

# Building your first website with bootstrap

This week I would like you to complete [Building your first website with Bootstrap](#) course from Sitepoint. The course is quite well done, but we need to make a few adjustments to because of the way we have setup our Bootstrap app and because the course was made using the beta version of the framework and a few things changed.

Watch for these things:

- Ignore most of the installation instructions in the course. We will use the [Bootstrap installation](#) you did back in week 4 that used Parcel. Review that to make sure you remember how to use it.
- In the first lesson below the video there is a link to download the assets for the course. You will want to do this to get the images you will need. Copy the images in the `assets` folder to a folder called `images` in your `src` directory. **You only need the images! You should use the `index.html` that is also inside of that `parcel/src` directory to make your changes in as you complete the course. You should remove everything in the `body` element so that you can fill it with the instructions for the Sitepoint course.**
- Again, in the second lesson **don't** follow the installation instructions. You should use the Bootstrap installation we did in week 4 for this project.
- To get rid of the extra lines that are being added about things working you can remove everything from the `index.js` file **below** the `@import` lines.
- Also in Step 2 and Step 8 the `bg-inverse` class got renamed to `bg-dark`
- In the lesson on Modals he asks you to use a class named `.360-modal-md`. This is technically invalid css. You are not supposed to start class names with numbers. If you have issues with that part change the name to something like `.x360-modal-md`
- In the last lesson the course introduces FontAwesome. You could install it as the course recommends with the CDN...or you could use your package manager :) To install it with npm do the following: In the command line (and while in the project folder) type:

```
npm install font-awesome
```

then in your `assets/scss/styles.scss` file add the following lines towards the top:

```
$fa-font-path: "../../node_modules/font-awesome/fonts";  
@import "node_modules/font-awesome/scss/font-awesome";
```

The course does a pretty good job at leading you through using the Bootstrap Grid and other classes to quickly prototype out a site. Consider for a moment though the section with the interest boxes. The code looked like this:

```
<div class="sectionLight">
  <div class="row">
    <div class="col-sm-12 col-lg-4">
      
      <div class="row">
        <div class="col-sm-12"><button type="button" class="btn
btn-lg btn-danger btnCenter">Kickflip</button>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="col-sm-12 col-lg-4">
      
      <div class="row">
        <div class="col-sm-12">
          <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger
btnCenter">360 Flip</button>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="col-sm-12 col-lg-4">
      
      <div class="row">
        <div class="col-sm-12"><button type="button" class="btn
btn-lg btn-danger btnCenter">BS Crook</button>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

That is 993 characters of html, plus 11 lines of custom CSS...but it's not the only way to use Bootstrap to accomplish that layout. You also have some **Flexbox utility classes** you can use instead. Let's see what it would look like using those.

```
<div class="sectionLight d-flex flex-row flex-wrap justify-content-
around">
  <div class="p-2 d-flex flex-column align-items-center">
    
    <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger btnCenter">Kick
Flip</button>
```

```

</div>
<div class="p-2 d-flex flex-column align-items-center">
  
  <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger btnCenter">360
Flip</button>
</div>
<div class="p-2 d-flex flex-column align-items-center">
  
  <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger btnCenter">BS
Crook</button>
</div>
</div>

```

This weighs in at 717 characters of html and 7 lines of custom CSS...a 30% reduction. Not bad...but what if we were to hand code this same section:

```

<div class="sectionLight interestBoxes">
  <div>
    
    <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger">Kick
Flip</button>
  </div>
  <div>
    
    <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger">360
Flip</button>
  </div>
  <div>
    
    <button type="button" class="btn btn-lg btn-danger">BS
Crook</button>
  </div>
</div>

```

```

.interestBoxes {
  display: flex;
  flex-flow: row wrap;
  justify-content: space-around;
  > div {
    display: flex;
    flex-flow: column nowrap;
    align-items: center;
    > button {
      display: block;
      width: 100%;
      margin-bottom: 1em;
    }
  }
}

```

This brought us down to 502 characters of HTML (almost 50% reduction) and about 14 lines of SCSS!

Libraries like Bootstrap can be very useful, and speed up the development of pages significantly, but that does come at a cost. It's important to keep that in mind...

Once you have completed your site do a production build:

```
npm run build
```

Then compress (archive) up your src folder and submit it in Ilearn.

## Grading

- Site from the tutorial completed. 10pts