Colors/Tables

CSCI 1210

Essentials of Web Design

CSS Review

Review

HTML == Structure

CSS == Style

We use CSS to modify the presentation of our web pages

The preferred method of including CSS with our HTML is through use of External stylesheets

For special situations, however, we can use Embedded (whole page) or Inline (specific element) CSS



Review

Three parts:

Selector -> Identifies (or "selects") the element you want to style

Property -> What you want to change (e.g., "margin")

Value -> How you want to change it (e.g., 25px) [px == pixels; it is important that you don't put a space between 25 and px]

Review (OK, this is actually new)

So "px" is pixels

There are other units of measure we can use

% - percentage em - literally, the width of the letter 'm' rem - font size of the root element vw - 1% of the viewport width

vh - 1% of the viewport height

cm - centimeters

in - inches

pc - picas

pt - points

In this class, we'll mostly use px

It is an absolute length unit that displays the same size regardless of the display size

Other units (e.g., em and rem) display differently on different sized displays (more on that in CSCI 1720)

More on CSS & Color

Choosing Colors

As we learned from our first homework assignment, poor choice of display colors can ruin an otherwise good web site, and potentially a visitor's eyesight

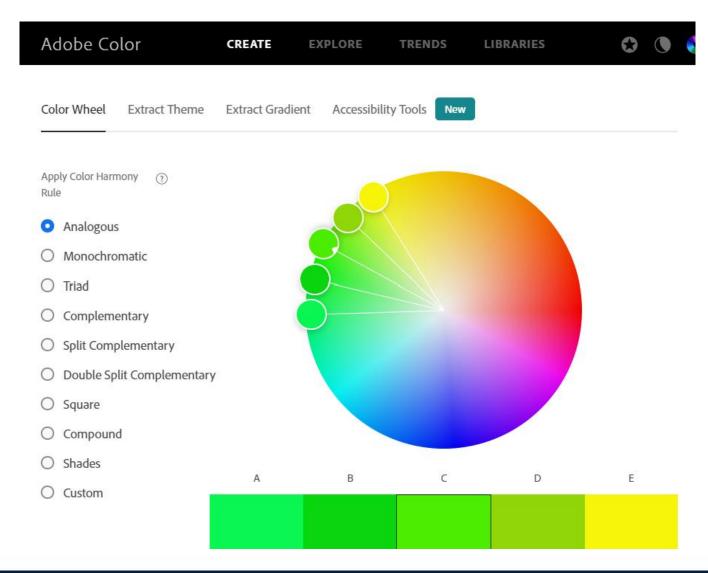
All joking aside, a badly executed color scheme will encourage users to find other sites

Several online tools are available that can help a developer select an effective set of colors for a web site (this, by the way, may actually be decided by the client)

(If you were worried, you won't have to do hexadecimal math)

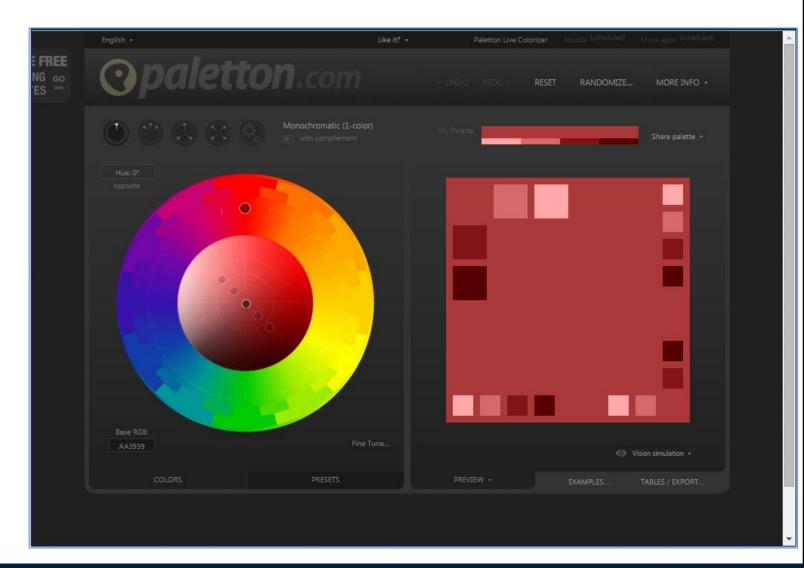
Adobe Color Wheel CC

https://color.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/

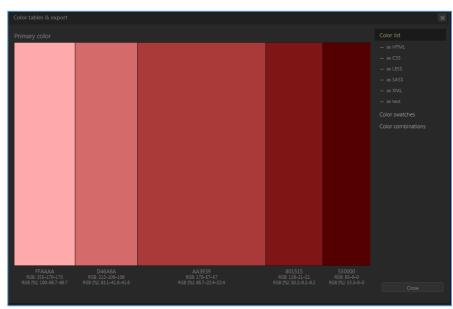


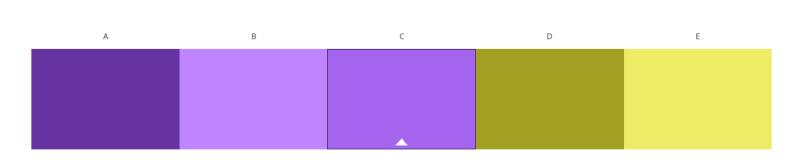
Paletton

http://www.paletton.com



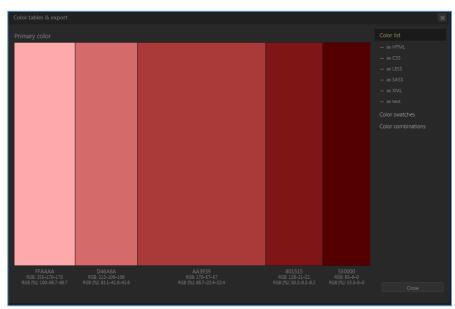
One of the tasks in Phase 3 of the semester project is submitting the color palette you intend to use for your web site

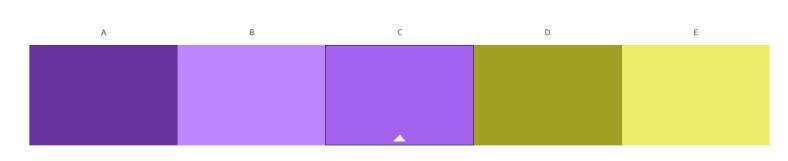




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For this phase, DO NOT say, 'We intend to use shades of blue and gray,' or something like that. Pick a color palette, take a screen shot, and include it in your submission





Paletton Adobe

The single most important issue with color selection is -- Contrast

When designing websites, it's important to make sure that you're creating sufficient color contrast

Color contrast is part of a broader set of web standards that fall under the umbrella of accessibility

They're meant to make sure that everyone – including those with visual, motor/mobility, auditory or cognitive impairments, or seizures – are not presented with barriers that prevent interaction with websites

Seriously, how easy is it to read this slide, compared to all of the others?

Even for folks who aren't visually impaired, low contrast can result in eye strain

This is part of what is referred to as a "negative user experience"

User experience (a positive one) is an over-arching goal of effective design

About 8% of all men and about 0.5% of all women are suffering from color blindness (color vision deficiency)

To put the percentages into perspective – there are close to 300 million people who are colorblind

This is what we mean by contrast

Contrast is the difference between the foreground of an element and its background

The top image would be very difficult for someone with vision impairment to read

We'll talk about this later -- but accessibility to the web for everyone is a **HUGE** issue

I am low contrast

I am high contrast

Adobe Color and Paletton (and, incidentally, the web developer tools included in all modern browsers) will provide feedback regarding the contrast between the colors you've chosen

It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of color selection

Many of us don't consider ourselves to be 'creative' in the sense of color selection -- these tools can help us overcome our shortcomings...





Color list

Color swatches

Color combinations

Contrast

This, historically, has been a ticklish subject for our class

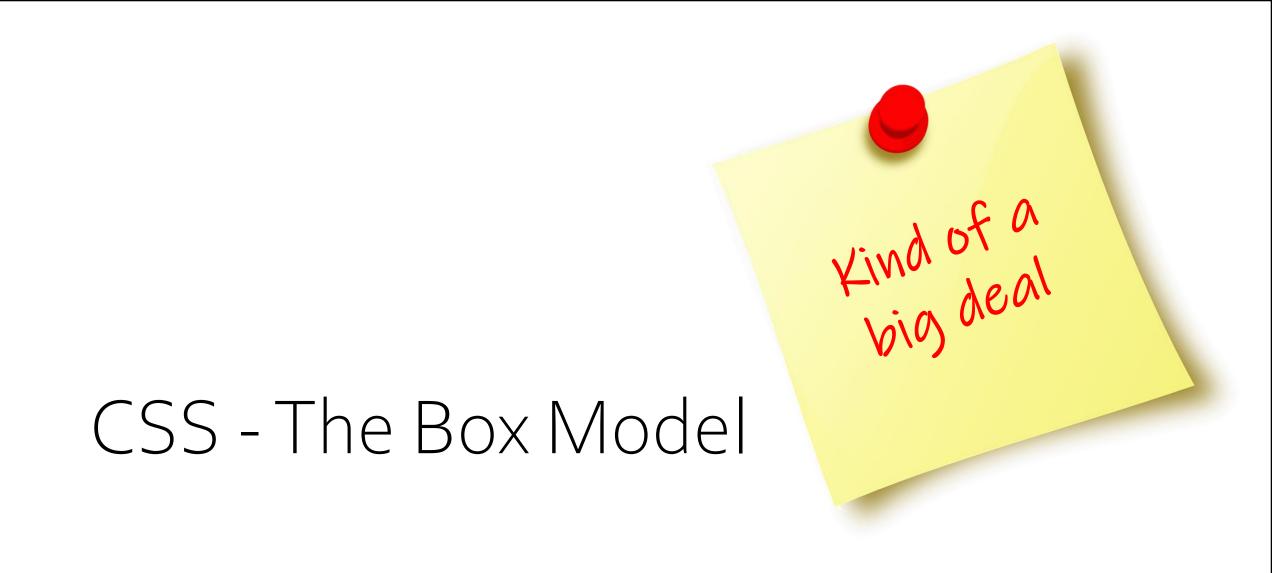
Again, a lot of us computing students don't think in these terms

But, web development includes a lot of folks with different educational backgrounds

It is important that we all have at least some understanding of what other folks' responsibilities are

That includes graphic design, digital media, marketing, computer science, sales, advertising, and a bunch of other stakeholders

"Stakeholder" == ANYONE who has an interest in the success of a web site



You ever seen those Russian nesting ("Matroyska") dolls?



The CSS Box Model is conceptually similar

A very important concept in CSS position Applies to block level elements margin Each is regarded as a nested box with border four parts: padding Margin 1489×902 Border Padding Content

Content: The space where the element's content is displayed

Padding: Space between a box's border and content. Adding padding can improve readability of the content. Default = 0

Border: Wraps around the padding and content. Doesn't include the margin . Default = o

Margin: Area outside of the border. Can create a gap between adjacent boxes . Default = o

By default, padding, border, and margin are o

We can modify any or all of the three to modify the presentation of our content using CSS

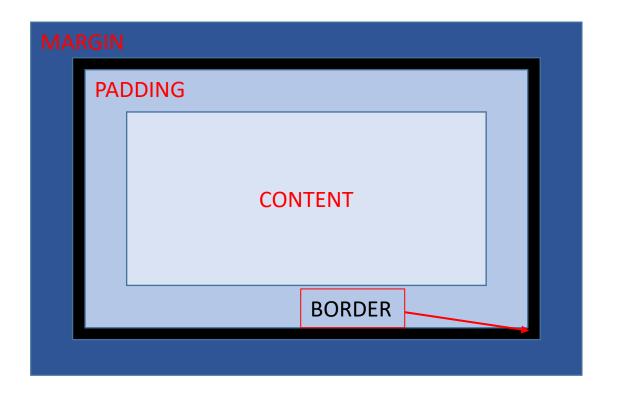
Box Dimensions

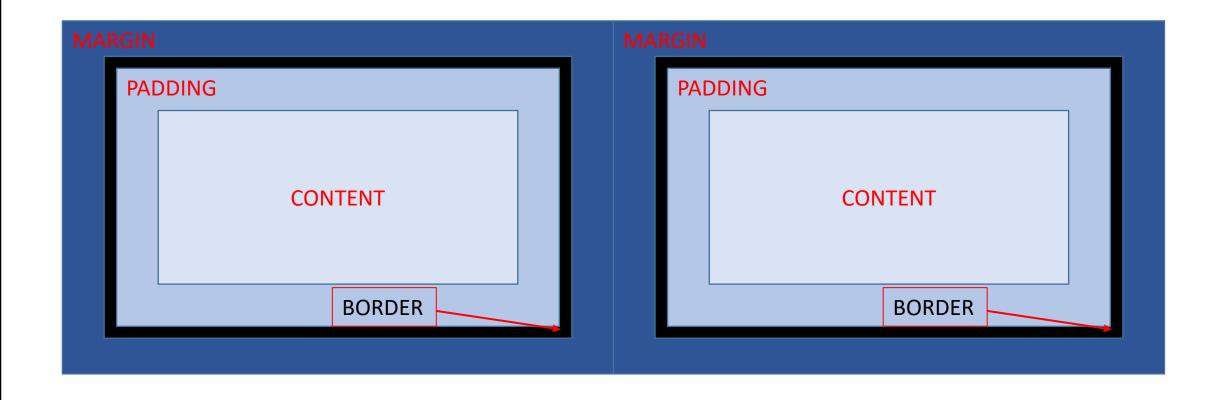
width, height

By default, a box is sized by a browser to be just big enough to hold its content

You can explicitly set the width and height in CSS

Height doesn't always work very well

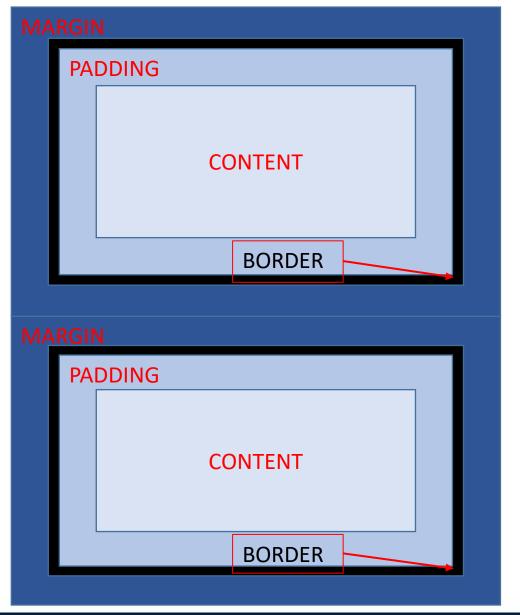




The Box Model - Margin Collapse

If two block-level elements are stacked one on top of the other, the distance will be whichever top or bottom margin is greatest

I.e., if the top box has a bottom margin of 25px and the bottom box has a top margin of 20px, the distance between them will be 25px



So the box can be modified to visually separate one block of content from another, improving its presentation

Web design is about more than just writing code

Arranging content based on established best practices to make it attractive for visitors and thus likely to engage them in the future

Again, the concept falls under "User Experience," or UX

Padding, border, and margin can be set one of four ways:

Specifying top, right, bottom, and left values

Specifing top/bottom and right/left_values

Specifying a single value that applies to top, right, bottom, and left

```
Syntax */
All four sides */
 padding-top: 5px;
 padding-right: 5px;
 padding-bottom: 5px;
 padding-left: 5px;
top/bottom, right/left */
 padding: 5px 5px;
all around */
 padding: 5px;
```

Padding, border, and margin can be set one of four ways:

Specifying all four on one line

The order of the values is top, right, bottom, left (clockwise, starting from the top)

```
/* all 4 values at once */
p {
   padding: 5px 5px 5px 5px;
}
```

```
To make a border work, you have to modify three properties:

border-width
border-style
border-color

p {
    width: 100px;
    height: 75px;
    border-width: 1px;
    border-style: solid;
    border-color: □rgb(255,0,0);
}
```

```
We can (and often do) write this in shorthand
shorthand

/* border shorthand */
p {
    width: 100px;
    height: 75px;
    border: 1px solid  rgb(255,0,0);
}
```

Border styles

dotted - Defines a dotted border

dashed - Defines a dashed border

solid - Defines a solid border

double - Defines a double border

groove - Defines a 3D grooved border. The effect depends on the border-color value

ridge - Defines a 3D ridged border. The effect depends on the border-color value

inset - Defines a 3D inset border. The effect depends on the border-color value

outset - Defines a 3D outset border. The effect depends on the border-color value

none - Defines no border

hidden - Defines a hidden border

padding and margin can be modified alone, without additional values

But **border** alone won't work unless all three properties are set (actually, you can leave off **border-color**; it defaults to black)

Tables

Tables

Tables have also been a part of the HTML language since Day 1

Historically, tables often used in HTML for page layout and text alignment. CSS techniques now used for this

HTML tables should only be used for rendering data that belongs naturally in a grid, in other words where the data describe a number of objects that have the same properties

Tables should **never** be used for layout

Tables

Order#	ltem	Quantity	Total price
145	ZOTAC GeForce RTX 3070	1	\$500.00
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^{*} Note: I styled this example using CSS - We'll learn how to do that later

Taxonomy of tables

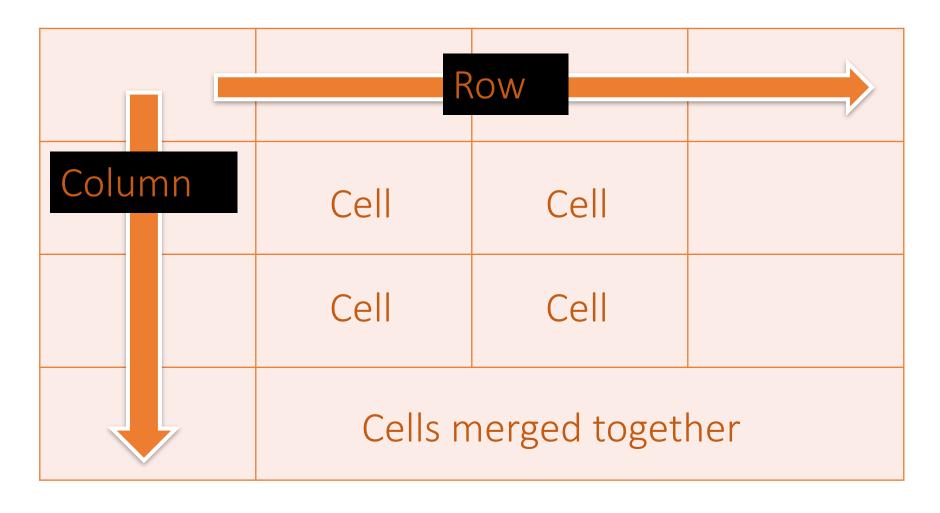


Table Tags

beginning and end of a table

(table row)

beginning and end of a row

(table data)

beginning and end of a cell

```
<!-- Constructing a table -->
FrodoSamwise
  MerryPippin
  'table>
```

Tables are laid out row by row, top to bottom, left to right

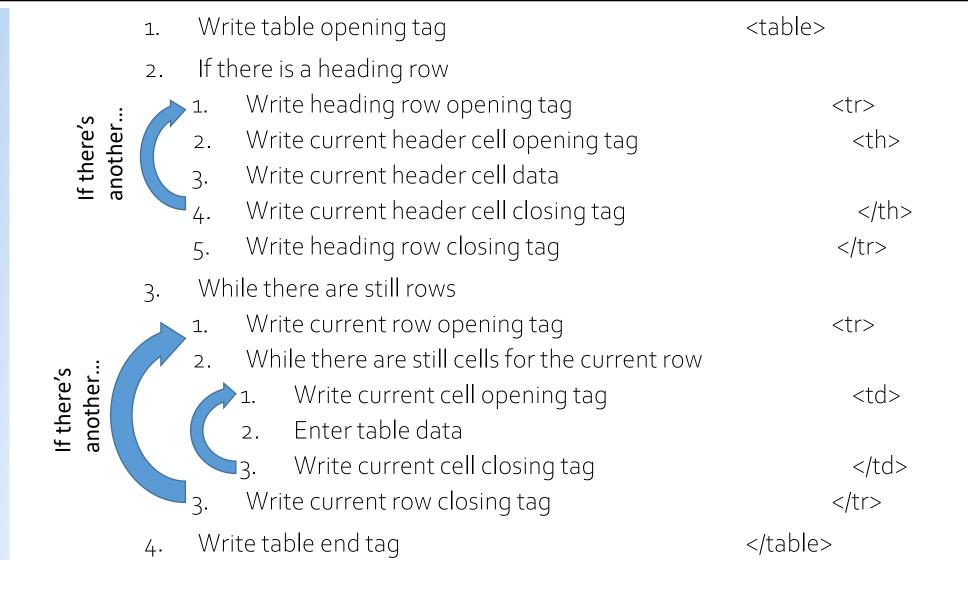
Table headings

We often want to include column headings with our tables

```
 (table heading)
beginning and end of a table heading
By default, all major browsers display
 as bold and center
```

```
<!-- Constructing a table -->
NameName
 FrodoSamwise
 MerryPippin
```

programmatically Tables,



Cells can be joined using rowspan (for vertical joining) and colspan (for horizontal joining) attribute on td tag

```
rowspan="n" or colspan="n"
n represents number of rows or
columns to span across
```

```
1colspan="2">2
 34rowspan="2">5
 67
```

1	2		
3	4	5	
6	7	5	

When writing code for a table that includes merged cells, pencil and paper can make the job easier

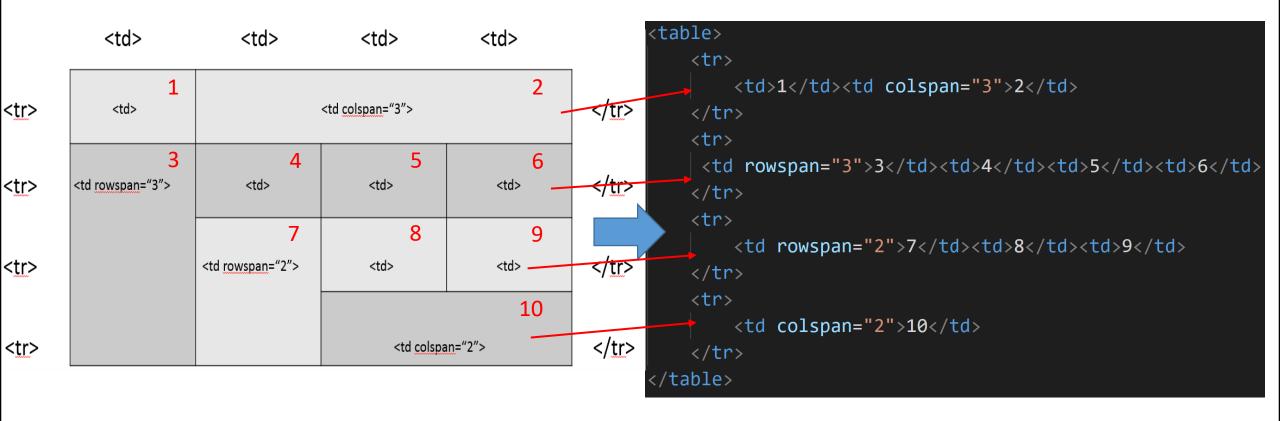
Remember, HTML draws tables row by row

Draw out the proposed table by hand

It may help to put tags around each row and tags above each column

Spannir	ng Cells >	>	>	>	
	>				
		>	>	>	
			>	>	
					•

Later (not in this class), when you're writing code that "writes the code" this can help. Think: Ebay -- search results are displayed in dynamically generated tables



So, using our hand drawn diagram, the code for a complex table can easily be written

Remember, the number of cells in each row must be equal

Cells that span rows or columns have to be accounted for

Tables – Fixing Column Width

We can fix the width of tables' columns by using standalone tags inside the table element in the HTML with inline CSS

Dynamic Table-Building

This is outside the scope of this class, but I want to illustrate how tables can be built dynamically

Again, think Ebay - you enter a search term, the application fetches the results from a database, and the results are displayed in a table

The table doesn't exist <u>until</u> the results are back

We'll see how this table is built (using JavaScript) when the user clicks the button

Show Table

AMOO ATZEN RYZEN	CPU	ZOTAC GeForce RTX 3070
1	1	\$500.00
でで	CPU-Cooler	EK EK-AIO 240 D-RGB 66.04 CFM Liquid CPU Cooler
	1	\$179.99
	Motherboard	Asus TUF GAMING X570-PLUS ATX AM4 Motherboard
	1	\$192.09
	RAM	OLOy WarHawk RGB 32 GB (2 x 16 GB) DDR4- 3600 CL16 Memory
	2	\$313.98
Total Marian	Storage	ADATA XPG SX6000 Pro 1 TB M.2-2280 NVME Solid State Drive
	2	\$91.99
	Graphics Card	EVGA GeForce RTX 3090 24 GB XC3 ULTRA GAMING Video Card
A MISSING	1	\$2555.49

```
<body>
                                                                <div> starts out empty
                   <div id="tab"></div>
                   <button id="b">Show Table</button>
                   <script>
                                                                 Button
                      let list = [
                                                                          List of items
                              "image": "images/cpu.jpg",
                              "item": "CPU",
                                                                          (retrieved, IRL,
These are keys.
                              "description": "ZOTAC GeForce RTX 3070",
                                                                          from a
                              "quantity": "1",
Notice how they
                              "price": "$500.00"
                                                                          database)
repeat (with
different values)
                              "image": "images/cpu-cooler.jpg",
for each item
                              "item": "CPU-Cooler",
                              "description": "EK EK-AIO 240 D-RGB 66.04 CFM Liquid CPU Cooler",
                              "quantity": "1",
                              "price": "$179.99"
```

```
Output string (this will hold the HTML
let out=""; ---
                                  for the table)
for (item in list) { ____
   let el = list[item];
                               For each item in the list
   out += "" +
             "<img src='" + el.image + "'>" +
             "" + el.item + "" +
                                               Build each pair of rows
             el.description + "" +
         "" +
                                               and add them to the table
         "" +
             "" + el.quantity + "" +
             "" + el.price + "" +
         "";
                                     When the button is clicked,
out += ""
document.getElementById("b").addEventListener("click", function() {
   document.getElementById("tab").innerHTML = out;
});
                                              Add the code to the page
```

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Again, don't feel intimidated if the last two slides read like Greek to you

The point is, a lot of what we'll be learning this semester will form the basis for future classes (like CSCI 1720, CSCI 2910, and CSCI 3110)

A little preview can't hurt



The basic, un-styled table, can be awful un-inspiring

Cells automatically adjust to the content of the widest cell in the column

N.I. I	Order#	Item	Quantity	Total price
No borders	145	ZOTAC GeForce RTX 3070	1	\$500.00
Nanaddina	146	AMD Ryzen 5 5600X CPU	1	\$280.00
No padding	147	ASRock X570 STEEL LEGEND MB	1	\$196.00
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We can add styling rules to tables to make them more attractive

It's a little more complicated, though, because of the fact that there are four elements - table, table row, table heading, and table data that comprise a table

There are actually some other table elements, but these are the ones we're focusing on

Let's start with the table element

```
table {
   border: 1px solid □#777;
   width: 600px;
   margin: 50px auto;
}
```

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So, we added a border. Notice, though, that the border only goes around the table, not the cells

Also, we set a width, which spaces things out more nicely

Notice the margin. When we set the left and right margins on a block element to 'auto,' the element will be centered in its parent container (you can't really tell from the screenshot)

If we want borders around the cells, also:

```
th, td {
   border: 1px solid □#777;
}
```

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That's a little better

But that "double-border" is kind of ugly

Let's fix that

BTW, using the comma (','), we can apply the same rules to multiple selectors. We'll talk more about that later

Let's fix the borders:

```
table {
   border: 1px solid □#777;
   width: 600px;
   margin: 50px auto;
   border-collapse: collapse;
   font-family: sans-serif;
}
```

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The border-collapse property applies to tables and, well, makes the borders collapse

We also changed the font-family to 'sans-serif,' well, because we kind of hate serif fonts

Now, it looks a lot better, but things are still kind of "scrunched up." Let's fix that:

```
th, td {
   border: 1px solid □#777;
   padding: 5px;
}
```

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This is what the padding property does - remember: it adds space between the content and the border

How about this?

```
th, td {
    border: 1px solid □#777;
    padding: 5px;
}
th {
    background-color: □#000055;
    color: ■#ffffff;
}
```

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This illustrates the 'cascading' part of Cascading Style Sheets

We added rules that apply to both the <th> & <td> elements, then a more specific rule that applies only to <th> elements

Now, what we've created so far still doesn't look like the examples from earlier

There's a lot more fun stuff we can do to style tables

But, I guess, that's enough for today ©

How do we get from here to there?

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...time will tell...

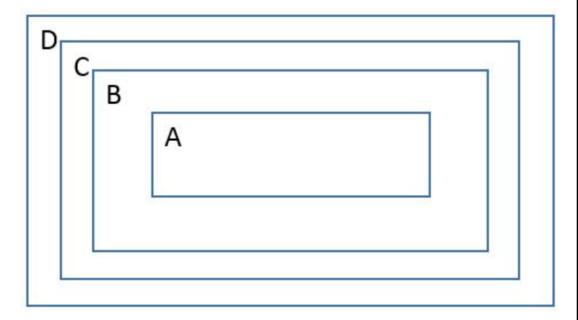
Questions?



- 1. What is the most important issue with regard to color selection?
- A. Contrast
- B. What tools you use
- C. Hue
- D. Saturation

- 2. What is contrast?
- A. A color's hue
- B. A color's saturation
- C. How pleasing a color may be for a given user
- D. The difference between foreground and background colors

- 3. CSS uses the Box Model when calculating the box properties. In the picture below, what does 'D' represent??
- A. Content
- B. Padding
- C. Border
- D. Margin



- 4. The box model can be applied to both block and inline elements
- A. True
- B. False

- 5. Tables are a relatively new element in HTML
- A. True
- B. False

- 6. Which of the following is used to create a cell in a table?
- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

7. Which attribute is used to create cell #5 in this table?

- A. spancol
- B. rowspan
- C. colspan
- D. spanrow

1	2		
3	4	5	
6	7		

8. Which of the following represents high contrast?

А. А

B. A

C. A

D. A

- 9. If I don't want my table to have double borders, how can I fix it?
- A. border-collapse: collapse;
- B. collapse-border: true;
- C. border-collapse: true;
- D. collapse-border: collapse;

10. By default, the element displays text bold and centered

- A. True
- B. False

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