

Introduction to CSS

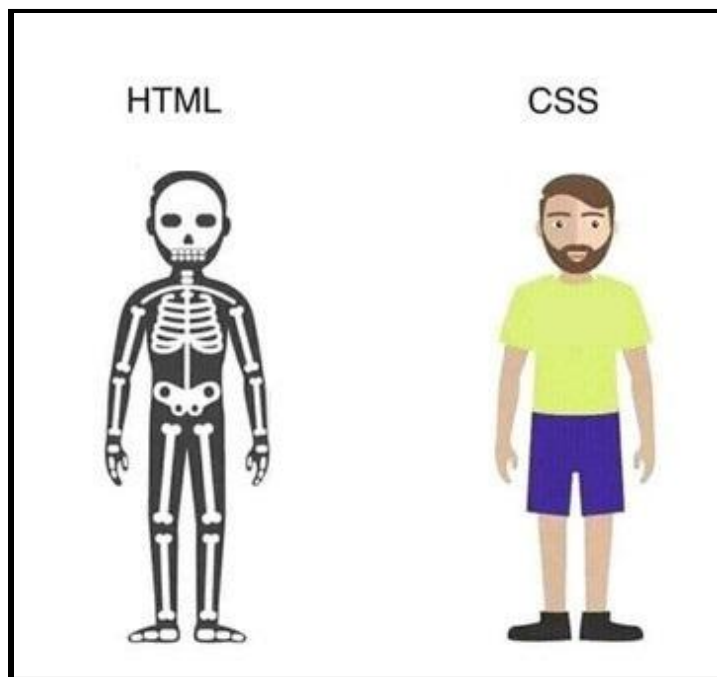
Topics Covered:

- What is CSS?
- Purpose of CSS.
- Syntax of CSS.
- Comments in CSS.
- What are the different ways to include CSS?
 - Inline CSS.
 - Internal CSS.
 - External CSS.

Topics in Detail:

CSS:

- CSS stands for **C**ascading **S**tyle **S**heet.
- CSS is used to give styles to HTML elements.
- CSS is used to control the style of the web document in a simple and easy way.
- CSS describes how the HTML elements have to be displayed on the browser.
- When CSS is applied externally the same styles can be applied to multiple elements and pages. So it saves work and effort.



HTML just gives structure to your web pages, where CSS styles the elements, defines layout and makes the web page look attractive.

Purpose of CSS:

- The purpose of CSS is to make web pages presentable.
- Example: Web page without any styles applied.

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Same Page Different Stylesheets

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- Same web page when styles are applied.

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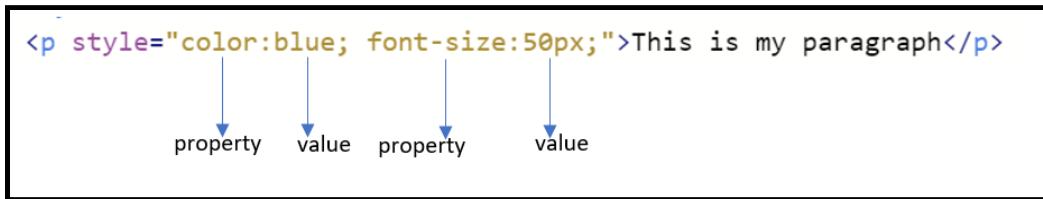
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Applications of CSS:

- Creating stunning web pages and websites.
- Saves time by reusing the styles.
- Easy to maintain.

Basic CSS Syntax:

Inline style:



Internal CSS:

```
<head>
  <title>CSS</title>
  <style>
    p {
      color: red;
      text-align: center;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <p>This is my paragraph</p>
</body>
```

- Each declaration has CSS properties and the value, separated by the semi colon.
- In the first declaration **color** is the property and **blue** is the value.
- In the second declaration **font-size** is the property and **50px** is the value.

Comments in CSS:

- Comments will not be displayed in the browser, but they help to understand the code better.
- Comments cannot be added in the inline styles of CSS. But they can be added in internal CSS and external CSS.
- Internal CSS:
 - Comments have to be added inside the <style> </style> tag.
 - CSS comment starts with /* and ends with */
 - **Example:**

```
<style>
/* style applied for all paragraph */
p {
  color: red; /* text color */
  text-align: center; /* text alignment */
}
</style>
```

- Comments can be added in the same way in the external style sheet.

CSS Inclusion:

There are three ways to include styles to your HTML elements. They are:

- Inline CSS or Inline styles.
- Internal CSS or Embedded CSS.
- External CSS or External style sheet.

Inline CSS:

- The inline styling is done with help of the **style** attribute.
- The **style** attribute can be added to the HTML element to which the style has to be applied. And styles can be specified as the value of the **style** attribute.
- Example:

```
<p style="color:blue; font-size:50px;">This is my paragraph</p>
```

- The value of style attribute is the combination of style declarations separated by semicolons.
- Output of the above code:

This is my paragraph

Internal CSS:

- In order to reuse the same styles within the same page or to apply same styles for multiple elements styles can be given inside the `<style>` `</style>` tags inside the `<head>` `</head>` part of the document.
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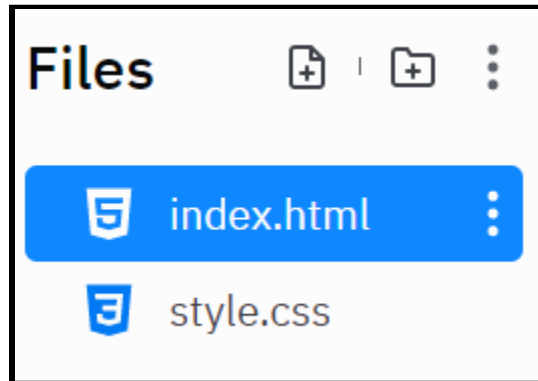
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External CSS:

- The external style sheet is generally used when the same style has to be applied in multiple pages.
- The syntax will be similar to the internal CSS/ Embedded CSS, but the styles will be included from the external sheet which will be connected to the HTML file by linking the external style sheet.
- The external style sheet can be linked with the help of **<link>** tag.
- The external style sheet included should have the extension as **.css**.
- Example:

```
<link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

- Folder files:



- Attributes and their purpose:

Attribute	Value	Description
type	text/css	Specifies the style language.
href	URL	Specifies the URL/ path link of the external style sheet.
rel	stylesheet/ icon	Specifies the relationship between the current document and linked document. Optional attribute.