

# MADUSERS 2016

VENTURE OUTSIDE OF THE CSS COMFORT ZONE

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# WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TODAY?

- ▶ We are going to work on styles.
- ▶ We are going to use a text editor instead of Flare.
- ▶ So, we will be working on the CSS directly.

# WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. What's in it for you?
2. Exercise: *The Cross Reference*
3. Exercise: *The Drop Down*
4. Wrap up

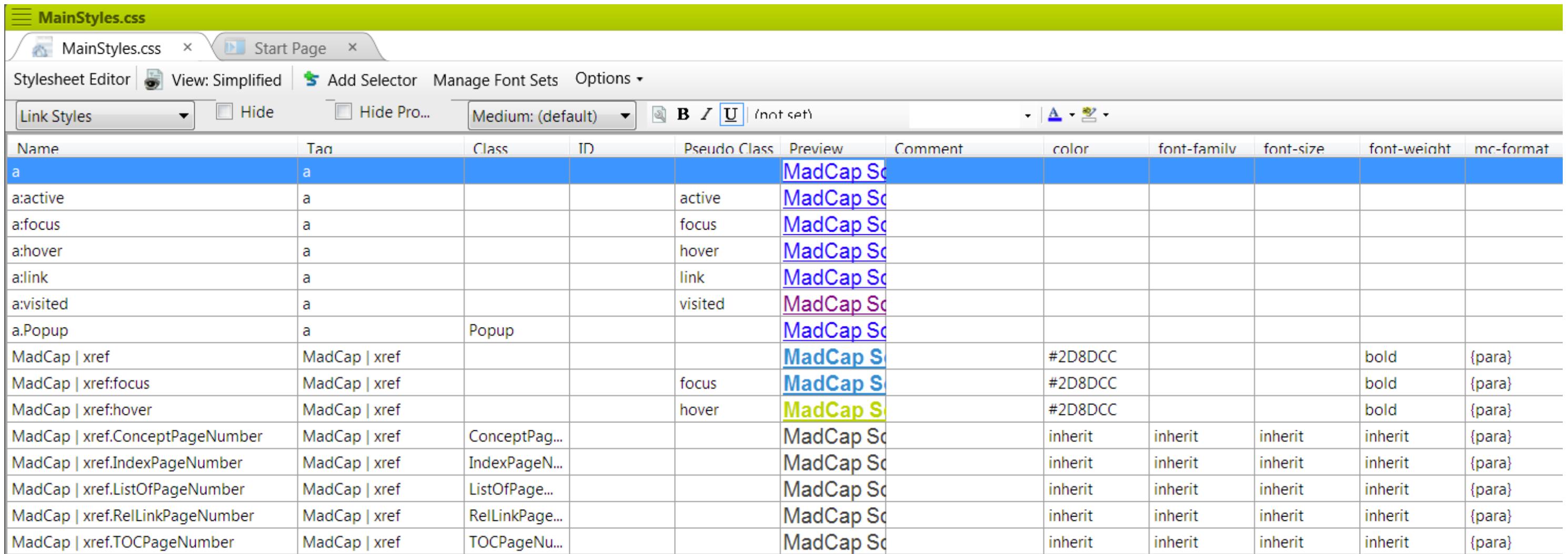
# WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

*Why should you consider using a text editor?*

1. With practice it is lightning fast.
2. You learn a lot about CSS.
3. You have full control over your CSS, so...
4. you can do more fancy stuff.

**QUESTION**  
**WHAT DO YOU USE NOW?**

# The Flare Editor "Simple View"



The screenshot shows the Flare Editor's "Simple View" for managing styles. The interface includes a toolbar at the top with tabs for "MainStyles.css", "Start Page", "Stylesheet Editor", "View: Simplified" (which is selected), "Add Selector", "Manage Font Sets", and "Options". Below the toolbar is a toolbar with buttons for "Link Styles" (selected), "Hide", "Hide Pro...", "Medium: (default)", and font styling options like bold, italic, underline, and alignment.

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a:active	a			active	MadCap S						
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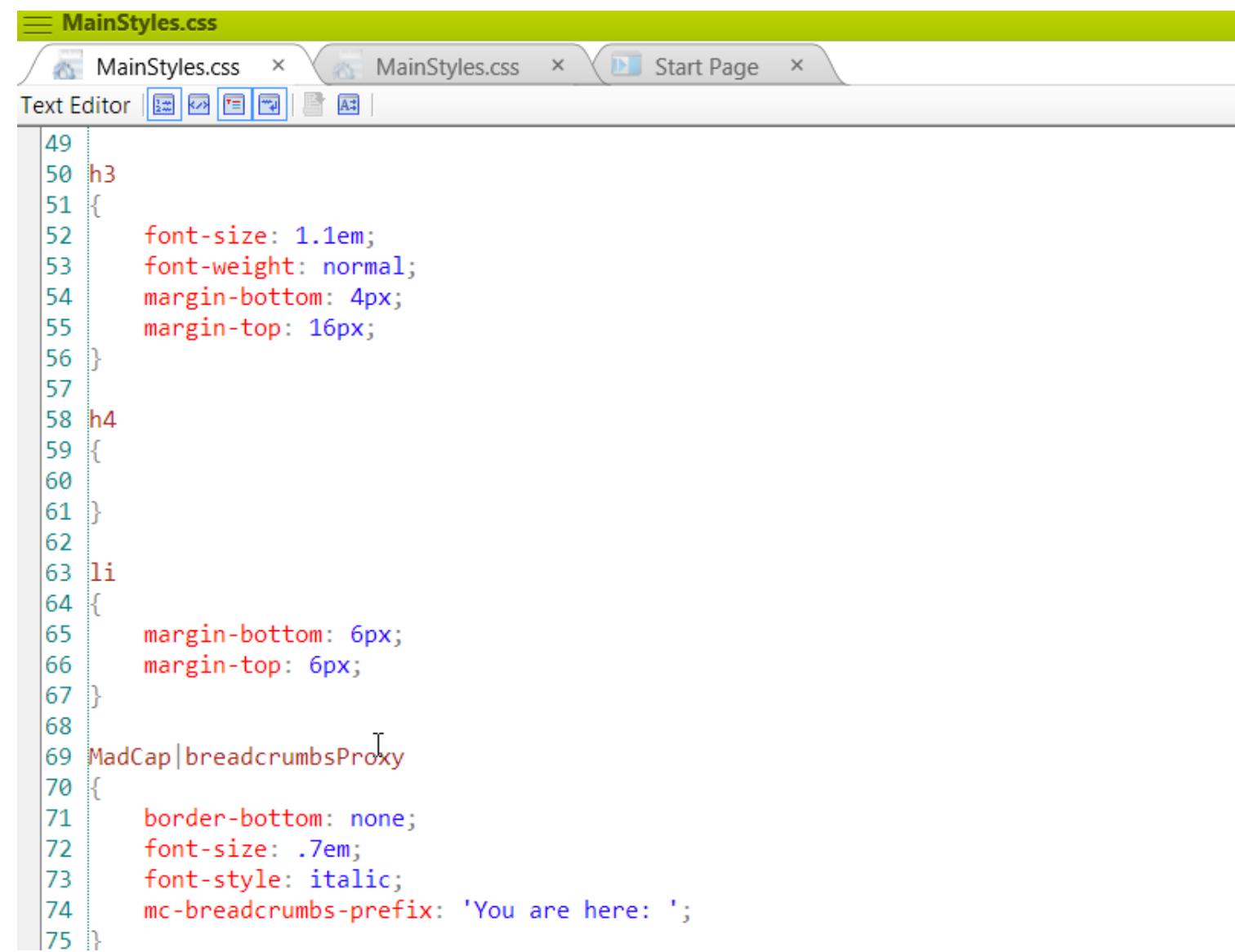
How many of you are using the Simple View of Flare's styles editor?

# The Flare Editor "Advanced View"

The screenshot shows the Flare Editor's "Advanced View" interface. On the left, the "LINK Styles" panel displays a hierarchical list of styles, including "a", various "MadCap" styles like "conceptLink", "helpControlList", and "xref", and "Pseudo Classes" like "hover". On the right, the main area shows the properties for "Medium: (default) MadCap|xref.alt". The "Font" section is expanded, showing settings for color (#ffffff), font-family (Arial), font-size (20px), font-style, font-variant, font-weight (bold), line-height, text-decoration (none), and text-transform. A "Font" toolbar is visible above the font settings. Below the font section, there is an "Unclassified" section.

How many of you are using the Advanced View of Flare's styles editor?

# The Flare Internal Text Editor

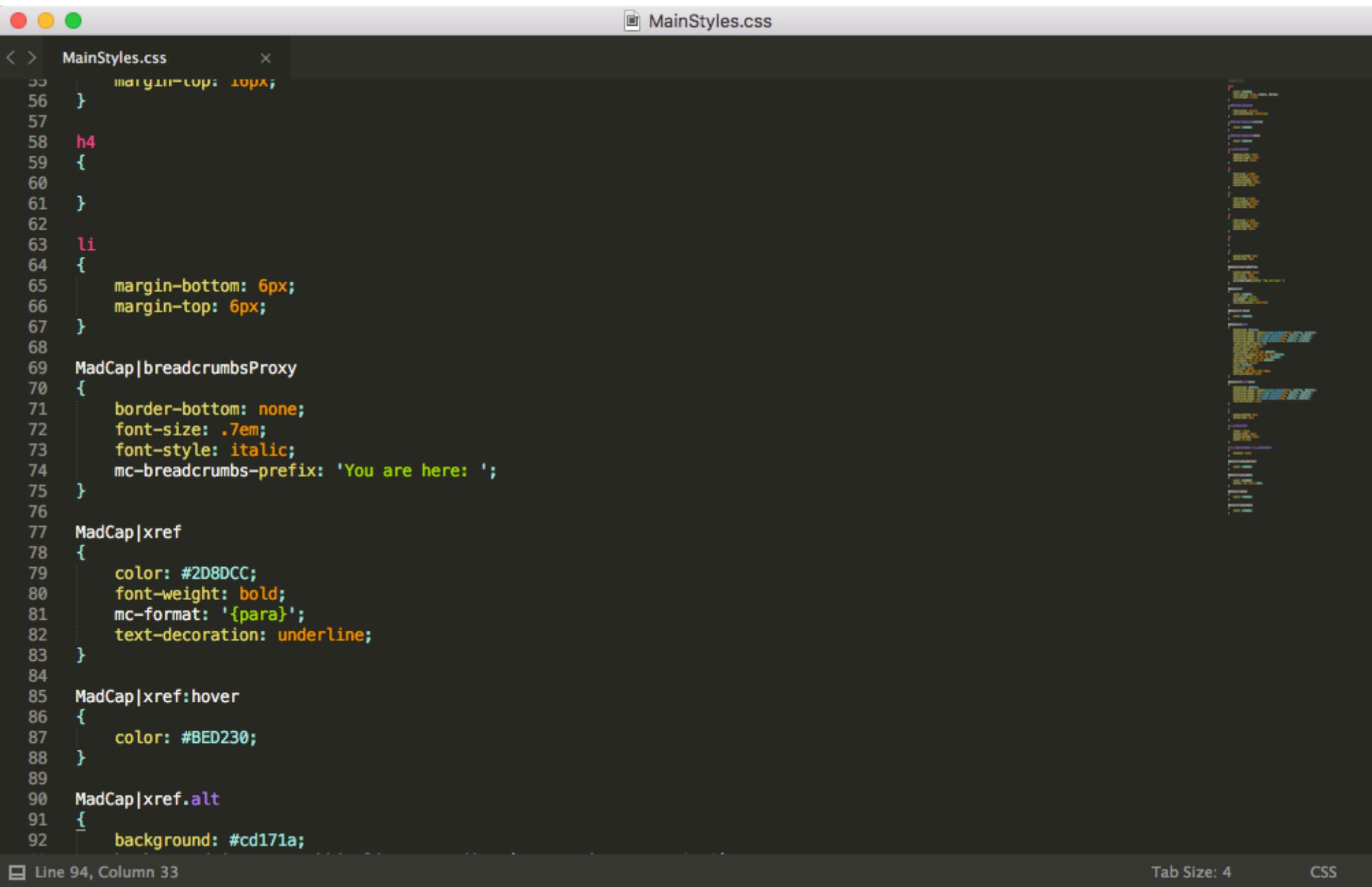


The screenshot shows the Flare Internal Text Editor interface. The title bar is green and displays "MainStyles.css". Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Print. The main area is labeled "Text Editor" and contains the following CSS code:

```
49 h3
50 {
51   font-size: 1.1em;
52   font-weight: normal;
53   margin-bottom: 4px;
54   margin-top: 16px;
55 }
56
57 h4
58 {
59 }
60
61
62 li
63 {
64   margin-bottom: 6px;
65   margin-top: 6px;
66 }
67
68
69 MadCap|breadcrumbsProxy
70 {
71   border-bottom: none;
72   font-size: .7em;
73   font-style: italic;
74   mc-breadcrumbs-prefix: 'You are here: ';
75 }
```

How many of you are using Flare's internal text editor?

# Or...do you already use an external text editor?



A screenshot of a dark-themed code editor window titled "MainStyles.css". The editor displays CSS code with syntax highlighting. The code includes various styles for elements like h4, li, and MadCap|breadcrumbsProxy, as well as specific styles for xref and xref:hover. The status bar at the bottom shows "Line 94, Column 33" and "Tab Size: 4".

```
55     margin-top: 10px;
56 }
57
58 h4
59 {
60
61 }
62
63 li
64 {
65     margin-bottom: 6px;
66     margin-top: 6px;
67 }
68
69 MadCap|breadcrumbsProxy
70 {
71     border-bottom: none;
72     font-size: .7em;
73     font-style: italic;
74     mc-breadcrumbs-prefix: 'You are here: ';
75 }
76
77 MadCap|xref
78 {
79     color: #2D8DC0;
80     font-weight: bold;
81     mc-format: '{para}';
82     text-decoration: underline;
83 }
84
85 MadCap|xref:hover
86 {
87     color: #BED230;
88 }
89
90 MadCap|xref.alt
91 {
92     background: #cd171a;
```

# THE CROSS-REFERENCE

The screenshot shows the Flare Style Editor interface with the 'MainStyles.css' file open. The 'Link Styles' tab is selected. A red box highlights several specific styles:

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How it looks when using Flare's style editor (simple view).

# THE CROSS-REFERENCE

MadCap|xref

```
{  
    color: #2D8DCC;  
    font-weight: bold;  
    mc-format: '{para}';  
    text-decoration: underline;  
}
```

How the actual CSS code and the result looks.

## Basic Steps

Here is some general text for a topic. Replace this with your own content.

[Feature 2](#)



# BUT WAIT...

## Basic Steps

Here is some general text for a topic. Replace this with your own content.

Feature 2

**What if we want to  
turn this...**

## Basic Steps

Here is some general text for a topic. Replace this with your own content.

Feature 2

**...into this?**

# THE CROSS-REFERENCE

MadCap|xref

```
{  
background: #cd171a;  
background-image: -webkit-linear-gradient(top, #cd171a, #cc6e70);  
background-image: -moz-linear-gradient(top, #cd171a, #cc6e70);  
background-image: -ms-linear-gradient(top, #cd171a, #cc6e70);  
background-image: -o-linear-gradient(top, #cd171a, #cc6e70);  
-webkit-border-radius: 28;  
-moz-border-radius: 28;  
border-radius: 28px;  
text-shadow: 1px 1px 3px #666666;  
-webkit-box-shadow: 0px 1px 3px #666666;  
-moz-box-shadow: 0px 1px 3px #666666;  
box-shadow: 0px 1px 3px #666666;  
font-family: Arial;  
color: #ffffff;  
font-size: 20px;  
padding: 10px 20px 10px 20px;  
mc-format: '{para}';  
text-decoration: none;  
}
```

**TIME FOR SOME  
EXERCISES**

# WHAT DO WE NEED?

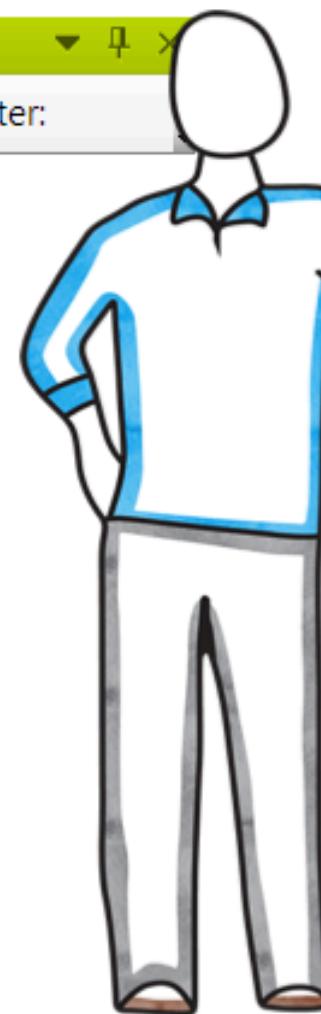
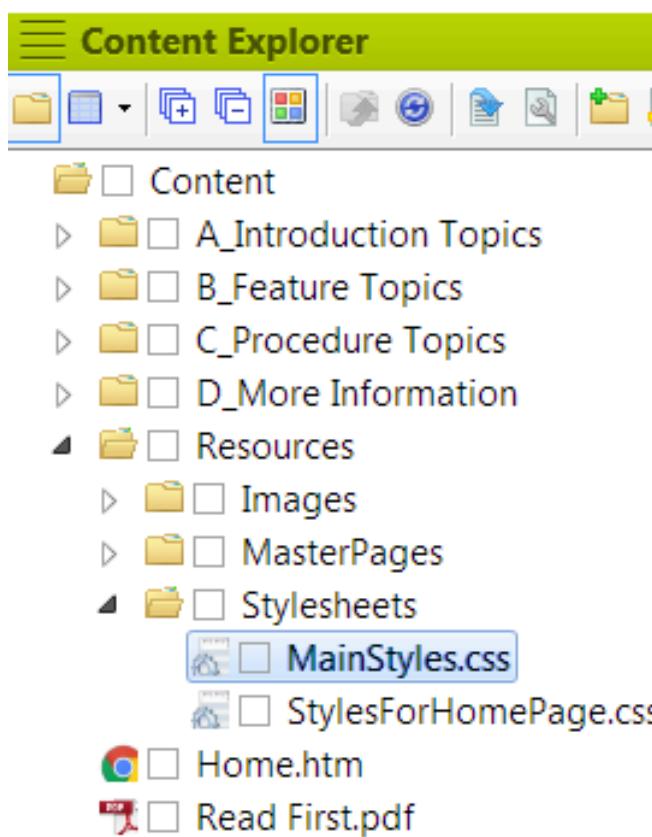
- ▶ Laptop with Flare installed (pref. v11 or up).
- ▶ HTML5 Top Navigation example project.
- ▶ Your text editor of choice.

# BEFORE YOU BEGIN

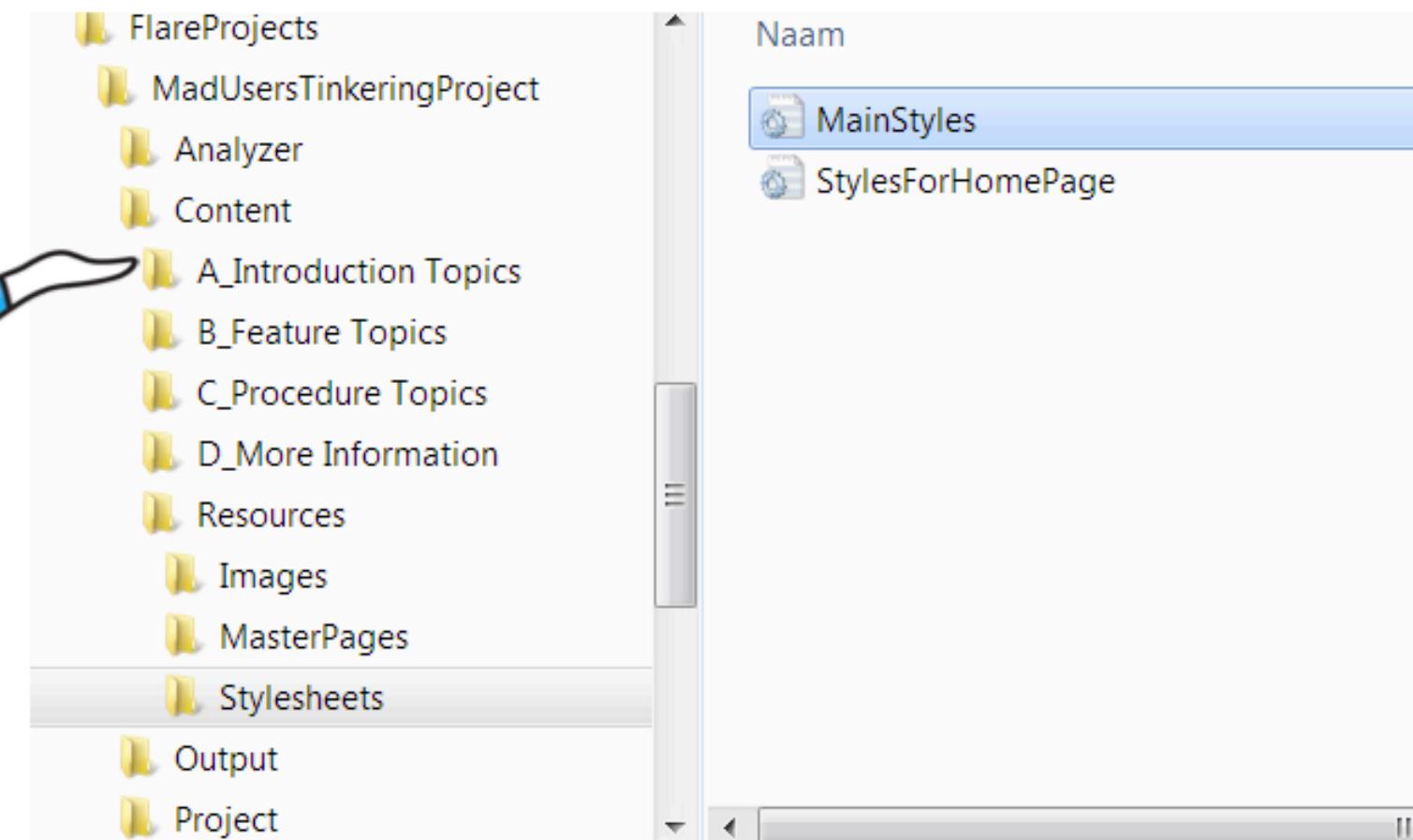
- ▶ Always make your changes in the project file not in the build!
- ▶ Backup your CSS before you start!

# WHERE IS THE CSS CODE LOCATED?

**Flare content explorer**



**Windows Explorer**



# **EXERCISE 1**

## **THE CROSS-REFERENCE**

# **EXERCISE 2**

## **THE DROP-DOWN**

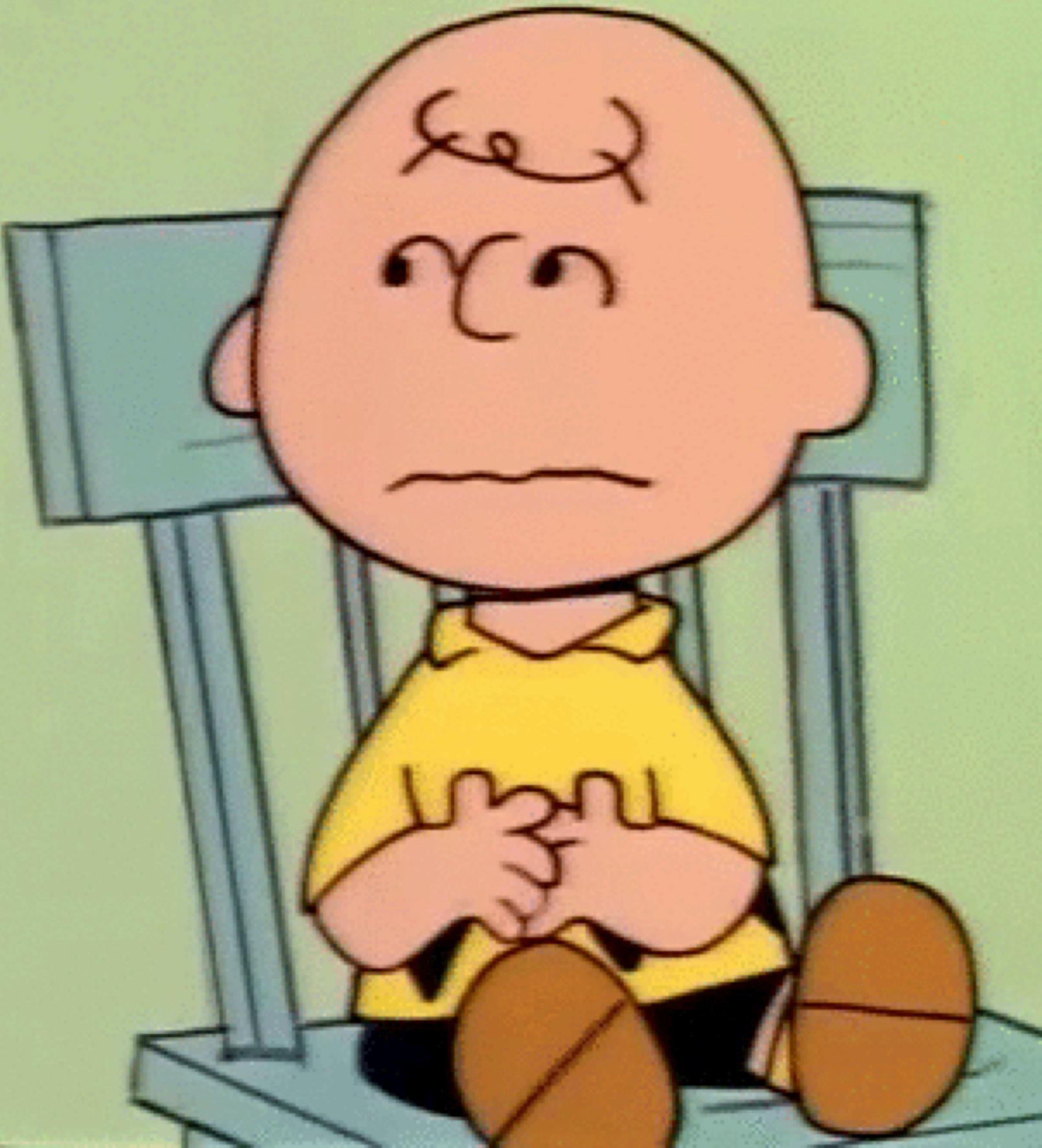
# **WRAP UP**

# SO, HOW WAS IT?

Do you feel like cheering?



**Or do you feel like Charlie Brown?**



I would like to know, so here is a

## QUESTION FOR YOU

After today's introduction, would you consider using a text editor for your own projects in the future and why (or why not)?

# RECOMMENDED TEXT EDITORS

Sublime Text 3 - win & mac (paid)

<https://www.sublimetext.com/>

Atom - win & mac (free)

<https://atom.io/>

Notepad++ - win (free)

<https://notepad-plus-plus.org/>

# LEARN MORE ABOUT CSS

CSS: The Definitive Guide, Fourth Edition (book)

<http://meyerweb.com/eric/thoughts/2012/10/01/csstdg4e/>

CSS: The Missing Manual by David Sawyer McFarland (book)

<https://amzn.com/1491918055>

Learn to Code HTML & CSS, created by designer & front-end developer Shay Howe (course)

<http://learn.shayhowe.com/html-css/>

Advanced CSS: Best Practices for Formatting Notes, Tips, Cautions and Warnings in MadCap Flare" webinar (webinar)

<http://www.madcapsoftware.com/demos/player.aspx?v=d01db2694e8e6>

**Tak! I THANK YOU!**  
**DANK JULLIE WEL!**

All slides and all materials used in this workshop are available for  
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