

CSS

CASCADING STYLE SHEETS



BASICS OF CSS

WHAT IS CSS & WHY IT'S IMPORTANT?

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is a stylesheet language used to control the presentation of HTML documents. It allows developers to style web pages by defining colors, layouts, fonts, and spacing, ensuring better design and user experience.

CSS SYNTAX & STRUCTURE

A CSS rule consists of a selector and a declaration block.

```
selector {
  property: value;
}
```

Example:

```
p {
  color: blue;
  font-size: 16px;
}
```

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CSS SELECTORS

Selectors are used to target HTML elements

```
Universal Selector (*): Targets all elements.
       margin: 0;
       padding: 0;

    Element Selector ( div, p, h1 ): Targets specific elements.

      color: red;

    Class Selector ( .class ): Targets elements with a specific class.

     .box {
       background-color: yellow;

    ID Selector ( #id ): Targets elements with a specific ID.

     #header {
       text-align: center;

    Attribute Selector ( [type="text"] ): Targets elements based on attributes.

     input[type="text"] {
       border: 1px solid black;
```

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```
    Pseudo-classes (:hover, :focus, :nth-child): Apply styles based on state.
    a:hover {
        color: green;
    }
    Pseudo-elements (::before, ::after): Style specific parts of an element.
    p::first-letter {
        font-size: 2rem;
    }
```

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ADDING CSS TO HTML

There are three ways to apply CSS:

```
1. Inline CSS (within an HTML tag)

color: red;">This is red text.

2. Internal CSS (inside <style> tag in HTML head)

<style>
p {
    color: blue;
}
</style>

3. External CSS (using a separate .css file)

/* styles.css */
p {
    color: green;
}
clink rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
```



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SELECTOR PRECEDENCE (SPECIFICITY & IMPORTANCE)

- Inline styles have the highest specificity.
- ID selectors (#id) have higher priority than class selectors (.class).
- Class selectors have higher priority than element selectors (div, p).
- The !important rule overrides all other styles.