

Web Engineering Lab

CSS

LECTURE - 01



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Introduction to CSS

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- **CSS** stands for ***Cascading Style Sheets***
 - It's a stylesheet language used to ***describe the presentation*** of a document written in HTML
 - It controls the ***layout, colors, fonts, and overall appearance of web pages***, making it possible to create visually engaging and well-structured websites.

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Stylesheet 2

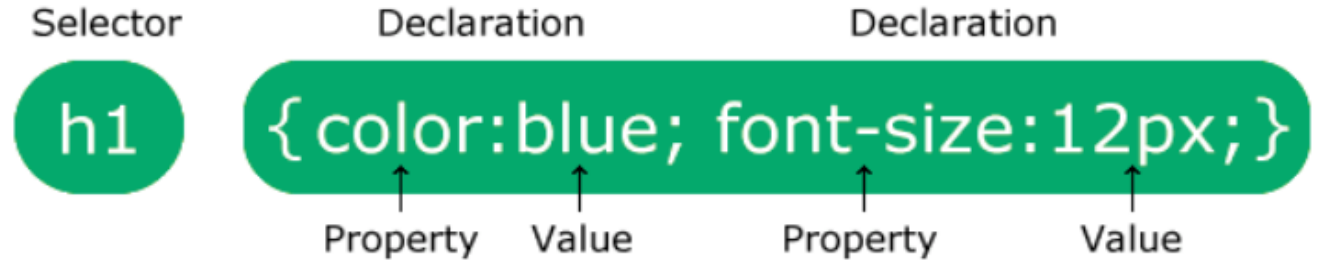
Stylesheet 3

Stylesheet 4

No Stylesheet

CSS Syntax

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



Selector: Specifies which HTML elements the style applies to.

Property: The CSS attribute you want to change.

Value: The setting for the property.

****** Multiple CSS declarations are separated with **semicolons**, and declaration blocks are surrounded by **curly braces**.

CSS Syntax (Example)

`<p>This is paragraph 1</p>`

`<p>This is paragraph 2</p>`

CSS:

```
p {  
  color: red;  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

This is Paragraph 1

This is paragraph 2

What to learn now?

Selector?

Property?

How to?

CSS Selectors

- A CSS selector selects the HTML element(s) you want to style.
- We can divide CSS selectors into **five** categories:
 - **Basic Selectors** (select elements based on **name, id, class**)
 - **Combinator selectors** (select elements based on a **specific relationship** between them)
 - **Pseudo-class selectors** (select elements based on a **certain state**)
 - **Pseudo-elements selectors** (select and style a **part of an element**)
 - **Attribute selectors** (select elements based on an **attribute** or **attribute value**)

CSS Basic Selectors

Element Selector

Targets all instances of a specific HTML element.

Example: `p { text-align: center; }`

ID Selector

Targets an element with a specific ID.

Example: `#para1 { text-align: center; }`

Class Selector

Targets all elements with a specific class.

Example: `.center { text-align: center; }`

CSS Grouping and Universal Selector

Grouping Selector

Allows you to apply the same style to multiple elements at once.

Example: `h1, h2, p {
 text-align: center;
 color: blue;
}`

Universal Selector

Targets all elements on the page.

Example: `* {
 text-align: center;
 color: blue;
}`

CSS Attribute Selector

The `[attribute]` selector is used to select elements with a specified attribute.

Example:

1. style all `<input>` elements with `type="text"`.

```
input[type="text"] {  
    border: 1px solid black;  
}
```

2. apply the blue border to all images with a `.jpg` extension.

```
img[src$=".jpg"] {  
    border: 2px solid blue;  
}
```

CSS Pseudo-Class Selectors

A pseudo-class is used to define a **special state of an element**.

For example, it can be used to:

- Style an element when a user mouses over it

- Style visited and unvisited links differently

- Style an element when it gets focus

Example:

Styles an element when the mouse hovers over it.

```
a:hover {  
    color: red;  
}
```

CSS Pseudo-Element Selectors

A CSS pseudo-element is used to style **specified parts of an element**.

For example, it can be used to:

- Style the ***first letter, or line, of an element***

- Insert content before, or after, the content of an element

Example:

Styles the first letter of the text content.

```
p::first-letter {  
    font-size: 200%;  
    color: red;  
}
```

CSS Combinator Selectors

A CSS selector can contain more than one simple selector. Between the simple selectors, we can include a combinator. There are four different combinators in CSS:

- descendant selector (space)

- child selector (>)

- adjacent sibling selector (+)

- general sibling selector (~)

Example:

Descendant Selector (space): Targets elements inside other elements.

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

How To Add CSS

- When a browser reads a style sheet, it will format the HTML document according to the information in the style sheet.
- CSS can be added in three ways:
- **Inline CSS:** Inside an HTML tag using the `style` attribute.
- **Internal CSS:** Inside the `<style>` tag in the HTML head.
- **External CSS:** In a separate `.css` file linked to the HTML.

Inline CSS

- An inline style may be used to apply a unique style for a single element.
- Inline styles are defined within the "style" attribute of the relevant element:
- `<h1 style="color:blue;text-align:center;">This is a heading</h1>`
- `<p style="color:red;">This is a paragraph.</p>`

Internal CSS

- An internal style sheet may be used if one single HTML page has a unique style.
- Internal styles are defined within the `<style>` element, inside the `<head>` section of an HTML page:
- ```
<style>
body {
 background-color: linen;
}
h1 {
 color: maroon;
 margin-left: 40px;
}
</style>
```

# External CSS

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- With an external style sheet, you can change the look of an entire website by changing just one file!
- External styles are defined within the `<link>` element, inside the `<head>` section of an HTML page:
- ```
<head>  
<link rel="stylesheet" href="mystyle.css">  
</head>
```
- **Here is how the "mystyle.css" file looks:**
- ```
body {
 background-color: lightblue;
}
h1 {
 color: navy;
 margin-left: 20px;
}
```

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End of Lecture  
THANK YOU

