



Creating a Personal Website with HTML and CSS Essentials and Best Practices

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Lesson Objectives

- Understand the basic structure of HTML, including tags, attributes, and elements
- Learn how to style HTML elements using CSS, including selectors, properties, and values
- Apply best practices for web design, including accessibility, usability, and responsiveness
- Create a simple web page using HTML and CSS



HTML Basics

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is the standard markup language used to create web pages. It provides the structure and content of a web page, while CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is used to control the layout and visual styling. In this section, we will cover the basics of HTML, including:

- Tags: `<>`, `</>`, `< />`

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`< />`, `< />`, etc.

- Attributes: `< href >`, `< src >`, `< alt >`, `< title >`, etc.
- Elements: headings, paragraphs, links, images, etc.



CSS Basics

CSS is used to control the layout and visual styling of web pages. It consists of a set of rules, known as styles, which are applied to elements on a web page. In this section, we will cover the basics of CSS, including:

- Selectors: ``h1``, ``.header``, ``#nav``, etc.
- Properties: ``color``, ``background-color``, ``font-size``, etc.
- Values: ``#000000``, ``red``, ``12px``, etc.



Creating a Personal Website

In this section, we will guide students through the process of creating a simple web page using HTML and CSS. We will cover:

- Creating a basic web page structure using HTML
- Adding content, including text, images, and links
- Styling the web page using CSS
- Applying best practices for web design, including accessibility, usability, and responsiveness



Best Practices for Web Design

Good web design is essential for creating user-friendly and effective websites. In this section, we will cover best practices for web design, including:

- Accessibility: providing alternative text for images, using high contrast colors, etc.
- Usability: creating a clear and consistent navigation, using clear and concise language, etc.
- Responsiveness: designing for different screen sizes and devices



Conclusion and Next Steps

In conclusion, creating a personal website with HTML and CSS is an exciting and rewarding experience that can help students develop essential skills in web development. Throughout this lesson, students have learned the basics of HTML and CSS, including tags, attributes, and elements, as well as styling and layout techniques. They have also learned about best practices for web design, including accessibility, usability, and responsiveness. By applying these skills and knowledge, students can create a professional and engaging website that showcases their personality, skills, and interests.

Next steps:

- Lesson 2: Introduction to JavaScript
- Lesson 3: Responsive Web Design
- Lesson 4: Web Development Project

