

16 February 2013

---

## BASIC CSS

---

There are a lot of web resources to help you. The most authoritative is [www.w3.org](http://www.w3.org). Here is their page on CSS: <http://www.w3.org/Style/CSS/>

In the document that follows, you will apply your own CSS to an HTML page. You can find thousands of free CSS sheets here: <http://www.csszengarden.com>

### STEP ONE.

a) Open your HTML page. We're going to add CSS directly to the HTML. (You can also make a separate CSS page and link it to the HTML.)

b) Somewhere between the <HEAD> tags, type (or copy-paste):

```
<style type="text/css">
  body {
    color: blue;
  }
</style>
```

c) Save.

d) Open your HTML page with any browser (Under FILE, select OPEN ...).

That's it!

To save as a separate CSS page and link it to your HTML:

1. Paste all the material between the <HEAD> tags (without the tags themselves) into a separate file. Call it, say, **mystyle.css**.

2. In your HTML document, type this between the <HEAD> tags:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="mystyle.css">
```

### STEP TWO.

Visit w3.org's [first lesson in](#) CSS to check out the many tags that you can use to modify text and page layout.