Media Types & Media Features Same HTML, Different CSS

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Overview

A media query allows you to change how content is presented in different media without having to change the content itself

A media query consists of...

- » a media type (a device; e.g., print or screen)
- » zero or more media features (a test for a single, specific feature of the device or browser; e.g., minwidth Or orientation)

A media query is either true (apply it!) or false (ignore it!)

Media queries are applied first, & then the rendering engine applies the CSS cascade Important!

Therefore, you want to put the media queries *after* the main rule sets

A media query is true, so its rule sets be included

However, the media query's rule sets come *after* the main rule sets

Using the cascade...

- 1. Importance is tied (it's all by an author)
- 2. Specificity is tied (if the media query's rule sets are the same as the main rule sets)
- 3. Order means that the media query wins

2 ways to specify media queries

- » Link to multiple style sheets using 1ink>
- » Within a stylesheet

Method 1: Link to multiple style sheets

```
<head>
    link rel="stylesheet" href="main.css">
    link rel="stylesheet" href="print.css"
media="print">
    </head>
```

```
<head>
    link rel="stylesheet" media="screen"
href="screen.css">

    link rel="stylesheet" media="(max-width:
800px)" href="small-screen.css">
    </head>
```

You probably do *not* want to link to multiple style sheets

Extra server calls

Method 2: Put the media-specific rule sets at the end of your main stylesheet

Do this: create a single style sheet & link to it in <head>

Put your styles for everything at the top, with specific media styles at the end

```
[styles for all media]
@media print {
  [styles for print]
}
```

```
html {
  font-size: 16px; background: black;
aside {
 width: 12rem;
@media print {
  html {
    font-size: 12pt; background: white;
  aside {
   display: none;
```

Media Types

You've been using this code

```
HTML 4.01
k rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
href="main.css">
```

```
HTML5
k rel="stylesheet" href="main.css">
```

Actually,

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

is the same as

```
k rel="stylesheet" href="main.css"
media="all">
```

Media Queries Level 4* defines 4 media types

- » all: all media type devices (default)
- » print: printers & Print Preview
- » speech: screenreaders, not browsers (was aural)
- » screen: "all devices that aren't matched by print or speech"

^{*} Editor's Draft as of July 1, 2018

Deprecated media types:

- » braille: Braille tactile feedback devices
- » embossed: paged Braille printers
- » handheld: small or handheld devices
- » projection: projected presentations
- » tty: fixed-pitch character grid (teletypes & terminals)
- » tv: television-type devices

"It is expected that all of the media types will also be deprecated in time, as appropriate media features are defined which capture their important differences."

—Media Queries Level 4, Editor's Draft, 1 July 2018

Media Styles in Action

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h1 float: left; width: 40%; margin-left: 20px; padding-left: 75px; background: #191919 url(/files/theme/h1.png) no-repeat 0 0; font-size: 200%;

#content-branding {
 border-bottom: 1px solid #fff
 padding: 1.5em 0;
 background-color: #000;

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h1 font-family: Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif; font-weight: bold; font-size: 180%; #content-branding { display: none;

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                          /* print */
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                          h1 {
  float: left;
                            font-family:
  width: 40%;
                              Helvetica, Arial,
  margin-left: 20px;
                              sans-serif;
  padding-left: 75px;
                            font-weight: bold;
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    0 0;
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                           display: none;
    solid #fff;
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  background-color:
    #000;
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To test print styles, use Print Preview instead of actually printing

Common Print Styles

The following styles are *common* — a lot of print style sheets use these — but are not required

They are here to give you ideas about what you can use

```
html {
  font-size: 12pt;
  background-color: white;
  color: black;
}
```

```
a[href] {
  color: black;
  text-decoration: underline;
}
```

Make all links black & underlined

```
a[href]::after {
  color: black;
  text-decoration: underline;
  content: " (" attr(href) ") ";
When printed, <a href="http://
www.hplovecraft.com/writings/">Writings</a>
looks like this:
Writings (http://www.hplovecraft.com/
writings/)
```

```
a[href^="#"]::after,
a[href^="javascript:"]::after {
  content: "";
}
```

Don't print links that are fragment identifiers or use the javascript: pseudo protocol

When printed, Table of Contents looks like this:

Table of Contents

```
h1, h2, h3 {
  color: black;
  padding-bottom: lpx;
  border-bottom: lpx solid black;
  page-break-after: avoid;
  break-after: avoid;
}
```

When printing, put a nice border under headings, & do not allow pages to break immediately after them

```
h2,
h3,
p {
    orphans: 3;
    widows: 3;
}
```

Avoid widows & orphans (see Print CSS next for more info)!

```
pre {
  white-space: pre-wrap !important;
  page-break-inside: avoid;
  break-inside: avoid;
}
```

When printed, allow to wrap & avoid breaking across pages

```
img,
tr {
   page-break-inside: avoid;
   break-inside: avoid;
}
```

When printing, don't allow or to break across pages

```
aside,
nav,
.adbanner {
   display: none;
}
```

Most of your print styles will probably be removing things

Media Features

You limit the style sheet's scope based on media features, such as width, height, & color

Almost all media features can be prefixed with...

- » min-: greater than or equal to
- » max-: less than or equal to

```
@media (min-width: 769px) {
    .hamburger-nav {
        display: none;
    }
}
min-width is a media feature
```

(min-width: 769px) is an expression

If the media (in this case, the viewport) has a min-width of 769px, then the style rules are applied to it

```
@media (orientation: portrait) {
    .sidebar {
     float: none;
    }
}
```

orientation is a media feature

(orientation: portrait) is an expression

If the media (in this case, the viewport) has an orientation of portrait, then the style rules are applied to it

```
@media (min-width: 700px) and (orientation: landscape) {
min-width & orientation are media features
(min-width: 700px) & (orientation: landscape) are expressions
and is a logical operator (others are not & only)
(min-width: 700px) and (orientation: landscape) is a complex
media query
```

If the media has a min-width of 700px AND an orientation of landscape, then the style rules are applied to it

Media features are either *viewport-centric* (which we care about for responsive web design) or *device-centric* (for special cases)

Viewport-centric

- » width: width of viewport
- » height: height of viewport
- » aspect-ratio: <ratio> of horizontal pixels to vertical pixels of viewport
- » orientation: landscape Or portrait

Device-centric: display quality

- » resolution: pixel density of the output device (infinite or <resolution>)
- » scan: scanning process of television (interlace or progressive)
- » grid: grid device or a bitmap device (o or 1)
- » update: frequency that layout can be updated (none, slow, or fast)⁴
- » overflow-block: treatment of potential overflow on block axis (none, paged, optional-paged, or scroll)4
- » overflow-inline: treatment of potential overflow on inline axis (none, paged, optional-paged, or scroll)⁴
 - 4 New additions from Media Queries Level 4

Device-centric: color media

- » color: bit depth of a standard display (<integer>)
- » color-index: number of colors in an indexed color
 display (<integer>)
- » monochrome: bit depth of monochrome display
 (<integer>)
- » color-gamut: range of available colors (srgb, p3, or rec2020)4

Device-centric: interaction

- » pointer: primary pointing device? (none, coarse, or fine)4
- » any-pointer: any pointing device available? (none, coarse, or fine)⁴
- » hover: can primary pointing device hover over elements? (none or hover)⁴
- » any-hover: can any available pointing device hover over elements? (none or hover)4





- » device-width: width of screen in pixels
- » device-height: height of screen in pixels
- » device-aspect-ratio: <ratio> of horizontal pixels to vertical pixels of screen

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