

Styling Web Components

Cory House
bitnative.com
Twitter: @housecor



pluralsight 
hardcore developer training

Agenda

Shadow DOM encapsulates styles

New CSS concepts

:host

:host-context

::content

::shadow

/deep/

:unresolved

Styling the Shadow Host

Style the Shadow host using the :host pseudo selector

```
<div id="my-host">  
  My component is hosted in here...  
</div>
```

```
#my-host:host { /* Styles the shadow host */  
  border: solid 1px red;  
}
```

:host Example

Demo

Theming the Shadow Host

Style :host classes to theme components

```
:host(.awesome) {  
  /* awesome styles here */  
}
```

```
:host(.lame) {  
  /* totally lame styles here */  
}
```

```
<my-component class="awesome"></my-component>
```

Theming the Shadow Host

Demo

:host Has Low Specificity

More specific selectors in the Light DOM may override

CSS Specificity Rules

Traditional CSS specificity rules apply for :host

From most to least specific:

1. Inline Style
2. ID
3. Class, pseudo-class, attribute
4. Elements

```
<p style="color: red;">  
#my-element { color: red; }  
.my-class { color: red; }  
p { color: red; }
```


:host pseudo-selector specificity

Demo

Styling Shadow Host States

Can style states too:

`:host(:hover)`

`:host(:active)`

`:host(:visited)`

`:host(:link)`

Styling :host states

Demo

Styling the Host Context

Style the Shadow DOM based on context

:host-context

Styling the Shadow DOM via :host-context

Demo

Styling Distributed Nodes

Style nodes that pass through an insertion point with ::content selector

```
::content p {  
  color: red;  
}
```

```
::content > button {  
  border: 1px solid red;  
}
```

Styling Distributed Nodes via ::content

Demo

Styling Shadow DOM From the Light DOM

What?! You liar!

I thought the Shadow DOM
was protected from styling
from the outside!



Styling Shadow DOM From the Light DOM

```
::shadow
```

```
#host::shadow li {  
  color: red;  
}
```



Style Shadow DOM from the Light DOM via ::shadow

Demo

Styling Shadow DOM From the Light DOM

Style *all* shadows:

/deep/



Style Shadow DOM from the Light DOM via /deep/

Demo

Avoid Flash of Unstyled Content (FOUC)

All custom element tags (for example, `<x-button>`) are plain old HTML elements until the browser finishes calling the `createdCallback` method.

To avoid a flash of unstyled content, use **`:unresolved`**

Avoid Flash of Unstyled Content (FOUC)

:unresolved matches unresolved elements. Once createdCallback is called, the element is resolved.

```
my-component {  
  opacity: 1;  
}
```

```
my-component:unresolved {  
  opacity: 0;  
}
```

:unresolved Only Applies to Custom Elements

Doesn't apply to elements that inherit from HTMLUnknownElement

Only elements with a dash (–) in their name are affected by :unresolved

<sillybutton> <- not styled by :unresolved since HTMLUnknownElement

<silly-button> <-styled by :unresolved since HTMLElement (due to dash)

Avoiding Flash of Unstyled Content with :unresolved

Demo

Dynamic Styling

Just like Light DOM elements:

```
var myComponent = document.createElement('my-component');  
myComponent.style.background = 'red';
```

Summary

Shadow DOM encapsulates styles

New CSS concepts

:host – Style the shadow host from the shadow DOM

:host-context - Style host based on context

::content – Style <content> insertion points

::shadow – Style Shadow DOM from outside (1st level)

/deep/ - Style Shadow DOM from outside (Infinite depth)

:unresolved – Avoid FOUC