

# Formatting CSS Pages

The formatting of CSS pages is carried out by setting the required styles. There are four different types of CSS styles:

**Class:** which are styles that apply to any HTML element.

**Tag:** where you create styles based on HTML tags such as the <body> tag.

**ID:** where you set styles on specific unique page elements such as DIV tags.

**Compound:** where you set styles on two or more class, tag or ID styles simultaneously.

These style types will be used to enhance the page you created in the last two chapters. In this chapter the CSS DESIGNER panel will be used to create the styles. In Chapter 13 you created a style by using the NEW CSS STYLE button in the INSERT DIV dialogue box. You will then be able to decide which method you prefer to use to create CSS styles.

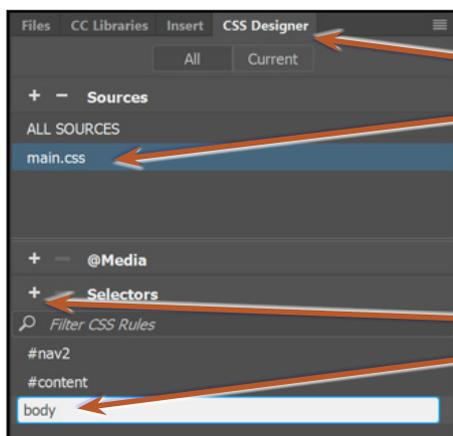
## Setting Tag Styles

To illustrate how to set TAG styles the <body> and <h1> tags (for the BODY and the HEADING 1 styles) will be adjusted.

- 1 Load DreamWeaver and set the FILES panel to the TRAVELWISE2 site.
- 2 Open the INDEX.HTML page and set the screen to DESIGN VIEW, and turn on SPLIT VIEW.

### A The Body Tag

The body tag controls the format of the whole page. You can set some global formats using a style to control the body tag, then make adjustments to other sections.

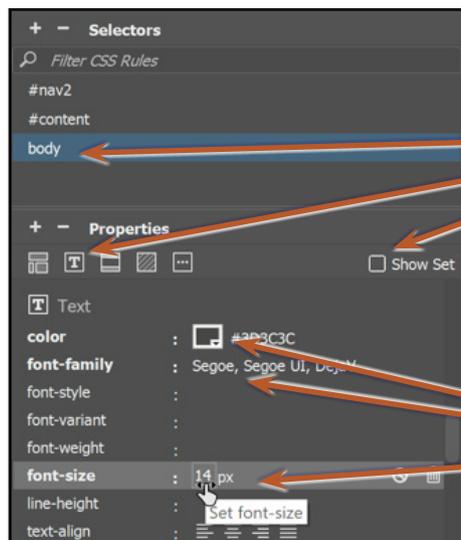


1 Open the CSS DESIGNER panel and select the MAIN.CSS file in the SOURCES section.

2 Click on the ADD SELECTOR (+) icon in the SELECTORS section and enter:

body

in the provided box.

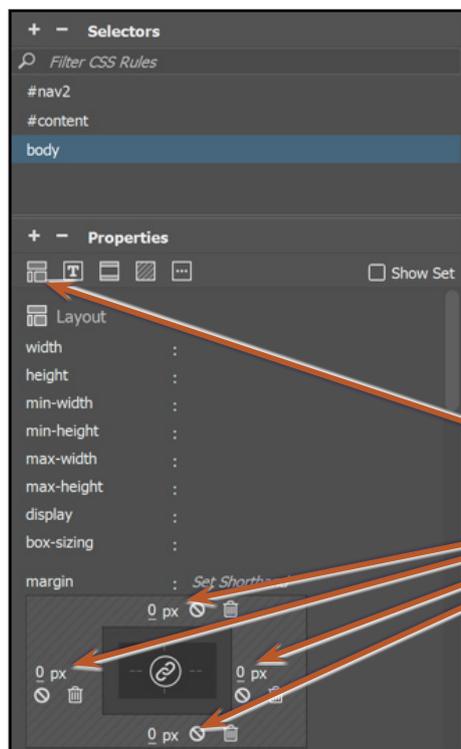


3 Press <enter> or <return> twice so that the PROPERTIES are displayed. Check that SHOW SET is deselected and click on the TEXT icon to show the text properties.

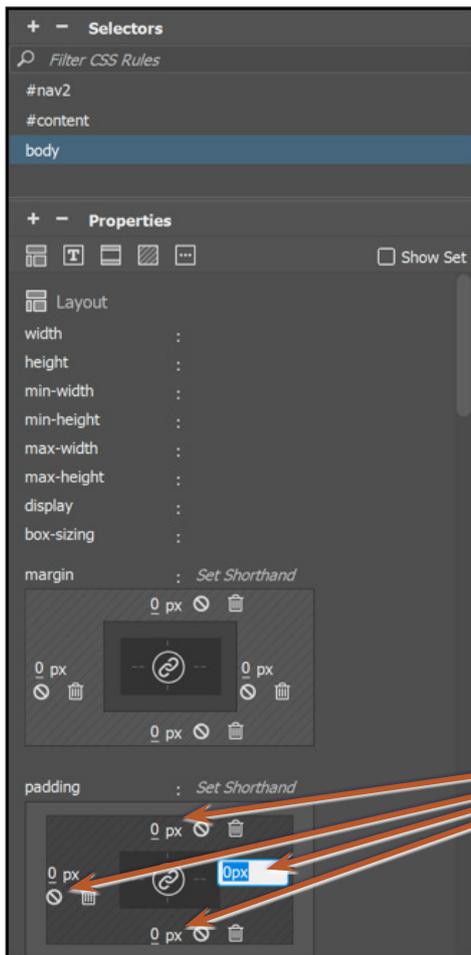
4 Set the COLOUR to DARK GREY, the FONT-FAMILY to SEGOE and the FONT-SIZE to 14 px.

**NOTE:**

- i These settings will become the default settings for all the text on the page.
- ii You can provide more space for the CSS DEVELOPER panel by double clicking on the DOM panel to collapse it.



5 Click on the LAYOUT category icon at the top of the PROPERTIES section then click in each of the MARGIN boxes to turn them on and leave them set to 0. This adds the left, right, top and bottom margins to the style.



6 Click in each of the PADDING boxes to turn them on and leave them set to 0.

**NOTE:**

- i Setting the PADDING and MARGINS to 0 ensures that there is no white space at the top when the page is viewed in a browser.
- ii The BODY style is added to the MAIN.CSS file in the CSS DESIGNER panel. All the HTML tags can be controlled in this fashion by creating a CSS style for them.
- iii The PADDING and MARGIN values need to be clicked on to add their values to the style.
- iv When the centre icon is set to ON  PADDING and MARGIN values are set to the same number.
- v When the centre icon is set to OFF  PADDING and MARGIN values can be set to individual values.

## B Changing Some Text

Now that you have set the default body text settings, some styles can be created to format the headings and sub-headings. You can modify some of the HTML tags or create your own styles. We will look at both methods.

