

Week 1:

Topics:

The 'Zen Garden' approach: separating appearance from structure, semantic markup
Browser issues: development browsers
[MoSE, Mozilla/Opera/Safari progressive enhancement]
Web 2.0 design guide
Hierarchy and the unstyled core document
Viewing CSS with WebDeveloper and Firebug in Firefox, other Web tools
Examples of CSS student portfolios

Reading, Week 1:

CSS Mastery: Chapter 1, Setting the Foundations
Chapter 2, Visual Formatting Model Recap

Assignment for Week 2

- download the zencss text from <http://www.zencssgarden.com>
download the add-on tools [free downloads] TextWrangler, WebDeveloper, Firebug
and SpryMedia Design tool.**
- analyze the homepage of ZenCSS and look at the Core Document.**
open it Firefox and "disable CSS" using WebDev; also "view Source"
what is the hierarchy of the document?
what is the sequence of elements? how can these chunks be rearranged on the page?
Linearize the page: look at it with the CSS removed.
- Diagram the structure of the ZenCSS HTML document to show the structure.**
You can use marker pen on paper; you can use colors
Make sure your sketch is clear and legible
Show relationship of **NESTED** DIV containers [you can use WebDev, Firebug and CSS-
viewer]
Label with DIV names
Label with dimensions
Show all DIV containers
- Look at three examples from the CSSZenGarden site**
<http://www.csszengarden.html> go to 'view all designs'

Bring the textbook to class next week

Links:

<http://www.csszengarden.com/>

<http://www.maxdesign.com.au/presentation/process/>

<http://www.dezwozhere.com/links.html>

<http://lorelle.wordpress.com/2005/10/10/html-css-php-and-more-cheat-sheets/>
pages of links/resources

<http://www.hotdesign.com/seybold/>

Why Tables for Layout is Stupid

<http://tantek.com/presentations/2005/09/elements-of-xhtml>
Review HTML & CSS principles.

For live links to web resources, go to the class web page:

<http://www.annetteweintraub.com/courses/49540/49540.html>