



Lesson 5: Basic knowledge of CSS

Lesson Goals

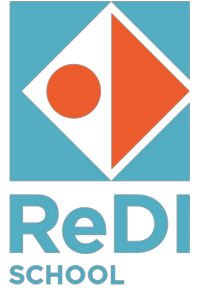
- Understand how CSS can be used to design HTML documents
- Get an overview of basic CSS concepts
- Use the practice task to get creative and apply CSS on your own :)

Agenda



Section Content	Expected Time
Review and questions from last class	10-15 min
Overview of CSS	30-40 min
Class break	10 min
CSS Practice in Groups	45 min
Wrap-up	10-15 min

Review: Lesson 4



Are there any questions from the last session?

Overview of CSS

What is CSS?

- CSS = Cascading Style Sheets
- Language that describes the appearance of a document written in HTML
- Developed after HTML (1993, vs. CSS 1996)
- HTML structures the content of a webpage, CSS changes the appearance of the content

What is CSS ? (2)

- Browser applies CSS style declarations to selected elements to display them according to the style sheet
- A declaration contains properties and their values, which determine how a webpage looks
- One selector plus one or more declarations form a rule
- **What does “Cascading” mean?**

Example of a CSS rule:



Add CSS to HTML

- There are 3 ways to add CSS rules to HTML documents
 - Inline: Add rule directly to the HTML element
 - Header: Add rules within the HTML document in the `<head>` section
 - External file: Create rules in separate .css file and import it in the HTML document

- Inline: `<h1 style="color: blue">Hello world!</h1>`

- Header:

```
<head>  
  <style>  
    h1 {  
      color: blue;  
    }  
  </style>  
</head>
```

- External file:

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

Which of the 3 ways is preferred - and why?

Rule order in CSS

- Order matters in CSS!
- “Cascading” aka order of identical CSS rules:
 1. Inline has top priority
 2. For header and external, the lowest rule in the code has priority, across both, header and external file.
- If the rules are not identical, there are further order criteria aka “Specificity”

```
# style.css  ×  ...
# style.css > ...
1  h1 {
2    color: yellow;
3  }
4
5  h1 {
6    color: green;
7  }
8

<> index.html  ×
<> index.html > html > head > link
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <style>
5        h1 {
6          color: blue;
7        }
8      </style>
9      <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">
10     </head>
11     <body>
12
13     <h1 style="color: orange;">This is a heading</h1>
14     </body>
15   </html>
```

What color will “This is a heading” have?

Selectors in CSS

- CSS declarations can be applied to different kinds of selectors
 - We focus on elements, classes, ids and pseudo classes
- Element:
 - Any HTML tag can be used as selector

```
h1 {  
  font-size: 20px;  
}
```

```
p {  
  color: green;  
}
```

```
div {  
  margin: 10px;  
}
```

Selectors in CSS (2)

- Class
 - In HTML, we can assign different classes to our elements
 - Each element can have multiple classes
 - And each class can also be applied to multiple elements as well

HTML:

```
<div class="container">  
  <h1>This is heading</h1>  
</div>
```

CSS:

```
.container {  
  background-color: blue;  
}
```

Selectors in CSS (3)

- Id
 - ids make it possible to style a single element per document
 - An id should be unique across a HTML file

HTML:

```
<div>  
  <p id="highlight">Some paragraph</p>  
</div>
```

CSS:

```
#highlight {  
  color: green;  
  font-size: 16px;  
}
```

Selectors & specificity

- Pseudo classes
 - a keyword added to a selector that specifies a special state of the selected element
 - Defined by using “:”
 - Can be combined with elements, classes and ids
- Selector order: id > class > element

```
h1:hover {  
  color: red;  
}
```

**What event will
make such a h1
heading red?**

Colors in CSS

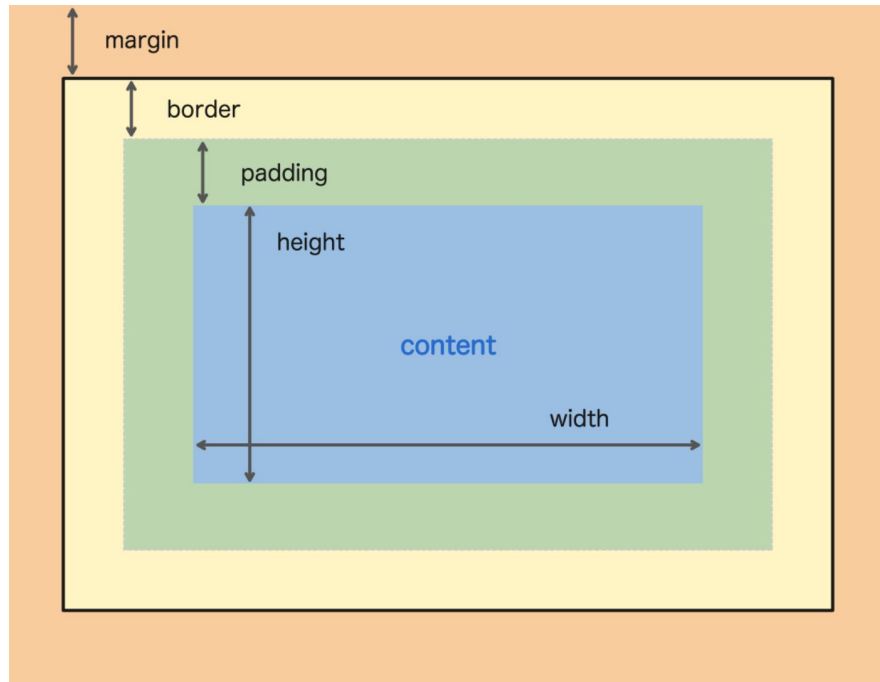
- In CSS, colors can be described either via words or hexadecimal numbers, aka RGB codes - **Red Green Blue**
- E.g. `red=#ff0000`, `green=#00ff00`
- Your browser is able to describe the color of a web element (F12 key)
- An online color picker helps with finding hexadecimal codes:



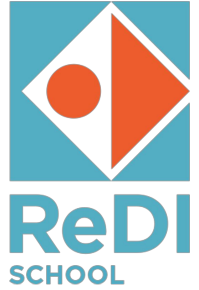
https://www.w3schools.com/colors/colors_picker.asp

CSS Box model

- Defines layout of element and its content
- CSS properties: padding, border, margin
- Every HTML element follows this model



10 Min Break



Time to practice!

Practice task

- ...
- Some properties you may want to try out:
`color, background-color, width, height, border,`
`padding, margin, font-style, font-size`
- Use Google and [w3schools.com](https://www.w3schools.com) for help (or just ask us!)

Advanced CSS

- There's much more to CSS than we could cover today:
 - Font units: `px`, `pt`, `em`, `vw`, ...
 - `display` and `visibility` properties
 - Functions, Animations, Flexbox and much more...
- Feel free to try out these features and play with them.
Especially later in the project phase :)
- See **Extra Resources: CSS** in Classroom for more material

Wrap up



- Are there any questions?
- CSS is quite complex, so don't worry. It can be confusing even for experienced developers
- Next week: ???



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