

## IT111 Week 7 Podcast

Hello and welcome to the Week 7 Podcast for IT 111.

In this podcast I'll to make some announcements and give a quick overview of Chapter 7.

First, the announcements. I am planning to conduct a "real time" virtual session on Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm. I'm going to be in Spokane but this shouldn't prevent me from holding the session. I want to show you a couple excellent web sites for creating color schemes that might be helpful as you start working on a template for your final project. And, I'll answer questions and showcase some of the class links sites related to Chapter 7, too.

Chapter 7 covers more about links, CSS pseudo classes, and three column layouts with CSS. The concept of relative versus absolute links is very important to understand. When you link to web pages that are part of your own web site, you should use relative links. Most of the time this will be a simple file name just like you've been doing with the case study. If you're linking to a file that's been stored in a folder, you'll need to include the folder name along with the file name. Here's an example. Often web developers place all the image files for a web site into a folder named images. Let's say one of the files is a logo which appears on every page. The link would be coded to reflect the folder and file. The value of href would be images/logo.gif.

When you create a link to a page outside your own web site, you must use an absolute link. For example, if you include a link to Google, the value of the href attribute would be <http://www.google.com>.

Using pseudo classes to format links is fun and this technique can replace the use of graphical buttons in a web site. This saves on download time for your users and on development time for you. Almost every final project from the past four quarters has used pseudo classes instead of images for its navigation links.

As you surf the web, you'll probably notice the prevalent use of the three column layout. While working on the hands-on practice 7.3 pay attention to the use of the float property and the width property.

Chapter 7 also discusses how multiple CSS rules are interpreted by the browser. This is the concept of the cascade in Cascading Style Sheets.

The links included in the textbook web site for Chapter 7 are very interesting. Several of them include tutorials on using CSS and background images to create rollover effects for navigation buttons.

Don't forget to watch the narrated lecture presentation for Chapter 7. It's almost 14 minutes long so you might have to wait a few seconds before it begins to play.

Well, I guess that's it for this podcast. Thanks for listening and tune in next week for another IT 111 podcast.