

1. HTML

- a. origins
 - i. Hypertext Markup Language
 - ii. Developed in 1991 by British physicist Tim Berners-Lee
 - iii. Allows the formatting of information to be defined separately from the content
 - iv. Based on SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language) – a metalanguage which defines formatting for documents
 - v. Browsers understand HTML
 - vi. Web servers hold the content and send out HTML to the client (browser)
- b. governing body
 - i. W3C – World Wide Web Consortium, an international standards body
 - ii. Formed to resolve HTML incompatibility issues among vendors in the 1990's
- c. white space – free format
 - i. Any spaces, tabs, new lines are ignored when the browser interprets the HTML
 - ii. Use the HTML tag `<pre> .. </pre>` to maintain the spacing content
 - iii. Use `
` to force a new line
- d. comments in HTML
 - i. `<!--` A comment in HTML and ignored by the browser `-->`
- e. browser differences
 - i. window panel dimensions
 - 1. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Safari
 - ii. colour depth
 - 1. the more bits per pixel, the greater the colour palette (e.g. 16 bits per pixel = 2^{16} colours)
 - 2. resolution - how many pixels will fit on a video screen
 - 3. 'websafe' colours
 - a. set of 216 colours which will display without dithering on video cards supporting only 256 colours (the '8-bit' cards – now obsolete)
 - b. dithering – process of creating the illusion of colour depth by placing alternating pixels of different colours next to each other to make a new colour
- f. tags
 - i. always enclosed by angle brackets `<` and `>`
 - ii. no space after the `<`
 - iii. in HTML tags can be lowercase or uppercase

- iv. in HTML tags can drop their end tag
- g. structure
 - i. file name uses an extension of “.html” or “.htm”
 - ii. <!DOCTYPE>
 - 1. tells the browser which HTML definition type (transitional, strict, frameset) this document uses
 - iii. <html>
 - 1. start of the HTML content ... ends with </html>
 - iv. <head>
 - 1. <title>
 - a. Show the window title
 - b. Text allowed – no HTML allowed in title
 - 2. <meta>
 - a. Information about this HTML document, author
 - 3. <head> <title> .. </title> </head>
 - v. <body>
 - 1. start of the HTML body .. ends with </body>
- h. attributes
 - i. HTML attributes have the form attribute=value (for example,)
- i. inline
 - i. tags that will not cause automatic line break in the browser window
 - ii. , <i>, , , , , <a>, <q>,
- j. block
 - i. tags that will cause automatic line breaks in the browser window
 - ii. <p>, <dl>, <table>, , , <div>, , <h1>, <h2>
- k. image
 - i. formats – some proprietary, some free
 - 1. png
 - a. seen as the replacement of gif – has better compression and not limited to 256 colours
 - 2. bmp
 - a. Windows bitmap file
 - b. DIB file (device independent bitmap)
 - 3. jpeg
 - a. ‘lossy’ – uses compression to store image data
 - b. allows 16.7 million colours (24 bit)
 - c. photorealistic images
 - d. does not support transparency
 - 4. gif

- a. standard gif image can have at most 256 colours from a palette of 16.7M
 - b. gifs can be 'animated' by stacking frames of images together
 - c. useful for small images having less detail
 - 5. svg
 - a. scalable vector graphics
 - b. greater compression of images using formulas not bitmaps
- ii. attributes
 - 1. alt
 - a. show what image represents if the image cannot be displayed
 - 2. title
 - a. pop-up bubble briefly describing the image
 - 3. border
 - a. can define a border surrounding the image
 - b. deprecated in favour of CSS
 - 4. width and height
 - a. horizontal and vertical scale factors
 - b. can be in measurements of pixels, in, cm, or %
 - c. deprecated in favour of CSS
- 1. table
 - i. definition
 - 1. `<table>` table rows `</table>`
 - 2. table rows : `<tr>` row data `</tr>`
 - 3. row data : `<td>` data `</td>`
 - ii. a table may be defined within the cell of another table (nested table)
 - iii. tables rows usually have the same number of columns; table columns usually have the same number of rows
 - iv. width
 - 1. widest cell in the column determines the width of the entire column
 - 2. the width attribute fixes the width of a table or column
 - v. border
 - 1. size of the border around the table
 - vi. rowspan
 - 1. when a cell spans two or more rows, specify the rowspan attribute in the `<td>` tag
 - vii. colspan
 - 1. when a cell spans two or more columns, specify the rowspan attribute in the `<td>` tag
 - viii. cellspacing

1. amount of space between cells
- ix. cellpadding
 1. amount of space between the cell border its contents
- x. thead tfoot tbody
 1. define the table header, table footer, and table body
- m. form
 - i. structure
 1. `<form> </form>`
 2. a form may not be defined within another form
 - ii. form attributes
 1. name
 - a. unique name for the form (for Javascript)
 2. id
 - a. unique identifier for form (for CSS)
 3. action
 - a. define the script that will run when submit button is pressed
 - b. the URL to which the user entered form data will be submitted
 4. method
 - a. method= "GET" is default if not defined – encodes the form information in the URL (less secure) – the form values you entered will appear in the URL
 - b. method= "POST" is more secure
 - iii. form elements
 1. attributes
 - a. disabled= "true" – form element never receives focus
 - b. readonly= "true" – form element information cannot be overridden
 - c. accesskey – keyboard shortcut to form element
 - d. tabindex – define the form element tab order
 - iv. textarea
 1. multiline text
 2. rows attribute – number of rows
 3. cols attribute – number of columns
 - v. select
 1. shows a "dropdown menu list"
 2. option attribute
 3. to specify a default: selected= "selected"
 4. multiple= "multiple"
 5. similar to a listbox
 6. optgroup attribute
 - a. `<optgroup label= "Country">`
`<option>Canada</option>`

```
<option>USA</option>
</optgroup>
```

vi. input

1. text

- a. simple one-line text input
- b. value attribute defines a default, pre-entered string
- c. maxlength attribute – maximum characters users may enter

2. password

- a. inputted text is echoed as asterisks
- b. low level of security

3. radio

- a. selection of mutually exclusive option
- b. name attribute among options must be defined the same
- c. value attribute may be any text or number
- d. checked attribute

4. checkbox

- a. selection of multiple options
- b. name attribute among options
- c. value attribute may be any text or number
- d. checked attribute

5. hidden

- a. a form element not displayed but its value is used by the action script

6. HTML 5 attributes for input element

- a. pattern
 - i. use a regular expression to validate input data (e.g. \d or [0-9] for a single digit, \d{2} for exactly two digits, \d+ for one or more digits)
- b. required – field may not be left blank upon submit
- c. type= “range” min= “0” max= “100”

7. submit button

- a. value attribute defines the text within the button
- b. name attribute defines the element
- c. click action calls the action script

8. reset button

- a. value attribute defines the text within the button
- b. click action resets all the form information

9. label

- a. text, radio, checkbox form elements need to have a descriptive name on the display form
- b. <label for= “fname”> First name</label> <input type= “text”>

vii. progress – shows a progress bar

- viii. meter – shows a bar with a colour range fill
- ix. fieldset
 - 1. define a visual grouping of form elements
 - 2. `<fieldset> <legend>Name of group</legend> ...
</fieldset>`
- n. deprecated tags and attributes
 - i. HTML tags and attributes no longer meant to be used, e.g.
 - ii. Replaced with CSS definitions
 - `<center>` replaced by CSS `text-align:center`
 - `<u>` replaced by CSS `text-decoration:underline`
 - `` replaced by `color:red`
 - `` replaced by `style= "margin:100px"`
- o. anchor
 - i. ` x `
 - ii. URL
 - 1. uniform resource locator, a unique name for a web resource
 - iii. image
 - 1. use image as an anchor
` `
 - iv. absolute URL
 - 1. defines a fully qualified URL
 - 2. scheme (http, https, ftp, sftp)
 - 3. webserver (www)
 - 4. subdomain (server)
 - 5. domain (com)
 - 6. webserver, subdomain, domain can be replaced with the server's IP address (204.174.65.19)
`http://www.server.com/data/index.html`
 - v. relative
 - 1. defines the location of the resource relative to the current document
 - 2. allows for easier relocation of the HTML files and folder to another server or folder
 - 3. Example:
 - `href= "work/dd.html"` means a link to the subfolder work and its file dd.html
 - `href= "../dd.html"` means a link to the parent folder and its file dd.html
 - `href= "/work/dd.html"` means a link to the web server root folder work and its file dd.html
 - `href= "./dd.html"` means a link in the current folder to file dd.html
 - vi. name

1. a name attribute means a named anchor within the document, use the hash character #
` ... ` - defines a named anchor

`... ... ` - links to the above anchor

2. CSS

a. Definitions

- i. cascading style sheet
- ii. define the document styles in a separate, reusable document
- iii. syntax – selector { attribute : value; }
- iv. comments in CSS use `/* ... */` structure

b. properties

i. inheritance

1. CSS styles defined in a parent element apply to its child elements. E.g. a colour text style defined for a `<h1>` element will apply to the contained `<p>` tags.

c. selectors

i. group together

1. If the selectors share the same style, they can be listed together separated by commas

`h1, h2, p {color: green; font-family: "Times New Roman"; }`

ii. class

1. If a style is to be shared among some selectors, a class can be defined
2. class name must be a single word not starting with a number
3. has a lower precedence than ID named selectors

```
.red {color:red;}
h1.blue {color:blue;}
```

```
<p class= "red"> appears in red </p>
<p> appears in black </p>
<h1 class= "red"> header in red </p>
<h1 class= "blue"> header in blue </h1>
```

iii. ID

1. If a style is to be defined for a single instance of a tag, an ID can be defined
2. ID name must be single word not starting with a number
3. has a higher precedence than class named selectors

```
#green {color:green;}
div#large {font-size:20pt;}
```

```
<div id= "green"> this text is green </div>
<p id= "large"> large text </p>
```

iv. Context dependent

1. descendant

- a. a style that is used only when an element is contained within another – a descendant
- b. separate the selectors by a space

```
p b { color:blue; }
```

```
<p> abc <b> show as blue </b> show as black </p>
```

2. child

- a. a style that is used when an element is a child of another

```
div > p {color: yellow; }
```

```
<div> <p> show as yellow </p> show as black </div>
```

3. sibling

- a. a style that is used when two elements are adjacent

```
h1 + h2 { margin-bottom: 5mm; }
```

```
<h1> abc </h1> add a margin bottom of 5mm
<h2> xyz </h2>
```

d. Rules

i. inline

- 1. span tag
 - 2. define a CSS style within a line of text to be used just once
- ```
blue text
```

ii. embedded

- 1. style tag
  - 2. define one or more CSS styles used only within this HTML document – usually defined in the <head> section
- ```
<style> CSS definitions </style>
```

iii. external

- 1. link tag
- 2. define one or more CSS styles which are to be shared among other HTML documents
- 3. more than one css file can be linked into a document

<link href= “default.css” type= “text/css” rel= “stylesheet”>
(attributes may be defined in any order)

iv. precedence

1. users may define their own custom stylesheet for the browser – these styles have lower precedence than the styles defined by the style author
2. inheritance
 - a. many CSS properties are inherited from the parent element to the child element (e.g. font, color are inherited but not border or margin properties)
3. cascade
 - a. styles defined in different locations (embedded, external) for the same selectors will cascade – but external styles have lower precedence than embedded styles which have lower precedence than inline styles
4. specificity
 - a. those selectors without class name or ID name have lowest precedence; selectors with class name have next higher precedence; selectors with ID name have next higher; styles having !important have highest precedence
 - b. a style defined for a descendant element has **precedence**

```
p {color:blue;}  
div p { color:red;}  
  
<div>header  
<p> this is red</p>  
</div>
```

e. link

- i. pseudo-class uses the colon after the selector

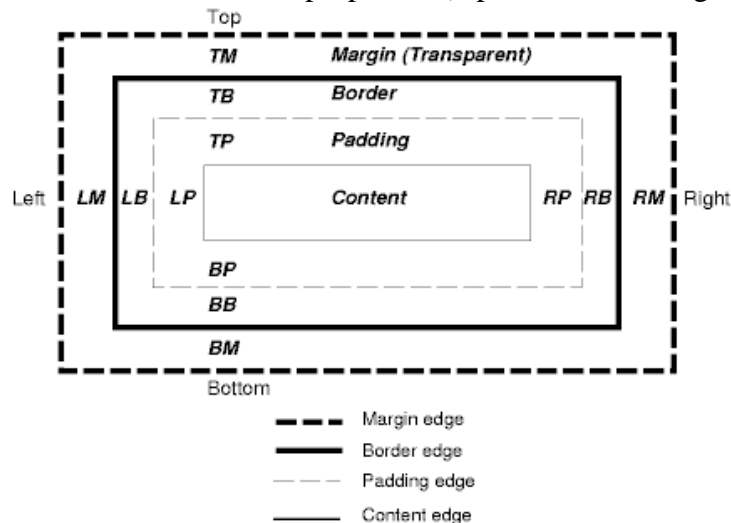
```
a:link      { color: red }  
a:visited  { color: green; font-size: 85% }  
a:active   { color: blue; font-size: 125% }  
a:hover    { color: black; font-size: 85% }
```

f. colours

- i. color

1. for changing the text colour
2. defined using one of:

- a. name, there are 140 names approved by W3C including aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, white, and yellow
 - ii. background-color
 - iii. background-image
- g. font
 - i. font-family types – serif, sans-serif, monospace, cursive, fantasy
 - ii. font-style – default is normal; can be italic or oblique
 - iii. font-weight – how thick or thin the characters appear
 - 1. default is 400, bold is 700
 - iv. font-size – how large the font is, default is 100% em
 - 1. relative (em, ex, px)
 - 2. absolute (in, cm, mm, pt, pc)
- h. box model
 - i. width
 - ii. height
 - iii. “TRouBLLe” – order of properties (top, bottom, left, right)



- i. positioning
 - i. float
 - 1. sets where an image or text will appear in another element
 - 2. float:left means the element moves to the left in the parent element
 - 3. float:right means the element moves to the right in the parent element
 - ii. absolute
 - 1. unit types are fixed regardless of monitor size – used for printing
 - 2. in, cm, mm, pt (point, 72 points=1 inch), pc (pica, 1 pc=12pts)
 - iii. relative

- iv. clear

- a. Purpose
 - i. A multipurpose JavaScript library used to simplify DOM manipulation
- b. Key features
 - i. Notation is `$(" id_of_element").objects`
 - ii. How do you create a DOM object as opposed to the standard jQuery object?

5. HCI

- a. Definition
- b. Six goals of HCI – safety, utility, effectiveness, efficiency, usability, appeal
- c. UI difficulties
 - i. Some UI are designed poorly.. why? .. what are consequences?
 - ii. Challenges facing UI designers
- d. Cognition: ESP, Discrimination, Forgetting, Gestalt Psychology
- e. Fitts' Law
- f. Hicks' Law
- g. Schneiderman's eight golden rules
 - i. Strive for consistency
 - ii. Cater to universal usability
 - iii. Offer informative feedback
 - iv. Design dialogs to yield closure
 - v. Offer error prevention and simple error handling
 - vi. Permit easy reversal of actions
 - vii. Support internal locus of control
 - viii. Reduce short-term memory load
- h. Aspects of good UI design
 - i. Affordance
 - ii. Forcing function
 - iii. Mapping
 - iv. Conceptual model

6. XML

- a. Used as a data transport mechanism – especially for e-business usage
- b. Open source – non-proprietary
- c. Multiplatform support – multi-application support
- d. Human-readable
- e. Format: `<?xml version="1.0"?>`
 - `<root element>`
 - `<child1>`
 - `</child1>`
 - `...`
 - `<childN>`

</childN>
</root element>

- f. DTD – Document Type Definition
 - i. Defines the rules which will the XML file will use to define its content (what elements are needed, the order of elements)
 - ii. PCDATA means parsed character data – text found between the start and end tags – tags inside the text will be treated as markup and entities will be expanded.
 - iii. Required/Implied/Default
- g. Properties
 - i. Well-formed
 - 1. XML is well-formed if its elements are syntactically correct (no missing tags)
 - ii. Valid
 - 1. XML is valid if its elements do not break any of the DTD rules
- h. XSLT
 - i. Used to define formatting for the XML and define any selection of XML data elements in the browser
 - ii. Uses XPath functions