Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

Part 1 of 3:

Introduction and overview

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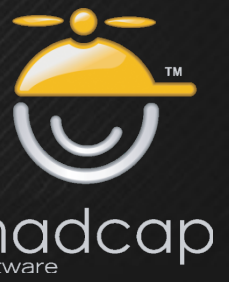
Agenda

- What are Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)?
- What can CSS do?
- Types of CSS
- What is Cascading?
- CSS rules
- What is Inheritance?
- Creating a Cascading Style Sheet
- Creating a custom style

What Are Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)?



What Are Cascading Style Sheets?

Cascading Style Sheets

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- **Cascading Style Sheets** (**CSS**) is a style sheet language used to describe the presentation (that is, the look and formatting) of a document written in a markup language. Its most common application is to style web pages written in HTML, but the language can be applied to any kind of XML document.
- **Created by:** CSS was created by Håkon Wium Lie and Bert Bos and was adopted as a W3C Recommendation in late 1996.

Cascading Style Sheets

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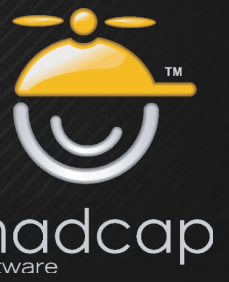
- **Current:** CSS 3, adopted by the W3C in 2012 is the current recommendation.
- **Future:** CSS has been broken into new categories and is under development. http://www.w3.org/Style/CSS/current-work#table
- **Support:** Early browser support was problematic leading many to ignore the CSS technology. With modern browsers CSS rendering has become quite reliable. http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css3_browsersupport.asp

What Are Cascading Style Sheets?

- A standards-based method for controlling the look and feel of HTML/XML content.
- Comprised of Rules to control elements in the document.
- Designed to separate formatting from the content while being flexible and scalable

What Can CSS Do?



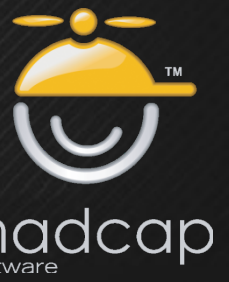
What Can CSS Do?

- Text formatting
- Element sizing
- Element positioning
- Change link attributes
- Cursor manipulation
- And more…
  http://www.csszengarden.com/

What Can CSS Do?

- Most importantly, CSS can support the control of hundreds or thousands of documents from a single control file
- This makes your life much easier when it is time to make updates

Types of CSS



HTML Page Structure

```
<HTML>

    <HEAD>
        <TITLE>Title Text</TITLE>
    </HEAD>

    <BODY>
        <H1>H1 Heading</H1>
        <P>Paragraph 1</P>
        <P>Paragraph 2</P>
   </BODY>

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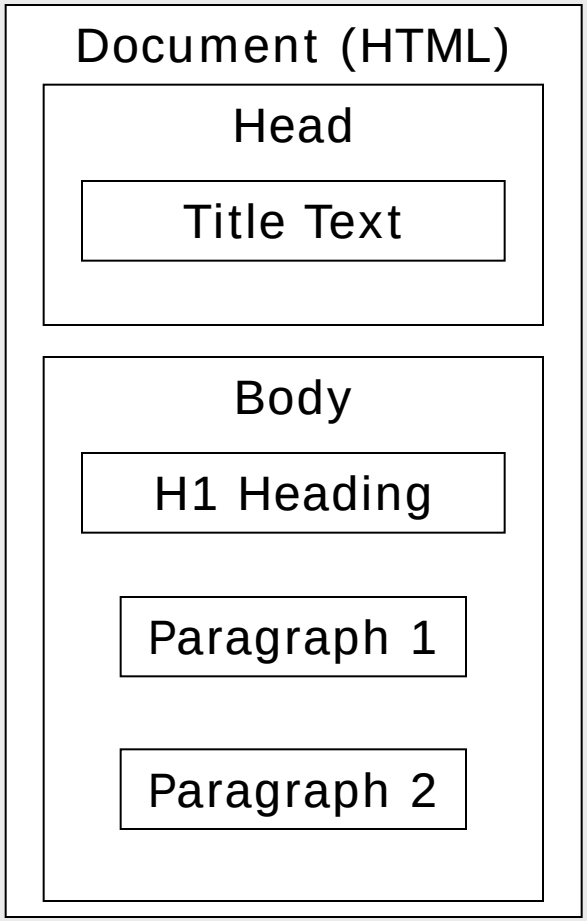

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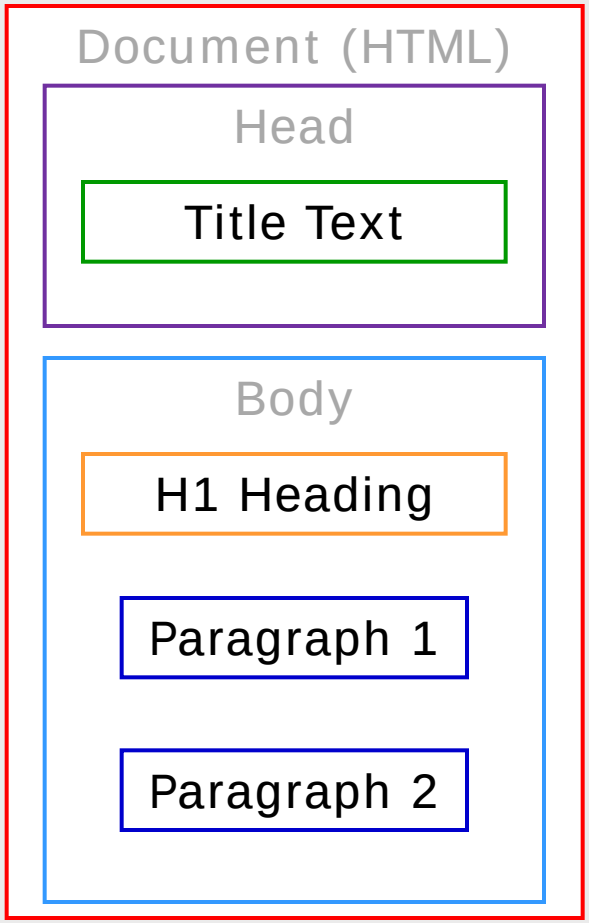


Types of CSS

- Three CSS implementations
  - Inline
    - Affects only the element applied to
  - Embedded
    - Affects only the elements in a single file
  - External
    - Linked to an unlimited number of files

Inline CSS

Use the STYLE attribute

```
<p>This is normal text</p>

<p><b>This is bold text</b></p>

<p style="font-weight: bold">This is
  bold text</p>
```

Embedded CSS

- Added to the <HEAD> area of file
- Use <STYLE> element

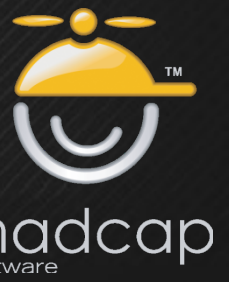
```
<HEAD>
   <TITLE>New Topic1</TITLE>
   <STYLE>P{font-weight:bold}</STYLE>
</HEAD>
```

External CSS

- The <LINK> element is used to attach a CSS document to an HTML document

```
<HEAD>
 <TITLE>New Topic1</TITLE>
<LINK HREF="example.css" REL="StyleSheet" >
</HEAD>
```

What is Cascading?



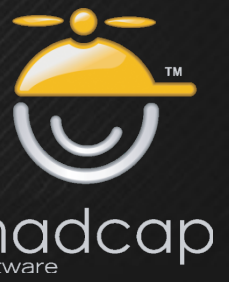
Cascading

The three CSS types combine at run time to render the page.

Order of precedence

- Inline styles
- Embedded style sheets
- Linked (external) style sheets

CSS Rules

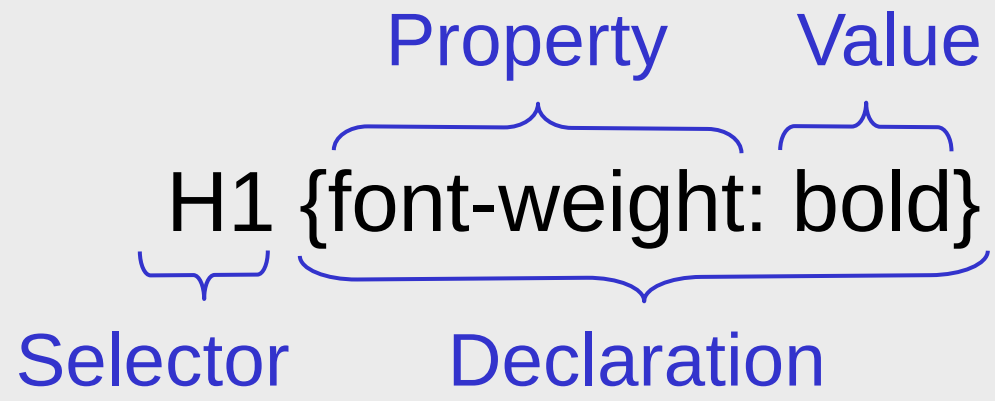


Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

Style Rules

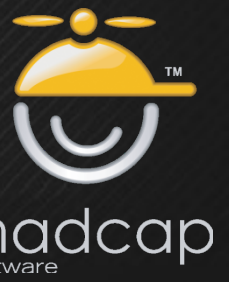
Inline style="font-weight: bold"

Embedded/
External




```
H1 {font-weight: bold; color: black;  }
```

What is Inheritance?



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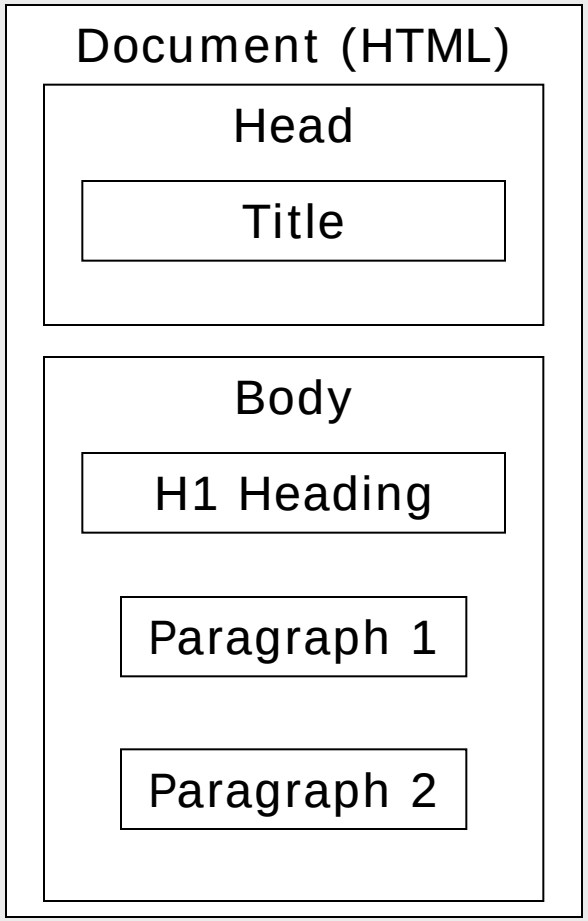


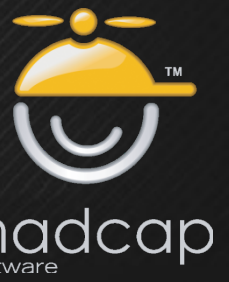
CSS Inheritance

Page elements inherit style attributes

```
<body>
  <h1>Sample heading</h1>
  <p>Sample text</p>
</body>
```

```
body { font-family: Arial; }
```

Creating a Cascading Style Sheet



Creating a Cascading Style Sheet

```
body {color: #000000;
      background: #F1F2EC;
      font-size: 8pt;
      font-family: Verdana;}
h1   {color: #0D10E5;
      font-size: 12pt;}
h2   {color: #040677;
      font-size: 10pt;}
p    {margin-bottom: 16px;}
```

```
<html >
   <head>
      <link href="test.css" rel="stylesheet" />
   </head>
   <body>
      <h1>Heading 1 Text</h1>
      <p>A normal paragraph</p>
      <h2>Heading 2 Text</h2>
      <p>Another normal paragraph</p>
      <p>This paragraph will be a tip.</p>
   </body>
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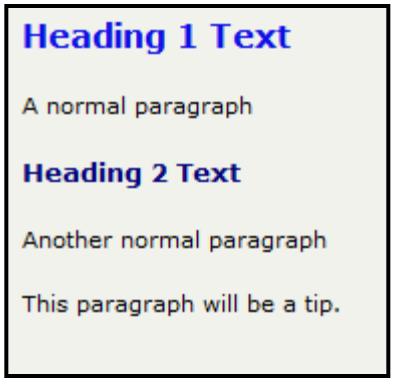
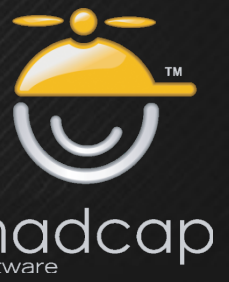


Creating a Custom Style



CLASS attribute

- The CLASS attribute can be used to create custom styles for a set of items on a page

P { color:blue; margin-left:3px; }

P.myclass { color:blue; margin-left:3px; }

CLASS attribute

- Class Syntax:
  - In a style sheet:

    P.myclass { color:blue;}
  - In a page:

    <P CLASS=“myclass”>Text</P>

Creating a Cascading Style Sheet

```
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      background: #F1F2EC;
      font-size: 8pt;
      font-family: Verdana;}

h1    {color: #002000;
      font-size: 12pt;}

h2    {color: #002b00;
      font-size: 10pt;}

p     {margin-bottom: 16px;}

p.tip {color: #BEF5BF;
      font-weight: bold;
      background-color: #696969;
      padding-left: 0.8em;
      padding-right: 0.8em;
      padding-bottom: 0.3em;
      padding-top: 0.3em;
      border-bottom-color: #000000;
      border-bottom-style: Solid;
      border-bottom-width: 1px;
      border-top-color: #000000;
      border-top-style: Solid;
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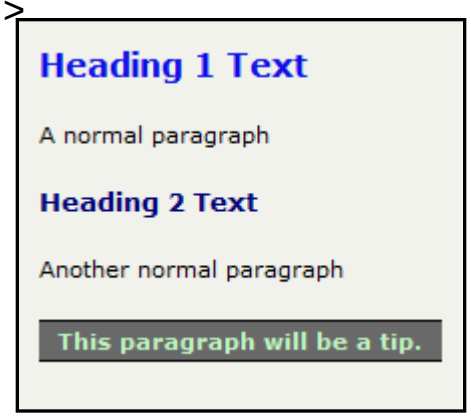

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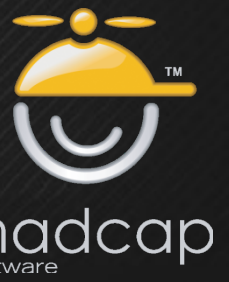

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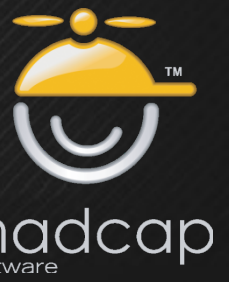

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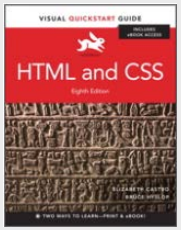

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CSS To The Point
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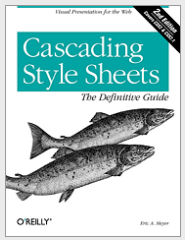

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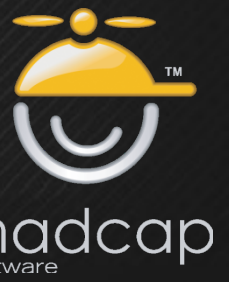

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