

Lecture 7

Web Presentation (CSS) for Formatting

Progressive Enhancement

- Web pages are often visualized as being made up of layers:
 - Content - the foundational layer
 1. Structure
 2. Presentation
 3. Behavior
- Each layer enhances the base content in some way
- Technology
 - Content - MS Word (?) ...anything
 - Structure - HTML
 - Presentation - CSS
 - Behavior - JavaScript

CSS is used for multiple things

1. Formatting

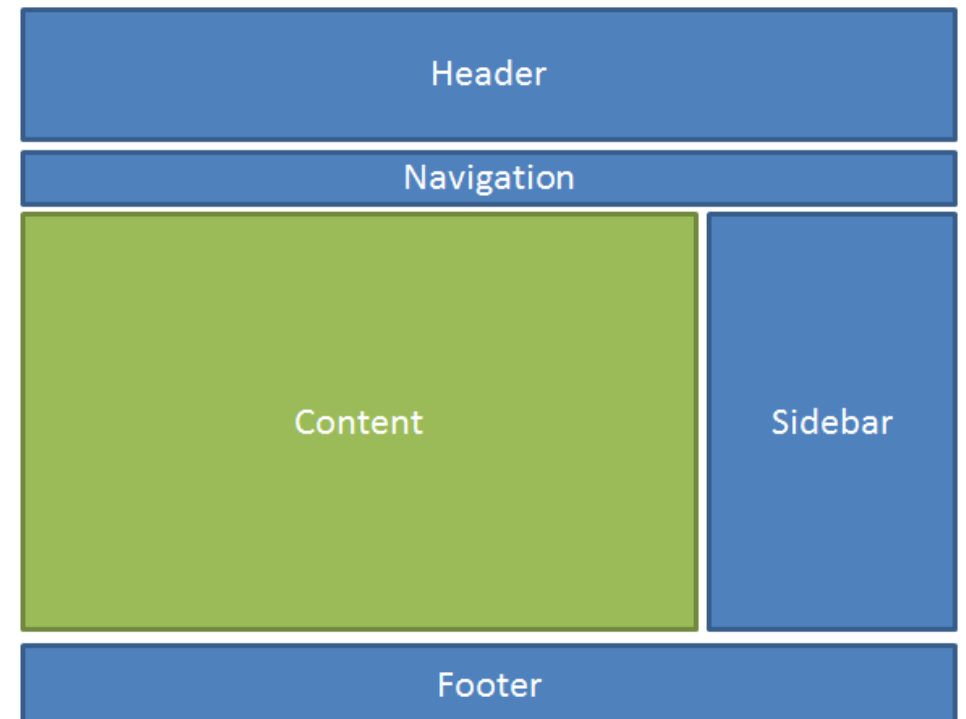
- Fonts, colors, backgrounds, borders and other embellishments

2. Layout

- Positioning content – non “natural document flow”
- Columnar layouts, e.g. the “c-clamp”

3. Navigation

- Also layout, but in a much smaller area

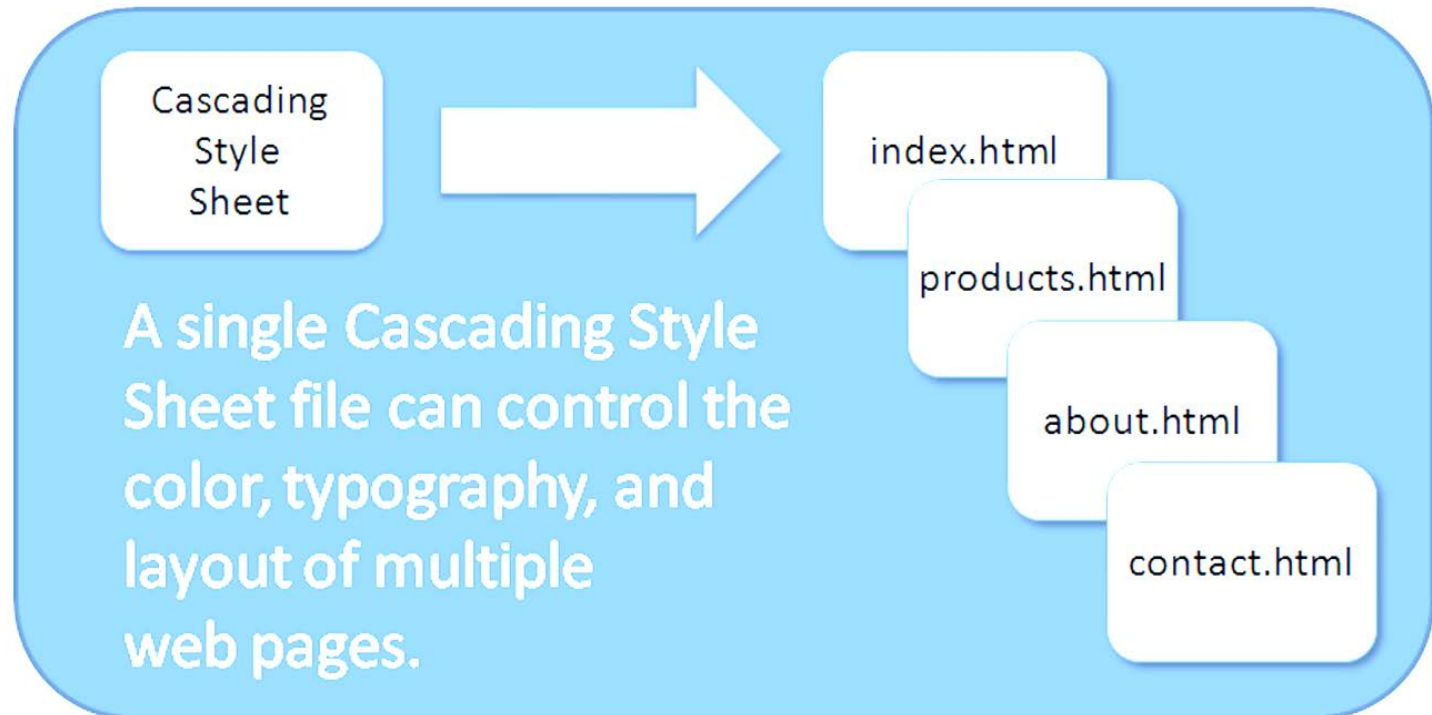


Overview of Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- Style Sheets
 - From Desktop Publishing
 - Typographical styles and spacing
- CSS
 - Functionality of style sheets (and much more) for the Web
 - A flexible, cross-platform, standards-based language
 - Developed by the W3C

The "cascade"

- All the pages in a website inherit styles from an attached stylesheet
- Nested HTML tags inherit styles from their parents
- Styles mix with each other as they appear in the stylesheet

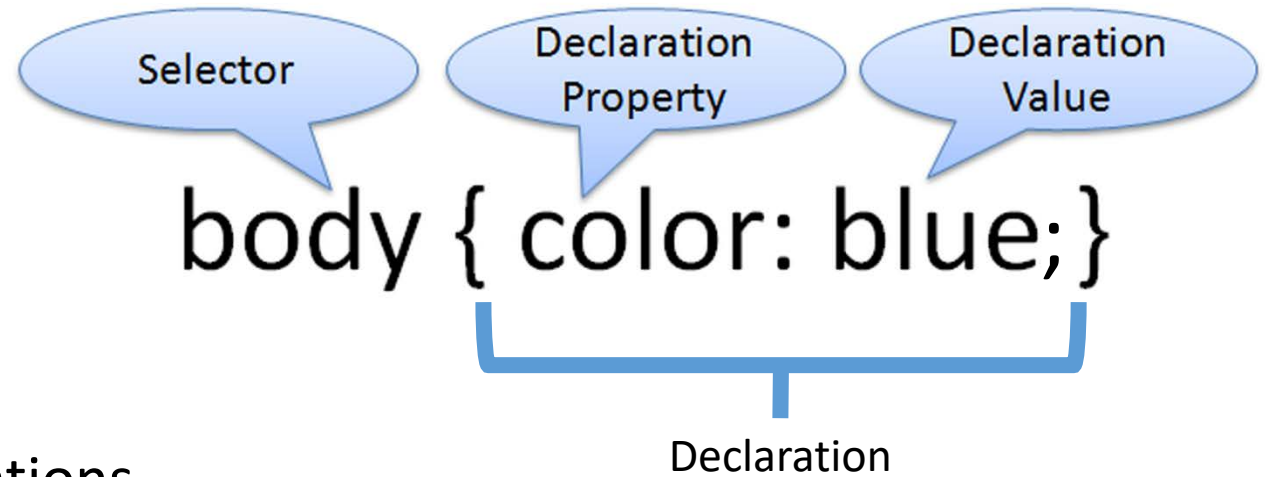


CSS Syntax

- Each Rule contains a Selector and a Declaration
- White space
 - One line for one declaration
 - Multiple lines for multiple declarations

```
h2 { color: blue; }
```

```
p{  
  color: blue;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}
```



Common CSS properties

font-weight { ...

font-style { ...

font-size { ...

font-family { ...

color { ... (huh?)

width { ...

margin { ...

padding { ...

background-color { ...

line-height { ...

text-align { ...

text-decoration { ...

...and many, many more

The *font-family* Property

```
p { font-family: Arial, Verdana, sans-serif; }
```

- The user's web browser looks for a loaded font
- font-family uses a "font-stack"
 - Fallbacks
 - Ends with `serif` or `sans-serif`

Keywords and other values

- Example - color

- `color: red;`
- `color: #FF0000`
- `color: rgb(255,0,0)`
- `color: hsl(0,100%,50%)`

- Example - font-size

- `font-size: medium;`
- `font-size: 16px;`
- `font-size: 1em;`
- `font-size: 12pt`

- Example - font-weight

- `font-weight: bold;`
- `font-size: 700;`



Look at: developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/color_value

CSS shortcuts

- Many ways to code the same thing

Lorem Ipsum

```
h2 {  
    border-width: 2px;  
    border-style: solid;  
    border-color: #ff0000;  
}
```

-- or --

```
h2 { border: 2px solid #ff0000; }
```

...simpler to type

CSS directional styles

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```
p {  
  padding-top: 10px;  
  padding-right: 10px;  
  padding-bottom: 10px;  
  padding-left: 10px;  
}
```

-- or --

```
p { padding: 10px; }
```

...simpler to type

```
p {  
  padding-top: 0;  
  padding-right: 7px;  
  padding-bottom: 20px;  
  padding-left: 3px;  
}
```

...for more specificity

-- or --

```
p { padding: 0 7px 20px 3px; }
```

Note: The property: `margin` works the same way

More CSS

directional styles

Lorem Ipsum

```
h2 { border: 2px solid #ff0000; }
```

-- or --

```
h2 {  
  border-top: 2px solid #ff0000;  
  border-right: 2px solid #ff0000;  
  border-bottom: 2px solid #ff0000;  
  border-left: 2px solid #ff0000;  
}
```

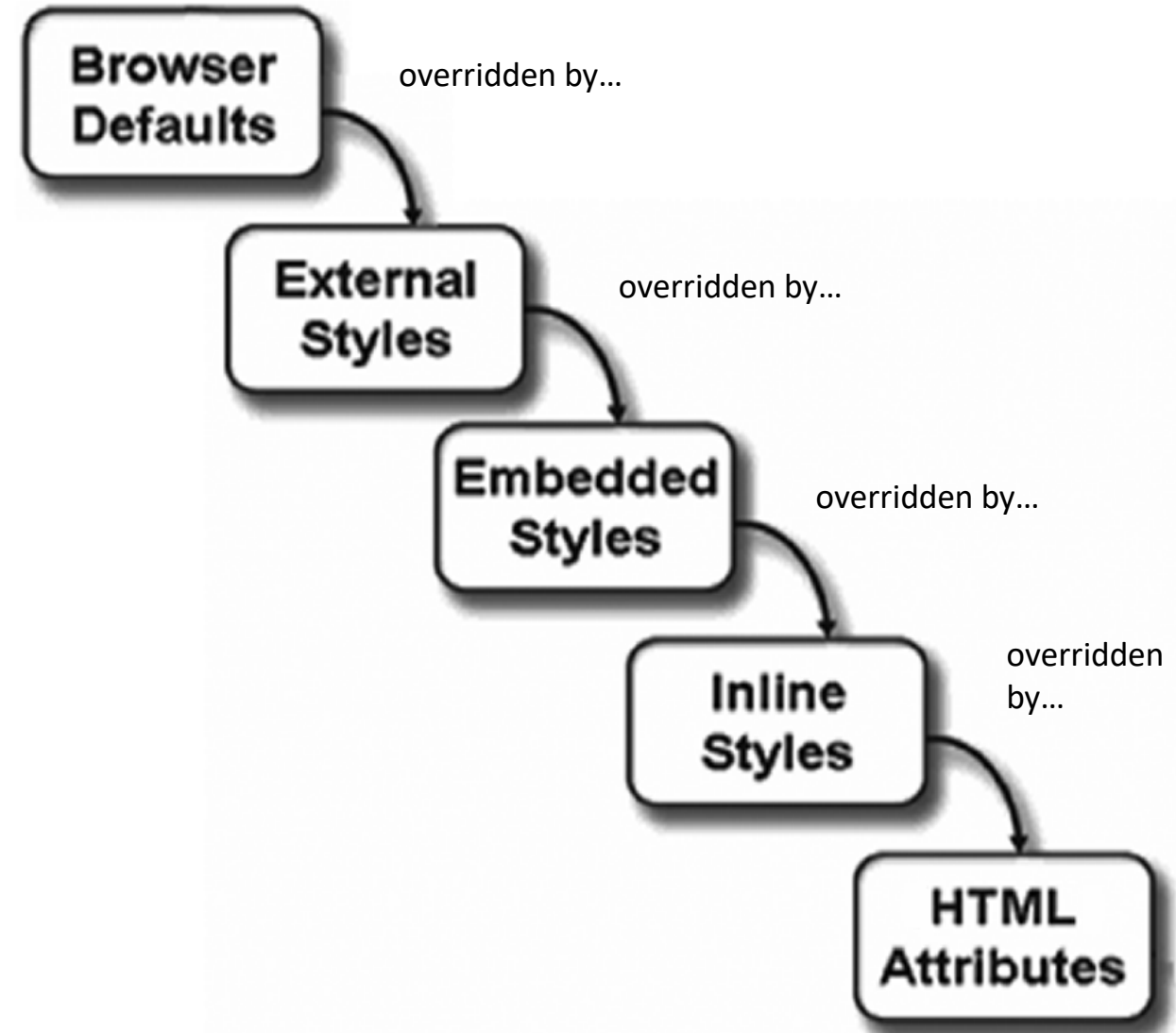
-- or just --

```
h2 { border-bottom: 2px solid #ff0000; } ...for more specificity
```

Note: each value can be different

Places to put CSS

- The Built-in Browser Stylesheet
- External Styles
 - Separate text file with .css file extension
 - Associate with a HTML link element in the head section of a web page
- Embedded Styles
 - head section
 - HTML style element
 - apply to the entire web page document
- Inline Styles
 - body section
 - HTML style attribute
 - apply only to the specific element
- ~~HTML Attributes~~



W3C CSS Validation

- <http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/>

