;
float: right;
```

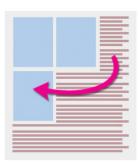
- You must specify the width the floated element.
- · Margins of the floating element are maintained.
- Floating elements are treated as block elements.
- If there is more than one floating element within a container, the elements will be placed in order, from left to right, and then wrap down the page.
- Floating elements will not be placed higher than HTML content that comes before it.
- You can set an item to be clear of floated elements on both sides.

clear: both;

### Float left



#### Multiple floated images



# 3 Column Layout

Practice creating this common layout using the float property:

• Divs (floating the 3 columns to the left)

```
#header, #footer{ clear: both;}
.col{ float: left; }

<div id="header"></div>
<div class="col"></div>
<div class="col"></div>
<div class="col"></div>
<div class="col"></div>
<div id="footer"></div></ti>
```

# 3 Column Layout

header

3 columns

footer

