

Lesson 07 Demo 04

Styling Navigation Elements Using Tailwind CSS

Objective: To implement responsive navigation UI components using Tailwind CSS. This includes building navigation bars, dropdowns for smaller screens, and breadcrumbs, enabling enhanced user experience and smooth navigation flow.

Tools required: Visual Studio Code

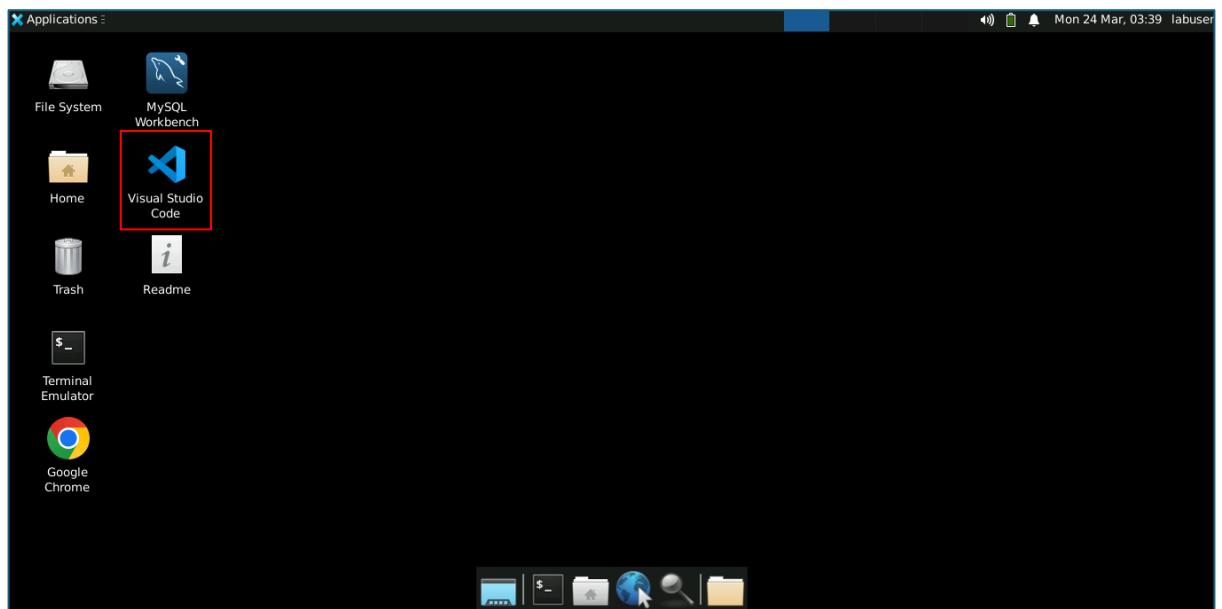
Prerequisites: HTML Basics

Steps to be followed:

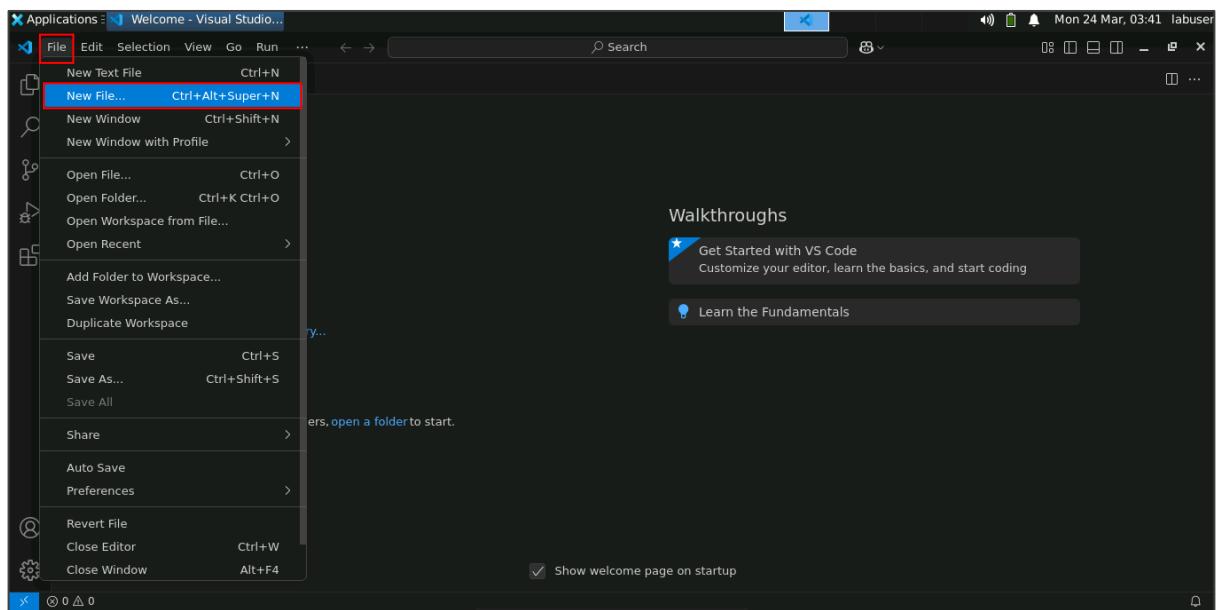
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2. Add navigation elements code

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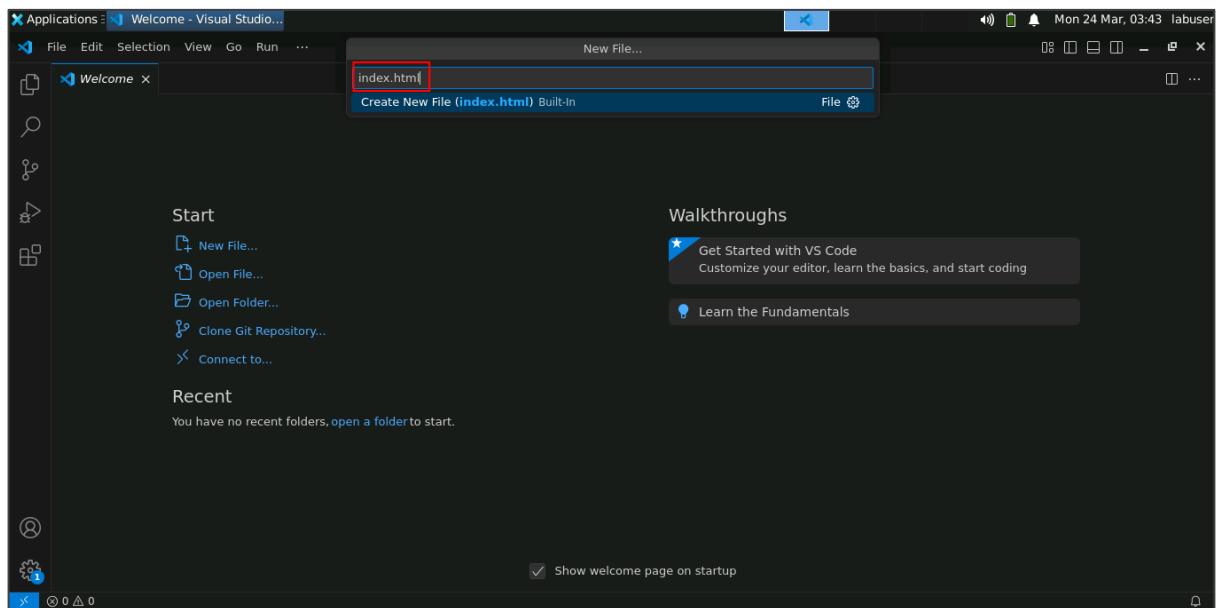
1.1 Open Visual Studio Code



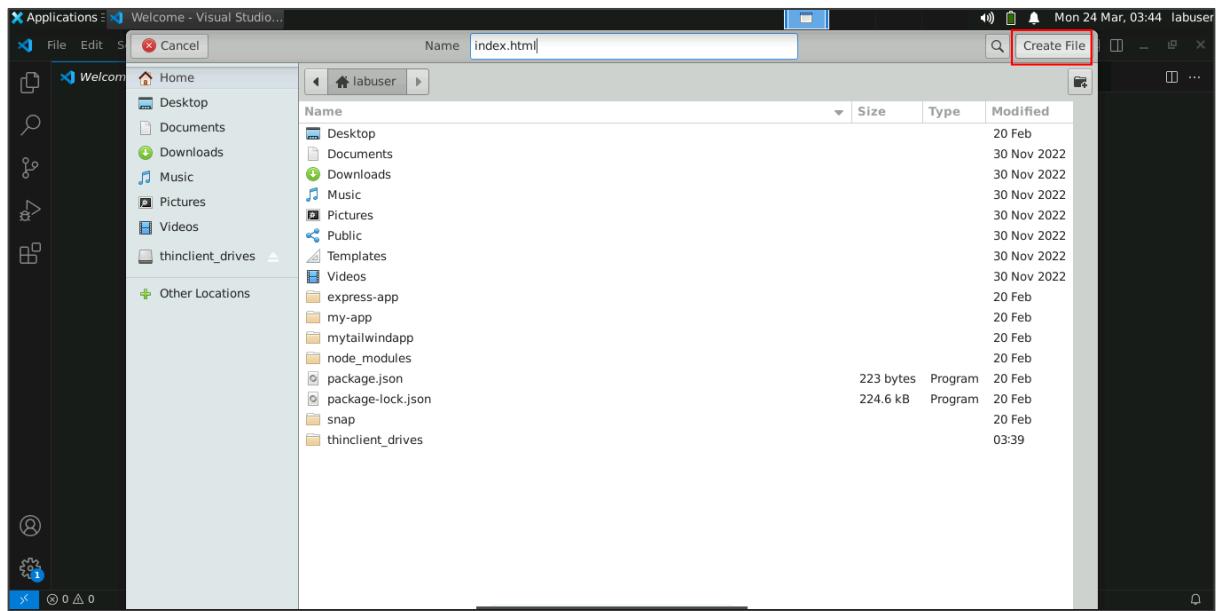
1.2 Click on **File**, then select the **New File...** option



1.3 Create an **index.html** file and press enter



1.4 Click Create File



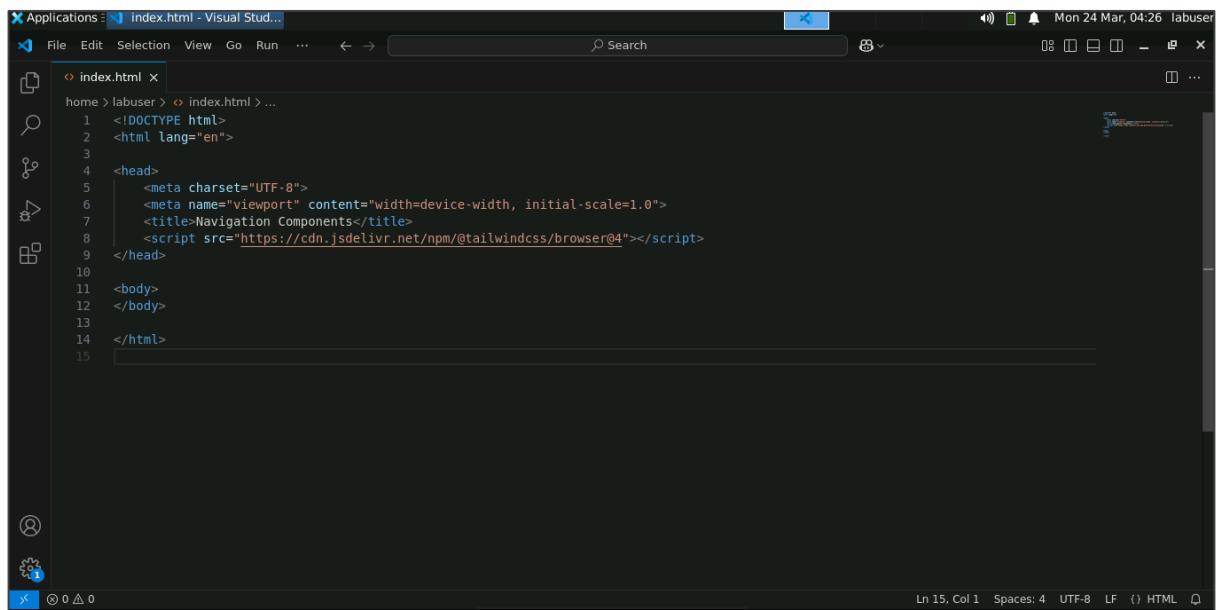
1.5 Insert the following base HTML structure into the index.html file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">

<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Navigation Components</title>
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/@tailwindcss/browser@4"></script>
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Step 2: Add navigation elements code

2.1 Modify the index.html file to include the navigation UI implementation

```
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  <body>

    <!-- Navigation Bar -->
    <nav class="bg-blue-600 text-white">
      <div class="max-w-7xl mx-auto px-4 sm:px-6 lg:px-8">
        <div class="flex justify-around h-16 items-center">
          <div class="flex-shrink-0">
            <a href="#" class="text-lg font-bold">App Name</a>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </nav>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
<div class="hidden md:flex space-x-8">
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">Home</a>
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">About</a>
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">Services</a>
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">Contact</a>
</div>
<div class="hidden md:flex space-x-8">
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">Profile</a>
    <a href="#" class="hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-md">Sign
In</a>
</div>

<!-- Mobile menu button -->
<div class="md:hidden">
    <button id="menu-button" class="text-white focus:outline-none">
        ≡
    </button>
</div>
</div>
</div>

<!-- Mobile Menu -->
<div id="mobile-menu" class="md:hidden hidden px-4 pb-4 space-y-2 bg-
blue-600">
    <a href="#" class="block hover:bg-blue-500 px-3 py-2 rounded-
md">Home</a>
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md">Contact</a>
</div>
</nav>

<!-- Breadcrumb Navigation -->
```

```
<div class="max-w-7xl mx-auto px-4 my-4">
  <nav class="flex text-gray-500" aria-label="Breadcrumb">
    <ol class="inline-flex items-center space-x-1">
      <li>
        <a href="#" class="text-blue-600 hover:text-blue-400">Home</a>
      </li>
      <li>
        <span class="mx-2"/>
        <a href="#" class="text-blue-600 hover:text-blue-400">Services</a>
      </li>
      <li>
        <span class="mx-2"/>
        <span class="text-gray-500">Service1</span>
      </li>
    </ol>
  </nav>
</div>

<script>
  const menuButton = document.getElementById('menu-button');
  const mobileMenu = document.getElementById('mobile-menu');

  menuButton.addEventListener('click', () => {
    mobileMenu.classList.toggle('hidden');
  });
</script>

</body>

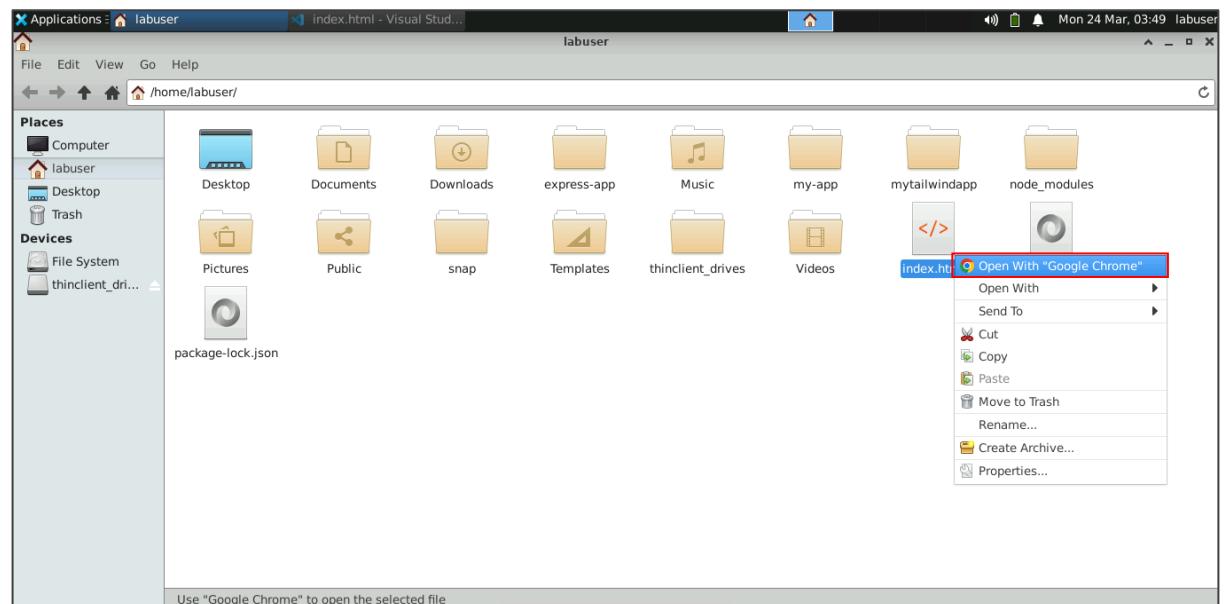
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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the file 'index.html' open. The code editor displays the following HTML structure:

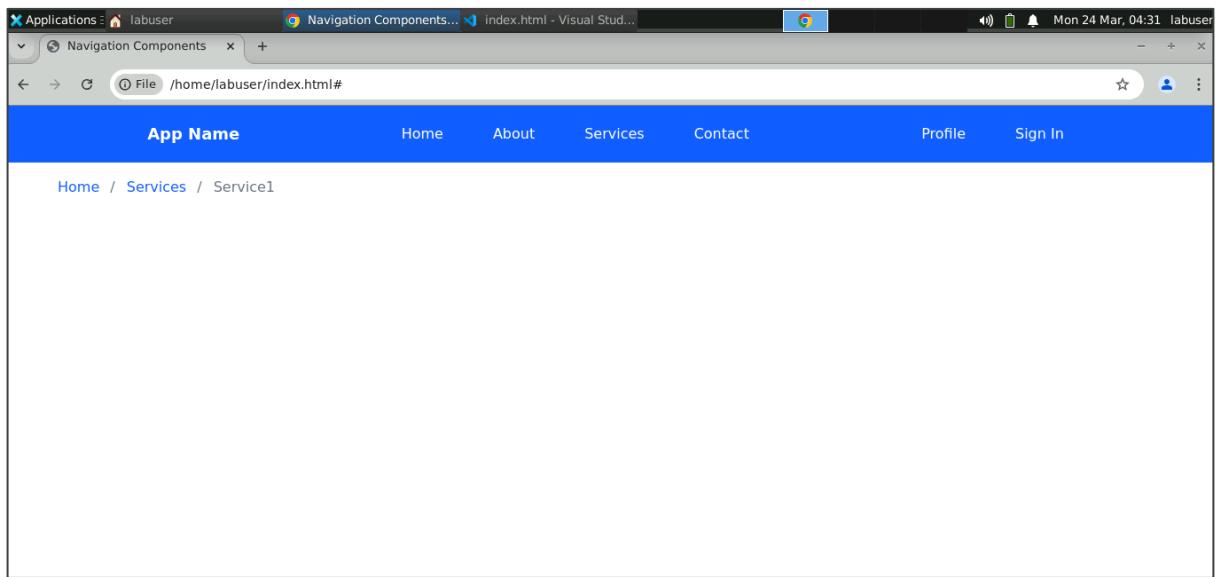
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            </div>
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2.2 Navigate to the index.html file, right-click on the file, and select Open With “Google Chrome”



2.3 Verify that the navigation bar, mobile menu toggle, and breadcrumb navigation are displayed as expected:



By following the above steps, you have successfully created a responsive navigation bar, mobile menu toggle, and breadcrumb navigation using Tailwind CSS to enhance user experience and layout responsiveness.