

# HTML & CSS

CS142 Section 1

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# HTML vs. CSS

## HTML = scaffolding / structure

- apply "meaning/structure" to content (rather than style)
- i.e.  $\Rightarrow$  Heading & Paragraph
- **NOT**  $\Rightarrow$  16pt font; Arial

## Example:

- **Bad**  $\Rightarrow$  `<i>` & `<b>`
  - styling tags
- **Preferred**  $\Rightarrow$  `<em>` & `<strong>`
  - better semantics
  - accessibility-friendly



# HTML vs. CSS

## CSS = painting / styling / (some) interactivity

- styling for the semantic content expressed in HTML
- CSS Rule  $\Rightarrow$  Selector + Declaration(s)

## "Don't Repeat Yourself"

- Selector lets you apply the same style to multiple elements
- Modify the declaration to change them all at once



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# HTML

## XHTML Structure Review

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>Hello World</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>Hello world!</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

Use lines  
verbatim



## HTML: Tags (<head>, <body>)

<head> = contains title of page, link to CSS stylesheet, sometimes scripts

<body> = content rendered by the browser (text, tables, images, etc.)

\*See Lecture 2, Slides 16-18 for more common tags

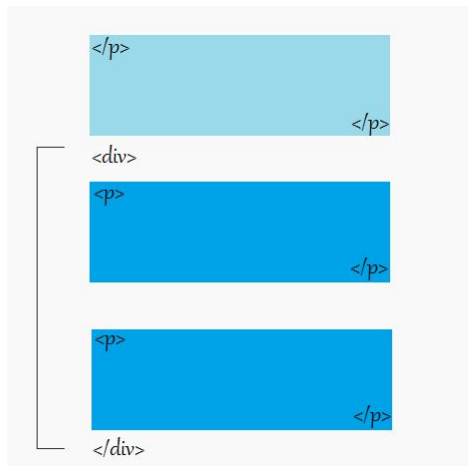
# HTML: Tags (<div>, <span>)

## <div> & <span>

- define presentation of document (no semantic meaning)
- used to "group" sections of the document

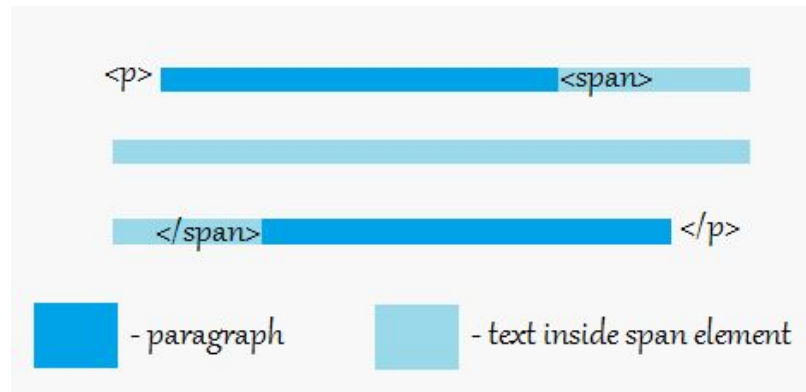
### <div> = **block-level** element

- usually used as container *for elements*



### <span> = **inline** element

- usually used as container *for text* within larger text



# HTML: Attributes

Gives element a custom "attribute" so that it can be picked out by a CSS selector

Two methods:

1. **ID:** *uniquely* identifies object within a document *[DO NOT REUSE]*
2. **Class:** a "group" an element belongs to *[CAN (and, when possible, should) REUSE]*

## HTML

```
<div id="large">
```

```
<div class="large">
```

```
<div class="large small">
```

## CSS

```
#large { // CSS styling by id }
```

```
.large { // CSS styling by class }
```

```
.small { // More CSS styling by class }
```

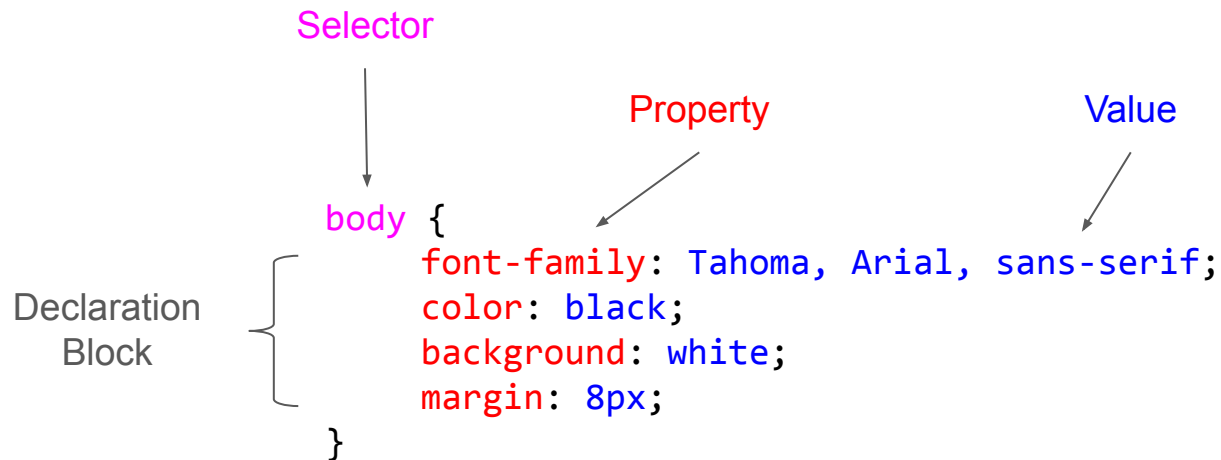
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# CSS: Rules (defined in your .css file)



## **CSS: Rules** (defined in your .css file)

**Selector:** pick out element(s) by tag, class, or id.

- Ex: `p {}`, `.large {}`, `#container {}`
- Pseudo-classes: `:hover {}`
- Combination: `p.large {}`, `div:hover {}`

**Declaration:** property-value pair, specifying the property

- Ex: `height: 300px;` `font-family: Arial`

**\*Declarations live inside Selectors (see previous slide)\***

# CSS: Must-Knows

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# Override Rules ⇒ Cascade

CSS is "cascading" because of fixed priority of rules if >1 conflicting rule refers to the same object.

\*Note\* — if two rules don't conflict, *both* are applied!

## 1. Importance

Ex: `color: red !important;`

- !important properties override normal ones (**but strongly discouraged**)
- user stylesheets (e.g. browser default) overridden by author stylesheets

## 2. Specificity

Ex: `<div style="font-size: 10px;">`

- Declaration in `style` attribute has highest priority
- Priority: id > class/pseudo-class > element type (e.g. `#first` > `.tab` > `div`)

## 3. Source Code Order

- Last one wins

# Override Rules $\Rightarrow$ Inheritance

## CSS

```
div {  
    font-size: 15px;  
}
```

## HTML

```
<div> <p> This font is 15px. </p> </div>
```

*But not everything is inherited!  $\Rightarrow$  (Recall Lecture 3, Slide 16)*

# Override Rules ⇒ Inheritance

Some properties inherit automatically (i.e. font size, font color) while others do not (background color)

Force inheritance by using the `inherit` property:

```
div { background-color: inherit; }
```

Percentages are a computed value and imply inheritance, so parent property needs to be defined)

```
div { font-size: 75%; }
```

More on cascade and inheritance:

[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/Introduction\\_to\\_CSS/Cascade\\_and\\_inheritance](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/Introduction_to_CSS/Cascade_and_inheritance)

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# Display Models $\Rightarrow$ Box Model

width/height properties refer to the **content only** (by default)

- `box-sizing: content-box`
- "Actual width" = content width + padding + border

If you want width/height to include padding and border, set

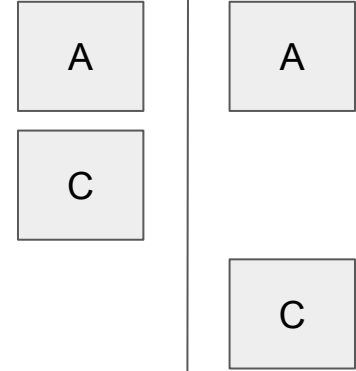
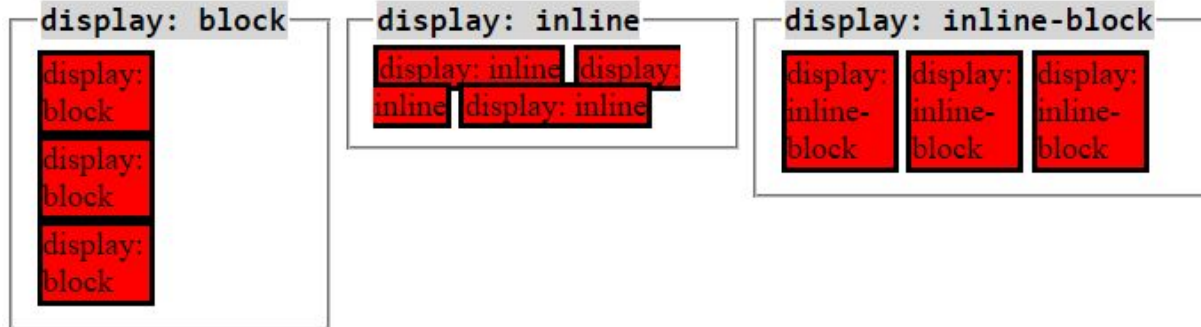
- `box-sizing: border-box`



# Display Models $\Rightarrow$ Display

```
#element {  
  display: none;  
}
```

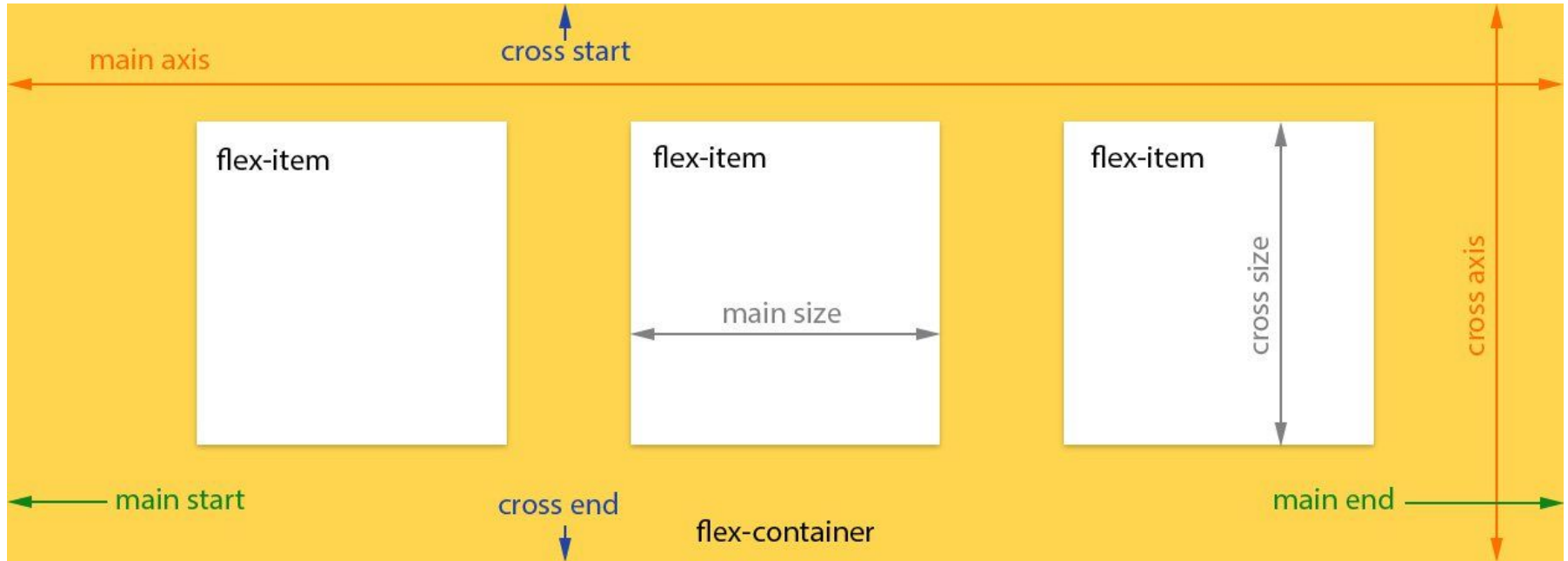
- none (as opposed to visibility: hidden)
- block, inline, inline-block, float
- \*flex
- \*grid



# Display Models ⇒ display: flex

cross and main instead of width and height

```
<div style="display: flex">  
  <div>1</div>  
  <div>2</div>  
  ...  
</div>
```





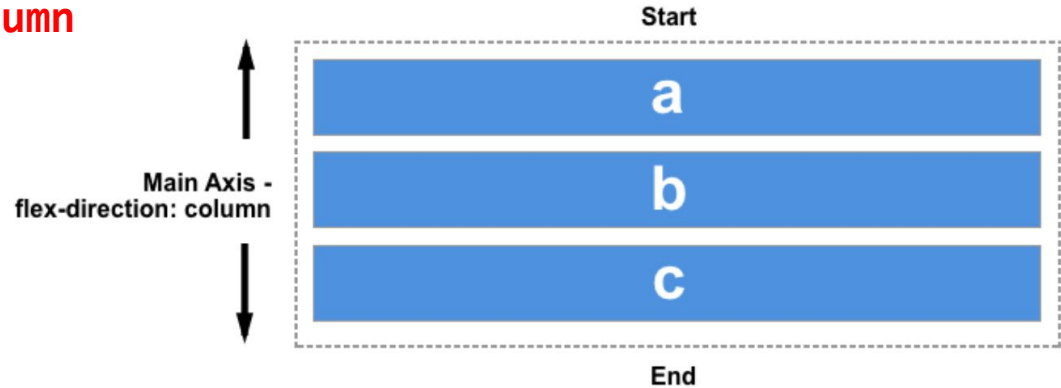
# Display Models $\Rightarrow$ display: flex (*flex container direction*)



`display: flex`

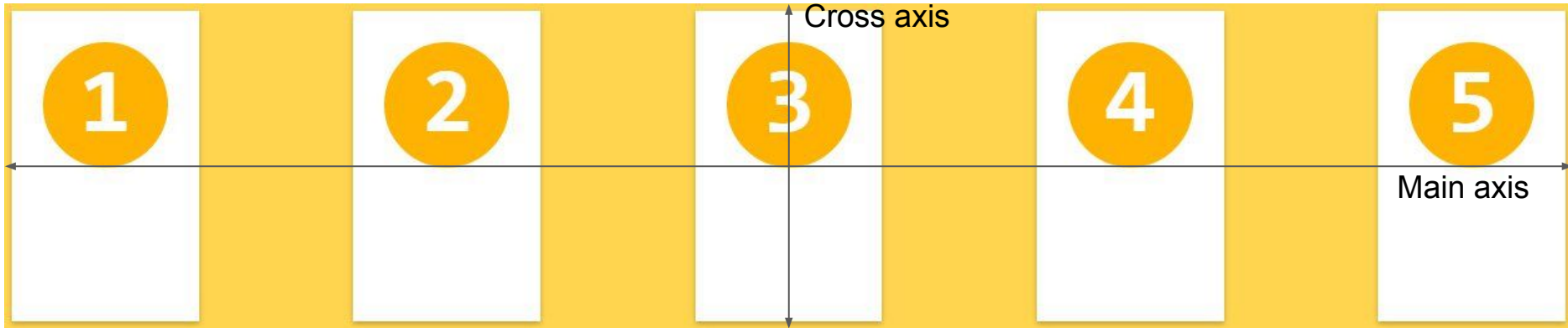
`flex-direction: // row or column`

- 1-Dimension Layout



# Display Models $\Rightarrow$ display: flex (*alignment*)

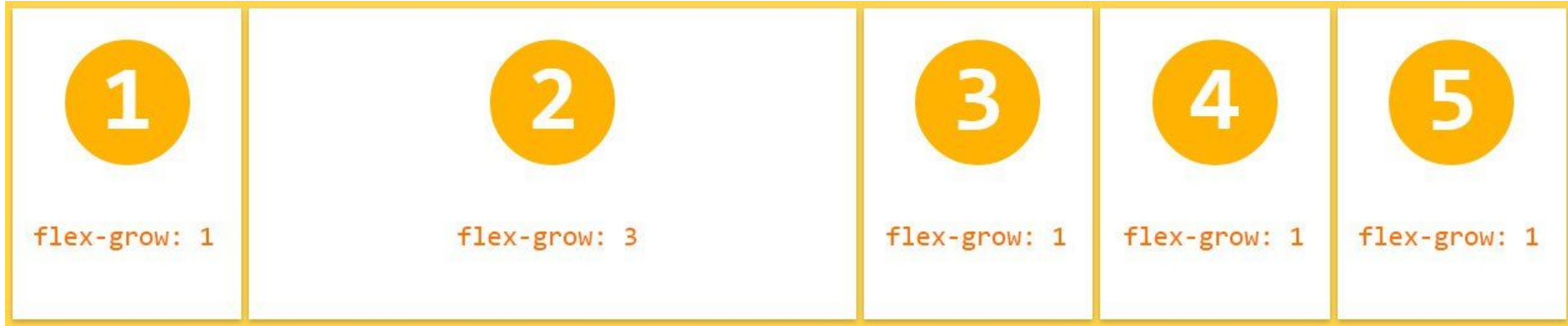
- **justify-content**: determines how items spaced out along *main* axis
  - left/right/center, space-between, space-around, etc.
- **align-items**: determines how items aligned on *cross* axis



flex-direction: row

# Display Models $\Rightarrow$ display: flex (*sizing*)

Elements can expand (or shrink) to fill available space

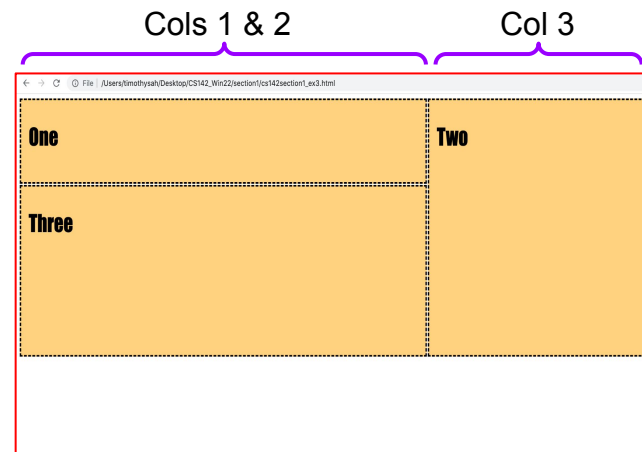


# Display Models ⇒ display: grid

- 2-Dimension layout
- Useful for dividing up available space equally among elements, alignment, and automatically handling different window/display sizes
- *grid-column* and *grid-row* are (inclusive) / (exclusive)

Row 1

Rows 2 & 3



## HTML

```
<div class="grid-container">
  <div class="one">One</div>
  <div class="two">Two</div>
  <div class="three">Three</div>
</div>
```

## CSS

```
.grid-container {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(3, auto);
  grid-template-rows: repeat(3, 150px);
  grid-gap: 2px;
}

.one {
  grid-column: 1 / 3;
  grid-row: 1;
}

.two {
  grid-column: 3;
  grid-row: 1 / 4;
}

.three {
  grid-column: 1 / 3;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

# CSS: Must-Knows

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# Useful Features: CSS Positioning

`position: static;`

- Item is positioned as it falls in the flow of the document (default).

`position: relative;`

- Item is *offset* relative to where it would be with static, using top, left, right, and/or bottom properties.

`position: fixed;`

- Item is positioned relative to browser window (viewport) with top, left, right, and/or bottom properties. This means if you scroll, item stays put.

`position: absolute;`

- Item is positioned relative to closest "positioned" (non-static) ancestor, offset by top, left, right, and/or bottom properties.

<https://css-tricks.com/absolute-relative-fixed-positioning-how-do-they-differ/>

# Useful Features: CSS Shorthand

`background-color: #000;`

`background-image: url(images/bg.gif);`

`background-repeat: no-repeat;`

`background-position: top right;`

} Can consolidate

`background: #000 url(images/bg.gif) no-repeat top right;` } Consolidated

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`margin: 10px 20px 20px 10px;`

`// (top, right, bottom, left)`

\*If unsure of shorthand order, check documentation <sub>31</sub>

# Useful Features: Pseudo-Class Selectors

`:nth-child(odd) // even, 8`

`:first-child :last-child`

`:hover :focus`



## Useful Features: Validation

XHTML 1.0 validated at

<https://validator.w3.org/>

# Useful Features: Debugging CSS (Chrome Inspector)

## Chrome Inspector (right-click > Inspect)

The screenshot displays the Chrome DevTools interface with the CSS Inspector open. The top section shows a preview of a web page with a header titled "Upcoming Projects" and a sub-header "Upcoming Lectures". The "Upcoming Projects" header is highlighted with a blue border, and a tooltip indicates its dimensions: "h3.left-border 555px x 26px".

The bottom section shows the "Elements" panel on the left, displaying the DOM tree. The "h3" element with the class "left-border" is selected. The "Styles" panel on the right shows the CSS rules for the selected element, including the "border-left" property.

**Elements Panel:**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <#shadow-root (open)>
  <head>...</head>
  <body>
    <header>...</header>
    <main>
      <div class="container">
        ::before
        <h1>CS142: Web Applications (Spring 2016)</h1>
        <section>...</section>
        <section>...</section>
        <section>
          <!-- 604800 seconds is one week -->
          <div class="row">
            ::before
            <div class="col-md-6">...</div>
            <div class="col-md-6">
              <h3 class="left-border">Upcoming Projects</h3>
              <div>...</div>
            </div>
          </div>
        </section>
      </div>
    </main>
  </body>
</html>
```

**Styles Panel:**

Property	Value
border-left-color	rgb(41, 128, 185)
border-left-style	solid
border-left-width	3px
box-sizing	border-box
color	rgb(51, 51, 51)
display	block
font-family	'Open Sans', Helvetica, sans-serif
font-size	24px
font-weight	500
height	26px

# Additional References

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Reference>

<https://www.w3schools.com/cssref/>

<https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide-to-flexbox/>