CHEAT SHEET // FLARE DESKTOP 2025

Concepts Class A "child" of one of the main "parent" styles (e.g., h1, p, img) that gives you more variety and flexibility. Inherits settings from the parent style, but you can override them on the child. For example: p.Tip, h1.Appendix Generic Class A class that can be associated with any parent style. For example: .center Similar to a class, except that IDs are unique. An element in your stylesheet can have only one ID on it, and each page of your output can have only one element with a ID particular ID. Useful for those using Javascript. For example: #Content The idea that elements in your document can inherit style settings from other elements. Occurs when one style element is added within another, therefore creating a Inheritance parent-child relationship. The child inherits all of the style settings that the parent has, unless you override those settings on the child. An alternative group of settings in a stylesheet that are automatically used under certain conditions, such when a screen of a certain size is displaying the output. You Media Query do not tell a Flare target to use a media query; it just happens automatically. For example: tablet, mobile, @media only screen and (max-width: 905px) An alternative group of settings in a stylesheet that can be useful when generating multiple kinds of outputs. You need to explicitly tell Flare Desktop which medium Medium

you want a particular target to use (Advanced tab of Stylesheet Editor). For example: print, blueonline

Concepts	
Precedence	When the same information comes from different places, there are rules of precedence.
	Local Properties > Table Stylesheet Settings > Regular Stylesheet Settings > External Stylesheet Settings
	Stylesheet at File Level > Stylesheet at Target Level > Stylesheet at Project Level
Pseudo Class	Classes that pertain to elements when they're in a certain state (e.g., the font turns orange when a user hovers over it). Often (but not exclusively) used for styles associated with hyperlinks. For example: a:hover
Selector	A way to associate HTML content with style settings based on various information—most often its type, class, or ID. Sometimes the word "selector" is used interchangeably with the term "style," but a selector can be much more than just a simple style. Complex (i.e., advanced) selectors are typically combinations of one or more simple selectors.
	For example (simple selectors): p , h1 , img
	For example (complex selectors): li.Example1 a:hover, ol ol

Most Common Styles		
a	Text hyperlink	
b	Bold	
div	Container to hold various types of content associated other styles. Lets you control the look of group of content with a single style.	
h1-h6	Headings (levels 1 through 6)	
i	Italic	
img	Image	
li	List item	
MadCaplxref	Cross-reference	
ol	Ordered (i.e., numbered) list	
р	Paragraph	
span	Character-level styles. Other common character styles such as b (bold) and i (italic) are separate from the span tag.	

Most Common Styles		
u	Underline	
ul	Unordered (i.e., bulleted) list	

Ноw То		How To		
Create a Branding Stylesheet	Select Project > New > Add Branding Stylesheet.	Edit a	1. In Content Explorer, double-click stylesheet file.	
		Regular	2. In local toolbar, select Simplified or Advanced view.	
Create a Regular Stylesheet	Select Project > New > Add Stylesheet.	Stylesheet	3. Choose medium or media query.	
Create a Table Stylesheet	 Select Project > New > Add Table Style. Content File Right-click file then go to Properties > Topic Properties tab > Stylesheet field. Target Open Target Editor. Then go to General tab > Primary Stylesheet field. 		4. Set style properties:	
			 Simplified View (a) Double-click a style row. (b) Use dialog to set properties 	
Associate a Stylesheet (with a			 Advanced View (a) Use filters and buttons in local toolbar 	
content file, target, or project)			to limit styles and properties shown, and to change how	
			they are shown. (b) Select style on left. (c) Change properties on right.	
	Project Go to Project > Project Properties > Defaults tob > Primary Styleshoot field	Edit a Table	1. In Content Explorer, double-click table stylesheet file.	
		Stylesheet	2. Choose medium or media query.	
Create a Selector (i.e., style)	In Content Explorer, double-click stylesheet file. Click Add Selector in toolbar.		 Use tabs to set properties in general or for rows, columns, headers, footers. Grids on most tabs let you create row and column patterns. 	
			Table stylesheets are optional. Tables can also be formatted in regular stylesheets; table stylesheets make it easier to created	

patterned tables.

How To

Apply Styles to Content Open content file, select content, and use one of the following methods. Some methods better for some types of content.

- Styles Window Pane Press F12.
- Styles Field Select Home ribbon. Look in Styles section.
- Floating Style Picker Press CTRL+SHIFT+H.
- Structure Bars Right-click structure bar, choose Style Class > [Name of Style].

Resources W3C World Wide Web Consortium. The organization that developed and oversees CSS. See the following: https://www.w3.org/ Mttps://www.w3.org/ https://www.w3.org/ Ss > Webinars Free recorded webinars about CSS available on MadCap Software website. See the following: http://www.madcapsoftware.com/resources/recordedwebinars.aspx #flare

W3Schools A popular online resource for CSS.

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http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_intro.asp

MadCap	Descriptions of all the styles and properties unique to Flare. See the
Styles and	Help system.
Properties	

Tips	
Comments	In Stylesheet Editor, use Comments cells to associate internal comments with styles (e.g., purpose of each style for your documentation). Useful for authoring teams.
Disable Styles	In Stylesheet Editor, select Options > Disable Styles . Lets you disable styles you don't plan on using. Removes "clutter" from editor.
Hide Inherited	In Stylesheet Editor, select Hide Inherited in local toolbar to not display styles coming from an external stylesheet (e.g., a factory stylesheet from the Flare Desktop installation folder). In Advanced view, these are the gray styles. If you make a change on a gray style, it will no longer be gray.
Import Styles	In Stylesheet Editor, select Options > Import Styles . Lets you bring into your stylesheet one or more selected styles from another stylesheet.
Internal Text Editor	In Content Explorer, right-click stylesheet and select Open with > Internal Text Editor . Lets you enter syntax directly in the stylesheet. Useful for those familiar with CSS.
Link Stylesheets	In Stylesheet Editor, select Options > Stylesheet Links . Lets you connect your stylesheet to an external one. Styles from that other stylesheet therefore become available to your content.
Ribbon Options	In Home ribbon, use the options in the Font and Paragraph sections to apply formatting to styles in the Stylesheet Editor. Normally these ribbon options are used to produce local formatting in content files, but when the Stylesheet Editor is open, they can be used to update styles instead.
Style Inspector	In Home ribbon, select Formatting Window, and choose Style Inspector tab. Lets you see the style details for selected content in the open file (e.g., topic, snippet), and even edit those styles if necessary, without having to open the full stylesheet.

Shortcuts		
Style Picker	CTRL+SHIFT+H	
Styles Window Pane	F12	
Stylesheet Editor	CTRL+SHIFT+F9	
Primary stylesheet		