HTML₅

FORGET ALL THAT BAD HTML YOU ALREADY KNOW!

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IFYOU KNOW HTMLALREADY

- How often do you use <div>?
- How often do you use ? Do you use ?

HTML HAS CHANGED

You can still use all that stuff you learned.

But there's newer better ways that will make your pages just look better!

So bear with me if you already know HTML and consider this an upgrade of your skills!

LET'S START HTMLING!

It's best to start from the bare essentials. You can validate this HTML using http://validator.w3.org/check.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Page Title</title>
<meta charset="UTF-8"/>
</head>
<body>
Here's your minimal and validating HTML page.
</body>
</html>
```

DON'T FORGET!

You need to tell the world that this is a modern HTML file!

Put your DOCTYPE at the top!

Also enclose your content in the HTML tag!

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
...
</html>

HEAD/HEADER

The head tag is where we put information about the webpage. You will usually include a title here.

Meta tags contain meta information for browsers and other tools to help interpret.

BODY

<body>
<Institute that you should not directly specify layout information here but that you should mark up blocks with a class allowing you to apply layouts later. You can abstract layout</p>
</body>

TAGS

Since many HTML parser expect XML like tags all tags should be closed to allow for ease of reading and parsing.

This is not a requirement of the HTML spec.

Start Tags are enclosed in < and >

End Tags are enclosed in </ and >

```
<tag>
    <enclosedtag>
    </enclosedtag>
    </tag>
```

Void or atomic Tags are enclosed in < and />;

```
<tag>
    <atomictag/>
    <voidtag/>
</tag>
```

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Tags can be any capitalization in HTML, in XML they are case sensitive and must be lower case. Stick to lower-case tags if they are HTML to stay XHTML compliant.

PARAGRAPH TAG: <P>

You might have been taught that you can use these tags to start and end paragraphs.

The new style is to enclose paragraphs.

```
Now bears us onward one of the hard margins,
   And so the brooklet's mist o'ershadows it,
   From fire it saves the water and the dikes.

Even as the Flemings, 'twixt Cadsand and Bruges,
   Fearing the flood that tow'rds them hurls itself,
   Their bulwarks build to put the sea to flight;
```

We can use CSS to style these text blocks. Whitespace in the block doesn't matter.

PARAGRAPH TAG

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PARAGRAPH TAG: <P> AND

The previous example broke up the explicit lines from that canto.

We can make line-breaks explicit with
-.

You might have been taught that you can use

br>, you can but it isn't XHTML or XML complaint.

```
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: THE IMAGE TAG

We want to show images, we cannot embed them in HTML easily so we use hyperlinks (URIs) to reference them and include them.

Remember to include alt tags so they are machine and human-readable.

```
<img src="images/plasma.png" alt="Plasma Pattern"/>
<!-- scaling -->
<img src="images/plasma.png" alt="Plasma Pattern" width="30"/>
<!-- scaling without respecting aspect -->
<img src="images/plasma.png" alt="Plasma Pattern" width="30" height="60"/>
```







<A>: THE ANCHOR TAG

We wouldn't have hypertext without hyperlinks!

Anchor tags let us link to other documents or locations. The href attribute links to a URL. The URL can be relative to the location of the current page. Anchor tags used to place anchors on pages, but in HTML 5 they just navigate to ID'd sections now.

```
<a href="http://slashdot.org">Slashdot.org: News for Nerds Stuff that Matters</a><br/>
<a href="http://cnn.com">T</a><a href="http://msn.com">a</a><a href="http://softwareprocess.es/">g</a><a href="http://ualberta.ca">s</a> don't have to be very long.<br/>
<a href=""../">The a directory down!</a> Relative Link
```

Slashdot.org: News for Nerds Stuff that Matters

Ta gs don't have to be very long.

The a directory down! Relative Link

TEXT LAYOUT PHILOSOPHY

Let the user agent decide how to display the text. You don't need to control everything. But provide the appropriate semantics first. Then apply layout information to those semantics.

If you want something to show up in a certain make a CSS class and style a span or a div or a paragraph that way.

Don't force the situation with a table.

<DIV> AND TAGS

<div> and tags have no particular meaning.
<div> will cause a line break before it is displayed.
 will be inlined.

```
<div>
<span>Now bears us onward one of the hard margins,</span><br/>br/>
And so the brooklet's mist o'ershadows it,<br/>
From fire it saves the water and the dikes.<br/>
</div>
<div>
Even <span>as the Flemings</span>, 'twixt Cadsand and Bruges,<br/>
Fearing the flood that tow'rds them hurls itself,<br/>
Their bulwarks build to put the sea to flight;<br/>
</div>
```

<DIV> AND TAGS

Looks like this:

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It did not change.

<DIV> AND TAGS: WITH STYLE

We can add a style attribute to these tags

```
<div>
<div>

<
```

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STYLE

I showed how to modify the style properties of tags. Tags can have attributes defined liked so:

```
<tag attribute1="value1" attribute2="val2"/>
```

We added style attributes. The style attributes are Cascading Style Sheet properties. Cascading refers to accumulation of CSS properties (like color, font-weight, etc.).

```
<span style="zoom:2;color:blue;">Hello!
<span style="zoom:2;font-weight: bold;">Hello!
<span style="zoom:2;color:red;box-shadow: 10px 10px 5px #888888;">Hello!</span>
</span></span></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan></pan>
```

STYLE

Looks like this:

Hello! Hello! Hello!

CASCADING STYLE SHEETS

- Cascades
 - Children Inherit Properties
- Style
 - Properties refer to style properties such as layout, position, color, font, background, padding, borders
- Sheets
 - Apply to a page, change a page.

CASCADING STYLE SHEETS

CSS can applied on a per tag level, but can also be applied globally.

STYLE

Looks like this:

Apply style directly HULK

SMASH!

CSS: PROPERTIES TO KNOW!

- color -- color of the text or object
 - color:green
 - color:#abc (short form)
- font-family -- the font
 - font-family:"Times New Roman"
 - font-family:"Verdana"
- font-size -- the font size
 - font-size:10px;
 - font-size:10pt;
 - font-size:large;
 - font-size:200%;
- font-style -- normal, italic, oblique
 - font-style:normal;

CSS BACKGROUNDS

• background-color -- Background color of a div or a span

```
.bg1 { background-color:red }
.bg2 { background-color:#aabbcc }
```

• background-image -- Background image

```
.bg3 {background-image:url('images/plasma.png');}
```

• On this HTML

```
This is example 1
This is example 2
This is example 3.<br/>
This is example 3.<br/>
This is example 3.<br/>
```

CSS BACKGROUNDS

This is example 1

This is example 2

This is example 3.

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Did you notice I had .bg1 and .bg2 in the previous example?

Those are CSS selectors. .bg1 and .bg2 are classes. We can use HTML attributes to label tags with classes that allow the tags to inherit CSS style information.

```
.bg1 { background-color:red; }
.bg2 { background-color:#aabbcc; }
.bg3 {background-image:url('images/plasma.png');}
```

- .class
 - class selectors let you mark up HTML with a class

```
.highlight { background-color:yellow; }
class="highlight">ALERT!
```

• You can also combine classes with HTML tag selectors; this example makes p tags with class="highlight" orange instead of yellow. You can override other CSS as well.

```
p.highlight { background-color:orange; }
ALERT in orange!
```

Here's some highlighted stuff in a div ALERT in orange!

- #id
 - ID selectors are like class selectors except they aim at the one tag with the id="idtag" as an attribute.

#yellowtag { background-color:yellow; }
Yellow Tag Sale!

- element
 - element selectors let you style entire HTML elements (tags).
 - Important because you might want to theme all divs or imgs or links

```
p { background-color:yellow; }
Great. Everything is yellow now.
```

Great. Everything is yellow now.

- :context
 - Selectors that behave depending on the contextCan be chained with other selectors

 - :hover when the mouse is over
 - :active active link
 - :first-letter operate on the first letter
 - :nth-child(2) second child

```
span.x:hover { background-color:yellow; }
.x:nth-child(even) { background-color:red; }
<span class="x">How</span>
<span class="x">this</span>
<span class="x">this</span>
<span class="x">span cl
```

How is this going to work?

CSS POSITIONING

• position: (use left, right, top, bottom)

• fixed -- stays on one spot in the browser

FIXED

```
p.fixed { position: fixed; right: 10%; top: 20%; }
```

■ relative -- position relative to where it normally goes.

```
<!-- a little to the left -->
p.relative { position: relative; left:-10px; }
p.bigrelative { position: relative; left:-100px; }
```

!relative

Relative

Big Relative

CSS POSEHONING

• position: (use left, right, top, bottom)

Redbox! Bluebox!

 absolute -- absolute positioning relative to the first parent that was positioned (often the page itself).

```
p.abs { position: absolute; left: 10%; top: 5%; }
class="abs">Ab-solutely!
```

z-index can be used to order overlapping elements!

```
p.redbox { z-index: 5; position: absolute; right: 11%; top: 10%;
background-color:red;}
p.bluebox { position: absolute; right: 15%; top: 15%;
background-color:blue;}
class="redbox">Redbox!
Bluebox!
```

CSS HELP!

CSS is spread across many specs, so it is hard to really get a clear grasp on it.

- CSS Specifications -- Not all of these are available or work
- CSS3 Tutorial from W3Schools.
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- Full property table from CSS2 -- The CSS2 Spec is more encapsulated in one place

HTML FOR USER INTERFACES

The HTML Form elements let us accept input from browsers in a structured way and form HTTP GETs and POSTs.

In the lab you should have covered some of this.

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<FORM>TAG

The form tag encloses a group of HTML input/UI widgets which can then be submitted as once.

- method We can specify the HTTP method (POST/GET)
- action We can specify the URI to GET or POST to.

What is your name? <i What is your quest? <</i 	<pre>webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hindle1/1.py" method="get"> nput name="name"/> input name="quest"/> colour? <input name="colour"/> ></pre>
What is your name?	
What is your quest?	
What is your favorite	colour?
Submit Query	

<INPUT>TAG

The input tag can take in textual input, passwords, or act as submit button.

- type button / checkbox / color / date / datetime / datetime-local / email / file / hidden / image / month / number / password / radio / range / reset / search / submit / tel / text / time / url / week
- name the name of the data sent to the URI
- value the default value Hidden types allow you to embed values to send along to help the request.

<INPUT>TAG

<pre><form action="http://webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hindlel/1.py" method="get"> What is your name? <input name="name"/> What is your quest? <input name="quest"/> What is your favorite colour? <input name="colour"/> <input name="hitchhiker" type="hidden" value="I'm coming too!"/> <input type="submit"/> </form></pre>		
What is your name?		
What is your quest?		
What is your favorite colour?		
Submit Query		

<INPUT>TAG

<SELECT> TAG

Select tag is for a dropdown box of options

```
<form action="http://webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hindle1/l.py" method="get">
What kind of cake shall we have?</pr>
<select name="caketype">
  <option value="aget">Angel Food Cake</option>
  <option value="devil" selected>Devil's Food Cake</option>
  <option value="cowpatty">Marie Antionette's Cake</option>
  </select>
  <input type="submit"/>
  </form>
```

What kind of cake shall we have?

Devil's Food Cake Submit Query

FILE UPLOAD

You can upload files with the input tag but we need to switch the POST encoding.

Choose a file to upload! Browse... No file selected.

Submit Query

In the lab you setup a CGI server and wrote a very small CGI script.

Did you know you can write CGI in just about any language?

All it takes is printing HTTP Response headers, reading environment variables and reading from STDIN!

Here's a minimal PERL example

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
use Data::Dumper;
print "Content-type: text/plain\r\n\r\n";
print Dumper(\%ENV);
my $line = 0;
while(<>) {
    print $line++ . " " . $_ . $/;
}
```

Perl example:

Now in bash

```
#!/bin/bash
echo -e "Content-type: text/plain\r\n\r\n"
/usr/bin/env
cat
```

Results in:

So you can use multiple languages.

I really really really recommend using the CGI library that comes with your language if you do. Mostly for parsing of GET and POST arguments.

Perl:

```
use CGI;
print CGI->new->header();
```

Python:

import cgi
import cgitb
cgitb.enable()
print your header

CGI PROBLEMS

What are some problems with CGI?

CGI PROBLEMS

- Slow
- 1 process per invocation
 Ineffecient communication of requests
 Lack of OO representation of a request
 Difficult to share state.

NOW ONTO JAVASCRIPT!

Modern UIs are now part HTML and CSS and part Javascript.

Javascript tends to smooth over the rough edges and fill in the gaps that HTML , HTML Forms and CSS leave.