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Introduction to Cascading Style Sheet (CSS)

Text Book:

* Chapter 3: Cascading Style Sheet, *Fundamentals of Web Development*, 2015, by Randy Connolly and Ricardo Hoar, published by Pearson

* E-Book on Building Web Applications with HTML, 2012, by Paul I. Lin, http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/~lin/CECourses/2_HTML/CE_02WebHhtmlindex.html

* Cascading Style Sheet: An Introduction, http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/~lin/CECourses/2_HTML/Lectures/8CCStyle.html

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Topics

- What is CSS?
- CSS Syntax
- Location of Styles
- Selectors
- The Cascade: How Styles Interact
- The Box Model
- CSS Text Styling
- Summary

What is CSS?

- **Cascading style sheets (CSS) specification**, developed by World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), provides a simple approach for separating the style (font, size, background, layout and position, etc) of document from the content.
- **Predefined style sheets** can be used throughout a page or Web site.
 - Allowing multiple style sheets to affect one document
 - It is possible that conflicts can come up and the style referenced last generally takes precedence
- **What is CSS**,
<http://www.w3.org/Style/CSS/Overview.en.html>

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What is CSS?

HTML & CSS,

<http://www.w3.org/standards/webdesign/htmlcss:>

- HTML (the Hypertext Markup Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) are **two of the core technologies for building Web pages**. HTML provides the *structure* of the page, CSS the (visual and aural) *layout*, for a variety of devices. Along with graphics and scripting, HTML and CSS are the basis of building Web pages and Web Applications.

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HTML & CSS,

<http://www.w3.org/standards/webdesign/htmlcss>:

- **CSS** is the language for **describing the presentation of Web pages**, including colors, layout, and fonts. It allows one to adapt the presentation to different types of **devices**, such as large screens, small screens, or printers.
- CSS is independent of HTML and can be used with any XML-based markup language. The separation of HTML from CSS makes it **easier to maintain sites, share style sheets across pages, and tailor pages to different environments**. This is referred to as the **separation of structure (or content) from presentation**.

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What is CSS?

The web standards model – HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, http://www.w3.org/wiki/The_web_standards_model_-_HTML_CSS_and_JavaScript : **Most compelling reasons for using CSS and HTML (Advantages)**

- Efficient of code
- Ease of maintenance
- Accessibility
- Device compatibility
- Web crawlers/search engine

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Cascading Style Sheets – Homepage,
<http://www.w3.org/Style/CSS/Overview.en.html>

CSS Current Status,
http://www.w3.org/standards/techs/css#w3c_all

- Standards
 - CSS 2.1, June 2011, <http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS2/>
 - CSS Selectors, Namespaces, Media Queries, CSS Color
- Drafts: Candidate Recommendations
 - Intro to CSS 3, May 2001, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/WD-css3-roadmap-20010523/>
- CSS Validation Service, <http://www.css-validator.org/>

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Three Types of Style Sheets

- Author Created Style Sheet
- User-defined Sheet
- Default Browser Style Sheet

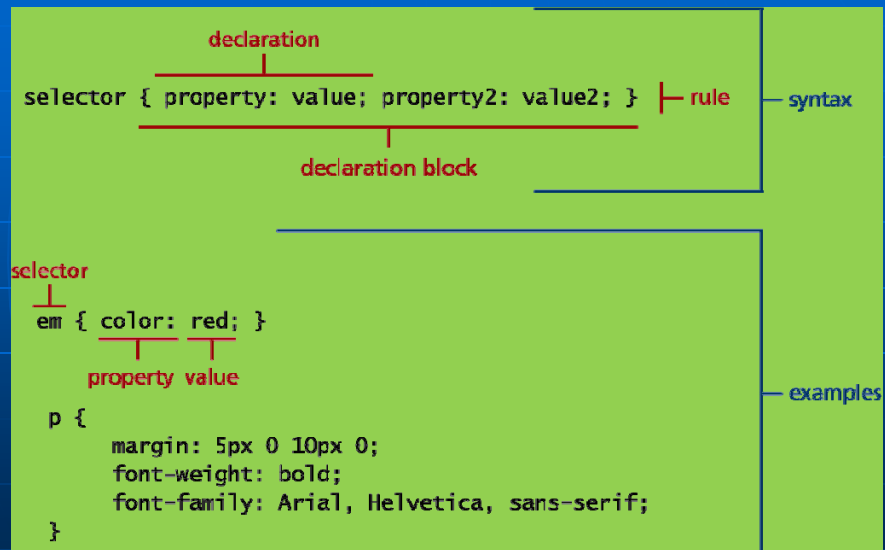
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CSS Syntax

- A CSS document consists of one or more **style rules**.
- A rule consists of a **selector** that identifies the HTML element or elements that will be affected, followed by a series of **property:value pairs** (each pair is also called a declaration).
- CSS Selectors, <http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/selector.html%23id-selectors>

Figure 2.2 CSS Syntax



Location of CSS Style Sheet

- Inline Styles (Listing3.1.html)
- Embedded Style Sheet (Listing3.2.html)
- External Style Sheet (Listing3.3.html)

In-Line Style Sheet

- A style applied to a particular tag on a Web page
- For formatting individual elements
- Inline Styles (Listing3.1.html)

```
<h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
<h2 style="font-size:
24pt">Description</h2>
...
<h2 style="font-size: 24pt; font-
weight: bold;">Reviews</h2>
```

In-Line Style Sheet Example

- Inlinecss.html,

http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/~lin/CECourses/2_HTML/08CCSExs/inlinecss.html

```
<html>
<!-- inlinecss.html -->
<head><title>Inline Styles Example</title></head>
<body>
<!-- Declare inline Styles -->
<span style="font-weight: bold">
Web Programming Language: HTML.
</span><br>
<p style = "font-size: 20pt">Web Programming
Language: HTML.</p>
<p style = "font-size: 20pt; color: #FF0000">
Web Programming Language: JavaScript
</p>
<p>Web Programming Language: Perl.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

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Embedded Style Sheet

- Embedded as part of the HTML document
- Defined with <style> declaration block
- Can be kept in a file outside the document
- An Example

```
<style>
h1      {font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: red}
h2      {font-size: 16pt; font-style: italic; color: green}
span    {font-weight: bold; font-style: italic}
</style>
```

- After the declaration, we will be able to use <h1> </h1>, <h2> </h2>, and as new style definitions

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Embedded Style Sheet: Listing3.2.html

```
<head lang="en">
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Share Your Travels --
New York - Central Park</title>
  <style>
    h1 { font-size: 24pt; }
    h2 {
      font-size: 18 pt;
      font-weight: bold;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
  <h2>New York - Central
Park</h2>
  ...

```

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External CSS Style Sheet

- Used for control styles across several pages or across an entire Web site
- Require a style definition file that contains style definitions such as the **three lines** as shown below and save it as "style.css". Note that the <style> </style> tags are not included in the "**style.css**"

```
h1 {font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: red}
h2 {font-size: 16pt; font-style: italic; color: green}
span {font-weight: bold; font-style: italic}
```

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External CSS Style Sheet

- Then, we place the following line within <head> tags to refer to this file.
- Link element, href – hypertext reference, rel - relationship

<head>

<title> TEST LINKED STYLE SHEETS </title>

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

</head>

- An Example,

http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/~lin/CECourses/2_HTML/08CCSExs/linkcss.html

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<html>

<!-- linkcss.html -->

<head>

<title>Link Style Sheets</title>

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

</head>

<body>

Web Programming Applications.

<h1>Web Programming Applications.</h1>

<h2>Web Programming Applications.</h2>

<h2 STYLE="font-size: 36pt">Web Programming Applications.</h2>

</body>

</html>

External Style Sheet

- External Style Sheet (Listing3.3.html)

```
<head lang="en">
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Share Your Travels -- New York -
Central Park</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" />
</head>
```

CSS Selectors

- For selecting individual or multiple HTML documents
- **Selector Types**

- **Element** Selectors
- **Class** Selectors – for targeting different elements at once
- **ID** Selectors – for specific elements
- **Attribute** Selectors – for styling hyperlinks and images
- **Pseudo-Element and Pseudo-Class** Selectors – for link states indication (visited, hover, active)
- **Contextual** Selectors – or combinators for selecting the elements based on their ancestors, descendants or sibling

References

- **Class Selectors**, https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Class_selectors
- **5 Selectors**, <http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/selector.html%23id-selectors>

Listing3.4.css – Sample grouped selector

```
/* commas allow you to group selectors */
p, div, aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
/* the above single grouped selector is
equivalent to the following: */
p {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
div {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
```

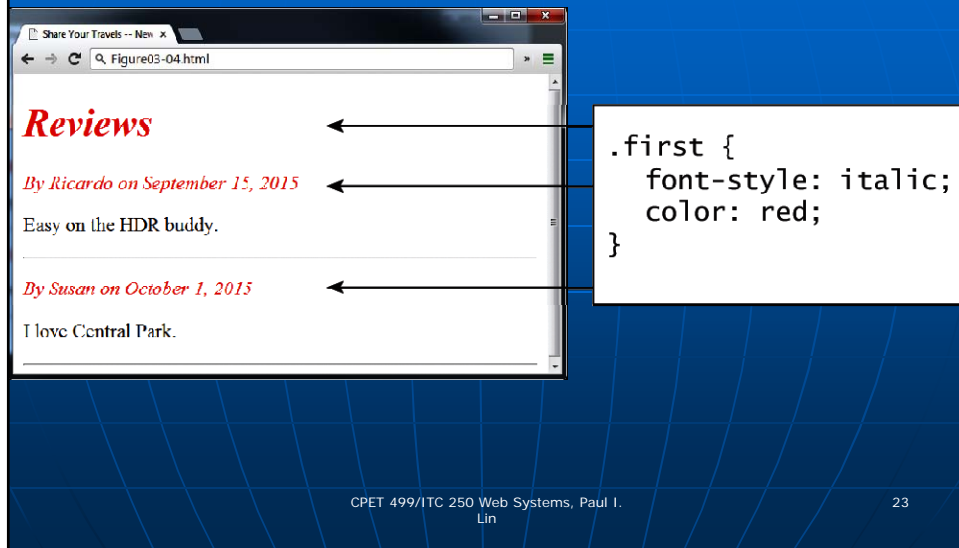
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Figure 3.4 Class selector example in browser
(Listing3.5.html)



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Listing3.5.html: Class selector
example

```
<head>
  <title>Share Your Travels </title>
  <style>
    .first {
      font-style: italic;
      color: red;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1 class="first">Reviews</h1>
  <div>
    <p class="first">By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time></p>
    <p>Easy on the HDR buddy.</p>
  </div>
  <hr/>
  <div>
    <p class="first">By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time></p>
    <p>I love Central Park.</p>
  </div>
</hr>
</body>
```

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Figure 3.5 Id selector example in browser



```
#latestComment {  
    font-style: italic;  
    color: red;  
}
```

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Listing3.6.html
: ID selector
example

```
<head lang="en">
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Share Your Travels -- New York -
Central Park</title>
  <style>
    #latestComment {
      font-style: italic;
      color: red;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Reviews</h1>
  <div id="latestComment">
    <p>By Ricardo on <time>September 15,
2012</time></p>
    <p>Easy on the HDR buddy.</p>
  </div>
  <hr/>

  <div>
    <p>By Susan on <time>October 1,
```

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Figure 3.6 Attribute selector example in browser

```
[title] {  
  cursor: help;  
  padding-bottom: 3px;  
  border-bottom: 2px dotted blue;  
  text-decoration: none;  
}
```



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Listing3.7.html: Attribute selector example

```
<head lang="en">  
  <meta charset="utf-8">  
  <title>Share Your Travels</title>  
  <style>  
    [title] {  
      cursor: help;  
      padding-bottom: 3px;  
      border-bottom: 2px dotted blue;  
      text-decoration: none;  
    }  
  </style>  
</head>
```

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Listing3.7.html: Attribute selector example

```
<body>
  <div>
    
    <h2><a href="countries.php?id=CA" title="see posts
from Canada">
      Canada</a>
    </h2>
    <p>Canada is a North American country consisting of ... </p>
    <div>
      
      
      
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
```

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```

<head>
  <title>Share Your Travels</title>
  <style>
    a:link {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: blue;
    }
    a:visited {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: purple;
    }
    a:hover {
      text-decoration: none;
      font-weight: bold;
    }
    a:active {
      background-color: yellow;
    }
  </style> </head>

```

Listing3.8.html: Styling a link using pseudo-class selector

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Listing3.8.html: Styling a link using pseudo-class selector

```

<body>
  <p>Links are an important part of any web page. To learn
  more about links visit the <a href="#">W3C</a>
  website.</p>
  <nav>
    <ul>
      <li><a href="#">Canada</a></li>
      <li><a href="#">Germany</a></li>
      <li><a href="#">United States</a></li>
    </ul>
  </nav>
</body>

```

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Figure 3.7 Syntax of a descendent selection

context selected element

`div p { ... }`



Selects a `<p>` element
somewhere
within a `<div>` element

`#main div p:first-child { ... }`

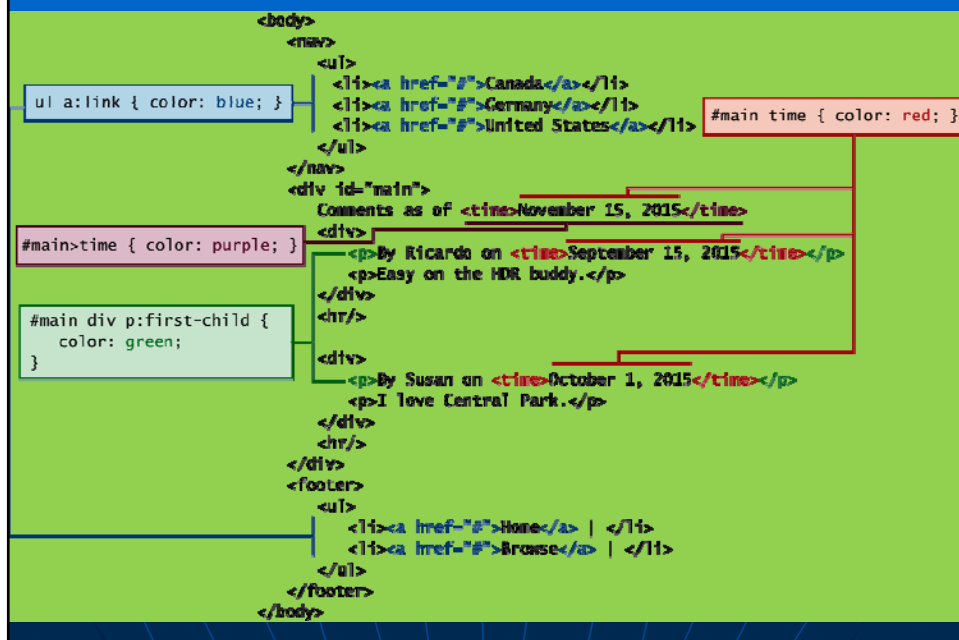


Selects the first `<p>` element
somewhere within a `<div>` element
that is somewhere within an element
with an `id="main"`

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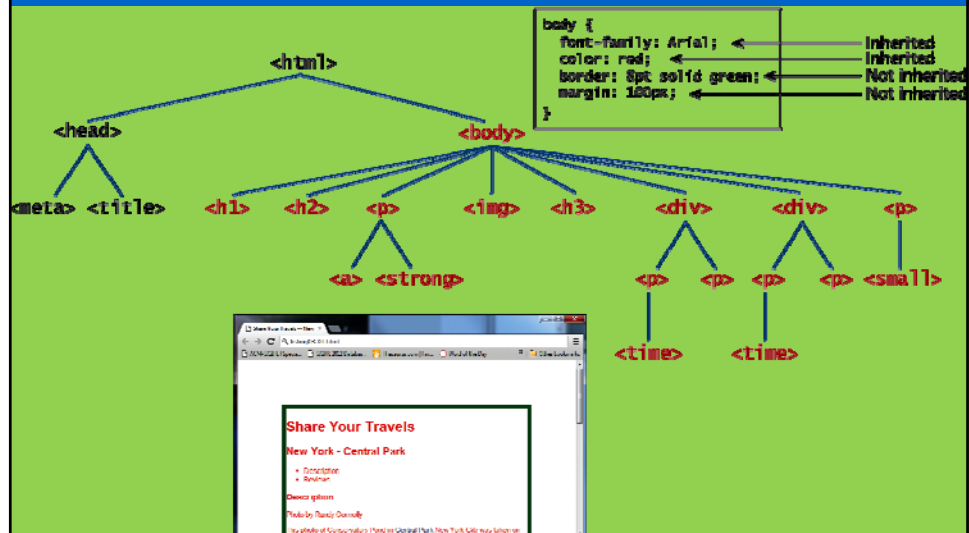
Figure 3.8 Contextual selectors in action



The Cascade: How Styles Interacts

- Three Types of Style Sheets
 - Author Created Style Sheet
 - User-defined Sheet
 - Default Browser Style Sheet
- Cascade principles for conflict resolution
 - Inheritance
 - Specificity
 - Location
 - Inline style override: embedded and external style sheets
 - Embedded style sheet override external style sheet

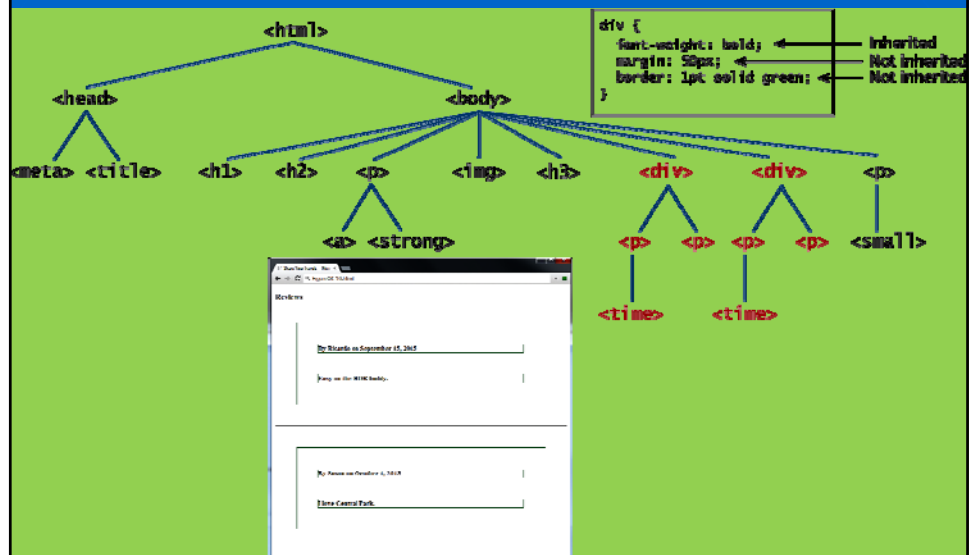
Figure 3.9 Inheritance



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Figure 3.10 More Inheritance



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Figure 3.11 Using the inheritance value

Reviews

By Ricardo on September 15, 2015

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By Susan on October 1, 2015

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```

div {
  font-weight: bold;
  margin: 50px;
  border: 1pt solid green;
}
p {
  border: inherit;
  margin: inherit;
}

<h3>Reviews</h3>
<div>
  <p>By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2015</time></p>
  <p>Easy on the HDR buddy.</p>
</div>
<hr/>
<div>
  <p>By Susan on <time>October 1, 2015</time></p>
  <p>I love Central Park.</p>
</div>
<hr/>

```

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Fig 3.12

```

body {
  font-weight: bold;
  color: red;
}
div {
  font-weight: normal;
  color: magenta;
}
p {
  color: green;
}
.last {
  color: blue;
}
.verylast {
  color: orange;
  font-size: 1.5em;
}

<body>
  This text is not within a p element.
  <div>Reviews</div>
  <div>
    <p>By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2015</time></p>
    <p>Easy on the HDR buddy.</p>
    This text is not within a p element.
  </div>
  <hr/>
  <div>
    <p>By Susan on <time>October 1, 2015</time></p>
    <p>I love Central Park.</p>
  </div>
  <hr/>
  <div>
    <p class="last">By Dave on <time>October 13, 2015</time></p>
    <p class="last" id="verylast">Thanks for posting.</p>
  </div>
</body>

```

This text is not within a p element.

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This text is not within a p element.

By Susan on October 1, 2015

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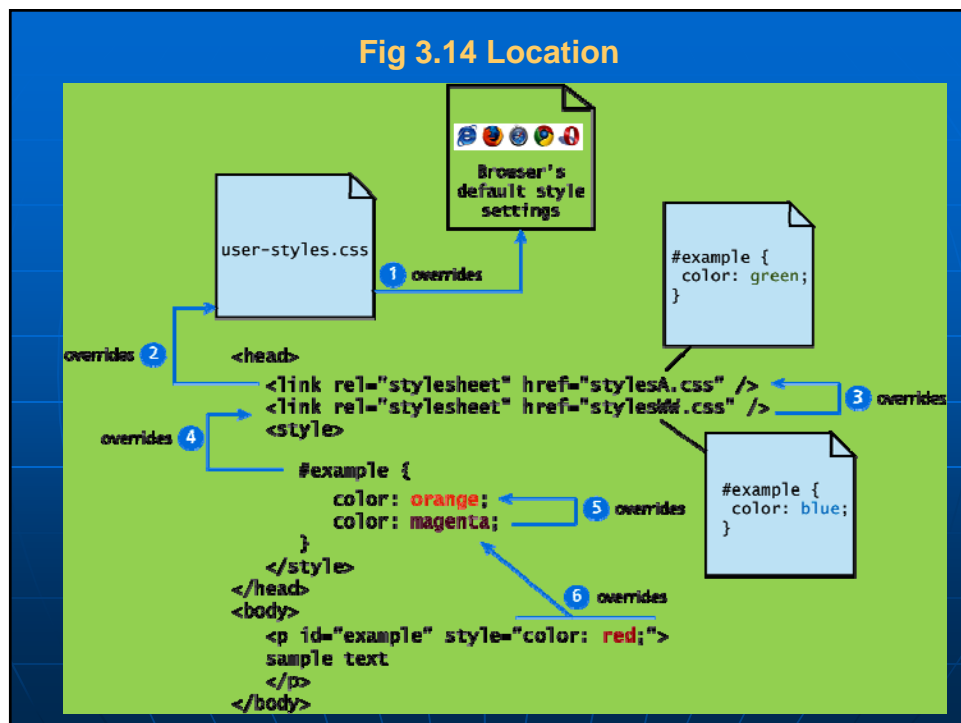
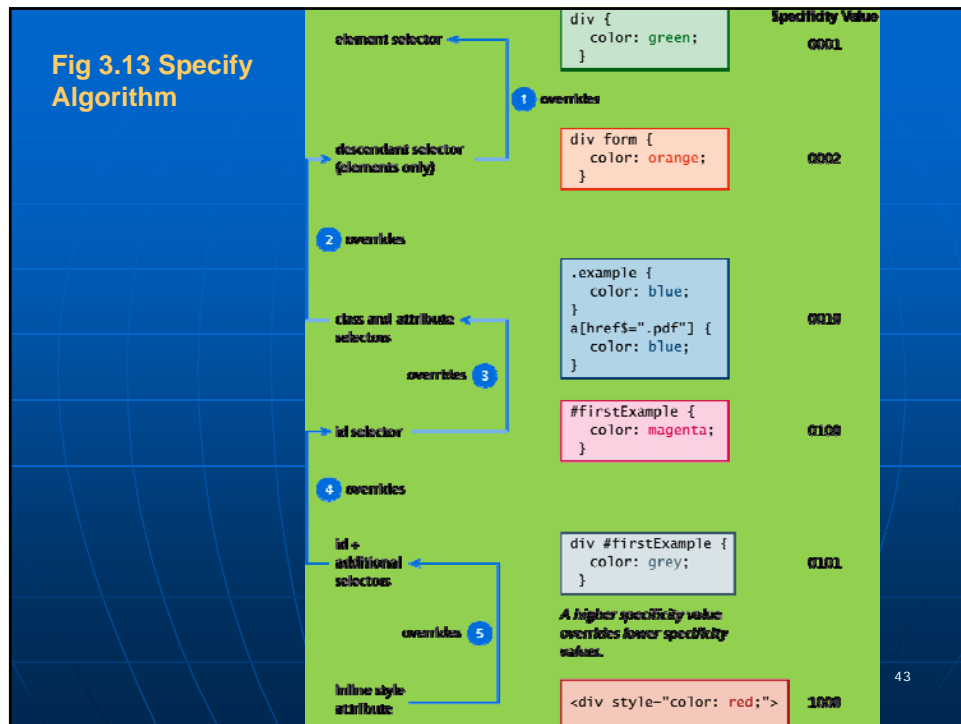


Fig 3.15 CSS Box Model

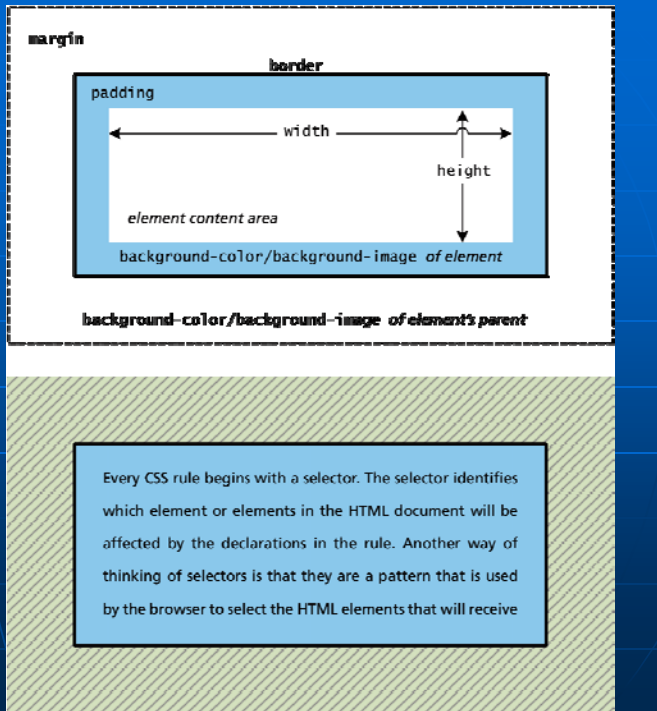


Fig 3.16 Background repeat

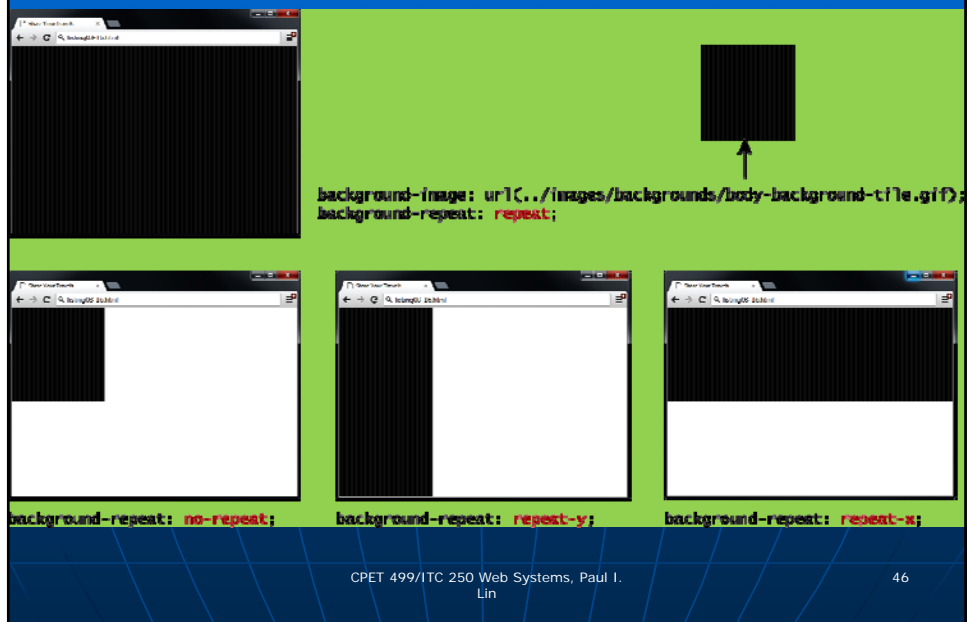
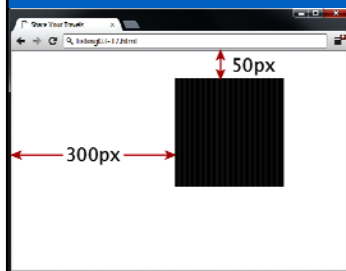
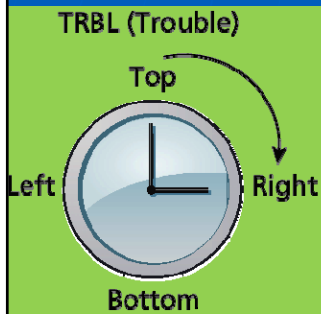


Fig 3.17 Background position



```
body {  
  background: white url(../images/backgrounds/body-background-tile.gif) no-repeat;  
  background-position: 300px 50px;  
}
```

Fig 3.18 CSS TRBL (Trouble) shortcut



```
border-color: top right bottom left;
```

```
border-color: red green orange blue;
```


Fig 3.19 Borders, margins, and padding provide element spacing and differentiation

```

1
p {
border: solid 1pt red;
margin: 0;
padding: 0;
}

```

```

2
p {
border: solid 1pt red;
margin: 30px;
padding: 0;
}

```

```

3
p {
border: solid 1pt red;
margin: 30px;
padding: 30px;
}

```

Fig 3.20 Collapsing vertical margins

1 90px

2 90px

3 90px

```

<div>
<p>Every CSS rule ...</p>
<p>Every CSS rule ...</p>
</div>
<div>
<p>In CSS, the adjoining ... </p>
<p>In CSS, the adjoining ... </p>
</div>

```

```

div {
border: dotted 1pt green;
padding: 0;
margin: 90px 20px;
}

```

```

p {
border: solid 1pt red;
padding: 0;
margin: 50px 20px;
}

```

Fig 3.21

Calculating an element true size

```
div {
  box-sizing: content-box;
  width: 200px;
  height: 100px;
  padding: 5px;
  margin: 10px;
  border: solid 2px black;
}
```

True element width = $10 + 2 + 5 + 200 + 5 + 2 + 10 = 234$ px
True element height = $10 + 2 + 5 + 100 + 5 + 2 + 10 = 134$ px

```
div {
  ...
  box-sizing: border-box;
}
```

True element width = $10 + 200 + 10 = 220$ px
True element height = $10 + 100 + 10 = 120$ px

Fig 3.22 Limitations of height property

Every CSS rule begins with a selector. The selector identifies which element or elements in the HTML document will be affected by the declarations in the rule. Another way of thinking of selectors is that they are a pattern which is used by the browser to select the HTML elements that will receive

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100px

p {
background-color: silver;
}

p {
background-color: silver;
width: 200px;
height: 100px;
}

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Fig 3.23 Overflow properties

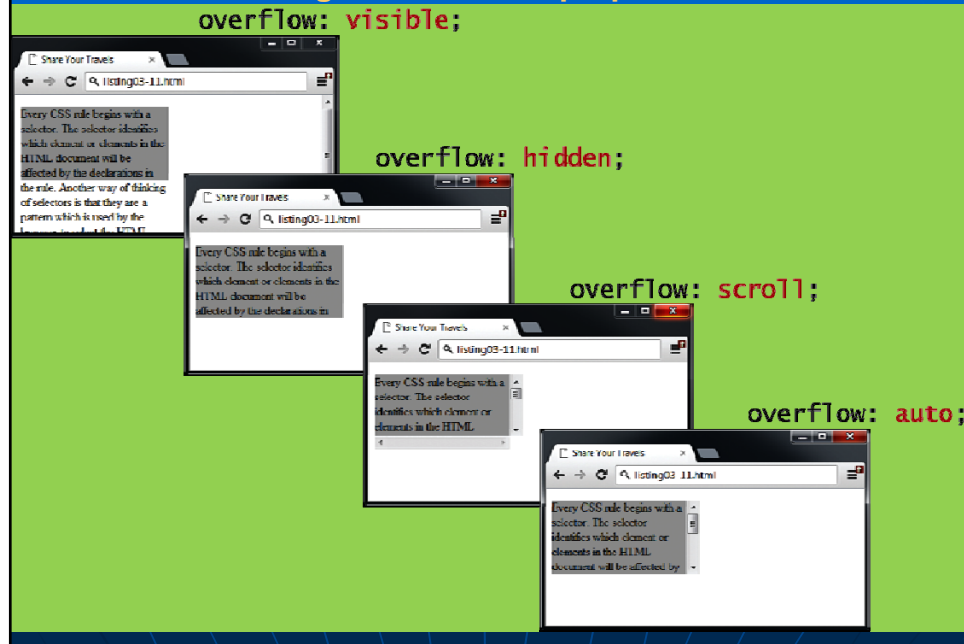


Fig 3.24 Box sizing via percents

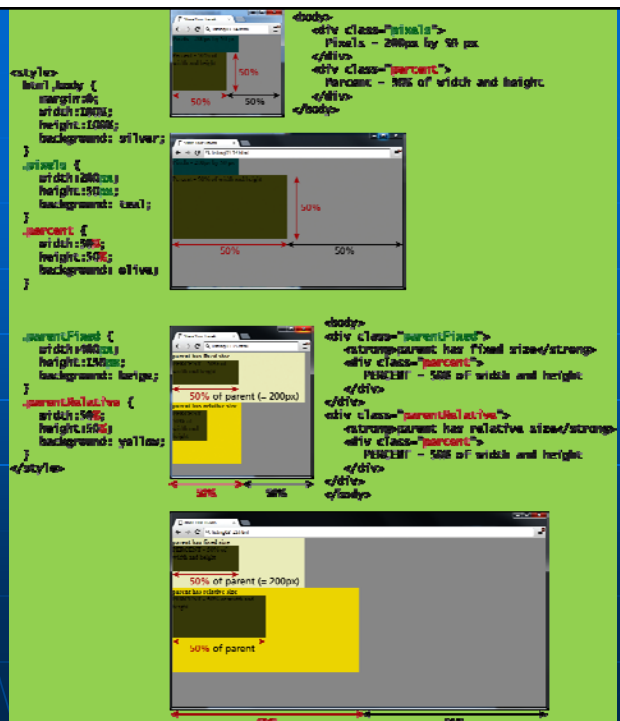


Fig 3.25 Inspecting CSS using developer tools within modern browsers

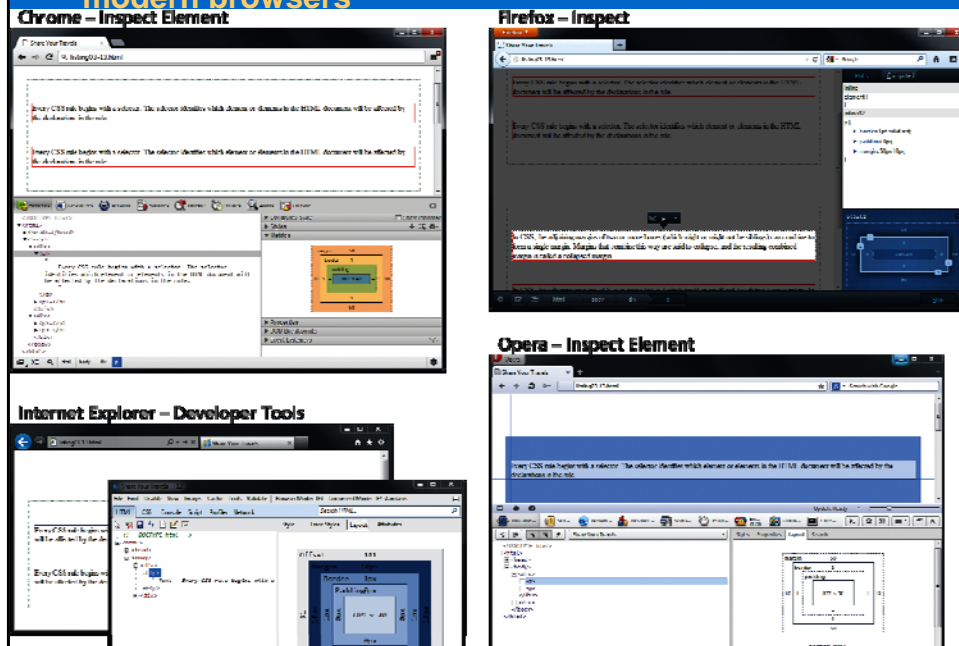


Fig 3.26 Specifying the font family

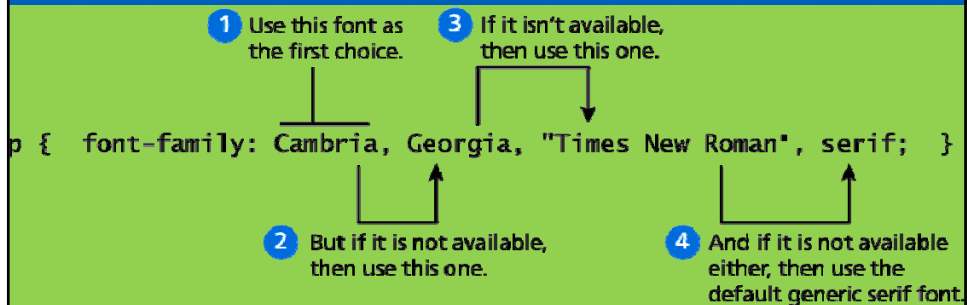


Fig 3.27 The different font families

<code><body></code>	Browser's default text size is usually 16 pixels
<code><p></code>	100% or 1em is 16 pixels
<code><h3></code>	125% or 1.125em is 18 pixels
<code><h2></code>	150% or 1.5em is 24 pixels
<code><h1></code>	200% or 2em is 32 pixels

<code>/* using 16px scale */</code>		<code><body></code>	Browser's default text size is usually 16 pixels
<code>body { font-size: 100%; }</code>		<code><p></code>	100% or 1em is 16 pixels
<code>p { font-size: 1em; }</code>	<code>/* 1.0 x 16 = 16 */</code>	<code><h3></code>	125% or 1.125em is 18 pixels
<code>h3 { font-size: 1.125em; }</code>	<code>/* 1.25 x 16 = 18 */</code>	<code><h2></code>	150% or 1.5em is 24 pixels
<code>h2 { font-size: 1.5em; }</code>	<code>/* 1.5 x 16 = 24 */</code>	<code><h1></code>	200% or 2em is 32 pixels
<code>h1 { font-size: 2em; }</code>	<code>/* 2 x 16 = 32 */</code>	<code></body></code>	

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<body>
  <p>this is 16 pixels</p>
  <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
  <article>
    <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
    <p>this is 16 pixels</p>
    <div>
      <h1>this is 32 pixels</h1>
      <p>this is 16 pixels</p>
    </div>
  </article>
</body>

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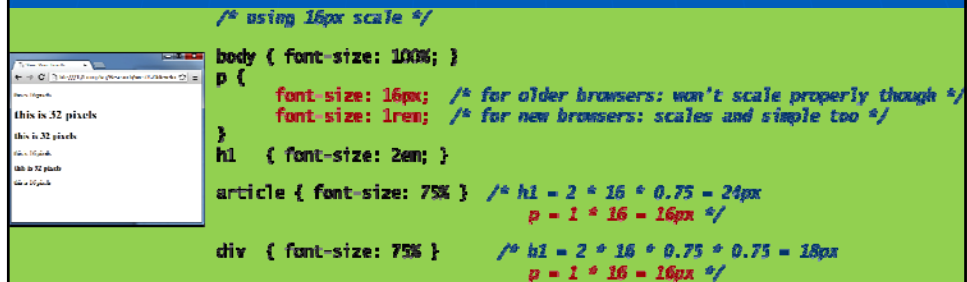
/* using 16px scale */
body { font-size: 100%; }
p { font-size: 1em; } /* 1 x 16 = 16px */
h1 { font-size: 2em; } /* 2 x 16 = 32px */

/* using 16px scale */
body { font-size: 100%; }
p { font-size: 1em; }
h1 { font-size: 2em; }

article { font-size: 75%; } /* h1 = 2 * 16 * 0.75 = 24px
                             p = 1 * 16 * 0.75 = 12px */
div { font-size: 75%; } /* h1 = 2 * 16 * 0.75 * 0.75 = 18px

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Figure 3.28 Using em unit



Summary and Conclusion

Q/A ?