

# Sass versus LESS

Quoting, "One of the hot new trends in web design is CSS pre-processed languages and there's two big ones vying for your attention—LESS and Sass. LESS and Sass are both ways of writing CSS code with a syntax that allows you to use features not yet available with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), such as variables, nesting, conditionals, and more.

Pre-processed CSS languages add features to CSS that aren't there yet—like variables, conditionals, and functions. They're called pre-processed, because their final step is a processing, also called compiling, that converts the pre-processed language to regular CSS. In a nutshell, what you use on your site ends up being plain vanilla CSS, but comes as a result of processing the LESS, Sass, or other pre-processed language files you create." via [Lynda.com blog](#)

Review links—

- <http://coding.smashingmagazine.com/2011/09/09/an-introduction-to-less-and-comparison-to-sass/>
- <http://css-tricks.com/sass-vs-less/>
- <http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/sass-vs-less/>
- <http://blog.lynda.com/2012/07/20/an-introduction-to-less-and-sass-pre-processed-css-languages/>

Lynda.com has modules on the topic—

- **CSS with LESS and Sass**, <http://www.lynda.com/CSS-tutorials/CSS-LESS-SASS/107921-2.html>
- **Responsive CSS with Sass and Compass**, <http://www.lynda.com/CSS-tutorials/Responsive-CSS-Sass-Compass/140777-2.html>

Resources—

- <http://sass-lang.com/>
  - <http://lesscss.org/>
  - <http://incident57.com/codekit/>
  - <http://gruntjs.com/>
  - <http://compass-style.com/>
  - <http://css-tricks.com/semantic-class-names/>
  - <http://codepen.io/>
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