CHAT Web Design 1

Chapter 9
Backgrounds

For this assignment you are going to be styling paragraphs and pages using images for backgrounds

HTML Page 1: Background Images for Paragraphs

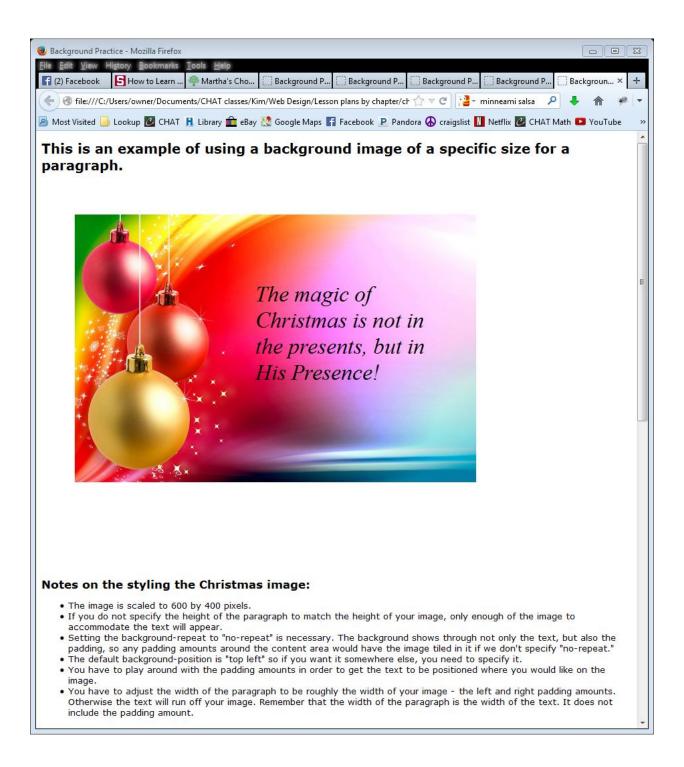
Create files and folders:

- 1. Create an HTML file named "paragraphs.html" and put it in a folder named "backgrounds" that you create. Remember to include all of the required elements.
- 2. Set the <title> to "Background Images for Paragraphs."
- 3. Create a CSS file named "paragraphs.css" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds." Link to it from your HTML file. All styling must be done in the css file.
- 4. Create a folder inside the "backgrounds" folder and name it "images."

Paragraph 1: Using a single image for a paragraph

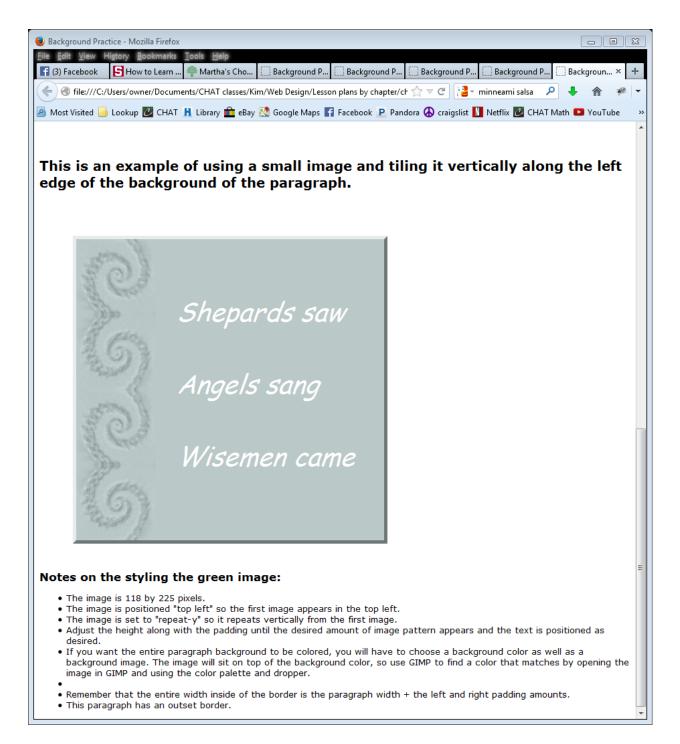
- 1. Add a paragraph tag to your HTML file with id="single".
- 2. Do a search for "background images" online in google or another search engine and find an image you like. Save it to your "images" folder.
- 3. Open the image up in Gimp and scale the image to be 600 pixels wide and 72ppi.
- 4. In your CSS, set the image as the background image of your paragraph, using the id in your selector.
- 5. Make sure the image is not repeating.
- 6. Using the Christmas image (below) as a guide, come up with a quote, saying, poem, scripture, slogan, or some other text to include in your paragraph.
- 7. Adjust the paragraph styling adjust the positioning and appearance of your paragraph text. It should be centered in the open text area and should not run off your image.

8. Make any other adjustments to the style of the text, paragraph, or box model that you deem appropriate.



Paragraph 2: Using a small tiled image as the background

- 1. Add a paragraph tag to your HTML file with id="tiled".
- Find an image online (a great site is http://www.grsites.com/archive/textures/) that is small enough to tile (around 150 pixels by 150 pixels or smaller). Save it to your "images" folder.
- 3. In your CSS, set the image as the background image of your paragraph, using the id in your selector.
- 4. Decide whether you want your image to tile down one of the edges or across the top or bottom and set your background-repeat and background-position properties accordingly.
- 5. Come up with a quote, saying, poem, scripture, slogan, or some other text to include in your paragraph.
- 6. Choose a height and width for your paragraph to accommodate your tiled image and text the way you want it to look.
- 7. Choose one of the following options:
 - Option 1: Open your image in Gimp and choose a matching color for your paragraph's background. Set the background color for the paragraph using CSS. (Putting a border around your paragraph is optional.)
 - Option 2: You can choose to leave the rest of your paragraph's background white, but then you must include a border.
- 8. Using the green paragraph as an example (below), adjust the paragraph styling, positioning and appearance of your paragraph text. It should be centered in the open text area and should not run off your image.
- 9. Make any other adjustments to the style of the text, paragraph, or box model that you deem appropriate.



HTML Page 2: Light Background Image for Web Pages

Create files:

- 1. Create an HTML file named "lightbackground.html" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds". Remember to include all of the required elements.
- 2. Set the <title> to "Light Background."
- 3. Create a CSS file named "lightbackground.css" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds." Link to it from your HTML file. All styling must be done in the css file.

Styling the background:

- Find a light background that will tile well all over your page and yet allow black text to show up and be easily read. (A great site is http://www.grsites.com/archive/textures/.) You can also use Gimp and come up with one of your own if you'd like.
- 2. Save the file to your "images" folder.
- 3. In your CSS, set the image as the background image of your page.
- 4. Set the properties for your background image to get a fully tiled and seamless background.
- 5. Include a tag with any quote, saying, poem, scripture, slogan, or some other text. You can style it any way you'd like, but the text needs to be black (or some other dark color).

Example:



HTML Page 3: Dark Background Image for Web Pages

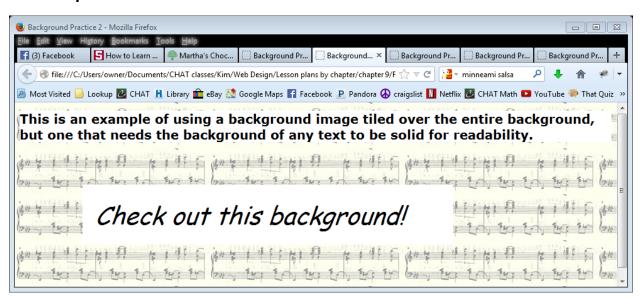
Create files:

- 1. Create an HTML file named "darkbackground.html" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds". Remember to include all of the required elements.
- 2. Set the <title> to "Dark Background."
- 3. Create a CSS file named "darkbackground.css" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds." Link to it from your HTML file. All styling must be done in the css file.

Styling the background:

- Find a dark background that will tile well all over your page (A great site is http://www.grsites.com/archive/textures/.) You can also use Gimp and come up with one of your own if you'd like.
- 2. Save the file to your "images" folder.
- 3. In your CSS, set the image as the background image of your page.
- 4. Set the properties for your background image to get a fully tiled and seamless background.
- 5. Include a tag with any quote, saying, poem, scripture, slogan, or some other text. You can style it any way you'd like, but the background color needs to be white.

Example:



HTML Page 4: Edging Web Pages with and Image

Create files:

- 1. Create an HTML file named "edgedbackground.html" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds". Remember to include all of the required elements.
- 2. Set the <title> to "Edged Background."
- 3. Create a CSS file named "edgedbackground.css" and put it in the folder named "backgrounds." Link to it from your HTML file. All styling must be done in the css file.

Styling the background:

- 1. Find an image online that you would like to tile along either the left edge or the top edge of your page.
- 2. If the image is larger than 200 by 200 pixels, scale the image using Gimp.
- 3. Save the file to your "images" folder.
- 4. In your CSS, set the image as the background image of your page.
- 5. Set the properties for your background image to get the image to either repeat across the top or down the left side.
- 6. Open the image in Gimp and use the color picker to find the hex code for one of the colors in the image.
- 7. In your CSS, set the background color to the color you found in the previous step.
- 8. Include a tag with any quote, saying, poem, scripture, slogan, or some other text. You can style it any way you'd like.
- 9. Set the margins so that your text does not appear on top of your images.

See Examples below:

