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# **Principles of Web Development**

Unit 2 – Frontend Internet Languages

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# Readings

## Web Resources

- <https://www.w3schools.com/css/>
- <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/css/index.htm>
- CSS Zero to Hero: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Rs2ND1ryYc>

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# CSS Basics

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# What is CSS?

CSS stands for **C**ascading **S**tyle **S**heets.

Styles define how to display HTML elements.

Added to HTML 4.0 to solve a problem

- Provides greater **artistic** control over HTML elements
- Styles can be saved in an external file (.css)
- Style can be shared by several pages.

*Standardization*



# What is CSS?

## HTML

- Markup language (styling & layout)
- Hypertext (click and execute code)

↳ Skeleton

## CSS

- Only markup language (but a lot of it)

↳ pretty



# CSS Syntax

- A **CSS rule** is composed of three elements:

```
HTMLselector {property: value}
```

- The selector is normally the HTML element/tag you wish to define.
- The property is the attribute you wish to change

## Examples:

- The following rule will make the body of your document black:

```
body {color: black}
```

- If a value has multiple words, the value should be quoted:

```
p {font-family: "sans serif"}
```

- Multiple properties can be defined in a particular rule with semi-colon:

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



# Grouping by selector

- You can group HTMLselectors :

```
h1 , h2 , h3 , h4 , h5 , h6  
{  
    color: green  
}
```





# Grouping by Class

- With the class you can define different styles for the same **type** of HTML element.

```
p.right {text-align: right}  
p.centre {text-align: centre}
```

```
tag.name { ... }
```

- You have to use the class attribute in your HTML document:

```
<p class="right">
```

This paragraph will be right-aligned.

```
</p>
```

```
<p class="centre">
```

This paragraph will be centre-aligned.

```
</p>
```



# Non-specific Grouping

- You can omit the tag name in the selector to define a style that will be used by any HTML elements that invokes the class.

```
.centre {text-align: centre}  
.title {color: black}
```

} applicable to  
any tag

- You need to use the class attribute in your HTML document:

```
<p class="centre title">  
This is a paragraph.  
</p>
```



```
<h1 class="title"> Hi </h1>
```

Note: more than one class can be assigned to an element.



# External Style Sheet

- An external style sheet is a `filename.css` text file
- It is ideal when applying a style to many pages
- Each page must link to the style sheet using the `<link>` tag (located in the header).

```
<head>
```

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

```
</head>
```

Path or url

- The browser will read the style definitions from the file `filename.css` and format the document accordingly

Contents of:  
mystyle.css

```
h1 {color: sienna}  
p {margin-left: 20px}
```



# Internal Style Sheets

- An **internal style sheet** exists **within the HTML file**
- Used when applying a style element to a single document.
- Define internal styles in the `<head>` section by using the `<style>` tag.

```
<head>  
  <style type="text/css">  
    h1 {color: sienna}  
    p {margin-left: 20px}  
  </style>  
</head>
```

Note the absence of space between 20 and px. Some browsers will not display the style correctly if the value is "20 px", as opposed to "20px".



# Inline Styles

- An inline style mixes content with presentation.
- Takes precedence over other styles
- Use when a style is to be applied to a single occurrence of an element.

*- tag*     *- style*     *- CSS rule*

```
<p style="color: red; margin-left: 20px">  
This is a paragraph  
</p>
```



# Nesting Priority

Style are resolved in the following order:

1. Browser tag default

2. External style sheet (2 overwrites 1)

3. Internal style sheet (3 overwrites 2)

4. Inline style (4 overwrites 3) ← Highest precedence

For example:

if an external style sheet defines texts as green, but an internal style sheet defines it as red, the text will be red.



# What shows on the browser?

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```
<html>
```

```
<head>
```

```
<style>
```

```
table {
```

```
font-family: arial, sans-serif;
```

```
border-collapse: collapse;
```

```
width: 100%;
```

```
}
```

```
td, th {
```

```
border: 1px solid #dddddd;
```

```
text-align: left;
```

```
padding: 8px;
```

```
}
```

```
tr:nth-child(even) {
```

```
background-color: #dddddd;
```

```
}
```

```
</style>
```

```
</head>
```

*for the entire document*

*I want to use  
this font, but if  
it's not supported,  
then this one*

*header*

*even row elements*

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```
<body>
  <table>
    <tr>
      <th>Company</th> <th>Contact</th> <th>Country</th>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Alfreds Futterkiste</td> <td>Maria Anders</td>
      <td>Germany</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Centro comercial Moctezuma</td> <td>Francisco Chang</td>
      <td>Mexico</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Ernst Handel</td> <td>Roland Mendel</td> <td>Austria</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Island Trading</td> <td>Helen Bennett</td> <td>UK</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Laughing Bacchus Winecellars</td> <td>Yoshi Tannamuri</td>
      <td>Canada</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Magazzini Alimentari Riuniti</td>
      <td>Giovanni Rovelli</td> <td>Italy</td>
    </tr>
  </table>
</body>

</html>
```





# Text Properties

- Controls the appearance of text.
  - **color**
    - Sets the color of a text
  - **text-align**
    - aligns the text in an element  
left, right, center, justify
  - **text-decoration**
    - Adds decoration to text  
none, underline, overline, line-through, blink
  - **text-transform**
    - Controls the letters in an element  
none, capitalize, uppercase, lowercase

*none is default*



# Example

Notice ways to declare  
colors

```
<html>
  <head>

    <style type="text/css">

      h1 {color: #00ff00}
      h2 {color: #dda0dd;text-decoration:
          underline}
      p {color: rgb(0,0,255)}

    </style>

  </head>

  <body>

    <h1>This is header 1 in lime green</h1>
    <h2>This is header 2 in dda0dd</h2>
    <p>This is a paragraph in blue</p>

  </body>

</html>
```



# Fonts

- Change the font family, boldness, size, and the style of a text.

- font-family

- A prioritized list of font family names by order preferredFont, nextFont, altFont, ...

- font-size

- Sets the size of a font by word or integer  
xx-small, x-small, small, medium,  
large, x-large, xx-large, smaller,  
larger, length

- font-style

- Sets the style of the font  
normal, italic, oblique

↑ default



# Example

```
<html>
  <head>
    <style type="text/css">
      h3 {font-family: times, sans-serif}
      p {font-family: courier}
      p.sansserif {font-family: sans-serif}
    </style>
  </head>

  <body>
    <h3>This is size 3 header</h3>
    <p>This is a paragraph in default font</p>
    <p class="sansserif">This is a paragraph
      in sans-serif</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

Style  
sheet



# Borders

- Specify the **style** and **colour** of an element's border
- You can create lots of effect with borders.
  - **border-bottom-color** : Sets the color of the bottom border
  - **border-bottom-style** : Sets the style of the bottom border
  - **border-bottom-width** : Sets the width of the bottom border
- Same options for:
  - border-**left**..., border-**right**... and border-**top**...
- Shorthand versions for:
  - border-left, border-right, border-top, border-bottom and border.



# Example

```
<html>

  <head>
    <style type="text/css">
      p.soliddouble {border-style: solid double}
      p.doublesolid {border-style: double solid}
      p.groovedouble {border-style: groove double}
      p.three {border-style: solid double groove}
    </style>
  </head>

  <body>
    <p class="soliddouble">Some text</p>

    <p class="doublesolid">Some text</p>

    <p class="groovedouble">Some text</p>

    <p class="three">Some text</p>
  </body>

</html>
```



# Margins

- Defines the space around elements.
- It is possible to use negative values to overlap content.
- Properties:
  - **margin-bottom** : Sets the bottom margin of an element :
    - auto, *length*, %
  - **margin-left** : Sets the left margin of an element : auto, *length*, %
  - **margin-right** : Sets the right margin of an element : auto, *length*, %
  - **margin-top** : Sets the top margin of an element : auto, *length*, %

The CSS padding property is similar, it defines the space between the element border and the element content.



# Example

```
<html>

  <head>

    <style type="text/css">

      p.topmargin {

        margin-top: 25%

      }

    </style>

  </head>

  <body>

    <p>This is a paragraph with no margin specified</p>

    <p class="topmargin">This is a paragraph with a
    specified top margin</p>

  </body>

</html>
```





# Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
body {
  background-image: url("img_tree.png");
  background-repeat: no-repeat;
  background-position: right top;
  margin-right: 200px;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>

<h1>Hello World!</h1>
<p>W3Schools background no-repeat, set position
example.</p>
<p>Now the background image is only shown once,
and positioned away from the text.</p>
<p>In this example we have also added a margin on
the right side, so the background image will never
disturb the text.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

## Hello World!

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never disturb the text.





# Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><style>
ol {
  background: #ff9999;
  padding: 20px;}
ul {
  background: #3399ff;
  padding: 20px;}
ol li {
  background: #ffe5e5;
  padding: 5px;
  margin-left: 35px;}
ul li {
  background: #cce5ff;
  margin: 5px;}
</style></head>
<body>
<h1>Styling Lists With Colors:</h1>
<ol>
  <li>Coffee</li>
  <li>Tea</li>
  <li>Coca Cola</li>
</ol>
<ul>
  <li>Coffee</li>
  <li>Tea</li>
  <li>Coca Cola</li>
</ul>
</body></html>
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```

## Styling Lists With Colors:

1. Coffee
2. Tea
3. Coca Cola

- Coffee
- Tea
- Coca Cola



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# Sections with CSS

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# HTML4 <div>

- Purpose

- To bracket an area of a web page to format in a specific way
- Permits direct manipulation of the area using
  - CSS, and
  - Java Script



# Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
.myDiv {
border: 5px outset red;
background-color: lightblue;
text-align: center;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>

<h1>The div element</h1>

<div class="myDiv">
  <h2>This is a heading in a div element</h2>
  <p>This is some text in a div element.</p>
</div>

<p>This is some text outside the div element.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

## The div element

**This is a heading in a div element**

This is some text in a div element.

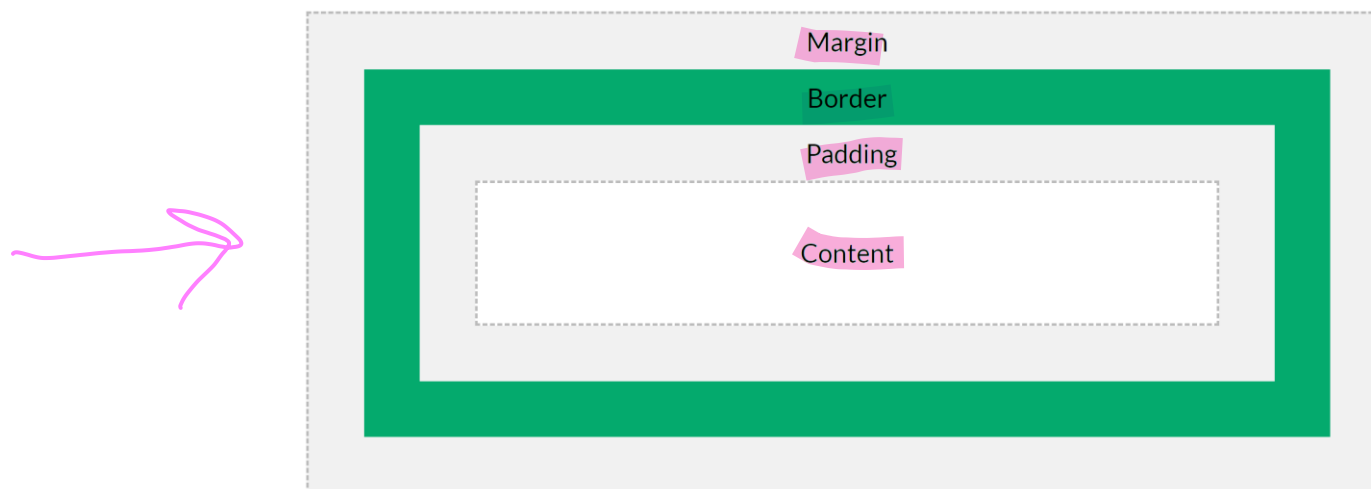
This is some text outside the div element.



# The Box Model of CSS

[https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\\_boxmodel\\_width](https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss_boxmodel_width)

[https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\\_boxmodel](https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss_boxmodel)





# Floating

[https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\\_float\\_boxes](https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss_float_boxes)

*divs are vertical by default  
eg float left puts things next to each other*

*• 'class' :: after { }*  
*resets ← properties after 'class' is used*

## Let's break this down...



# Hover Drop-Down Menu

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[https://www.w3schools.com/howto/tryit.asp?filename=tryhow\\_css\\_js\\_droptdown\\_hover](https://www.w3schools.com/howto/tryit.asp?filename=tryhow_css_js_droptdown_hover)

*← tracks your mouse*  
*.class :hover { }*

## Let's break this down...

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# HTML5 divisions vs `<div>`

Popular outcry from web developers that `<div>` is difficult to read/use.

Web standards commission invented HTML5 divisions.

Result, many still use `<div>`...



# HTML5 Sections Example

[https://www.w3schools.com/html/tryit.asp?filename=tryhtml\\_layout\\_float](https://www.w3schools.com/html/tryit.asp?filename=tryhtml_layout_float)

if screen is this then use this CSS

@media (max-width: xx) { }

↑  
responsive

NAV = div

↑  
HTML5

## Let's break this down...



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# Cool things to do with CSS

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# Example Resources

- Introduction
  - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3\\_transitions.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3_transitions.asp)
- Intermediate
  - [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS\\_transitions/Using\\_CSS\\_transitions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS_transitions/Using_CSS_transitions)
- Advanced
  - <https://blog.hubspot.com/website/css-animation-examples>

## From YouTube:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm0lfG1GyZU&list=PL1TVIp7KgKmVJnlho8lzI2mbD0Mm1nCle&index=6&t=140s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWur1VrxNUg&list=PL1TVIp7KgKmVJnlho8lzI2mbD0Mm1nCle&index=7>



# Example Code

- Look at all these additional examples!
  - **CSS Modifications:**
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_text.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_text.asp) (color & shadow)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_font.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_font.asp) (style & size)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_boxmodel.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_boxmodel.asp) (box model)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_table.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_table.asp) (borders)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss\\_image\\_gallery](https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss_image_gallery) (image)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_link.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_link.asp) (links)
    - [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_list.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_list.asp) (lists)



# Prepare for class time

- Mini 2
  - HTML Coding (no CSS, no JS)
  - How much can we do with only HTML?
- No tutorial this week
- On your own
  - Try out the examples on your own `copypaste.html` file.