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Training Tuesday

Troubleshooting with Dev Tools for All CMS Users

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Overview

1. Intro to Developer Tools
2. HTML
3. CSS
4. JavaScript
5. PHP/C#/SQL
6. PCF/XML/XSL
7. Troubleshooting/Editing Code



Intro to Developer Tools

Most important thing to know = Developer tools

- Right Click Inspect to Open

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OmniUpdate Simple Site

Home About

HOME / /

DMC ASSESSMENT

Search

Category Name

3 Reasons to S...
Launch Your Coll...
Website Redesi...

5 Signs Your College or University Website Is a Dud

5 Tips for Attracting Students to Your College Website

5 Ways to Use the 2018 E-Expectations Data to Increase College Enrollment

AMA Marketer of the Year: Western Carolina University's Robin Oliver

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 »

Intro to Developer Tools – Inspect Window

A window on the side or bottom of the webpage you were on should open and look like this:

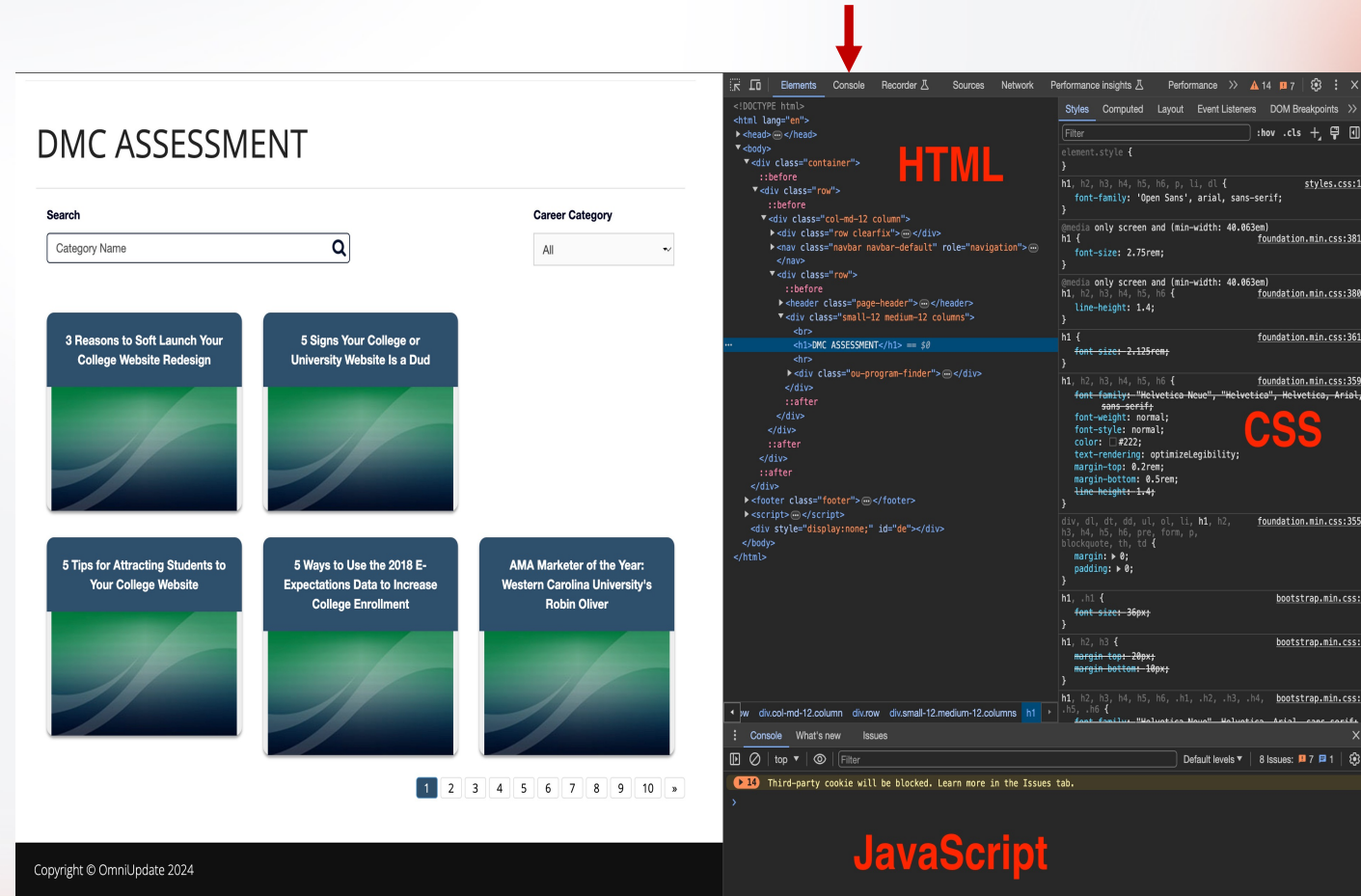
The screenshot displays a web browser with the 'DMC ASSESSMENT' page. The page features a search bar labeled 'Search' with a 'Category Name' input field and a search icon. To the right is a 'Career Category' dropdown menu currently set to 'All'. Below these are five article cards with titles such as '3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign', '5 Signs Your College or University Website Is a Dud', '5 Tips for Attracting Students to Your College Website', '5 Ways to Use the 2018 E-Expectations Data to Increase College Enrollment', and 'AMA Marketer of the Year: Western Carolina University's Robin Oliver'. A pagination bar at the bottom shows numbers 1 through 10. The developer tools are open on the right, with the 'Elements' panel showing the HTML structure. The 'h1' element is selected, and the 'Styles' panel shows the default font-family for the h1 element. A red double-headed arrow points from the 'h1' element in the 'Elements' panel to the 'h1' element in the 'Styles' panel.

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Intro to Developer Tools – Inspect Window Regions

Hitting the ESC key should open the little window at the bottom for the console which is the same as the console tab, just allows for viewing everything in one screen.

5 This will show you the HTML (raw text and containers on the page), CSS (selectors that match to the HTML and make it pretty), JavaScript (the console lets you see errors or inject code to the page).



Intro to Developer Tools – Network Tab

Clicking on the Network tab, then reloading the page will show you all the network requests the page makes.

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The screenshot shows a web browser with a search bar and a card titled "5 Signs Your College or University Website Is a Dud". The browser's developer tools are open to the Network tab, showing a list of requests including index.html, bootstrap.min.css, foundation.min.css, font-awesome.min.css, styles.css, and css?family=Open+Sa... A red arrow points to the Network tab in the developer tools menu.

Name	Status	Type	Size	Time	Waterfall
index.html	200	docu...	2.7 kB	499 ms	
bootstrap.min.css	200	styles...	18.0 kB	84 ms	
foundation.min.css	200	styles...	18.5 kB	241 ms	
font-awesome.min.css	200	styles...	5.3 kB	343 ms	
styles.css	200	styles...	3.2 kB	338 ms	
css?family=Open+Sa...	200	styles...	729 B	81 ms	

16 requests | 726 kB transferred | 970 kB resources | Finish: 2.17 s | DOMContentLoaded: 1.01 s | Load: 1.24 s

```

16:15:38.560 Mixed Content: The page at 'https://bhennig.oucampusdemo.com/assess_index.html:2
ment/index.html' was loaded over HTTPS, but requested an insecure element 'http://
a.cms.omniupdate.com/servlet/OX/testdrives/ob.gif?user=bhennig&site=bhennig&date
=1608103194780'. This request was automatically upgraded to HTTPS, For more
information see https://blog.chromium.org/2019/10/no-more-mixed-messages-about-htt
ps.html
16:15:38.985 [Violation] Avoid using document.write(). https://developers.googl index.html:95
e.com/web/updates/2016/08/removing-document-write
16:15:38.906 Mixed Content: The page at 'https://bhennig.oucampusdemo.com/assess_index.html:1
ment/index.html' was loaded over HTTPS, but requested an insecure element 'http://
a.cms.omniupdate.com/servlet/OX/testdrives/ob.gif?user=bhennig&site=bhennig&date
=1608103194780'. This request was automatically upgraded to HTTPS, For more
  
```

Intro to Developer Tools – Network Request

Clicking on a network request will give you more information about the request which is helpful to understand why the page isn't working. There are sometimes messages in the preview or response tabs that can give you more information about what could be wrong on the page.

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The screenshot displays a web browser with the 'DMC ASSESSMENT' page. The page contains a search bar and a 'Career Category' dropdown menu. Below these are two article cards: '3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign' and '5 Signs Your College or University Website Is a Dud'. The developer tools network tab is open, showing a list of requests. The request 'index.html?search_phrase=&category=' is highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points to this request in the network timeline. The right pane shows the request details, including the URL, method (GET), status (200 OK), and various headers.

Request Name	Request URL	Request Method	Status Code	Remote Address	Referrer Policy
index.html?search_phrase=&category=	https://bhenning.oucampusdemo.com/assessment/index.html?search_phrase=&category=	GET	200 OK	207.178.224.163:443	strict-origin-when-cross-origin

Intro to Developer Tools – Inspect Window Zoom

Holding CTRL, then scrolling the mouse up or down will let you zoom in or out on the page which is helpful when sites have mobile designs or CSS breakpoints.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a website titled "OmniUpdate Simple Site". The page content includes a navigation menu with "Home" and "About", a search bar, and a "DMC ASSESSMENT" section. Below the search bar, there are several article cards with titles like "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign", "5 Signs Your College or University Website is a Dud", "5 Tips for Attracting Students to Your College Website", "5 Ways to Use the 2018 E-Expectations Data to Increase College Enrollment", and "AMA Marketer of the Year: Watauga Carolina University's Robin Oliver".

The browser's developer tools are open, showing the "Elements" panel. The HTML structure is visible, including the following code snippets:

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <script type="text/javascript" class="__REQUESTLY_SCRIPT"></script>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <div class="container">
      <div class="row">
        <div class="col-md-12 column">
          <div class="row clearfix"></div>
          <nav class="navbar navbar-default" role="navigation"></nav>
          <div class="row">
            <div class="page-header"></div>
            <div class="small-12 medium-12 columns">
              <br>
              <h1>DMC ASSESSMENT</h1>
              <hr>
            </div>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>

```

The "Styles" panel shows the default styles for the selected element:

```

element.style {
}

.ou-program-finder .program-listing {
  list-style: none;
  border: none;
}

div, dl, dt, dd, ul, ol, li, h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, pre,
form, p, blockquote, th, td {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}

*, *:before, *:after {
}

```


Intro to Developer Tools – Settings Menu - Debugger

Clicking on the gear icon will open the settings menu. Once open, scroll to the bottom and find a box called Disable Javascript. Click that and reload the page to disable all Javascript on the page. This is helpful if you aren't sure where the problem might come from. By seeing if the content loads or doesn't load you can know if the JavaScript is at fault.

DMC ASSESSMENT

Search

Career Category

All

3 Reasons to Soft 5 Signs Your College 5 Tips for Attracting

DMC ASSESSMENT

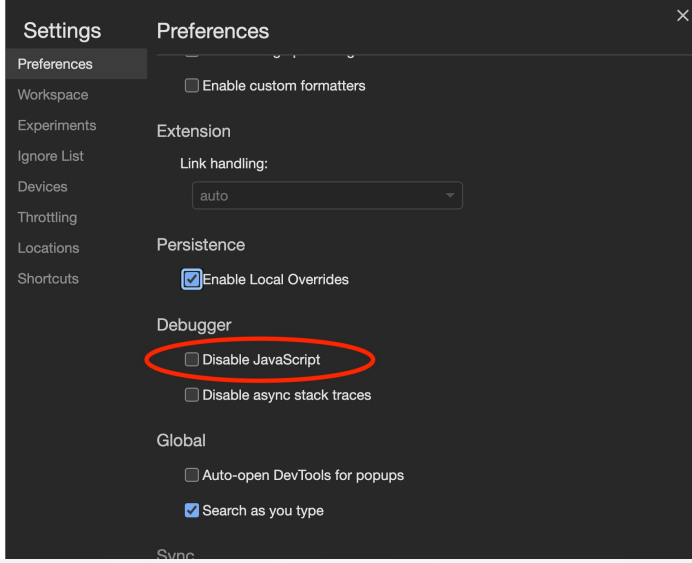
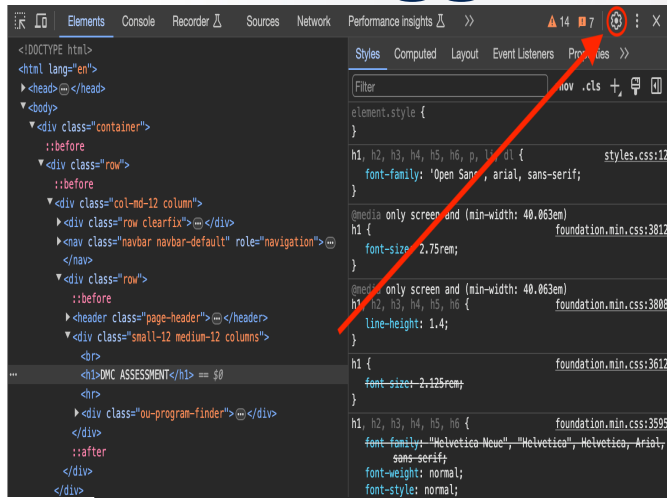
Search

Career Category

All

3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign 5 Signs Your College or University Website is a Dud 5 Tips for Attracting Students to Your College Website

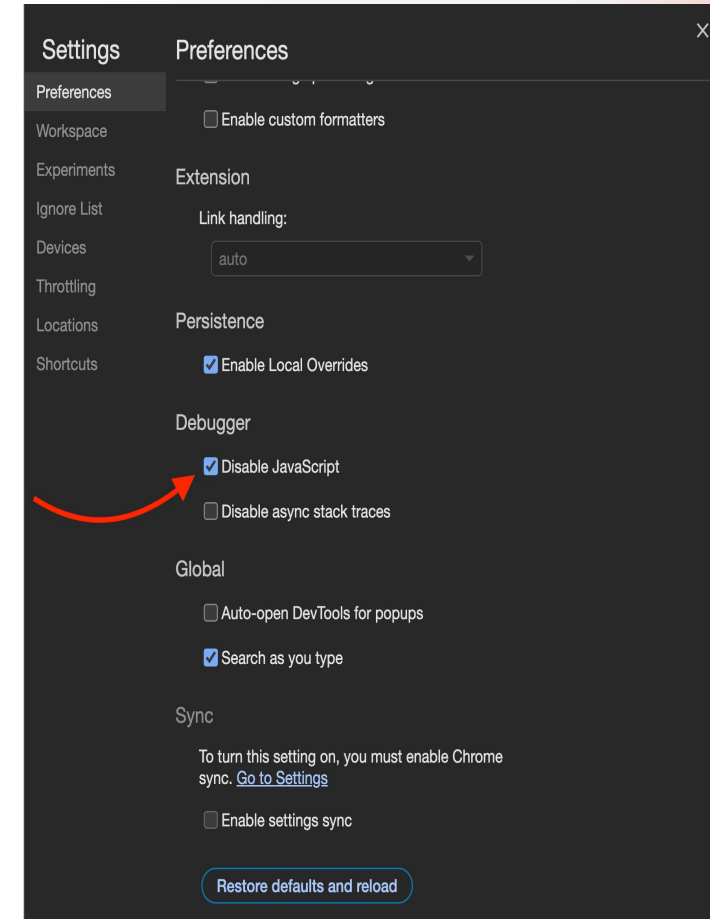
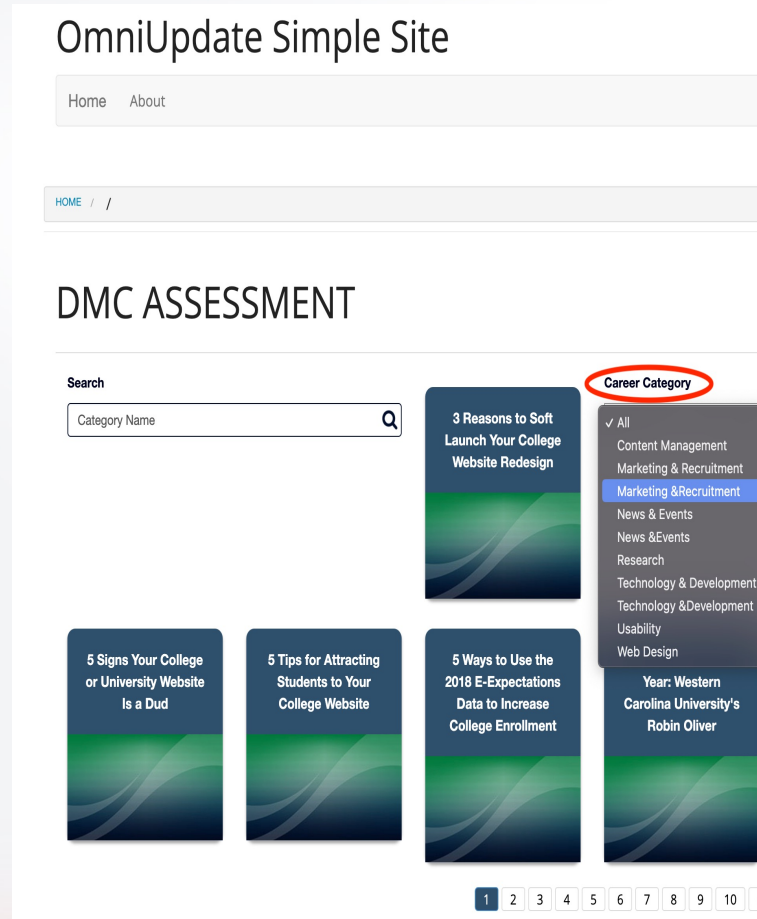
5 Ways to Use the 2018 E-Expectations Data to Increase AMA Marketer of the Year: Western Carolina University's



Intro to Developer Tools – Disabling JavaScript

You can see on <https://bhenning.oucampusdemo.com/assessment/index.html> if “Disable JavaScript” is clicked the Career Category dropdown will still open/close/select an item, but the filtering does not work anymore. You can click on the page numbers at the bottom and that will still work which means the links and content boxes come from the PHP.

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Intro to Developer Tools – Interactive Tools

Element Inspector and Mobile device emulation are 2 very helpful tools for finding the content you need to troubleshoot or seeing the page at different widths for mobile view troubleshooting.

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The image shows a browser window displaying a website titled "OmniUpdate Simple Site". The page content includes a navigation bar with "Home" and "About", a breadcrumb "HOME / /", and a main heading "DMC ASSESSMENT". Below the heading is a search bar with the placeholder "Category Name" and a "Career Category" dropdown menu set to "Marketing & Recruitment". A featured article card is visible with the title "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign".

Overlaid on the right side of the browser window is the Chrome DevTools interface, specifically the "Elements" panel. The DOM tree shows the following structure:

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>...</head>
  <body>
    <div class="container">
      ::before
      <div class="row">
        ::before
        <div class="col-md-12 column">
          <div class="row clearfix">...</div>
          <nav class="navbar navbar-default" role="navigation">...</nav>
          <div class="row">
            ::before
            <header class="page-header">...</header>
            <div class="small-12 medium-12 columns">
              <br>
              <h1>DMC ASSESSMENT</h1> == $0
              <hr>
              <div class="ou-program-finder">...</div>
            </div>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
  
```

Red text annotations with arrows point to the developer tools: "Inspect" points to the top toolbar, and "Mobile View" points to the mobile emulation icon.

HTML

- This is the raw text and structure of your website. You can learn more here: https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis_html.asp but essentially there are only a few necessary items to create a webpage
- `<!DOCTYPE html>` - Tells your browser how to render the page
- `<html lang="en">` - Tells your browser this is the start of the page content
- `<head>` - opens the head node. This is where you put all the resources like scripts and css import files
- `</head>` - closes the head node
- `<body>` - Opens the body content node. This is generally where everything you see on the webpage is contained.
- `</body>` - closes the body node
- `</html>` - ends the html document

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HTML

If you want to change page content you would normally be looking in the `<body>` and if you needed to change imported files or meta data (SEO stuff) you would look in the `<head>`. The DOM order is used for CSS / JavaScript manipulation and that row in the developer tools tells you very specific selectors which is typically `<node_name>.class_name`. From the screenshot `div.row` relates to `<div class="row">`

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HTML

When you need to target a node to manipulate it you can look for:

- The node name (ie: <div>, <p>, <h1>)
- Class name (ie: class="row" is referenced as .row)
- Multiple class names replace the spaces with periods to target it

```
▼ <div class="row">
  ::before
  ▶ <header class="page-header"> ... </header>
  ...
  ▼ <div class="small-12 medium-12 columns"> == $0
    <br>
```

body div.container div.row div.col-md-12.column div.row **div.small-12.medium-12.columns**

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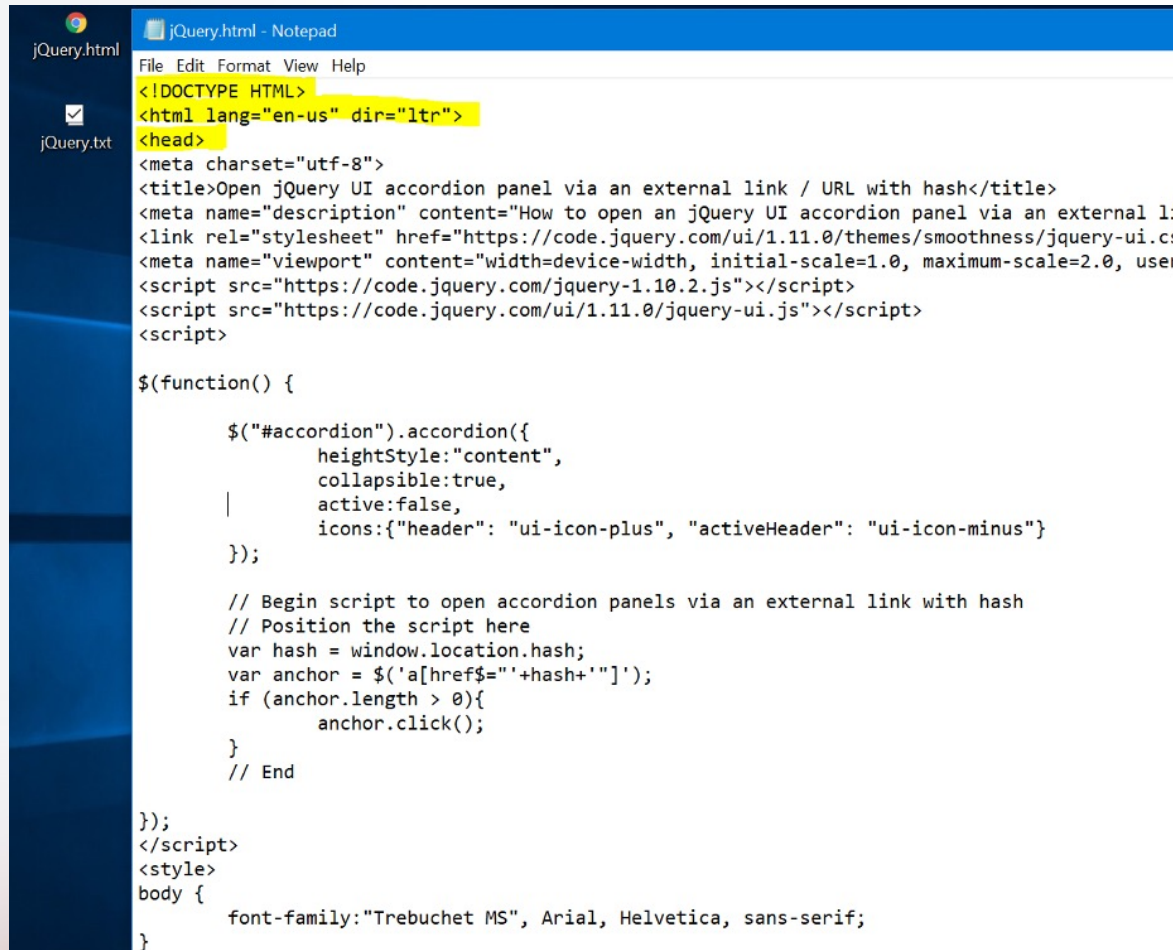
- id which is a unique name referenced by #name

```
... <input name="search_phrase" id="search_phrase" type="search"
placeholder="Category Name" value> == $0
<input value="Search" type="submit">
</div>
▶ <div class="column-2"> ... </div>
```

small-12.medium-12.columns div.ou-program-finder form div.column-1 **input#search_phrase**

HTML

You can create your own website in seconds for testing locally by making a .txt file then renaming it to .html. When you open the .html file your browser will render the website.



```
jQuery.html - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html lang="en-us" dir="ltr">
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<title>Open jQuery UI accordion panel via an external link / URL with hash</title>
<meta name="description" content="How to open a jQuery UI accordion panel via an external lin
<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://code.jquery.com/ui/1.11.0/themes/smoothness/jquery-ui.css
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0, maximum-scale=2.0, user-
<script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.10.2.js"></script>
<script src="https://code.jquery.com/ui/1.11.0/jquery-ui.js"></script>
<script>

$(function() {

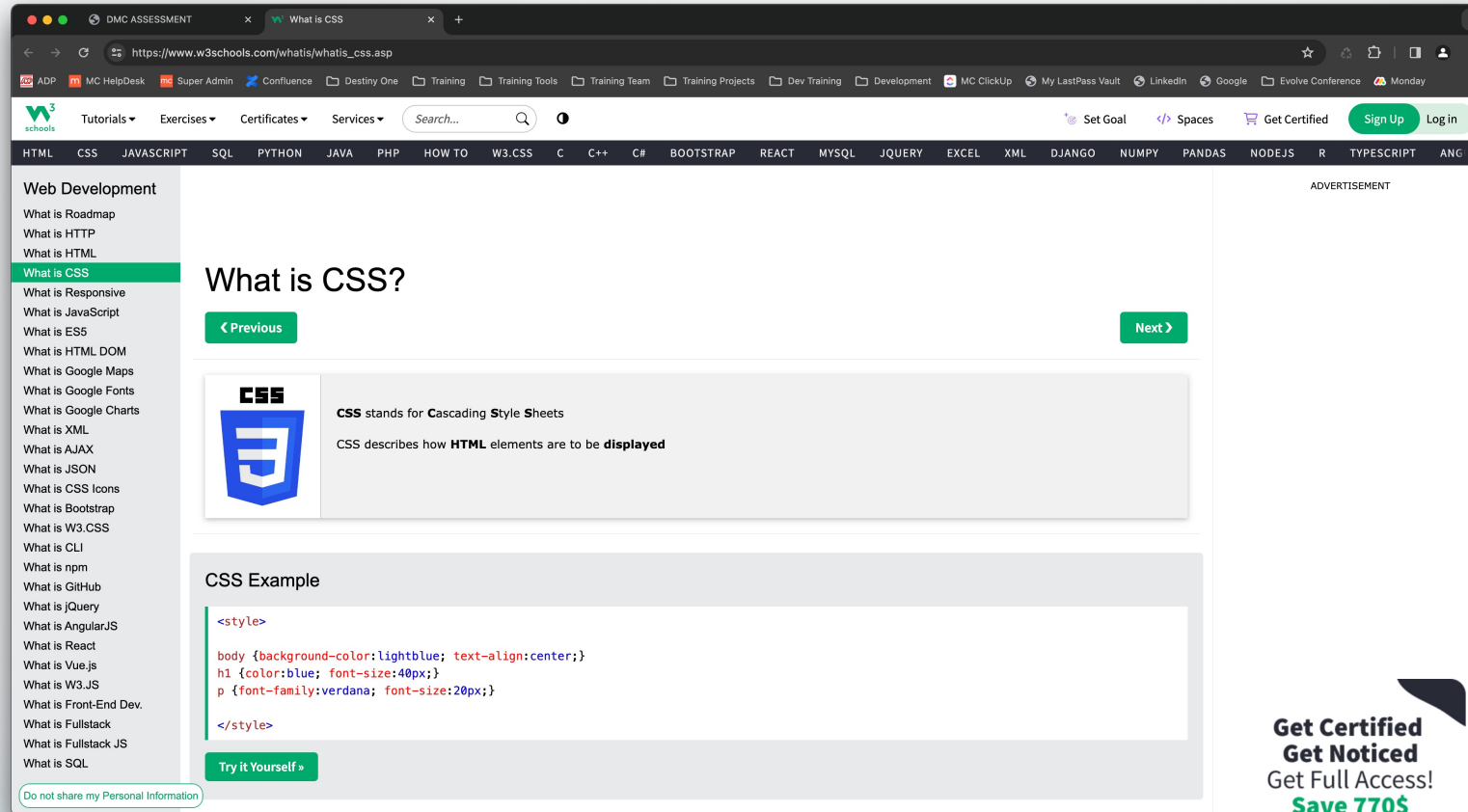
    $("#accordion").accordion({
        heightStyle:"content",
        collapsible:true,
        active:false,
        icons:{"header": "ui-icon-plus", "activeHeader": "ui-icon-minus"}
    });

    // Begin script to open accordion panels via an external link with hash
    // Position the script here
    var hash = window.location.hash;
    var anchor = $('a[href$="'+hash+'"]');
    if (anchor.length > 0){
        anchor.click();
    }
    // End

});
</script>
<style>
body {
    font-family:"Trebuchet MS", Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

CSS is what makes pages look styled. You can learn more here: https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis_css.asp. You target the HTML DOM elements and then say how they should look.

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CSS

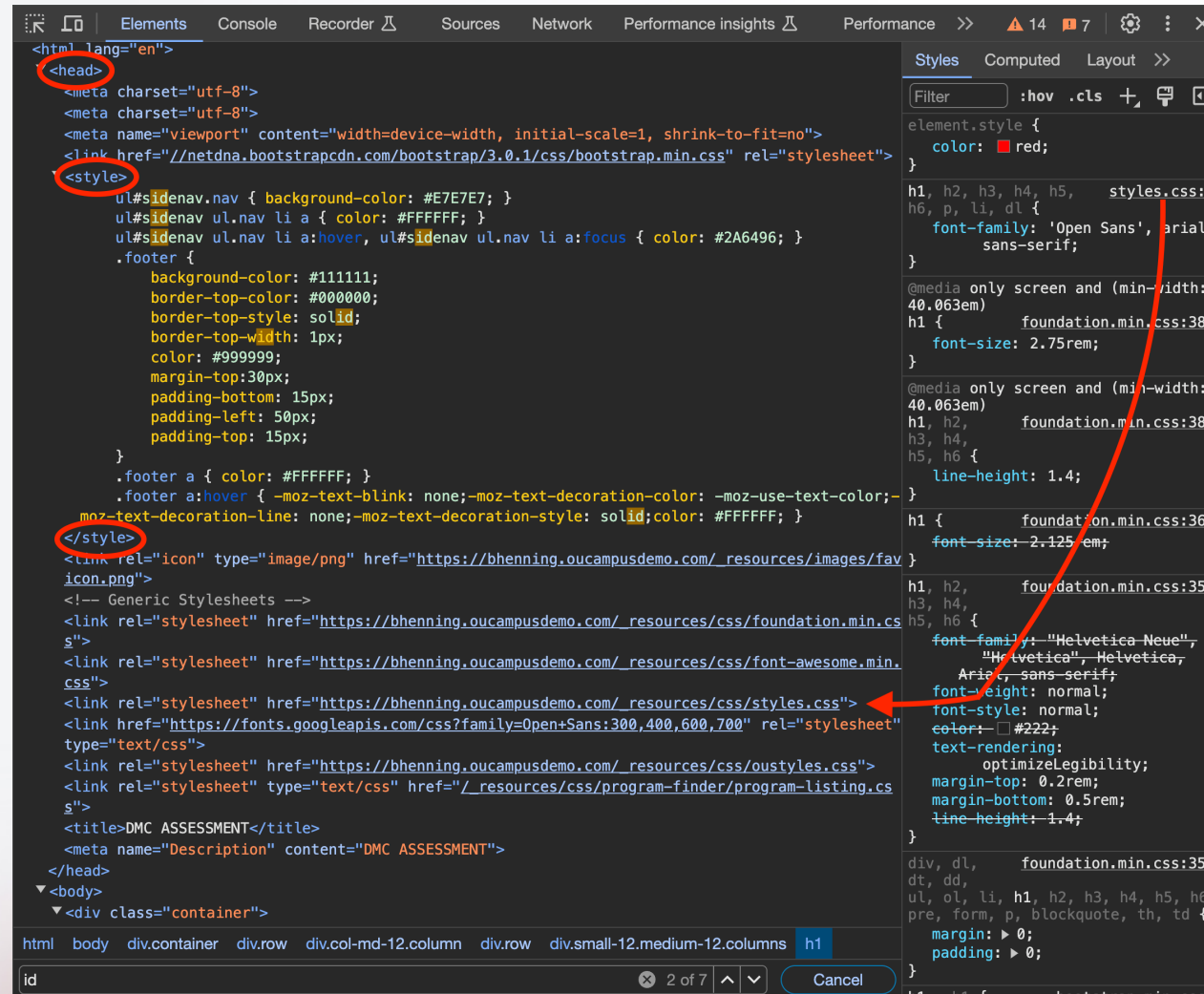
You can add CSS in a few different ways. When you are in developer tools and enter rules this is called an inline CSS style. When you are inside a HTML DOM node (ie: `<h1>`) and add things to it (ie: class, id, style, etc.) they are called attributes and are written as `attribute_name="attribute_value"`. When you have multiple attribute values under the same attribute which is common for inline CSS styles, you separate them with `;`. For CSS specifically every CSS rule must have a `;` at the end of the value.

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The screenshot displays a web browser window showing a simple site titled "OmniUpdate Simple Site". The site features a navigation bar with "Home" and "About" links, a search bar, and a "Career Category" dropdown menu. Below these are several content cards, including "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign" and "5 Signs Your College or University Website Is a Dud". The developer tools on the right show the HTML structure and the CSS styles applied to an `h1` element. The HTML shows an inline style `color: red;` and a class `dmc-assessment`. The CSS styles include `color: red;`, `font-size: 36px;`, and `margin-top: 20px;`. A red arrow points from the `color: red;` style to the `color: red;` attribute in the HTML. Another red arrow points from the `font-size: 36px;` style to the `font-size: 36px;` attribute in the HTML. A third red arrow points from the `margin-top: 20px;` style to the `margin-top: 20px;` attribute in the HTML.

You can have a css stylesheet or write a `<style>` css rules `</style>`. The style sheet is externally linked with `href="url to stylesheet"`

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You can see the stylesheet for the node you want to modify by clicking on the link in developer tools.

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The image shows a browser's developer tools interface. On the left, the 'Elements' panel displays the DOM tree. A blue highlight is on an `<h1 style="color: red;">DMC ASSESSMENT</h1>` element. On the right, the 'Styles' panel shows the CSS rules for this element. A red arrow points to the `color: red;` rule in the `element.style` block. Below it, other rules for `h1` are shown, including one from `styles.css:12` and another from `foundation.min.css:3812`.

```
Toggle device toolbar - ⌘ ⇧ M
::after
</div>
▶ <nav class="navbar navbar-default" role="navigation"> ⋮ </nav>
▼ <div class="row">
  ::before
  ▶ <header class="page-header"> ⋮ </header>
  ▼ <div class="small-12 medium-12 columns">
    <br>
    <h1 style="
      color: red;
">DMC ASSESSMENT</h1> == $0
    <hr>
    ▼ <div class="ou-program-finder">
      ▼ <form>
        ▼ <div class="column-1">
          <label for="search_phrase"> Search </label>
          <input name="search_phrase" id="search_phrase" type="search" placeholder="Category Name" value=">
```

Styles Computed Layout >>

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```
element.style {
  color: red;
}
h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p, li, dl {
  font-family: 'Open Sans', arial, sans-serif;
}
@media only screen and (min-width: 40.063em)
h1 {
  font-size: 2.75rem;
}
@media only screen and (min-width: 40.063em)
h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p, li, dl {
  font-size: 1.2em;
}
```

CSS

Clicking the link will switch you into the Sources tab of the developer tools and you can see the entire CSS stylesheet which contains the rule you are looking for. This is a browser's downloaded copy so you can feel free to edit rules without worrying about breaking the webpage. If you reload the page the stylesheet goes back to the original. The inline style is nice for quick simple rules, but best practice is adding the CSS into a stylesheet which has different syntax and you can create the stylesheet version in developer tools.

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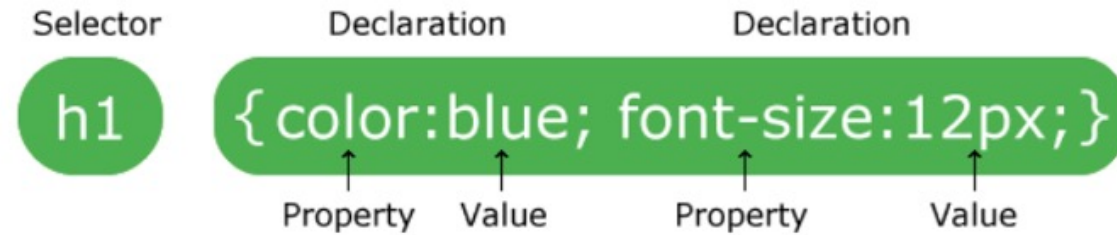
The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'OmniUpdate Simple Site'. The page features a search bar, a 'DMC ASSESSMENT' heading, and several article cards. The developer tools are open to the 'Sources' tab, showing the 'styles.css' file. A red arrow points to the 'Sources' tab. The CSS code includes a color palette and various styling rules for elements like 'a', 'table', and 'button'.

```
1 /** REFERENCE
2 Colors:
3 Light blue: #E1EBF1
4 Lighter blue: #84aac9
5 Main blue: #6091ba
6 Darker blue: #4678a1
7 Dark blue: #2f506c
8 **/
9
10 /* Generic styles */
11
12 h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,h6,p,li,dl{ font-family:'Open Sans', arial, sans-serif; }
13
14 a {
15   color: #6091ba;
16   -webkit-transition: all 0.4s ease-in-out;
17   -moz-transition: all 0.4s ease-in-out;
18   -ms-transition: all 0.4s ease-in-out;
19   -o-transition: all 0.4s ease-in-out;
20 }
21 a:hover{ color:#2f506c;}
22 table{ border:1px solid #E1EBF1; width:100%; }
23 table thead { background: #84aac9; }
24 table thead tr th{ color:#FFFFFF; }
25 table tr.even, table tr.alt, table tr:nth-of-type(even){ background:#E1EBF1; }
26
27 .accordion .accordion-navigation>a, .accordion dd>a{ background:#6091ba; border:
28 .accordion .accordion-navigation>a:hover,.accordion .accordion-navigation.
29 .accordion .accordion-navigation.active>a{ background:#84aac9; }
30
31 .button{ background-color:#6091ba; }
32 .button:hover{ background-color:#84aac9; }
33 .button.apply{ font-size:1em; margin-top:25px; }
34 .panel.dark{ background-color:#444444; }
35 .panel.dark h1, .panel.dark h2, .panel.dark h3, .panel.dark h4, .panel.dark h5, .p
36
37 /* Emergency Notification */
38 .emergency{ background-color: #f2f2f2; }
39 .emergency_message{ padding:5px 0; }
40
41 {} Line 12, Column 27
```

CSS Syntax

CSS Syntax

A CSS rule consists of a **selector** and a **declaration** block:



The selector points to the HTML element to style (h1).

The declaration block (in curly braces) contains one or more declarations separated by semicolons.

Each declaration includes a CSS property name and a value, separated by a colon.

In the following example all <p> elements will be center-aligned, red and have a font size of 32 pixels:

Example

```
<style>  
p {font-size:32px; color:red; text-align:center;}  
</style>
```

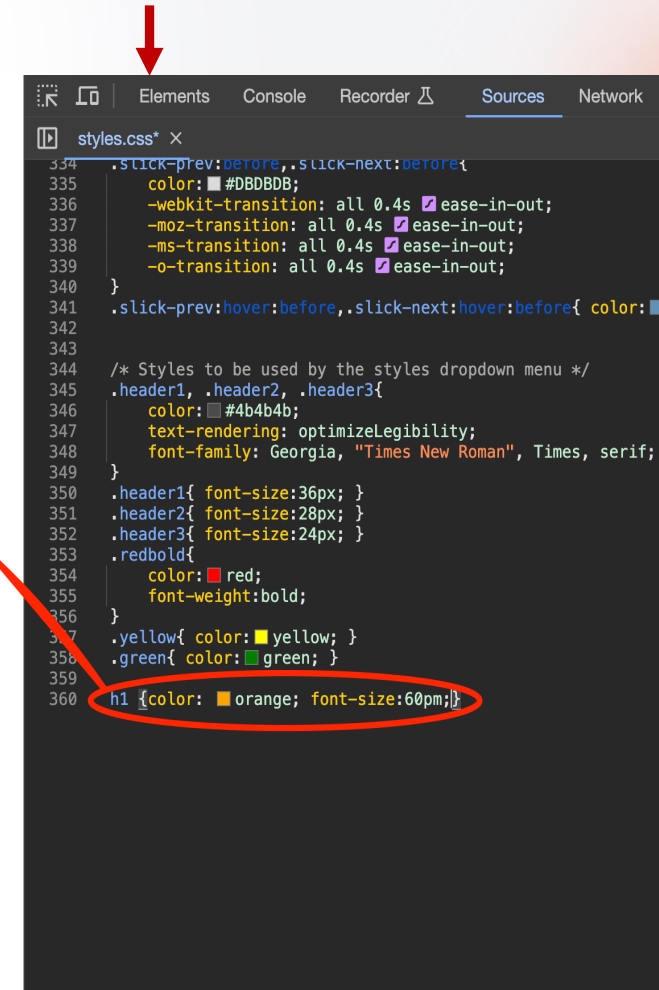
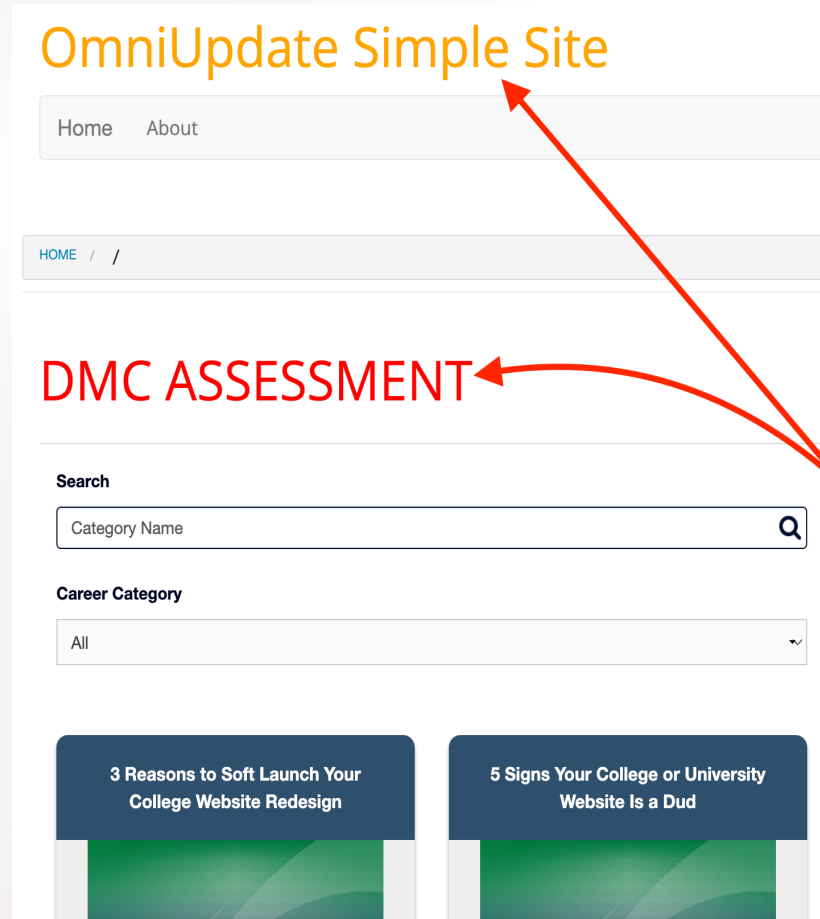
CSS

This is a good example of how inline styles and stylesheet selectors work differently. With the CSS rule of `h1 {color: orange; font-size:60px;}` it should target both of these `<h1>` nodes on the page and apply the same changes, but it doesn't because inline style rules have a higher precedence than external stylesheet rules.

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`<h1>OmniUpdate Simple Site</h1>`

`<h1 style=" color: red;">DMC ASSESSMENT</h1>`



CSS

Precedence, specificity, and location on page all influence which CSS rules are applied.

- Just like in math there is PEMDAS (Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally = Parenthesis Exponents Multiplication Division Addition Subtraction) CSS has its own version https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_specificity.asp. The general rule is the closer to the content, the actual words on the page, the stronger the rule is. That is why in my example both `<h1>` elements increased in font size, but only one of them changed the text to orange since the other had an inline style of red.
- A way around the Precedence is to increase the specificity of the selectors https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_selectors.asp. This would be adding a longer DOM path to the node or calling in the class/id values.
- When in doubt use `!important` https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_important.asp. This will override any precedence or specificity rules and force your new rule to be applied, granted there are no other `!important` tags already. Best coding practice is not to use `!important` if you don't need to, but for customer change requests it is sometimes easier to use this approach rather than spending forever creating new selectors.

Pseudo Selectors and interaction selectors - These are tricky to troubleshoot at times if you are not aware of them. Things like bullet points for lists will use a `::before` `::after` and buttons will use `:hover` to change the color when you mouse over the button. You can force states in developer tools to see what CSS is being applied.

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- Not hovering over the button

The screenshot shows a web browser interface with a list of articles. A red arrow points to the first article, "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign". The developer tools window is open, showing the DOM tree with the following structure:

```
<div class="thumbnail">
  <div class="title">
    <a href="https://omniupdate.com/blog/posts/2019/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.html"> 3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign </a> == $0
  </div>
</div>
```

The 'Styles' pane shows the 'Force element state' section with the following options:

- :active
- :focus
- :focus-within
- :target
- :hover
- :visited
- :focus-visible

The CSS rules for the selected element are:

```
.ou-program-finder .program-listing .thumbnail .title a {
  font-size: 15px;
  font-weight: 900;
  text-align: center;
  padding: 20px;
  background-color: #2f506c;
  color: #fff;
}
```

Using the :hov button in developer tools and selecting :hover will replicate what you will see if you hover over the button. Notice how the CSS rules updated when the box is selected

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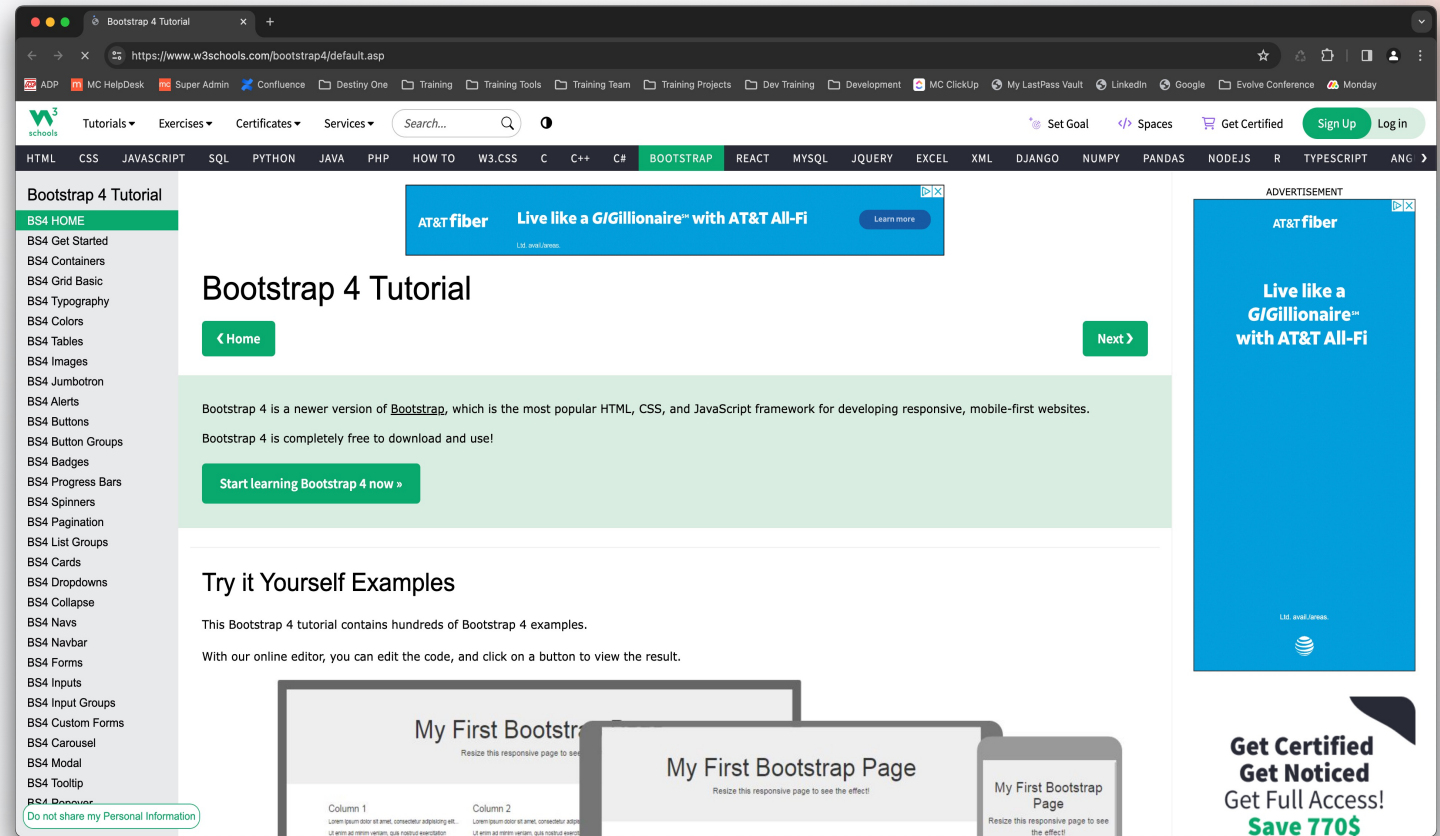
The image shows a web browser interface with a grid of program listings. The first listing is titled "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign". A red arrow points from the developer tools window to this listing. The developer tools window shows the "Styles" pane with the filter set to ":hov .cls". The "Force element state" pane has the ":hover" checkbox checked. The CSS rules for the selected element are displayed below:

```
.ou-program-finder .program-listing .title a:hover {  
  background-color: #6091ba;  
}  
  
.ou-program-finder .program-listing .thumbnail .title a {  
  font-size: 15px;  
  font-weight: 900;  
  text-align: center;  
  padding: 20px;  
  background-color: #2f506e;  
  color: #fff;  
  display: block;  
  line-height: 22px;  
  border-radius: 10px 10px 0 0;
```


CSS

Rather than writing all the CSS for every website, developers created a prebuilt design that can be called with class names called Bootstrap

26 <https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap4/default.asp>. By importing the bootstrap files you can simply add special class names to your page so it looks and acts great without much work. You know a page has bootstrap if you see something like bootstrap.min.css in the <head>



JavaScript

JavaScript is the coding language most worth learning. It is very powerful and involved in all the actions you perform on the page.

Think of a simple “Submit” button on a page. HTML is the square box and text of the button. CSS makes the button look a certain way and can change the way it looks when you click or hover over the button.

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JavaScript is what makes the button actually do something, like submit a form. Nearly every action you perform on a webpage will use JS these days.

Grasshopper by Google on the app store is a good way to learn JavaScript. Once you start becoming proficient in JS that is more along the lines of a Web Developer type position. Being able to at least understand JS is helpful though.

JavaScript

- There is vanilla JavaScript -

https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_intro.asp

- Then there is jQuery -

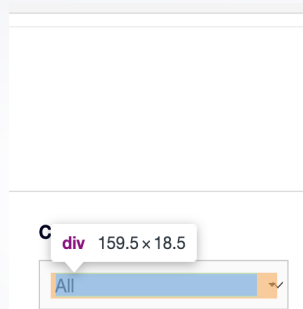
https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/jquery_syntax.asp. jQuery still works like vanilla JS, but you can use CSS type selectors rather than the more strict vanilla syntax. You can know code is written using jQuery if you see lots of “ \$ “ in the code

- Basic syntax is: `$(selector).action()`
- A \$ sign to define/access jQuery
- A (selector) to "query (or find)" HTML elements
- A jQuery action() to be performed on the element(s)

JavaScript

Just like with CSS, in JavaScript, you can use inline/script tags/external js files. Earlier when I disabled JavaScript on the page and the selector no longer updated the content on the page, `onchange="this.form.submit()"` is why that behavior happened. The `onchange` event was not able to fire, so the network request for new content was never sent/updated. When JS is enabled though you can use the console to get information, update information, or perform actions on the page.

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```

<label for="category"> Career Category </label>
  <select id="category" name="category" onchange="this.form.submit()">
    #shadow-root (user-agent)
      <div aria-hidden="true">All</div> == $0
        <slot> ... </slot>
        <option value="Content Management"> ... </option> slot
        <option value="Marketing & Recruitment"> ... </option> slot
        <option value="Marketing & Recruitment"> ... </option> slot
        <option value="News & Events"> ... </option> slot
        <option value="News & Events"> ... </option> slot
  </select>
  
```

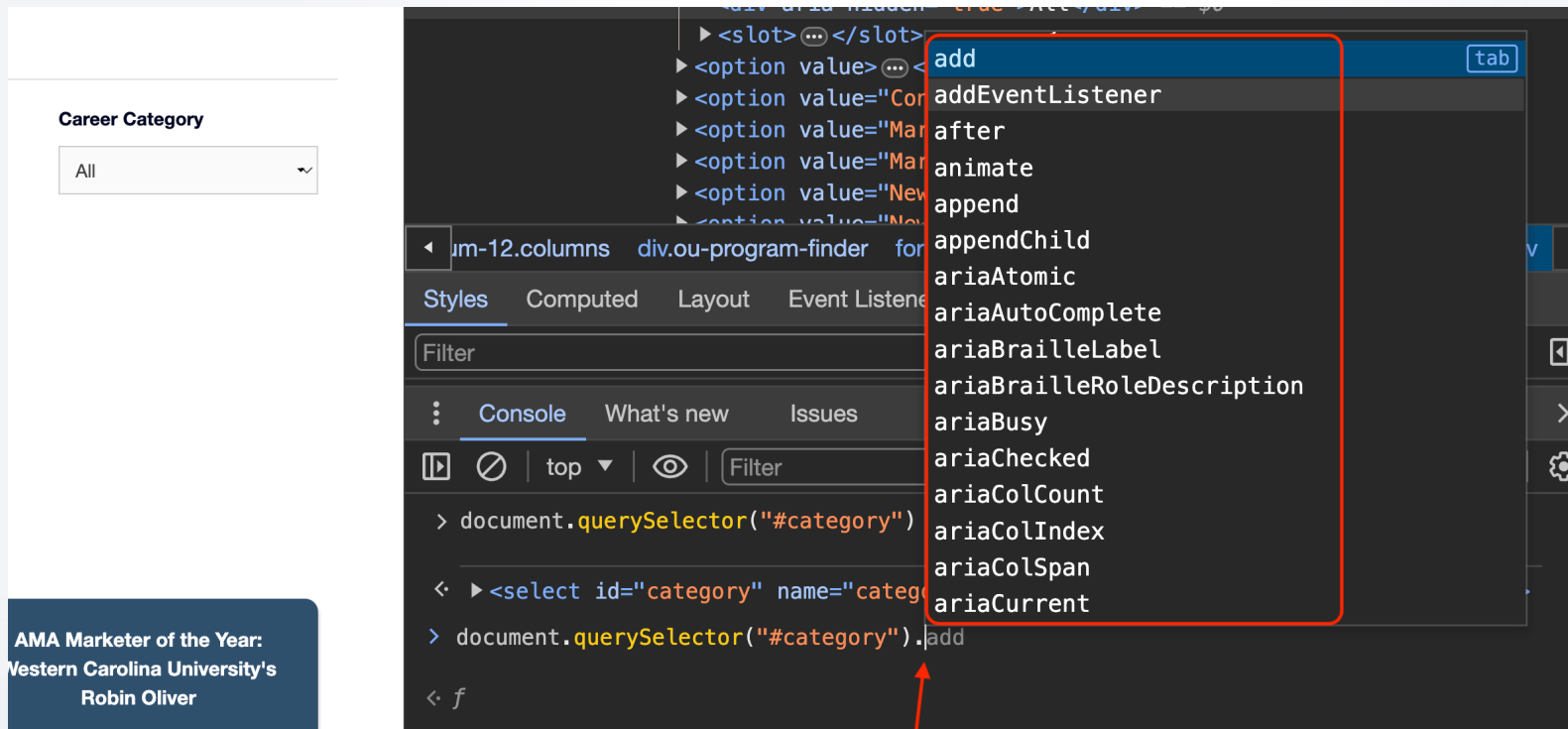
```

> document.querySelector("#category")
<
  <select id="category" name="category" onchange="this.form.submit()"> ... </select>
>
  
```

JavaScript

Similar to CSS elements suggesting options, JavaScript does the same. Once you have your selector using vanilla JS or jQuery you can press “.” and be shown which functions can be called on that selector.

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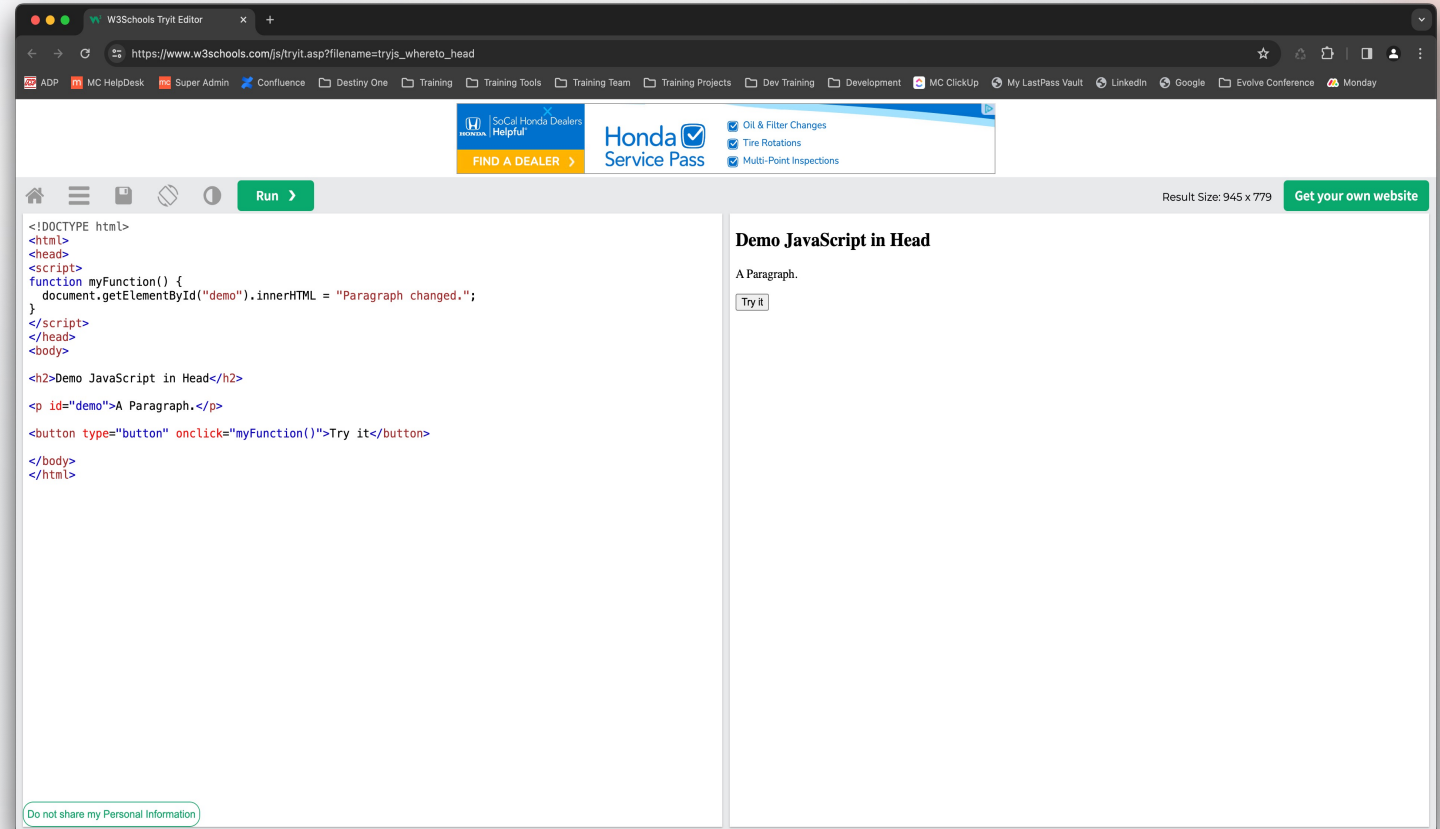


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Robin Oliver

JavaScript

You can keep doing the dot selectors until you correctly target what you want, then start manipulating the content with various functions. You can call the functions either with `<script>` tags, inline code, or external documents. https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_where_to_head is a very simple example of a `<script>` function in the head getting called by an inline event listener for when a button is clicked.

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<script>
function myFunction() {
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed.";
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<h2>Demo JavaScript in Head</h2>
<p id="demo">A Paragraph.</p>
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
</body>
</html>
```

Demo JavaScript in Head

A Paragraph.

PHP / C# / SQL

PHP for Linux and C# for Windows are server-side coding languages. SQL is a database language, but largely beyond the scope of anything we would need to know. Essentially SQL is like telling the database to get certain data. Easiest way to think of it is the formulas you use in Excel. Server Query Language will say something like Select All names from the A column. PHP and C# will generally bundle common requests into functions.

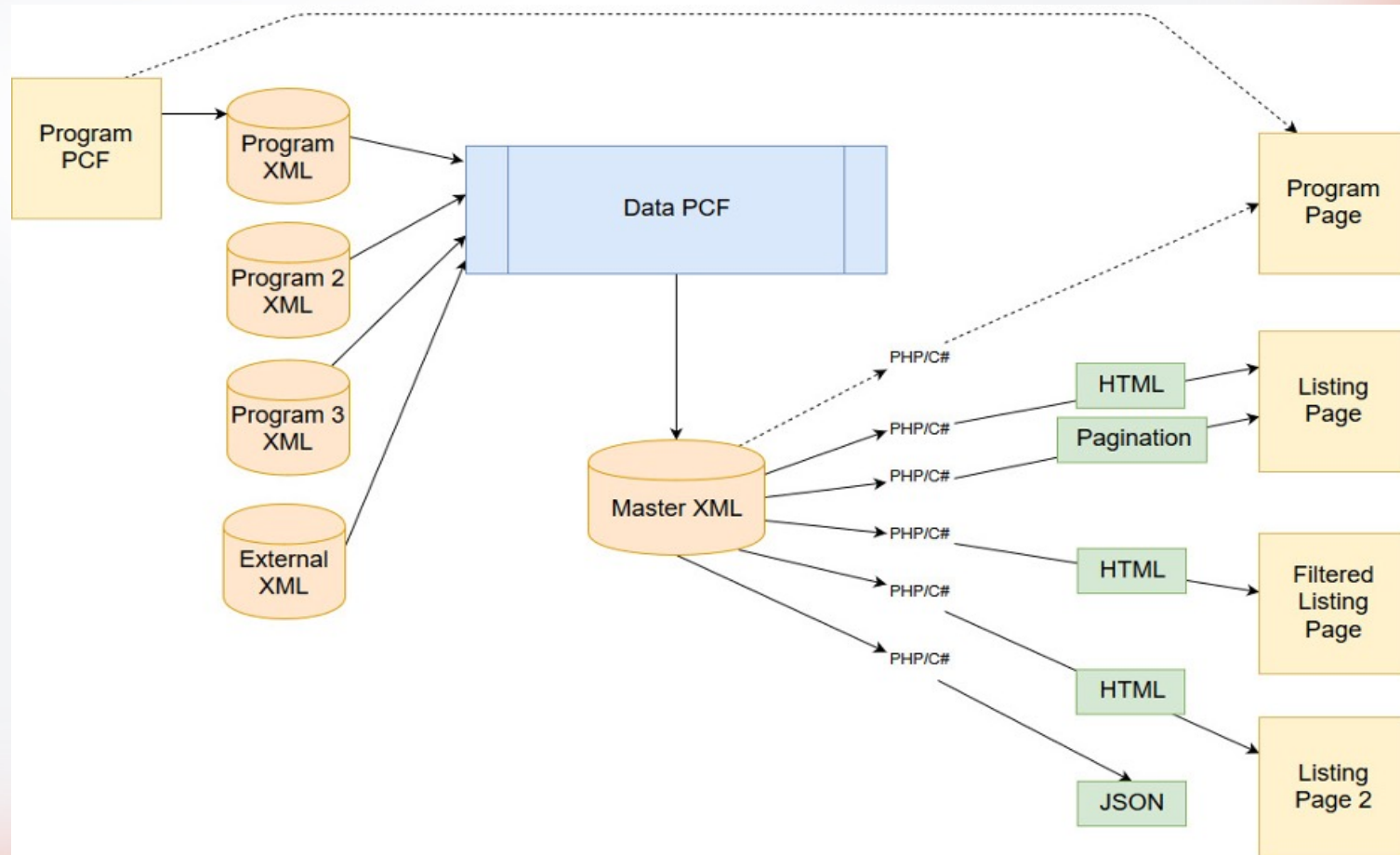
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These languages are mainly used when you have lots of content you will reuse across your site in different forms. Rather than copy-paste the data on various pages you can instead have one central point for the data then call the contents of that data on certain pages.

PHP / C# / SQL

From this screenshot <https://moderncampus.com/blog/index.html> would be considered a listing page and <https://moderncampus.com/blog/driving-growth-through-tailored-systems-at-san-jacinto-college.html> would be considered a program page.

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The Master XML, which is the combination of all the program XML, looks like this. Each node from the xml can be referenced.

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```
2 </items>
3 <item href="
https://omniupdate.com/blog/posts/2019/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.html
">
4
5 <title> 3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign </title>
6
7 <link href="https://omniupdate.com/blog/posts/2019/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.html" </link>
8
9 <description> What is a soft launch and why should you do it? Learn more about how to use this type of strategic, real-time testing when launching your newly redesigned website.
</description>
10
11 <author>sarnold@omniupdate.com (Heidi King)</author>
12
13 <pubDate>Wed, 01 May 2019 18:38:42 -0700</pubDate>
14
15 <category>Web Design</category>
16
17 <media:content url="http://omniupdate.com/_resources/images/blog/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.jpg" type="image/jpeg">
18
19 <media:title> 3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign </media:title>
20
21 <media:description> What is a website soft launch and why should you do it? </media:description>
22
23 <media:thumbnail url="http://omniupdate.com/_resources/images/blog/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.jpg"/>
24
25 <media:keywords> What is a website soft launch and why should you do it? </media:keywords>
26
27 </media:content>
28
29 <guid href="https://omniupdate.com/blog/posts/2019/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.html" </guid>
30
31 </item>
32 <item href="
```

PHP / C# / SQL

You then use php or c# to call those nodes on the page and you can even inject html into the page

```
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68 ▾ public function render_listing($resultSet){
69     $output = "";
70     $filterForm = $this->render_filter_form($resultSet);
71     $pagination = $this->render_pagination($resultSet);
72
73     $items = $resultSet['items'];
74
75     $output .= '<div class="program-listing">';
76
77 ▾     foreach($items as $i){
78         $href = $i->attributes()->href;
79         $image_src = '';
80         $image_alt = '';
81
82         if($image_src == '') $image_src = '/images/programs/program-filler.jpg';
83         if($image_alt == '') $image_alt = $i->title;
84
85         $output .= '<div class="program-details">';
86         $output .= '     <div class="thumbnail">';
87         $output .= '         <div class="title">';
88         $output .= '             <a href="'. $href. '">'. $i->title. '</a>';
89         $output .= '         </div>';
90         $output .= '     ';
```

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PHP / C# / SQL

If you compare the live HTML output to the php function and xml data you can see how each piece is pulled in by following the DOM node structure. When it isn't a 1:1 match of the php code to HTML output, but has \$href that means it is pulling the value from the xml data.

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The screenshot shows a web page titled "DMC ASSESSMENT" with a search bar and a "Career Category" dropdown. Below is a grid of six article cards. The first card, "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign", is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the browser's developer tool, which shows the DOM tree. In the tree, the following structure is visible:

```

</select>
</div>
</form>
<div class="program-listing">
  ::before
  <div class="program-details">
    <div class="thumbnail">
      <div class="title">
        <a href="https://omniupdate.com/blog/posts/2019/soft-launch-college-website-redesign.html" class="3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign" >= $0
      </div>
      
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="program-details">
  <div class="program-details">
  <div class="program-details">
  <div class="program-details">
  ::after
</div>
<ul class="pagination">
<br style="clear:right;" >
</div>
</div>
  ::after
  
```

The href attribute in the DOM tree is highlighted in blue, and the text "3 Reasons to Soft Launch Your College Website Redesign" is visible in the next line, demonstrating how the href value is pulled from the XML data.

PCF/XML/XSL

This is what the CMS is at the very core of it all. CMS = Content Management System and allows all of the other coding stuff outlined above to be created much easier. What these 3 files do together is creates a form fill type experience rather than starting from scratch and having to code everything every time.

All of the normal common stuff you see on the page can be stored in one external file called common.xsl and then referenced by more page specific xsl files which add logic.

PCF File - This is where you enter new page specific data. The unique content for the page you are making. In this file you reference XSL files to process the unique content in certain ways.

XML File - This is generally how content is stored. Organized nodes are similar to the HTML DOM accessible externally.

XSL File - These are instructions how to process the xml and pcf nodes to create the final HTML page.

PCF/XML/XSL

What combining all three of these files lets you do is have a simple HTML table like this:

Accordion	
Accordion Heading	Content
Heading 1	Content for Region 1 Goes Here
Heading 2	Content for Region 2 Goes Here
Heading 3	Content for Region 3 Goes Here

PCF/XML/XSL

With Source Code that looks like this:

```
1  <table>
2    <tbody>
3      <tr>
4        <td>Heading 1</td>
5        <td>
6          <p>Content for Region 1 Goes Here</p>
7        </td>
8      </tr>
9      <tr>
10       <td>Heading 2</td>
11       <td>Content for Region 2 Goes Here</td>
12     </tr>
13     <tr>
14       <td>Heading 3</td>
15       <td>Content for Region 3 Goes Here</td>
16     </tr>
17   </tbody>
18 </table>
```

PCF/XML/XSL

That is then transformed into this code when you publish the page:

```
1 <ul class="accordion" data-accordion="data-accordion" data-allow-all-closed="true" data-multi-expand="true"
  role="tablist">
2   <li class="accordion-item" data-accordion-item="data-accordion-item">
3     <a href="#" class="accordion-bar" aria-controls="9f8ou8-accordion" role="tab" id="9f8ou8-accordion-
  label" aria-expanded="false" aria-selected="false">Heading 1</a>
4     <div class="accordion-content" data-tab-content="data-tab-content" role="tabpanel" aria-
  labelledby="9f8ou8-accordion-label" aria-hidden="true" id="9f8ou8-accordion">Content for Region 1 Goes
  Here</div>
5   </li>
6   <li class="accordion-item" data-accordion-item="data-accordion-item">
7     <a href="#" class="accordion-bar" aria-controls="7bltf1-accordion" role="tab" id="7bltf1-accordion-
  label" aria-expanded="false" aria-selected="false">Heading 2</a>
8     <div class="accordion-content" data-tab-content="data-tab-content" role="tabpanel" aria-
  labelledby="7bltf1-accordion-label" aria-hidden="true" id="7bltf1-accordion">Content for Region 2 Goes
  Here</div>
9   </li>
10  <li class="accordion-item" data-accordion-item="data-accordion-item">
11    <a href="#" class="accordion-bar" aria-controls="wvazsm-accordion" role="tab" id="wvazsm-accordion-
  label" aria-expanded="false" aria-selected="false">Heading 3</a>
12    <div class="accordion-content" data-tab-content="data-tab-content" role="tabpanel" aria-
  labelledby="wvazsm-accordion-label" aria-hidden="true" id="wvazsm-accordion">Content for Region 3 Goes
  Here</div>
13  </li>
14 </ul>
```

PCF/XML/XSL

And the resulting output looks like this:

Heading 1	—
Content for Region 1 Goes Here	
Heading 2	+
Heading 3	+

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PCF/XML/XSL

It does all of that using the xsl instructions which matches each node of the table, adds extra content, and says how to process the contents of the node.

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```
1      <!-- Accordion -->
2      <xsl:template match="table[@class='ou-accordion']">
3          <div class="clearfix">
4              <ul class="accordion" data-accordion="data-accordion" data-allow-all-closed="true" data-multi-
expand="true">
5                  <xsl:for-each select="tbody/tr">
6                      <li class="accordion-item" data-accordion-item="data-accordion-item">
7                          <a href="#" class="accordion-bar"><xsl:value-of select="td[1]"/></a>
8                          <div class="accordion-content" data-tab-content="data-tab-content">
9                              <xsl:apply-templates select="td[2]/node()"/>
10                         </div>
11                     </li>
12                 </xsl:for-each>
13             </ul>
14         </div>
15     </xsl:template>
```


The main pieces to remember is the match=" " which is just like HTML/CSS/JS selectors:

- Xpath - how you navigate the xml DOM very similar to the HTML DOM. Once you are matched to the entire table, the rest of the directions is how to get to each node you want to process.
- XSLT - These are the instructions how to process the node
 - `<xsl:value-of` - This will only take the text content of the node. The plain text version only. This is useful if you copy/paste content with formatting and links, but only want what the text actually says.
 - For example with `Home` the output would be "Home".
 - `<xsl: copy-of` - This will be a 1:1 copy of what was entered in the node
 - `Home` output would be `Home`
 - `<xsl:apply-templates` - This will keep applying templates until it runs out of nodes. If you take this same accordion example and wanted to create sub accordions inside each accordion, copy-of would just output the table code and not actually apply the table transformation. Apply-templates will check each node if it matches a template and if it does then apply whatever logic that template matches.

Troubleshooting / Editing Code

No matter what code you come across the troubleshooting steps would be the same.

- Look at the Live page and figure out what coding language you are working with

- Is it text or content on the page? HTML or PHP/C#

- Is it visual/style related? CSS or JavaScript

- Does it involve interacting with the page? JavaScript

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- Once you find the way it is output on the page look for unique names or identifiers to search for. Generally, the longest string is the best approach. Search across all the files on the site for that unique name and pick the most logical file it would be in, generally an xsl file if it isn't in the page pcf itself.

- At times the name might be dynamically generated, so worst case follow the logic from the pcf itself. Look at what xsl file controls the pcf file. Look in that xsl file for relevant template matches or import xsl file calls and then look in those files. If it references DMC then you would look in the php or C# file which is called in the DMC template.

Questions?

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Thank You!

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