

Defining styles

Elements such as paragraphs, bullets in a list, headings, tables, cells... in fact anything can be assigned a style.

Style includes many *attributes*. An attribute describes something that you want to see happen – color, font face or size, space between a cell wall and the text.....

An attribute has two parts: the keyword that identifies what is being defined, what you want to happen. For example to change the font color to red:

font: color #ff0000

keyword(s) what we want

These attributes have to be connected to the element that we want to describe. To define characteristics for a paragraph we would need:

p{attribute1; attribute2;}

Paragraphs have the tag <p> in the html code don't forget. The attributes are separated by a ; and all enclosed within { }.

For example to make a paragraph text have the following characteristics:

Font Trebuchet, size 12, blue, italic

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p{font: 12px "Trebuchet MS";
color:#0000ff;
font-style: italic;}
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bold would require: font-weight:heavy;

There are literally hundreds of attribute/keyword combinations but we will cover quite a number.

The question is of course, where are these styles placed?

Answer: between <style></style> tags in the head section – or separately stored as a .css file.
[css stands for Cascading Style Sheet]