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CSS Essentials

Duration: 1 Day

Overview:

Web site design has grown up. Unlike the old days, when designers cobbled together chunky HTML, bandwidth-hogging graphics, and a prayer to make their sites look good, Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) now brings your inner designer to life. But, CSS isn't just a tool to pretty up your site; it's a reliable method for handling all kinds of presentation - from fonts and colours to page layout.

Aspect Training's CSS Essentials course clearly explains this powerful design language and how you can use it to build sparkingly new Web sites or refurbish

On this course beginners and Web-building veterans alike can learn how to navigate the ins-and-outs of CSS and take complete control over their Web pages' appearance. The course combines crystal-clear explanations, real-world examples, a dash of humour, and dozens of hands on examples to show you ways to design sites with CSS that work consistently across browsers.

Want to learn how to turn humdrum Web sites into destinations that will capture viewers and keep them longer? Attend this course and learn the real magic of this tool.

Prerequisites:

An understanding of basic HTML is required, or attendance of our HTML introduction course. This course is also useful to users of Dreamweaver, Expression Web or SharePoint Designer.

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Course Topics:

Rethinking HTML for CSS

HTML: Past and Present
Writing HTML for CSS
The Importance of the Doctype

Creating Styles and Style Sheets

Anatomy of a Style
Understanding Style Sheets
Internal Style Sheets
External Style Sheets

Selector Basics: Identifying What to Style

Tag Selectors: Page-Wide Styling
Class Selectors: Pinpoint Control
ID Selectors: Specific Page Elements
Styling Tags Within Tags
Styling Groups of Tags
Pseudo-Classes and Pseudo-Elements
Advanced Selectors

Saving Time with Inheritance

What Is Inheritance?
How Inheritance Streamlines Style Sheets
The Limits of Inheritance

Managing Multiple Styles: The Cascade

How Styles Cascade
Specificity: Which Style Wins
Controlling the Cascade

Formatting Text

Formatting Text
Changing Font Size
Formatting Words and Letters
Formatting Entire Paragraphs
Styling Lists

Margins, Padding, and Borders

Understanding the Box Model
Control Space with Margins and Padding
Adding Borders
Coloring the Background
Determining Height and Width
Wrap Content with Floating Elements

Adding Graphics to Web Pages

CSS and the Tag
Background Images
Controlling Repetition
Positioning a Background Image
Using Background Property Shorthand
Sprucing Up Your Site's Navigation
Selecting Which Links to Style
Styling Links
Building Navigation Bars
Advanced Link Techniques

Formatting Tables and Forms

Using Tables the Right Way
Styling Tables
Styling Forms

Building Float-Based Layouts

How CSS Layout Works
Types of Web Page Layouts
Float Layout Basics
Applying Floats to Your Layouts
Overcoming Float Problems
Handling Internet Explorer Bugs

Positioning Elements on a Web Page

How Positioning Properties Work
Powerful Positioning Strategies

CSS for the Printed Page

How Media Style Sheets Work
How to Add Media Style Sheets
Creating Print Style Sheets



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