

Lesson No. 1: Introduction of CSS

CSS stand for *Cascading Style Sheet*. With CSS, you have much better control over the layout of you web pages. You can sissify exactly have big a font will be, exactly where an element will be on a page, what the page will look like when printed, and much more.

CSS can also see you a lot of time, particularly when maintaining a large site. Also, the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) recommends that web developers use CSS tags instead of HTML tags wherever possible. The W3C are gradually phasing out quite a few of these HTML tags.

The basic characteristics of CSS are as follows:

- CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets.
- A CSS file must have a .css file extension.
- CSS is a language that works with HTML to define haw to present the contents.
- Style are placed directly into HTML, HTML document head, and/ or in a separate sheet.
- CSS contains rules to define how HTML elements will be style.
- Many HTML files can use the same CSS file, and one HTML file can use many style.

Advantage of CSS

I. CSS save time

Single CSS file can control the appearance of multiple HTML documents. If you wish to make a change to all document you don't have to make the change in every document, just make it in the CSS file, and it will be reflected on all document that are linked to it.

II. Page load faster

By removing the presentation from the HTML documents and saving it in a smaller size CSS file, you get rid of presentation attributes and spacing image which reduces the size of the document and load site pages faster.

III. Multiple device compatibility

Style sheet allow content to be optimized for more than one type of device. By using the same HTML document, different versions of a website can be presented for handheld devices such as PDAs and cell phones or for printing.



IV. Global we standards

Now HTML attributes are being used less as compared to CSS. So it is a good idea to start using CSS in all the HTML pages to make them compatible with future browser.





Lesson No. 2: CSS Syntax

CSS Syntax

A rule or rule set tells the browser how to render an element. These rules have 2 parts: **a selector and declaration** parts.

- 1. *The selector* represents the HTML element to be affected by the rule.
- 2. **The declaration block** represents the effect to be applied to the element(s), and it contains one or more property value pairs..

Syntax:

Selector {property: value}

The selector is often the HTML element that you want to style.

For example:

Div {color: red}

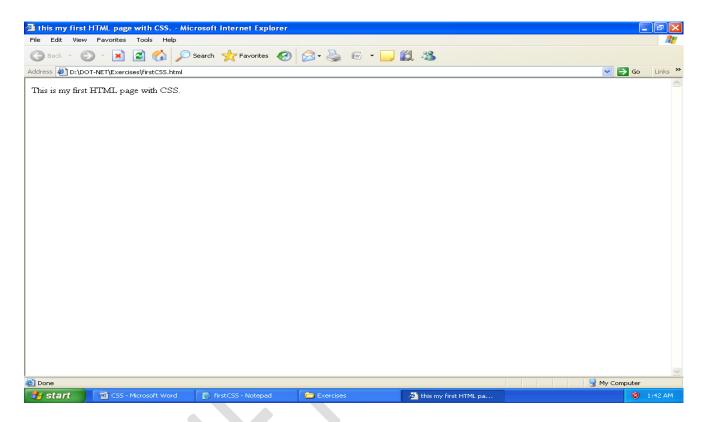
The above code tells the browser to render all occurrences of the HTML div element's text in red.

Exercise No. 1

- 1. Start your text editor (for example, *Notepad*).
- 2. Type the following code in the Notepad window:

- 3. Save this file as firstCSS.html in an appropriate folder
- 4. Open the firstCSS.html file in the browser. The HTML document will look like as shown in the next figure.







Lesson No. 3: General CSS Format

General CSS Format

The general format of writing a CSS Code is as shown below:

```
"HTML tag" { "CSS Property": "Value"; }

Example:

P {color:white;}

Body {background-color: }

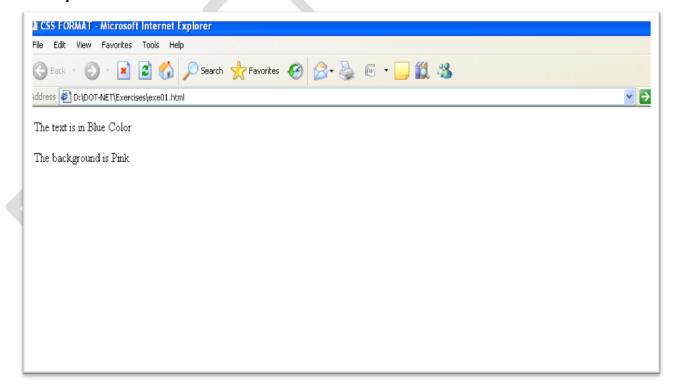
This above code is written in the <style>......</style> tag in an HTML file's <head>.....</head> tag section.
```



Exercise No. 2

1. Create a new file in Notepad . Type the code shown below in the Notepad window and save it with the name *cssformat.html*.

2. This coding looks as shown in the following figure in the browser:





Lesson No. 4: Implementing CSS

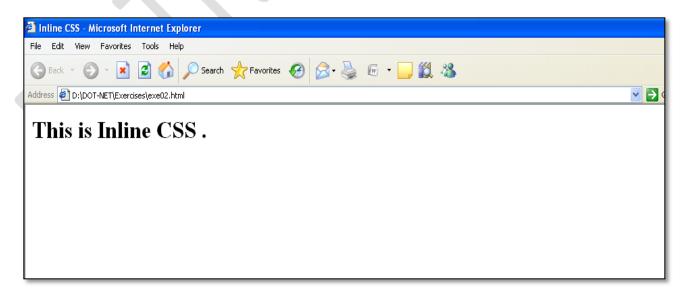
There are 4 ways of implementing CSS:

- Declare inline,
- embed into the head of your document,
- link to an external CSS file,
- import a CSS file.

Inline CSS

Style is applied to the current element. Instead of defining the style once, then applying the style against all instances of an element, you only apply the style to the instance you want the style to apply to.

Exercise No. 3





Lesson No. 5: Embedded CSS

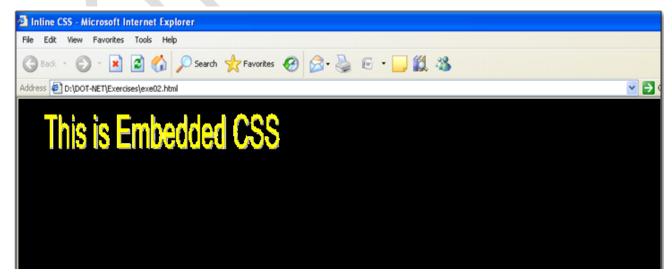
Embedded CSS

You embed CSS information into an HTML. Documents using the **<style> elements.** You do this by embedding the CSS information within **<style>....</style>** tags in the **<head>....</head>....</head>** tag of your HTML file.

Exercise No. 3

- 1. Open Notepad and save the file as embededcss.html.
- 2. Type the following HTML code in Notepad.

3. Close the Notepad file and open it in Internet Explorer. It will look as shown in the following window.





Lesson No. 6: External CSS

External CSS

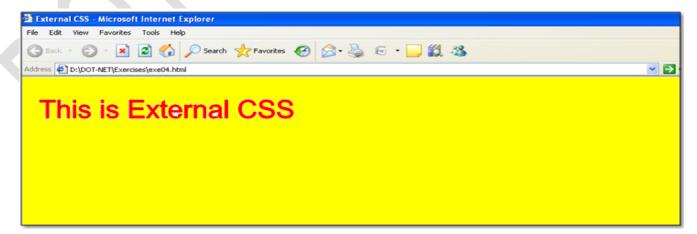
An external style sheet is a separate file where you can declare all the style that you want to use throughout your website. You then link it to the external style sheet from all your HTML pages. This means you only need to set the styles for each element once. If you want to update the style of your website, you only need to do it in one place.

You do this by placing the link of the external style sheet in the <head> </head> tags of the HTML file.

Exercise No. 4

- Type the following into a text file, and save as externalcss.css
 P { color : "red" ;}
 Body { background -color : "yellow" ; }
- 2. Open Notepad and save the file as externalcss.html
- 3. Add the following code to **externalcss.html**

4. Close the Notepad file and open it in Internet Explorer. It will look as shown in the following window.





Lesson No. 7: Imported CSS

Imported CSS

You can use the Imported CSS while implementing an HTML file using CSS. You can use **the** @import rule to import rules from other style sheets.

The @import rule allows you to include external style sheets in your document. It is a way of creating a style sheet within your document, and then importing additional rules into the document.

Add either of the following between the <head></head> tags inside the <style>......</style> tags of all HTML documents that you want to import a style sheet into.

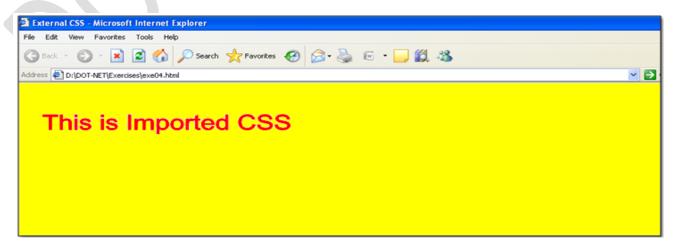
```
@import "imported-style-sheet.CSS";
```

@import url("imported-style-sheet . CSS");

Exercise No. 5

- 1. Open Notepad and save the file as importedcss.html.
- 2. Type the following HTML code in Notepad.

3. Close the Notepad file and open it in Internet Explorer. It will as look as shown in the following window.





Lesson No. 8: CSS Class

It is very useful for a developer if it is possible to give an HTML element multiple looks with CSS. For example, sometimes you want the font to be large and white, while other times you would prefer the font to be small and black. CSS would not be very useful if it did not allow you to have many different types of formats for a single HTML tag. You are in luck! CSS allows you to do just that with the use of classes.

Using classes is simple. You just need to add an extension to the typical CSS code and make sure you specify this extension in your HTML.

CSS Class Syntax

You declare a CSS class by using a **dot (.)** followed by the class name. You make up the class name yourself. After the class name, simply enter the properties / values that you want to assign to your class.

. Class – name {property: value; }

If you want to use the same class name for multiple elements, but each with a different style, you can prefix the dot with the HTML element name.

Html-element-name. Class -name {property: value; }



Exercise No. 6

- 1. Open a Notepad file and save it with cssclass.css name.
- 2. Type the following CSS Code in this CSS file.

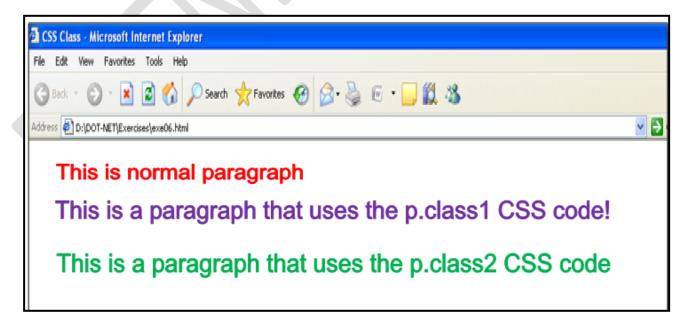
```
P{ color : red; font-size: 16px; }
p. Class1 { color : blue; }
p. Class2 { color : green; font -size: 12px; }
```

- 3. Open Notepad file again and save it with cssclass.html name.
- 4. Type the following HTML Code.

```
<html>
   <head>
     <title>CSS Class</title>
     <style type="text/CSS">
     @import "CSSClass. CSS";
     </style>
</head>
<body>
      This is a normal paragraph. 
     This is a paragraph that uses the p.class1 CSS code!
 This is a paragraph that uses the p . Class2 CSS Code!
</body>
</html>
```

1. Close the Notepad file and open it in Internet Explorer. It will look as shown in the following window.

Result





Lesson No. 9 : Font properties

CSS gives you great control over the way your text is displayed. You can change the text size, color, style, and more. There are some of the properties of font that are used to give the style to the HTML file's font. These are as follows:

Properties	Syntax	Explanation			
Family	Font-family: Times or Georgia	Used to change the face of a fon			
Size	Font-size : pt or px	Used to increase or decrease the size of a font.			
Style	Font-style: italic	Used to make a font italic or oblique.			
Variant	Font-variant: small-caps or normal	Used to create a small-caps effect.			
Weight	Fort-weight : bold or bolder	Used to increase or decrease how bold or light a font appears.			
Font	Font : 12px, Arial, italic, small- caps	Used to set all the font properties at once			

Font-family

The font-family property is used to change the face of a font.

Example:

This Font-family is Comic Sans MS.

Font-size

The font-size property is used to increase or decrease the size of a font.

Example:



Output: This Font- Size is 16 points

Font-Style

This font-style property is used to make a font italic or blique.

Example:

```
CSS Code

<style type="text/css">
P {font-style:italic;}

</style>

HTML Code

 This Font-style is ITALIC. 
Output:

This Font-style is ITALIC
```

Font-variant

The font-variant property is used to create a small-caps effects.

Font-Weight

The font-weight property is used increase or decrease how bold or light a font appears.



This Font-weight is bolder.

Font

This shorthand property allows you to specify one or more font properties at once in the following order:

THIS TEST IS SHOWN WITH SHORTHAND FONT PROPERTIES.

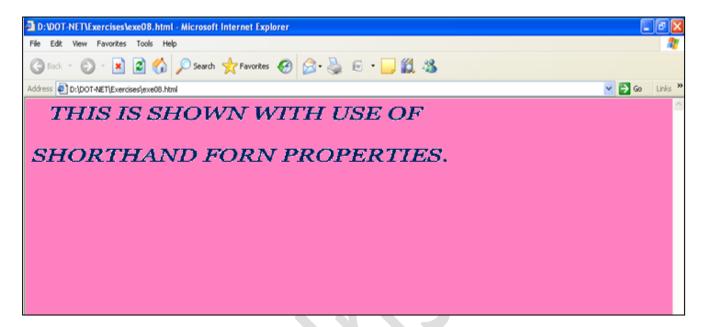
Exercise No. 7

- 1. Open a Notepad file and same it with *cssfont.html* name.
- 2. Type the code shown below:

```
<html>
<head>
<style type="text/css">
P {font-family : Georgia;
       Font-size: 18px;
       font-style: italic;
       font-variant : small-caps;
       font-weight : light;}
Body { background-color:pink;
       color:blue;}
</style>
</head>
<body>
This text shown with use of shorthand font properties.
</body>
</html>
```

3. Close the Notepad window and open this file in your browser.







Lesson No. 10: Border Properties

CSS border, allows you to completely customize the borders that appear around HTML element. With HTML, it used to be impossible to place a border around an element, except for the table. CSS borders let you create crisp, customize border styles with very little work, compared to the antiquated methods of HTML.

The border properties allow you to specify how to border of the box representing an element should look. Following are properties that you can change:

Properties	Syntax	Explanation		
Color	Border-color : color name	Specifies the color of a border.		
Style	Border-style: style type or style	Specifies whether a border should		
	name	be solid, dashed line, double line		
		or one of the other possible values		
Width	Border-width : pixel or px	Specifies the width of a border.		
Border	Border-width: style, color	A shorthand property that allows		
		you to specify color, style, and		
		width of lines in one property		

Border Color

The *border-color* property allows you to change the color of the border surrounding an element. You can individually change the color of the *botto* ,*left*, *top* and *right* sides of an element's border using the properties:

Properties	Syntax	Explanation		
Border-bottom-color	Border-bottom-color : value	Changes the color of bottom border.		
Border-top-color	Border-top-color : value	Changes the color of top border.		
Border-left-color	Border-left-color : value	Changes the color of left border.		
Border-right-color	Border-right-color : value	Changes the color of right border.		

Syntax:

Border-color: value;

The value in the above syntax can be given in any one of the following formats:

Value Example

Basic CSS



i. Color name border-color. rgb (100, 100, 255);

ii. Hexadecimal number border-color: #FFBD32;

iii. RGB color code border-color: blue;

Border Style

You can set the style of a border independently with the *border-style* property. You can individually change the style of the *bottom*, *left*, *top* and *right* sides of an element's border using the properties shown in the following table.

Properties	Syntax	Explanation			
Border-bottom-style	Border-bottom-style : style	Changes the style of bottom			
		border.			
Border-top-style	Border-top-style : style	Changes the style of top border.			
Border-left-style	Border-left-style : style	Changes the style of left border.			
Border-right-style	Border-right-style : style	Changes the style of right border			

Syntax:

Border-style : value ;

The value in the above syntax can be given in any one of the following formats:

Value Explanation

Dashed A series of short lines.

Dotted A series of dots.

Double Two solid lines.

Groove Looks as though it is carved into the page.

Solid A single solid line.

Border Width

You can set the width of a border independently with the *border-width* property. You can individually change the width of the *bottom*, *left*, *top* and *right* sides of an element's border using the properties:

Properties	Syntax	Explanation			
Border-bottom-width	Border-bottom-width : pixels	Changes the width of bottom border.			
Border-top-width	Border-top- width : pixels	Changes the width of top border.			





Border-left- width	Border-left- width : pixels	Changes border.	the	width	of	left
Border-right- width	Border-right- width : pixels	Changes border	the	width	of	right

Syntax

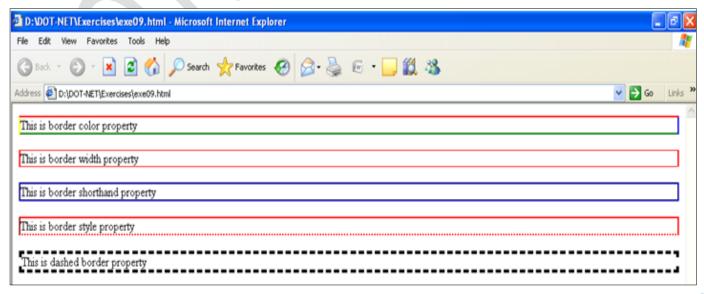
Border-width: value;



Exercise No. 8

- 1. Open a Notepad file and save it with **border.html** name.
- 2. Type the code as shown in the figure given below.
- 3. Close the Notepad window and open this file in your browser. It must appear as shown below:

```
<html>
        <head>
        <style type="text/css">
                 p.solid { border-bottom-color: green;
                          border-top-color:red;
                          border-left-color:yellow;
                          border-right-color:blue;
                          border-style:solid;
                         border-width:2px;
        p.double { border-bottom-width: 1px;
                          border-top-width:1px;
                         border-left-width:2px;
                          border-right-width:2px;
                          border-style:double;
                          border-color:red;
        p.groove { border:2px groove blue; }
p.dotted { border-bottom-style: dotted;
                          border-top-style:solid;
                          border-left-style:groove;
                         border-right-style:double;
border-width:2px;
                          border-color:red; }
        p.dashed {border-style: dashed; }
</style>
<body>
         This is border color property
        This is border width property
This is border shorthand property
This is border style property
        This is dashed border property
</body>
</html>
```





Lesson No. 11: CSS - positioning

CSS helps you to position your HTML element. You can put any HTML element at whatever location you like. You can specify whether you want the element positioned relative to its natural position in the page or absolute based on its parent element.

There are three ways of positioning HTML elements using CSS which are as follows:

- 1. Relative positioning
- 2. Absolute positioning
- 3. Fixed positioning

You can't differentiate between all these three by writing code for these. Only by seeing the effect of that code in a browser you get the difference of all these positionings

Relative Positioning

Relative positioning change the position of the HTML element relative to where it normally appears. It we had a header that appears at the top of page, we could use relative positioning to move it a bit to the right and down a couple of pixels.

You define the four possible directions (left, right, up, and down) using on tow (left and top). Here's a quick reference when moving HTML elements in CSS

- Move Left- Use a negative value for Left.
- Move Right- Use a positive value for left.
- Move Up- Use a negative value for top
- Move Down- Use a positive value for top

Absolute Positioning

With absolute positioning, you define the exact pixel value where the specified HTML element will appear. The pint of origin is the top-left of the browser's viewable area, so be sure your are measuring form that point.

Fixed Positioning

Fixed positioning is a lot like absolute positioning. The position of the element is calculated in the same way as the absolute model-form the side of the view port. But fixed elements are then fixed in that location, like a watermark. Everything else on the page will then scroll past that element. Specified coordinates will be relative to the browse window.