CSS Selectors

Web Authoring and Design

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Outline

- Review
- What are CSS Selectors?
- Different types of Selectors and Syntax
- Examples of how to use Selectors
- Summary
- Review/Discussion

CSS Selectors

- CSS selectors are HTML tags to which a CSS style is applied.
- ■These are patterns used to select the HTML tags that you want to style.
- These patterns may range from simple element names to rich contextual patterns

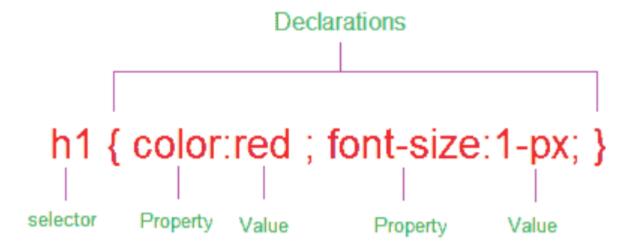
Selector Syntax

```
Declaration

Selector { Property : Value ; }
```

Details

■ In the following sections, looking at how you can use different types of a selectors to specify which elements a style sheet rule can apply to



Element Selector or Type Selector

The CSS element Selector or the type selector matches occurrences of those tags specified in the list

```
element { property:value }
e.g.,
p { font-size:32px; }
```

Above CSS code sets all paragraph font size as 32.

Example Selector

```
<html>
       <head>
              <style type="text/css">
                     p {font-size:32px;}
              </style>
       </head>
       <body>
              This line displayed in default font size
               Line formated with element selector 
       </body>
</html>
```

This line displayed in default font size

Applied element selector

Universal Selector

■ The universal selector set a value for all elements in the HTML document

```
synatx:

* { property:value }

E.g.,

* {font-size:14px;}
```

■ Above CSS code set font size =14px to the whole HTML document

Example Universal Selector

```
<html>
       <head>
               <style type="text/css">
                      * {font-size:32px;}
               </style>
       </head>
       <body>
               Universal selector set all font size as 22 in this
document
       </body>
</html>
```

Grouped Selectors

■Whenever a situation that you need to apply the same style property to a number of selectors, then you can group those selectors into one rule by separating them with commas. The selector rule has the same effect to more than one selector at a time

Example Grouped Selectors

```
h1 {color: #FF0066;}
h2 {color: #FF0066;}
p {color: #FF0066;}
```

Instead of above multiple selectors you can group them as follows:

```
h1,h2,p {color: #FF0066;}
```

```
<html>
        <head>
                 <style type="text/css">
                         h1,h3,p {color: #FF0066;}
                 </style>
        </head>
        <body>
                 <h1>Grouped Selectors</h1>
                 <h2>This one not in the group</h2>
                 <h3>This elements also grouped</h3>
                 This line is not in the grouped selector.
                 This paragraph also in the group 
        </body>
</html>
                 Grouped Selectors
                 This one not in the group
                 This elemenst also grouped
                 This line is not in the grouped selector.
```

This paragraph also in the group

This Week

- Review Slides
- Read Associated Chapters
- Weekly Tasks
- Online Quizzes

Summary

- Overview of CSS Selectors
- Different Selectors
 - ▷E.g., Universal, Grouped, ...
- Hands-On/Practical

Questions/Discussion