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CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) Objectives

- Topics covered:
 - Using a style sheet to give all the pages of a website the same look and feel.
 - Style sheet types and cascade precedence
 - CSS syntax for assigning style properties
 - Class selector and using the class attribute to apply styles.
 - Using style sheets to separate presentation from content.
 - → https://www.w3schools.com/css/default.asp

Introduction

- Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
 - Separation of structure from presentation
 - Relationship between the style formatting and the structure/content is no longer 1:1
 - multiple style sheets can be applied to the same Web page
 - Same style sheet can be applied to the multiple Web page

Multiple Levels of Style Definition

- Cascade Precedence: resolves conflicting style rules
 - Inline style sheets
 - Embedded sheets
 - External style sheets
 - Author vs. User

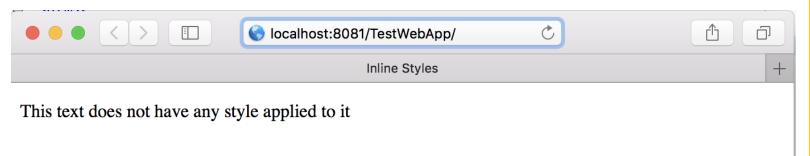
Inline Styles

- style information is directly attached to the HTML elements they affect
- higher cascade precedence than the other specification methods
- declaring an individual element's format:
 - Attribute style
 - CSS (style) property
 - Followed by a colon and a value

Inline Styles

```
<html>
   <head>
      <title>Inline Styles</title>
   </head>
   <body>
      This text does not have any style applied to it
       This text has the
         <em>font-size</em> style applied to it, marking it 20pt.
       This text has the
         <em>font-size</em> style applied to it, marking it 20pt and blue
      </body>
</html>
```

Inline Styles



This text has the *font-size* style applied to it, marking it 20pt.

This text has the *font-size* style applied to it, marking it 20pt and blue

Embedded style sheets

- this method can only specify style information for the current document:
 - 1:1 relationship
 - However, the same document may have other style definitions applied to it
 - 1:M relationship
- embedded style sheet rule will have higher precedence than external style sheet rule, if there is a conflict between styles
- embedded style sheet rule will have lower precedence than an inline style sheet rule

Embedded Style Sheets

- Embed an entire CSS document in an XHTML document's head section inside a style element
 - Attribute type
 - Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) type
 - describes the type of the document's content
 - text/css is the type for CSS document
 - Style properties are defined for:
 - Existing defined elements, such as p (paragraph), h3 (header), li (Iist) or any other
 - Style class that can be applied to either:
 - Any existing type of element in the body of the document or
 - One specific element in the document

CSS syntax for assigning style properties

- The CSS syntax is made up of three parts: a selector, a property and a value:
 - selector {property: value}
- A selector can be:
 - the HTML element/tag you wish to define. In this example:
 - body {color: black} , element body is the selector
 - The class selector, which can be tied to a specific element, such as:
 - p.right {text-align: right}
 - The class selector applicable to any element, such as:
 - loud {font-family: fantasy; font-size: xx-large}
- If a class selector is used, it has to be invoked in the body of the XHTML document:
 - o or

CSS Syntax for Assigning Style Properties: additional issues

- Group selectors are possible for a group of HTML elements. For example:
 - h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,h6 {color: green} will make all header elements text green
- When a class selector is defined for a particular element, it can not be invoked on other elements. Using example from the previous slide which of these uses of class styles in the XHTML document is correct?
 - •
 - •
- Pseudo-class selectors define the style for the parts of a document based on some characteristics other than tag name, attributes or content. They may be defined by a user action such as:
 - Mouseover (hover pseudoclass)
 - Clicking (active pseudoclass)

CSS syntax: continue

- Invoking a style class to a block of text not defined by a particular element
 - span element
 - div element (block level element)

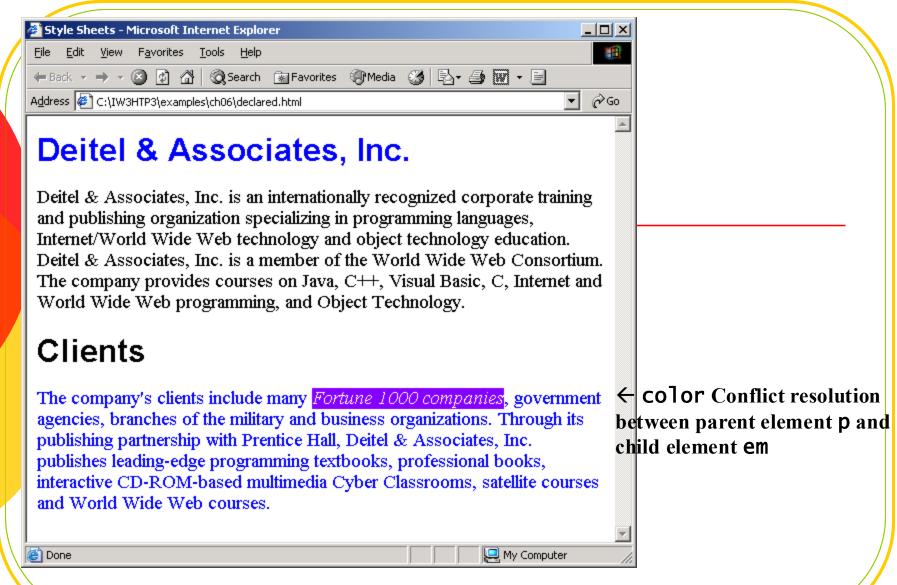
Style inheritance and conflict resolution

Inheritance

- An element that is present within another element (child) inherits all style properties from its "parent" element
- However, if such child (or descendant) element has properties that conflict with defined properties of its parent element, conflict is resolved in favors of properties of a child element
 - Child element properties have greater specificity than ancestor's properties

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
5 <!-- Fig. 6.2: declared.html</pre>
6 <!-- Declaring a style sheet in the header section. -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
         <title>Style Sheets</title>
10
11
         <!-- this begins the style sheet section -->
12
         <style type = "text/css">
13
14
                     { background-color: #8000ff;
15
                       color: white }
16
17
                     { font-family: arial, sans-serif }
            h1
18
19
                     { font-size: 14pt }
20
21
                                           ← Style Class selector: applicable
            .special { color: blue }
22
                                           to any element in this document
23
         </style>
24
25
      </head>
```

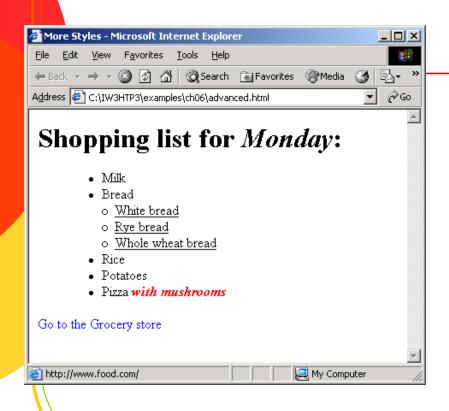
```
26
      <body>
27
28
         <!-- this class attribute applies the .special style -->
29
         <h1 class = "special">Deitel & Associates, Inc.</h1>
30
                                                                ← Style Class "special"
31
                                                                invoked for h1 element
         Deitel & amp; Associates, Inc. is an internationally
32
         recognized corporate training and publishing organization
33
         specializing in programming languages, Internet/World
34
         wide Web technology and object technology education.
35
         Deitel & Deitel & Associates, Inc. is a member of the World Wide
36
         Web Consortium. The company provides courses on Java,
37
         C++, Visual Basic, C, Internet and World Wide Web
38
39
         programming, and Object Technology.
40
         <h1>Clients</h1>
                                                                  ← Style Class "special"
          The company's clients include many
         <em>Fortune 1000 companies, government agencies,
                                                                  invoked for p element
43
         branches of the military and business organizations.
         Through its publishing partnership with Prentice Hall,
45
         Deitel & amp; Associates, Inc. publishes leading-edge
         programming textbooks, professional books, interactive
         CD-ROM-based multimedia Cyber Classrooms, satellite
48
         courses and world wide web courses.
49
50 </body>
51 </html>
```



https://www.w3schools.com/css/tryit.asp?filename=trycss_default

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//w3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
  <!-- Fig 6.3: advanced.html
  <!-- More advanced style sheets -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
         <title>More Styles</title>
10
11
         <style type = "text/css">
12
13
                                                      ← Style Class: applicable only to element a in
            a.nodec { text-decoration: none }
14
                                                     this document
15
            a:hover { text-decoration: underline;
16
                                                     ← Pseudoclass: applicable only to element a in
                       color: red:
17
                                                     this document. (note different syntax)
                       background-color: #ccffcc }
18
19
                     { color: red;
                                          ← This is NOT a group selector. It declares that this
            li em
20
                       font-weight: bold } specific style is applicable to em elements inside an li
21
                                          element
22
            u1
                     { margin-left: 75px }
23
24
```

```
ul ul
                  { text-decoration: underline;
25
                    margin-left: 15px }
26
27
        </style>
28
     </head>
29
30
     <body>
31
32
33
        <h1>Shopping list for <em>Monday</em>:</h1>
34
        <u1>
35
          <1i>Milk
36
          Bread
37
             <u1>
38
                White bread
39
                Rye bread
40
                Whole wheat bread
41
             </u1>
42
          43
          Rice
44
          Potatoes
45
46
          Pizza <em>with mushrooms</em>
        </u1>
47
48
        <a class = "nodec" href = "http://www.food.com">
49
        Go to the Grocery store</a>
50
51
52
     </body>
53 </html>
```





External style sheets

- External style sheets
 - Applicable to more than document
 - Documents can have more than one source for style specification
 - M:M relationship
- Can provide uniform look and feel to entire site
- Same CSS syntax rules for assigning and invoking style properties apply

External style sheets

- Location (href) and type (type) of the external style sheet are specified as attributes of a link element in the head portion of an XHTML document
- In addition, the rel attribute specifies the nature of the relationship between the stylesheet and the document that is referencing it
 - Persistent stylesheets must be applied to the document
 - Preferred style sheet should be applied the unless the user has selected a different alternate
 - Alternate style sheets may be selected by users depending on their preferences

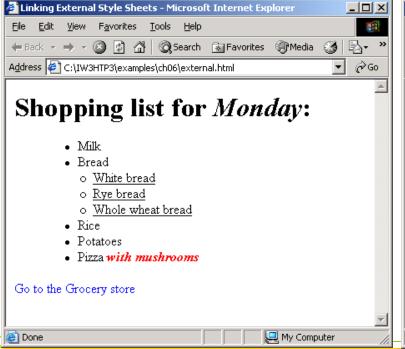
Link: external style sheets

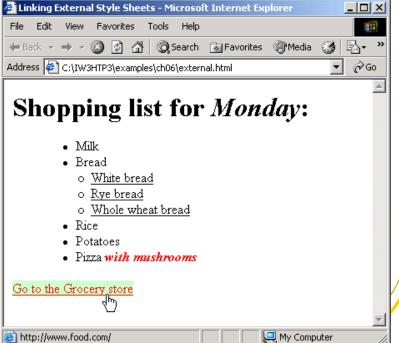
- To make a style sheet <u>persistent</u>, set the relative attribute to "stylesheet".
- To make a style sheet preferred, set the rel attribute to "stylesheet" and name the style sheet with the additional title attribute.
- To specify an alternate style sheet, set the rel attribute to "alternate stylesheet" and name the style sheet with the title attribute.

```
1 /* Fig. 6.4: styles.css
2 /* An external stylesheet */
3
           { text-decoration: none }
  a:hover { text-decoration: underline;
             color: red;
             background-color: #ccffcc }
          { color: red;
10 li em
             font-weight: bold;
11
             background-color: #ffffff }
12
13
           { margin-left: 2cm }
14 ul
15
16 ul ul { text-decoration: underline;
             margin-left: .5cm }
17
```

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
3
5 <!-- Fig. 6.5: external.html</pre>
6 <!-- Linking external style sheets -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
        <title>Linking External Style Sheets</title>
10
11
        <link rel = "stylesheet" type = "text/css"</pre>
           href = "styles.css" />
12
     </head>
13
14
15
     <body>
16
17
        <h1>Shopping list for <em>Monday</em>:</h1>
18
        <u1>
           <1i>Milk
19
           Bread
20
              <u1>
21
22
                 White bread
                 Rye bread
23
24
                 Whole wheat bread
25
```

```
<1i>Rice</1i>
27
          Potatoes
28
          Pizza <em>with mushrooms</em>
       </u1>
30
31
32
        >
       <a href = "http://www.food.com">Go to the Grocery store</a>
34
       </body>
37 </html>
```





W3C CSS validation service

- Validates external CSS documents
- Ensures that style sheets are syntactically correct

references:

https://www.w3schools.com/w3css/w

3css_validation.asp

https://codebeautify.org/cssvalidate

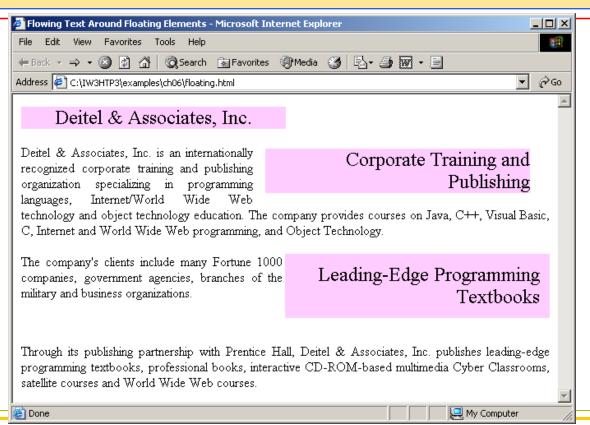
Text Flow and the Box Model

- Floating
 - Move an element to one side of the screen
- Box model
 - Margins
 - Padding
 - Border

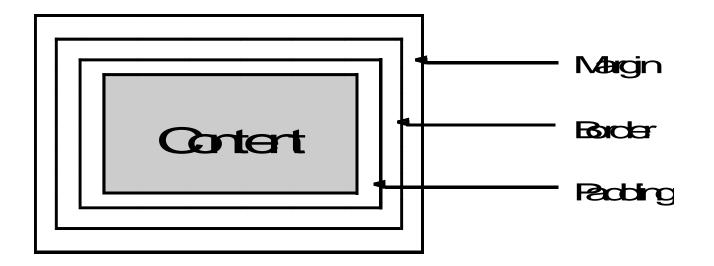
```
1 <?xml version = "1.0"?>
 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
3
  <!-- Fig. 6.12: floating.html
  <!-- Floating elements and element boxes -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
         <title>Flowing Text Around Floating Elements</title>
10
11
         <style type = "text/css">
12
13
            div { background-color: #ffccff;
14
                  margin-bottom: .5em;
15
16
                  font-size: 1.5em;
17
                  width: 50% }
18
19
                { text-align: justify }
20
         </style>
21
22
      </head>
23
24
```

```
25
      <body>
26
27
         <div style = "text-align: center">
            Deitel & amp; Associates, Inc.</div>
28
29
         <div style = "float: right; margin: .5em;</pre>
30
            text-align: right">
31
            Corporate Training and Publishing</div>
32
33
34
         Deitel & amp; Associates, Inc. is an internationally
35
         recognized corporate training and publishing organization
         specializing in programming languages, Internet/World
36
         Wide Web technology and object technology education.
37
         The company provides courses on Java, C++, Visual Basic, C,
38
         Internet and World Wide Web programming, and Object Technology.
39
40
         <div style = "float: right; padding: .5em;</pre>
41
            text-align: right">
42
43
            Leading-Edge Programming Textbooks</div>
44
45
         The company's clients include many Fortune 1000
46
         companies, government agencies, branches of the military
         and business organizations.
47
48
```

```
Through its publishing
49
        partnership with Prentice Hall, Deitel & Deitel & Associates,
50
        Inc. publishes leading-edge programming textbooks,
51
        professional books, interactive CD-ROM-based multimedia
52
        Cyber Classrooms, satellite courses and world Wide Web
53
        courses.
54
55
56
     </body>
57 </html>
```

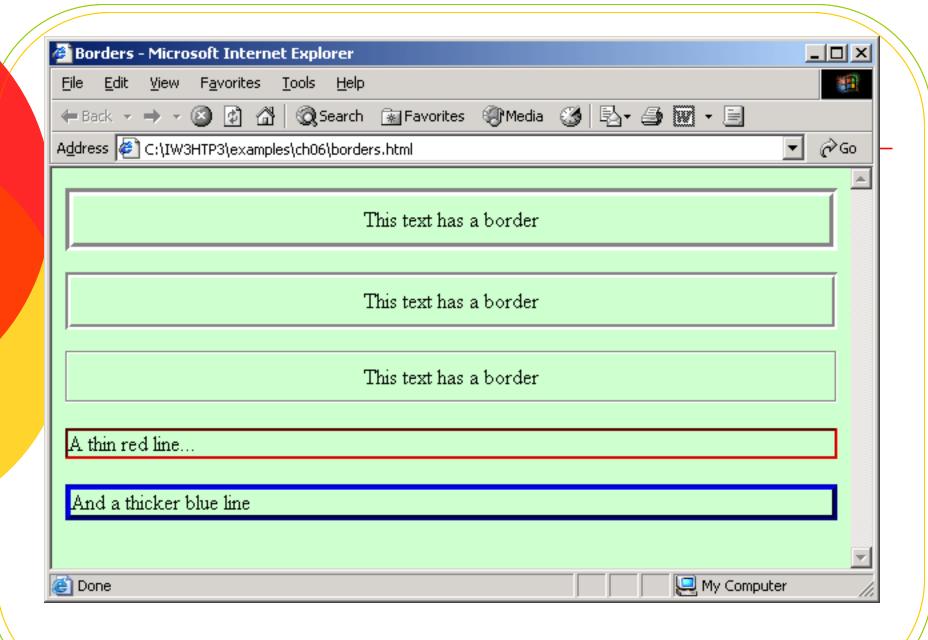


Text Flow and the Box Model



```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//w3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
  <!-- Fig. 6.14: borders.html
  <!-- Setting borders of an element -->
7
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
         <title>Borders</title>
10
11
         <style type = "text/css">
12
13
            body
                    { background-color: #ccffcc }
14
15
16
            div
                    { text-align: center:
17
                      margin-bottom: 1em;
                      padding: .5em }
18
19
            .thick { border-width: thick }
20
21
            .medium { border-width: medium }
22
23
                    { border-width: thin }
            .thin
24
25
```

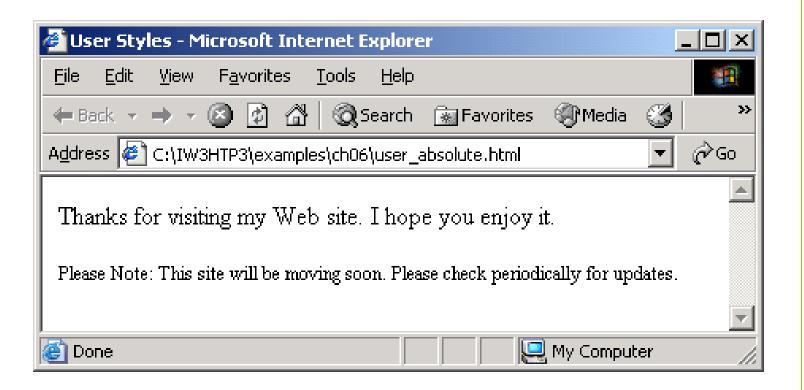
```
.groove { border-style: groove }
26
27
           .inset { border-style: inset }
28
29
           .outset { border-style: outset }
30
31
                  { border-color: red }
           .red
32
33
           .blue
                 { border-color: blue }
34
35
36
        </style>
37
     </head>
38
     <body>
39
40
        <div class = "thick groove">This text has a border</div>
41
        <div class = "medium groove">This text has a border</div>
42
        <div class = "thin groove">This text has a border</div>
43
44
        A thin red line...
45
        46
          And a thicker blue line
47
48
     </body>
49
50 </html>
```



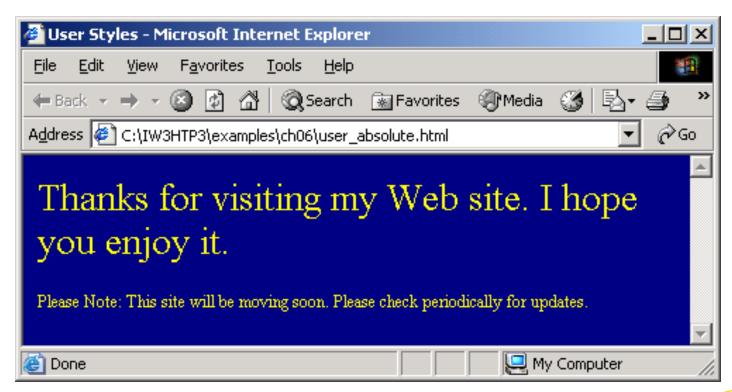
User style sheets

- Format pages based on user preferences
- User style sheets are not linked in the document
 - They are set in browser's options

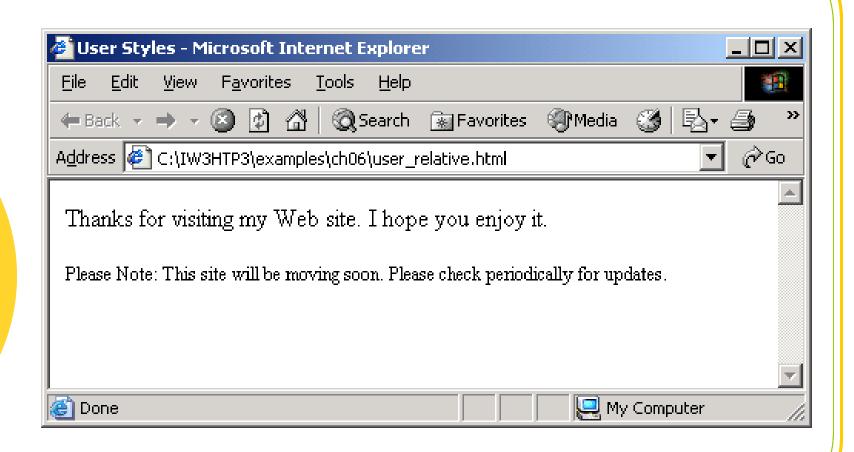
```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
3
  <!-- Fig. 6.16: user_absolute.html
  <!-- User styles
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
9
     <head>
         <title>User Styles</title>
10
11
12
         <style type = "text/css">
13
            .note { font-size: 9pt }
14
15
         </style>
16
      </head>
17
18
      <body>
19
20
         Thanks for visiting my Web site. I hope you enjoy it.
21
         Please Note: This site will be
22
         moving soon. Please check periodically for updates.
23
24
25
      </body>
26 </html>
```



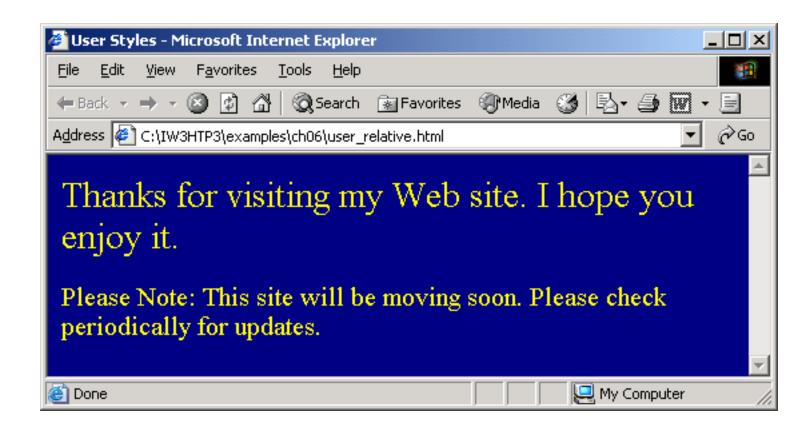
User style sheets



```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
5 <!-- Fig. 6.20: user_relative.html</pre>
6 <!-- User styles
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
         <title>User Styles</title>
10
11
         <style type = "text/css">
12
13
            .note { font-size: .75em }
14
15
         </style>
16
17
      </head>
18
      <body>
19
20
         Thanks for visiting my Web site. I hope you enjoy it.
21
         Please Note: This site will be
22
         moving soon. Please check periodically for updates.
23
24
      </body>
25
26 </html>
```



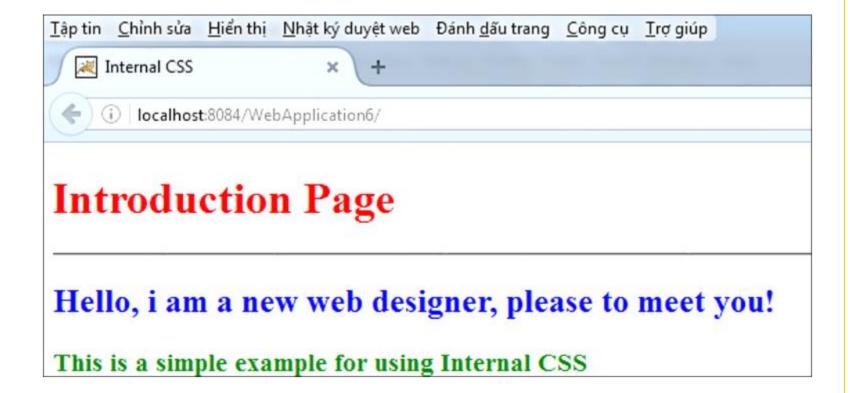
User style sheets



Example: Internal CSS

```
< html>
   <head>
<title>Internal CSS</title>
<STYLE TYPE="text/css">
 h1.titlepage {text-align: left; color: red}
 h2 {color: blue}
 h3 {color: green}
</style>
   </head>
   <body>
     <h1 class=titlepage>Introduction Page</H1><hr>
<h2>Hello, i am a new web designer, please to meet
you!</h2>
<h3>This is a simple example for using Internal CSS
</h3>
   </body>
</html>
```

Example: Internal CSS



Example: External CSS

```
    WebApplication6 - NetBeans IDE 8.1

File Edit View Navigate Source Refactor Run Debug Profile Team Tools Window Help
                                 Start Page 🔞 🎳 index.html 🔞 🍖 style.css 🕸

— ⊕ WebApplication6

                                 Source History 🔯 🐉 - 🐺 - 🔩 😓 📮 👍 🚱 😓 🥹

    META-INF

                                            Created on : Aug 8, 2016, 9:27:22 AM
     ⊕-  WEB-INF
                                            Author : Sinh
      index.html
      The style.css
                                   6 - h1 {

    Source Packages

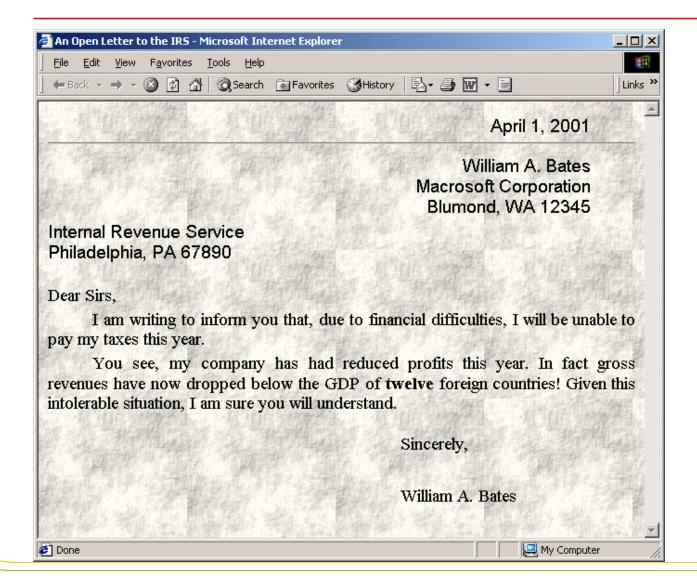
                                            text-align: left; color: red
   ⊕ Libraries
   ⊕   Configuration Files
                                  9 - h2 (
                                            font-size: 130%; color: blue
                                 12 E h3 {
                                          font-size: 130%; color: green
                                 15 - p {
                                           font-size: 120%; color: black
```

Bates.html

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0
Transitional//EN">
<HTMT<sub>1</sub>>
<HEAD>
  <TITLE>An Open Letter to the IRS</TITLE>
  <LINK REL=STYLESHEET HREF="Bates.css" TYPE="text/css">
</HEAD>
<BODY BACKGROUND="images/bond-paper.jpg">
<P CLASS="rhead">
April 1, 2001
<HR>
<P CLASS="rhead">
William A. Bates < BR >
Macrosoft Corporation < BR >
Blumond, WA 12345
<P CLASS="lhead">
Internal Revenue Service < BR >
Philadelphia, PA 67890
<P>
<BR>
Dear Sirs,
<P CLASS="body">
I am writing to inform you that, due to financial difficulties,
```

Bates.css

Bates.html



Homework

- 1. Doing all exercises in chapter 3 of the book: "Developing Business Applications for the Web With HTML, CSS, JSP, PHP, ASP.NET, and JavaScript 2017".
- 2. refer:

https://www.w3schools.com/css/default.asp

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