# **Basic Syntax and Structure in CSS3**

CSS3 (Cascading Style Sheets Level 3) is used to style and layout web pages. Understanding its basic syntax and structure is essential for effectively designing web content. Here's an overview:

# **Basic Syntax**

### Selectors

Selectors are used to target HTML elements to apply styles. Common selectors include:

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- **Type Selector**: Targets HTML elements by name (e.g., `p`, `h1`).
- **Class Selector**: Targets elements with a specific class (e.g., `.className`).
- **ID Selector**: Targets elements with a specific ID (e.g., `#idName`).
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- **Attribute Selector**: Targets elements with a specific attribute (e.g., `input[type="text"]`).
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- \*\*Pseudo-classes and Pseudo-elements\*\*: Target elements based on their state or position (e.g., `:hover`, `::before`).

## **Properties and Values**

CSS rules are composed of property-value pairs, enclosed in curly braces `{}`.

# Example:

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

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

### **Comments**

Comments in CSS are enclosed in `/\* \*/` and are ignored by browsers.

Example:

```
""css
/* This is a comment */
```

## Structure of a CSS File

A CSS file consists of a series of rules. Each rule has a selector and a declaration block.

- 1. \*\*Selectors\*\*: Identify which HTML elements the rule applies to.
- 2. \*\*Declaration Block\*\*: Contains one or more declarations separated by semicolons `;`.

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Example:
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```css
/* Selectors */
h1 {
  color: red; /* Property: color, Value: red */
}
.className {
  font-size: 14px;
  margin: 10px;
}
#idName {
  border: 1px solid black;
}
/* Pseudo-class */
a:hover {
  text-decoration: underline;
}
/* Pseudo-element */
p::first-line {
  font-weight: bold;
}
```

### **CSS3 Features**

CSS3 introduces new features and modules, enhancing the capabilities of CSS. Some notable features include:

- 1. \*\*Selectors\*\*:
  - New attribute selectors (e.g., 'input[type="text"]').
  - Structural pseudo-classes (e.g., `:nth-child`, `:nth-of-type`).

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2. **Box Model**:
  - Advanced box model properties (e.g., 'box-sizing', 'min-width', 'max-width').
3. **Backgrounds and Borders**:
  - Multiple backgrounds (e.g., 'background-image' can accept multiple values).
 - Border images (e.g., 'border-image').
4. **Text Effects**:
 - Text shadows (e.g., 'text-shadow').
 - Word wrapping (e.g., 'word-wrap').
5. **2D/3D Transformations**:
  - Transformations (e.g., 'transform', 'rotate', 'scale').
 - Transitions (e.g., `transition` properties for smooth animations).
6. **Flexbox**:
  - Flexible box layout (e.g., 'display: flex').
7. **Grid Layout**:
 - Two-dimensional grid-based layout (e.g., 'display: grid').
8. **Media Queries**:
  - Responsive design (e.g., '@media' rules).
Example of some CSS3 features:
```css
/* Flexbox */
.container {
  display: flex;
 justify-content: space-between;
}
/* Grid Layout */
.grid-container {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 1fr 2fr;
}
/* Transitions */
.button {
  background-color: blue;
 transition: background-color 0.3s ease;
}
.button:hover {
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```
background-color: green;
}

/* Media Queries */
@media (max-width: 600px) {
    .responsive-text {
      font-size: 12px;
    }
}
...
```