

Leveraging CSS & HTML5 to Enhance Your MadCap Flare Output: Part 1

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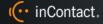
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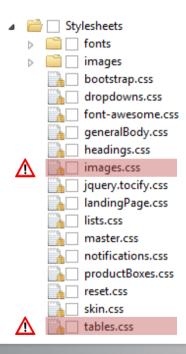
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What is CSS?

Cascading Style Sheets



Multiple stylesheets





Style priority

1. Media type declarations

• Such as @media screen, @media print, or @media pdf

2. Order of precedence (low-to-high priority):

- 1. User agent declarations (browser)
- 2. User normal declarations (user-imported stylesheet usually via scripting)
- 3. Author normal declarations (us)
- 4. Author important declarations (us)
- User important declarations (user-imported stylesheet usually via scripting)



Style priority

3. Specificity

- p vs. div p
- html body div ul livs.ul li

4. Order specified

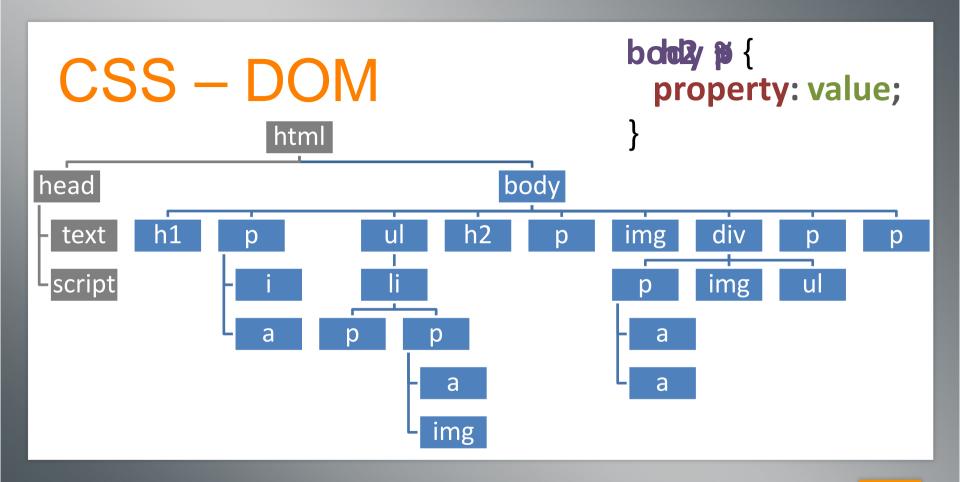
• If two declarations have the same weight, origin, and specificity, the latter specified wins.

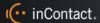


CSS syntax

```
h1, h2, h3, h4 {
  font-family: Arial;
  padding: 8px;
  font-weight: bold;
  border-bottom: 1px solid black;
```







Class vs. ID

Classes (barcode)

- The same class can be used multiple times.
- Every HTML element can have multiple classes.

IDs (serial number)

- A unique ID can exist only once per HTML document.
- Each HTML element can have only one ID.

They must both be declared in your HTML *markup* and your CSS code.



Classes and IDs in HTML

Use them as attributes of a given HTML element:



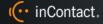
Class and ID selectors in CSS

Class:

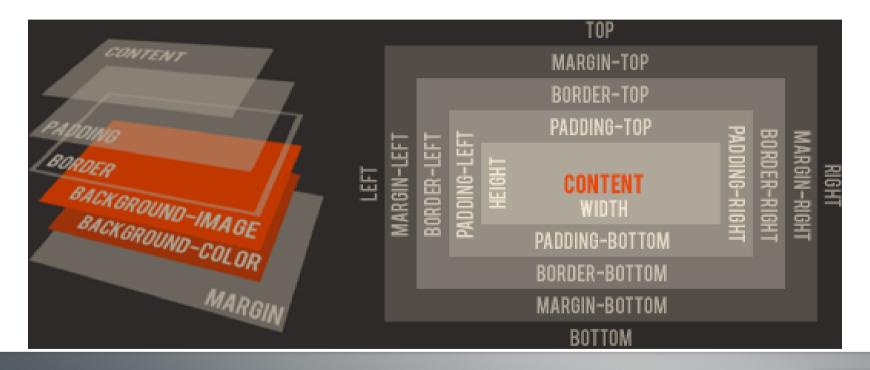
```
p.isCompliant
{ background-color: awesome; }
ID:
p#notCompliant
{ background-color: ugly; }
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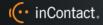
Style Inheritance

Child elements can inherit some property values of their parents.



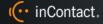
CSS box model





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margin – moves content in relation to other content padding – moves content in relation to its container



CSS pseudos

- Pseudo-classes
- Pseudo-elements

Pseudo-elements allow you to style certain parts of an element.

- :after Allows you to add and style content after an element.
- ::before Allows you to add and style content before an element.
- ::first-letter Selects the first letter of the first line of a block.



CSS resources

The W3C

- http://www.w3.org/TR/css-2010/
- http://www.webplatform.org/

Mozilla Developer Network (MDN):

- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Reference

stackoverflow: http://stackoverflow.com/

Browser-specific developer tools

Right-click an element in a page and click "Inspect element"

CSS Zen Garden: http://csszengarden.com/

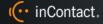


CSS tutorials

https://www.codecademy.com/learn/web

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Guide/CSS/Getting started

https://docs.webplatform.org/wiki/css/tutorials





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