Margins and Double Spacing (and More) in Web Pages Using CSS

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1. Start *Notepad* (Windows) or any <u>plain</u> text editor. If you use Word, be sure to save as plain text.

2. Type the following into your new document:

```
body {  margin-right: 50px;
        margin-left:  50px;
        margin-top:  50px;
        margin-bottom:  50px;   }
```

It's ok to have different spacing or even to put it all on one line, but the opening and closing curly braces must be present, all the semi-colons must be in place, and the four entries must all be spelled this way. Do not use any capital letters. Save the file in your web page project folder as `style.css` (or something else that you will recognize). PX stands for pixels.

3. Start *SeaMonkey Composer*.

4. Create and save a new document as *template.html* (or something else that you will recognize).

5. Click on the tab at the bottom labeled: **<HTML> Source**.

6. At the top of the page, look for the line that starts `<title>`.

7. Click on the end of that line and press Enter to create a new blank line.

8. Type this in that line:

```
<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
```

Just be sure you put the same file name at the end as you used before.

9. Use this file as the basis for all the pages you want to have margins and other formatting. Open it in *SeaMonkey Composer* and click on *File* and drag down to *Save As* to create a new page.

10. To double space your text, add this line between the curly braces {} with the margin info:
`line-height: 200%;`

11. For a background color, add this line between the curly braces {} with the margin info:
`background-color: #FFFFFF;` (for plain white; for another color, see the color list at http://www.loyno.edu/~hobbs/webpages/table.html; copy the six-character string to the right of the color)

There are many other changes you can make: color, font-size, font-family, font-weight, font-style, margin-left, margin-right, margin-top, and margin-bottom!
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