CSE 154



LECTURE 2: MORE HTML AND CSS

Block and inline elements



block elements contain an entire large region of content

- examples: paragraphs, lists, table cells
- the browser places a margin of whitespace between block elements for separation

inline elements affect a small amount of content

- examples: bold text, code fragments, images
- the browser allows many inline elements to appear on the same line
- must be nested inside a block element

Quotations <blockquote>

a lengthy quotation (block)

```
As Lincoln said in his famous Gettysburg Address:
<blockquote>
    Fourscore and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth
    on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and
    dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

</blockquote>
HTML
```

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output

Inline quotations <q>

a short quotation (inline)

```
Quoth the Raven, <q>Nevermore.
HTML
Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore."
```

Why not just write the following?
 Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore."

Computer code <code>

a short section of computer code (usually shown in a fixed-width font)

```
The <code>ul</code> and <code>ol</code>
  tags make lists.

The ul and ol tags make lists.

output
```

Preformatted text

a large section of pre-formatted text (block)

- Displayed with exactly the whitespace / line breaks given in the text
- Shown in a fixed-width font by default

Line break:

forces a line break in the middle of a block element (inline)

```
The woods are lovely, dark and deep, <br /> But I have promises to
   keep, <br /> And miles to go before I sleep, <br /> And miles to go
   before I sleep.
```

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

Warning: Don't over-use br (guideline: >= 2 in a row is bad)

HTML Character Entities

a way of representing any <u>Unicode</u> character within a web page

character(s)	entity		
< >	< >		
é è ñ	é è ñ		
тм ©	™ ©		
π δ Δ	π δ Δ		
И	И		
" &	" &		

Complete list of HTML entities

Deletions and insertions: , <ins>

content that should be considered deleted or added to the document (inline)

```
<del>Final Exam</del> <ins>Midterm</ins> is on <del>Aug 29</del> <ins>Apr 17</ins>.
Final Exam Midterm is on Aug 29 Apr 17.
output
```

Abbreviations: <abbr>

an abbreviation, acronym, or slang term (inline)

```
Safe divers always remember to check their <abbr title="Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus">SCUBA</abbr> gear.
Safe divers always remember to check their SCUBA gear.
output
```

- The title will appear when the abbreviated word is hovered over
- In some browsers the abbreviated word will have a dashed underline

Phrase elements: ,

em: emphasized text (usually rendered in italic) strong: strongly emphasized text (usually rendered in bold)

```
  HTML is <em>really</em>,
  <strong>REALLY</strong> fun!
```

HTML is really, **REALLY** fun!

as usual, the tags must be properly nested for a valid page

Nesting tags

- tags must be correctly nested
 - (a closing tag must match the most recently opened tag)
- the browser may render it correctly anyway, but it is invalid HTML
 - (how would we get the above effect in a valid way?)

Images:

inserts a graphical image into the page (inline)



- the src attribute specifies the image URL
- HTML5 also requires an alt attribute describing the image

Web Standards

It is important to write proper HTML code and follow proper syntax.

Why use valid HTML and web standards?

- more rigid and structured language
- more interoperable across different web browsers
- more likely that our pages will display correctly in the future
- can be interchanged with other XML data: <u>SVG</u> (graphics), <u>MathML</u>, <u>MusicML</u>, <u>etc.</u>

W3C HTML Validator



- validator.w3.org
- checks your HTML code to make sure it follows the official HTML syntax
- more picky than the browser, which may render bad HTML correctly

The bad way to produce styles

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Cascading Style Sheets (CSS): <link>

- CSS describes the appearance and layout of information on a web page (as opposed to HTML, which describes the content of the page)
- can be embedded in HTML or placed into separate .css file (preferred)

Basic CSS rule syntax

```
selector {
    property: value;
    property: value;
    property: value;
    property: value;
}
p {
    font-family: sans-serif;
    color: red;
}
```

- a CSS file consists of one or more rules
- a rule's selector specifies HTML element(s) and applies style properties
- a selector of * selects all elements

CSS properties for colors

```
p {
      color: red;
      background-color: yellow;
}
```

This paragraph uses the style above.

Property	Description
color	color of an element's text
background-color	color that will appear behind the element

Specifying colors

```
p { color: red; }
h2 { color: rgb(128, 0, 196); }
h4 { color: #FF8800; }
```

This paragraph uses the first style above.

This h2 uses the second style above.

This h4 uses the third style above.

- color names: aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, (white), yellow
- RGB codes: red, green, and blue values from 0 (none) to 255 (full)
- hex codes: RGB values in base-16 from 00 (0, none) to FF (255, full)

CSS properties for fonts

property	description	
<u>font-family</u>	which font will be used	
<u>font-size</u>	how large the letters will be drawn	
<u>font-style</u>	used to enable/disable italic style	
<u>font-weight</u>	used to enable/disable bold style	
Complete list of font properties		

font-size

```
p {
      font-size: 14pt;
}
```

This paragraph uses the style above.

- units: pixels (px) vs. point (pt) vs. m-size (em) 16px, 16pt, 1.16em
- vague font sizes: xx-small, x-small, small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, smaller, larger
- percentage font sizes, e.g.: 90%, 120%

font-family

```
p {
  font-family: Georgia;
}
h2 {
  font-family: "Courier New";
}
```

This paragraph uses the first style above.

This h2 uses the second style above.

enclose multi-word font names in quotes

More about font-family

```
p {
   font-family: Garamond, "Times New Roman", serif;
}
```

This paragraph uses the above style.

- can specify multiple fonts from highest to lowest priority
- generic font names:

```
serif, sans-serif, cursive, FANTASY, monospace
```

font-weight, font-style

```
p {
  font-weight: bold;
  font-style: italic;
}
```

This paragraph uses the style above.

either of the above can be set to normal to turn them off (e.g. headings)