MI349

Web Design 7 Development

HTML, CSS, JavaScript & The DOM

Agenda

- One Pager assignment review and retrospective
- 2. The Document Object Model
- 3. Selectors
- 4. UI Flows and Card Sorting

One Pagers

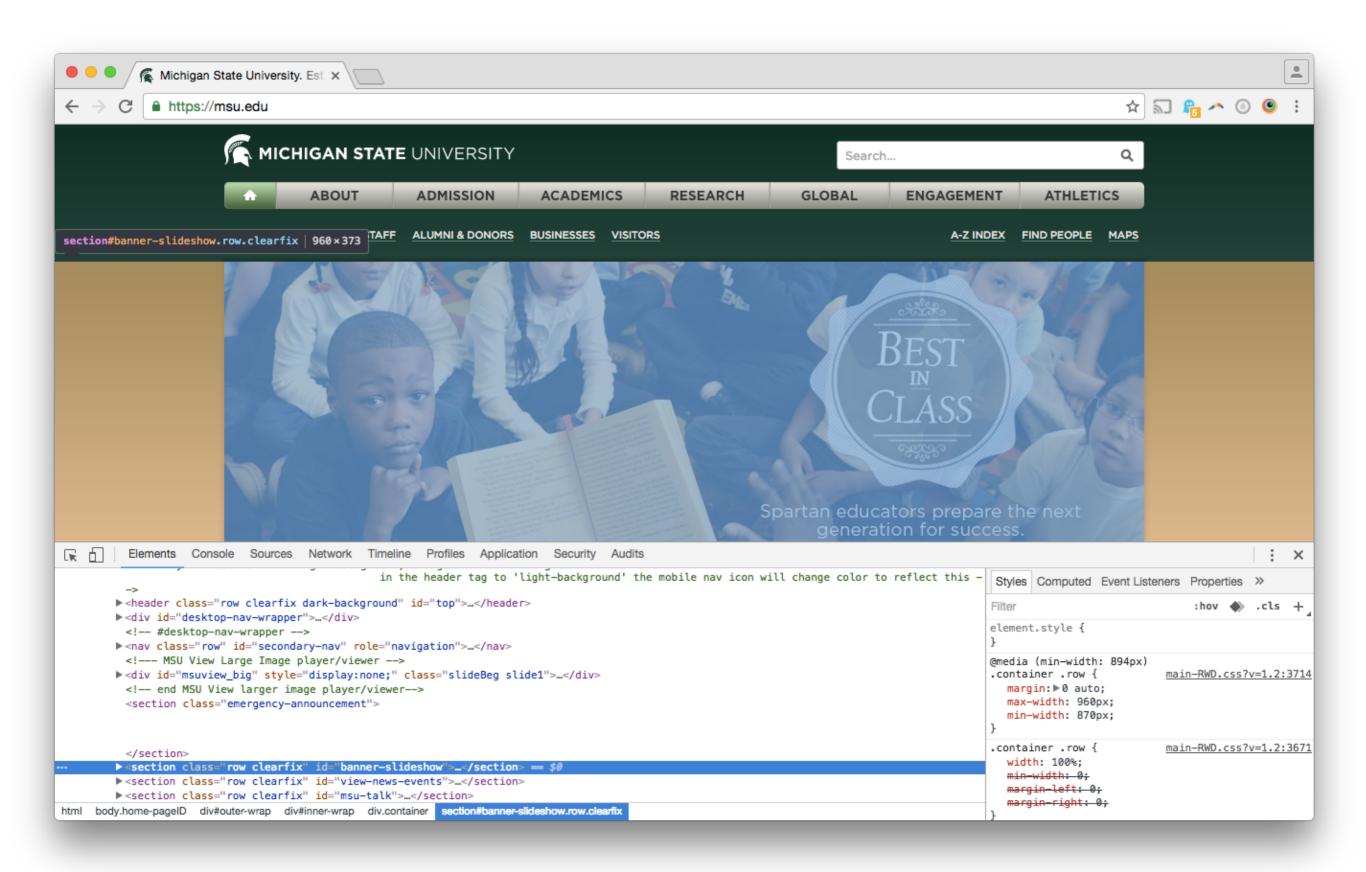
One-Pager Review

- iOS apps are ok—here is what you need to do:
 - Design should work in Chrome dev tools
- PDF formatting
- Persona detail
- More thoughtful comps in some situations

DOM: Document Object Model

What is the DOM?

- An API for the browser/HTML documents.
- An object-oriented/structured representation of a webpage.
- A set of definitions about how that document can be accessed and modified.
- Take a peak at the DOM using Chrome dev tools.



The DOM and HTML

- Basically, the DOM representation is just like the HTML it represents (think about what you see when you look at Chrome dev tools).
- Other things (like Browsers and JS) can modify the DOM.

The DOM and JS

 JavaScript is the programming language of the browser—much of what we think is JavaScript is actually interactions with the DOM API:

- Events
- Elements

DOM Demo

Selectors

What is a Selector?

- Element selector
- Class selector
- ID selector
- Attribute selector
- Custom-named data attributes

Class Selectors

```
<!-- HTML -->
<div class="mast"></div>
/* CSS */
.mast {
  background: red;
// JavaScript
document.getElementsByClassName('mast');
```

ID Selectors

```
<!-- HTML -->
<div id="mast"></div>
/* CSS */
#mast {
  background: red;
// JavaScript
document.getElementById('mast');
```

Attribute Selectors

```
<!-- HTML -->
<div id="mast" data-custom="mast-21"></div>
/* CSS */
div[data-custom="mast-21"] {
  background: red;
// JavaScript
var mast = document.getElementsById('mast');
mast.dataset.custom // "mast-21"
```

Demo Time

User Flows & Card Sorting

Call to Action

- Your website needs to have a primary call-toaction. What is the one thing you want your user to do/experience/buy/download when they come and visit your site?
- Examples include: signup for an email list, add something to a shopping cart, watch a webinar, contact you about a job, etc..

User Flows

- Outline the sequences of actions that guide a user/customer through your website/app.
- What do they see and what do they do at each page?
- 37signals User Flow Shorthand:
 - https://signalvnoise.com/posts/1926-ashorthand-for-designing-ui-flows

Card Sorting

- A user experience method for organizing and prioritizing content.
- Useful for figuring out which content is most important.
- Good tool for having other people contribute data to your content process.

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Lab Preview

- Short selector exercise
- Final project call-to-actions with user flows
- Initial data gathering for card sort