

Web Programming Fundamentals

February 2019

Today's schedule

Today

- Squarespace Layout
 - Single row/column flexbox
- vh / vw / box-sizing

Friday

- position
- Random helpful CSS
- Mobile layouts
- CSS wrap-up

Monday

- Intro to JavaScript

Announcements

⚠ Homework 1 deadline extended! ⚠

- Due ~~Mon Apr 17~~ Wed Apr 19!
- [Details here](#)

Homework 2 will go out Wed Apr 19 as well.
See [syllabus](#) for adjusted schedule.

Victoria's Office Hours --> Friday

- Due to a meeting, my office hours will be Friday after class this week instead of today.

Amy / Cindy's Office Hours canceled this afternoon

- Email if you want to meet me at 4 in my office

Mistake on padding/margin

The shorthand for padding and margin actually go clockwise, not counter-clockwise (which...makes more sense)

padding: **2px 4px 3px 1px;** <- **top|right|bottom|left**
margin: **2px 4px 3px 1px;** <- **top|right|bottom|left**

(Previous slides now fixed)

Font-related CSS review

Name	Description
font-family	Font face (mdn)
color	Font color (and always font color) (mdn)
font-size	Font size (mdn)
line-height	Line height (mdn)
text-align	Alignment of text (mdn)

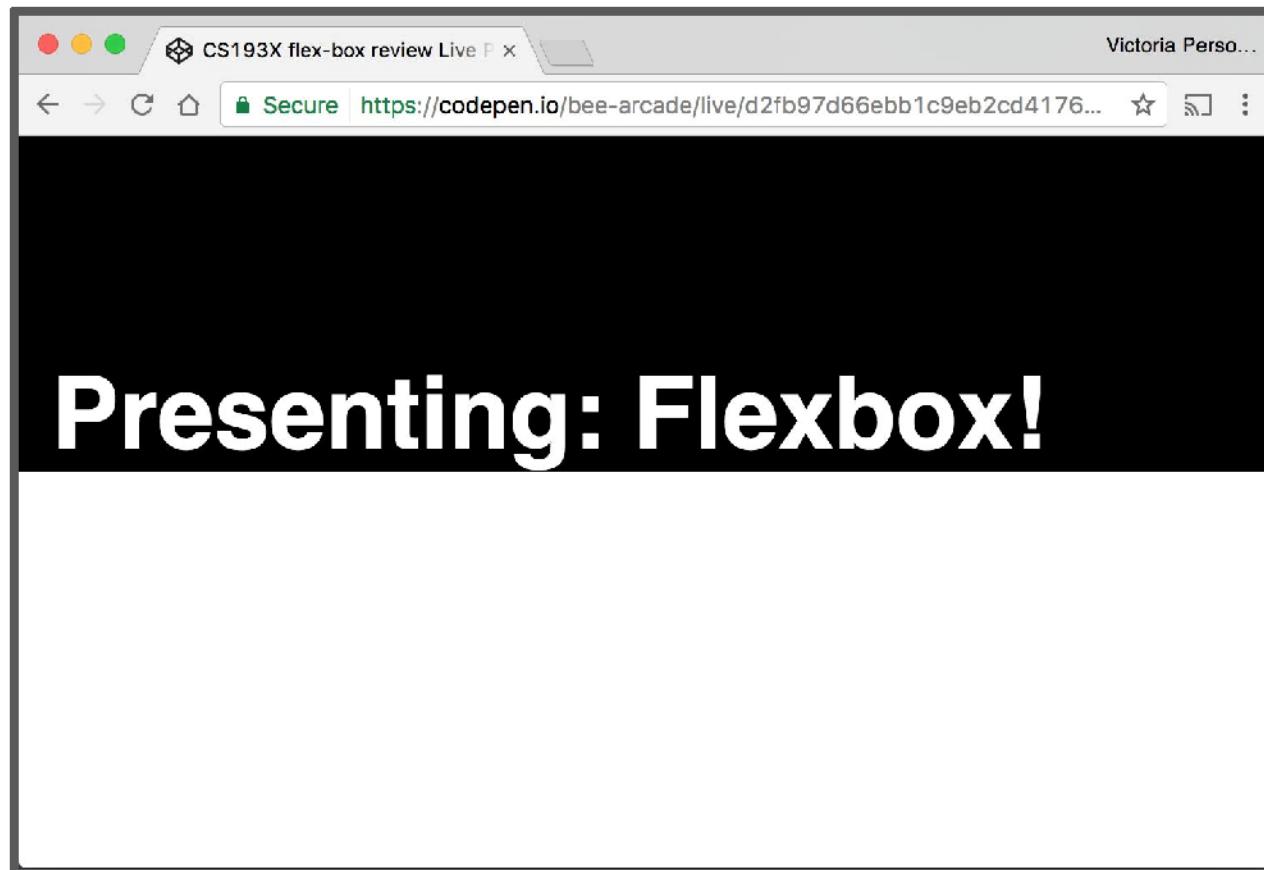
More font-related CSS

Name	Description
text-decoration	Can set underline , line-through (strikethrough) or none (e.g. to unset underline on hyperlinks) (mdn)
text-transform	Can change font case , i.e. uppercase, lowercase, capitalize, none (mdn)
font-style	Can set to italic or normal (e.g. to unset italic on) (mdn)
font-weight	Can set to bold or normal (e.g. to unset bold on h1 - h6) (mdn)
letter-spacing	Controls the space between letters (mdn)

Flexbox

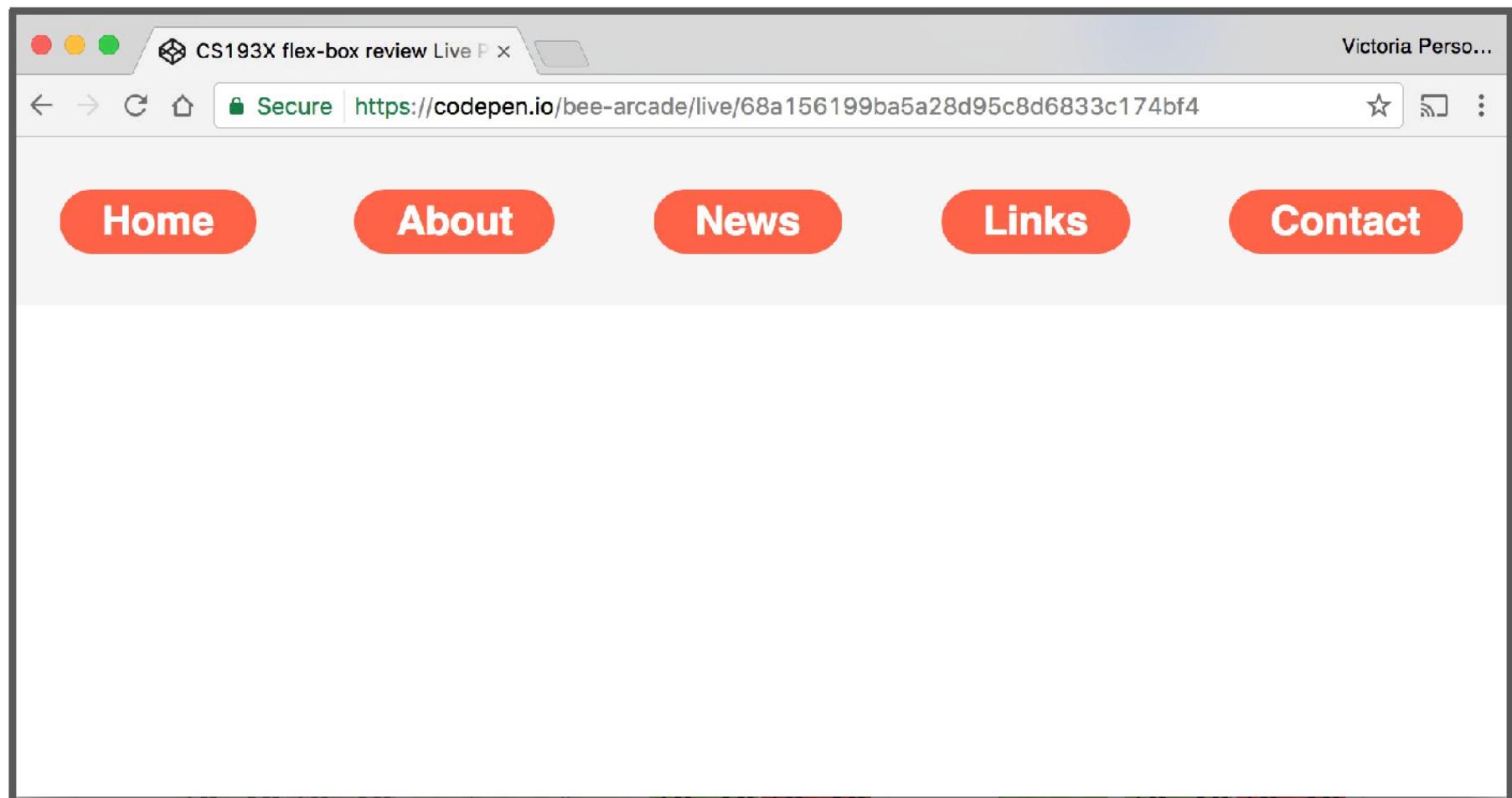
Review: Flexbox

How do we create this look? ([Codepen](#))



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Continuing where
we left off!

Goal

We were trying to create a layout that looks sort of like this:

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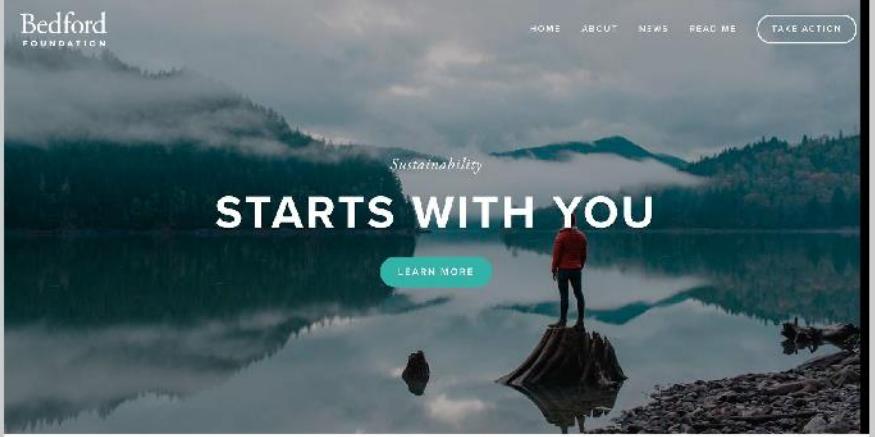
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Status

We broke up the layout
into a bunch of colored
boxes:

And we got kind of stuck
trying to position the
orange boxes.

The image shows a website design with a blue header section at the top. Below it is a yellow rectangular box containing text. At the bottom of the page are two orange rectangular boxes, each with a title and some descriptive text. The entire layout is contained within a grey frame.

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Recall: block layouts

If #flex-container was **not** display: flex:



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  margin: 5px;
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Below the code editor is a large empty rectangular box, likely representing the browser's rendering area.

Then the span flex-items would not show up because span elements are inline, which don't have a height and width

(Review block and inline!)



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A large empty rectangular box is positioned below the code editor.

(Please make sure you completely understand why the `` elements do not show up!)

Check out [block vs inline guide](#)

What happens if the flex item is an inline element?

HTML

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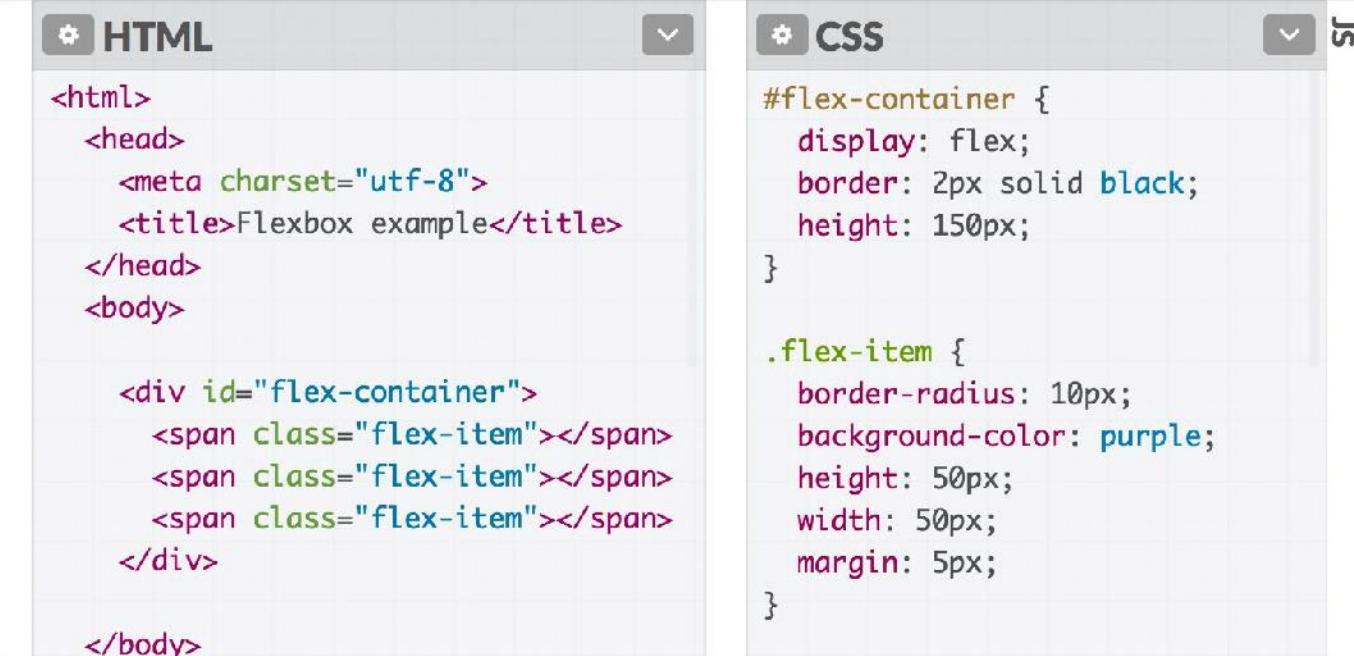
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Below the tabs, there is a preview area showing three purple rounded squares arranged horizontally within a black-bordered container.

Flex layouts

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Why does this change when `display: flex`?

Why do inline elements suddenly seem to have height and width?

Flex: A different rendering mode

- When you set a container to `display: flex`, the direct children in that container are **flex items** and follow a new set of rules.
- **Flex items are not block or inline**; they have different rules for their height, width, and layout.
 - The *contents* of a flex item follow the usual block/inline rules, relative to the flex item's boundary.
- The **height and width** of flex items are... complicated.

Follow along on [CodePen](#)

Flex item sizing

Flex basis

Flex items have an initial width*, which, by default is either:

- The content width, or
- The explicitly set **width** property of the element, or
- The explicitly set **flex-basis** property of the element

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The explicit width* of a flex item is respected *for all flex items*, regardless of whether the flex item is inline, block, or inline-block.

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Flex basis

If we unset the height and width, our flex items disappears, because the **flex basis** is now the content size, which is empty:

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flex-shrink

The width* of the flex item can automatically shrink **smaller than the flex basis** via the **flex-shrink** property:

flex-shrink:

- If set to 1, the flex item shrinks itself as small as it can in the space available.
- If set to 0, the flex item does not shrink.

Flex items have flex-shrink: 1 by default.

*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: flex-start;  
  border: 2px solid black;  
  height: 150px;  
}
```

```
.flex-item {  
  width: 500px;  
  height: 100px;  
  
  border-radius: 10px;  
  background-color: purple;  
  margin: 5px;  
}
```



The flex items' widths all shrink to fit within the container.

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    display: flex;  
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    border: 2px solid black;  
    height: 150px;  
}
```

```
.flex-item {  
    width: 500px;  
    height: 100px;  
    flex-shrink: 0;  
  
    border-radius: 10px;  
    background-color: purple;  
    margin: 5px;  
}
```

Setting **flex-shrink: 0;** undoes the shrinking behavior, and the flex items do not shrink in any circumstance:

flex-grow

The width* of the flex item can automatically **grow larger than the flex basis** via the **flex-grow** property:

flex-grow:

- If set to 1, the flex item grows itself as large as it can in the space remaining.
- If set to 0, the flex-item does not grow.

Flex items have **flex-grow: 0 by default.**

*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

flex-grow example

Let's unset the height and width of our flex items again:

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```

Below the code editor is a large empty rectangular box, likely a placeholder for the rendered output of the code.

flex-grow example

If we set **flex-grow: 1**, the flex items fill the empty space:

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HTML Tab:

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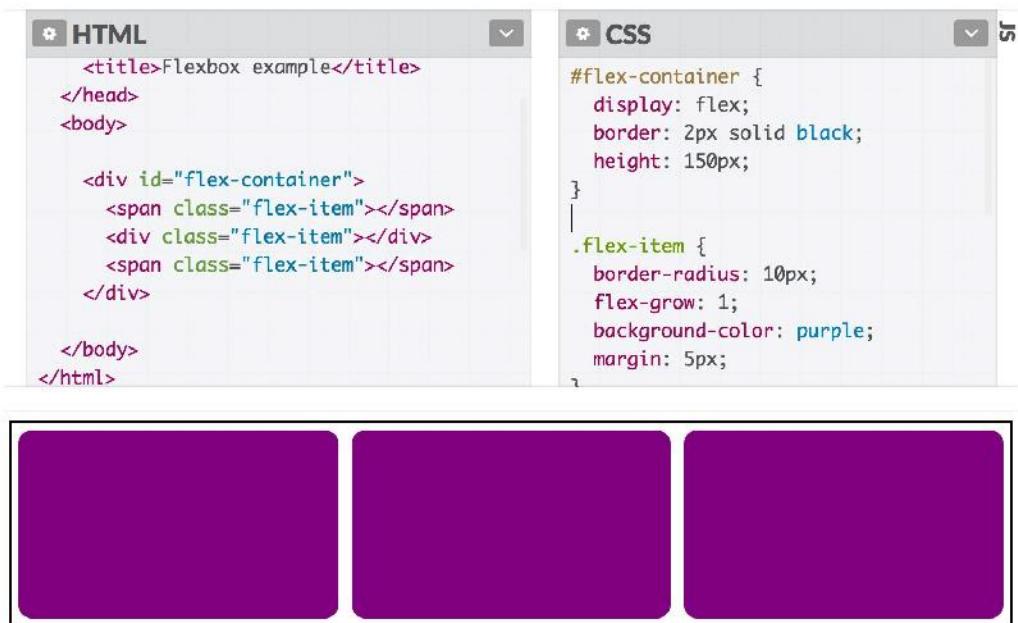
.flex-item {
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    flex-grow: 1;
    background-color: purple;
    margin: 5px;
```



Flex item height**?!

Note that **flex-grow** only controls width*.

So why does the height** of the flex items seem to "grow" as well?



The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools with two tabs: 'HTML' and 'CSS'. The 'HTML' tab displays the following code:

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```

The 'CSS' tab contains the following styles:

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}
```

Below the tabs is a preview area showing three purple rounded rectangles arranged horizontally, each with a white border and a 5px margin between them. The container has a black border and a height of 150px.

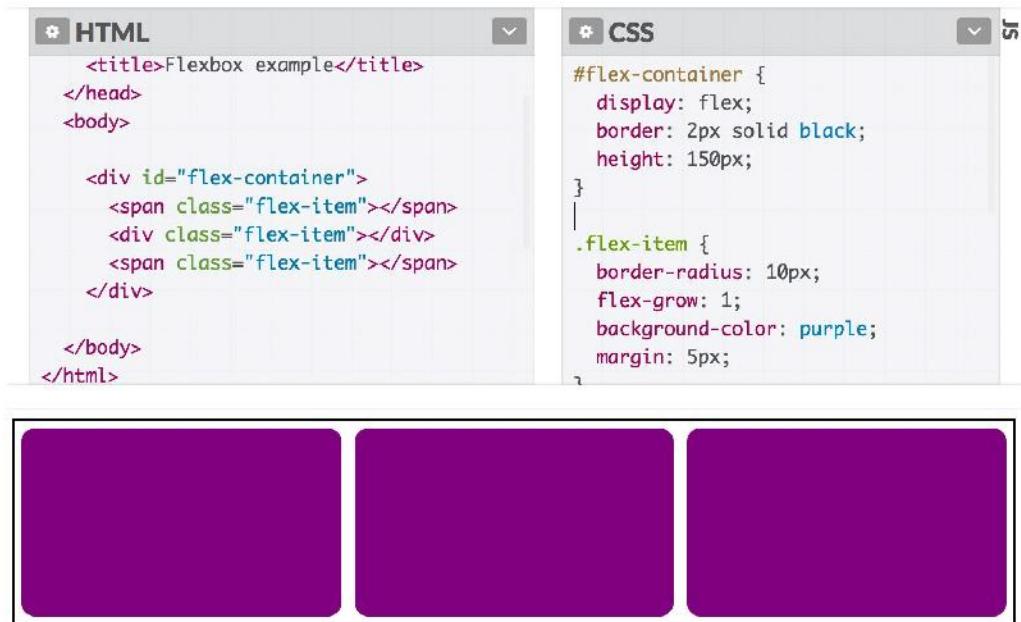
*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

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align-items: stretch;

The default value of align-items is stretch, which means every flex item grows vertically* to fill the container by default.

(This will not happen if the height on the flex item is set)



The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools with two panes: HTML and CSS. The HTML pane contains the following code:

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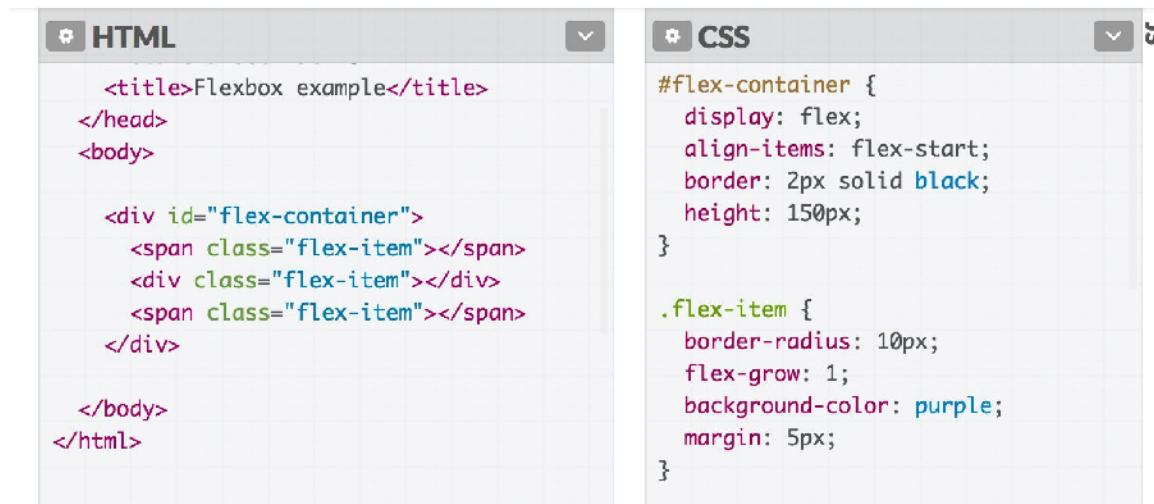
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Below the developer tools, there is a visual representation of the flexbox container. It is a black-bordered box containing three purple rectangular items. Each item has rounded corners and a thin white border, with some space between them.

*vertically in the case of rows;
horizontally in the case of columns

align-items: stretch;

If we set another value for align-items, the flex items disappear again because the height is now content height, which is 0:



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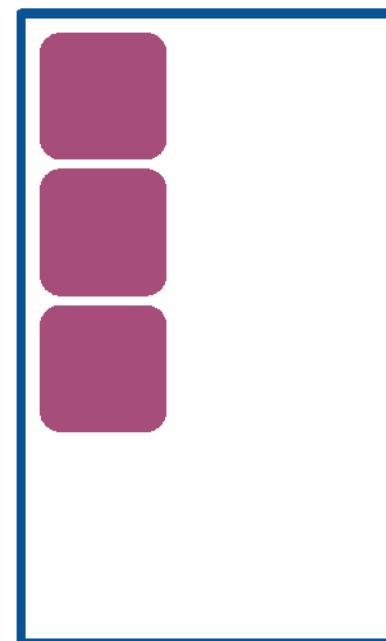
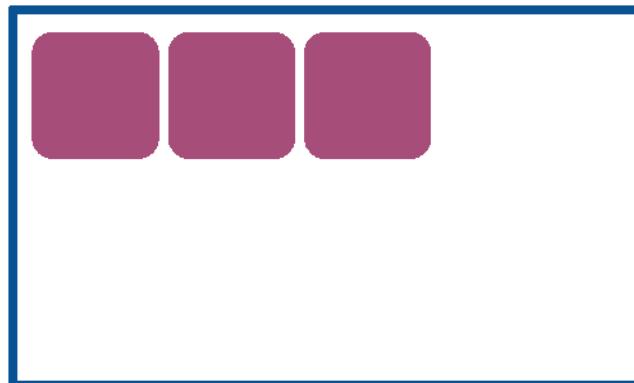
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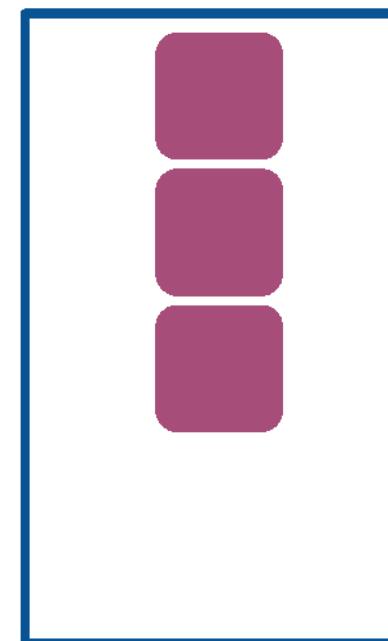
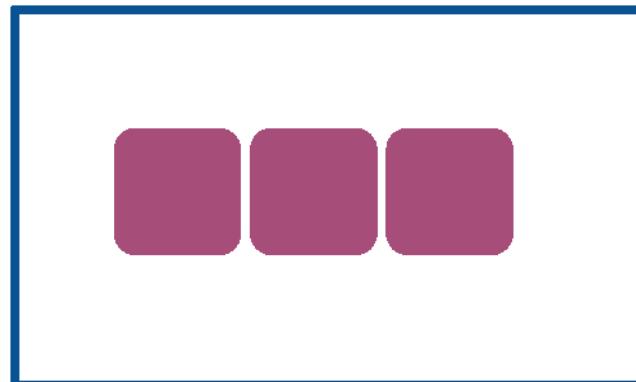
Flex layout recap

- If you set `display: flex`, the element is now a **flex container** and its direct children are **flex items**.
- The items in a flex container will layout in a row or column depending on the `flex-direction` of the container.



Flex layout recap

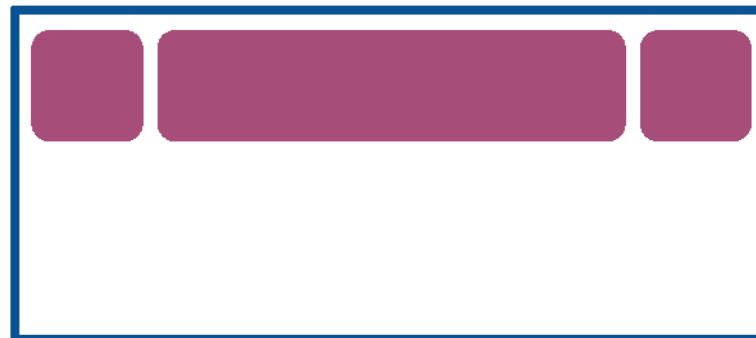
- **justify-content** distributes the items horizontally for **flex-direction: row**, vertically for **column**
- **align-items** distributes the items vertically for **flex-direction: row**, horizontally for **column**



Flex layout recap

For flex-direction: row:

- The **flex basis** is the initial width of a flex item
 - This is either the explicitly set width, the explicitly set `flex-basis`, or the content width
- The width of a flex item will **shrink** to fit the container if `flex-shrink` is set to 1 (disabled if 0)
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Flex layout recap

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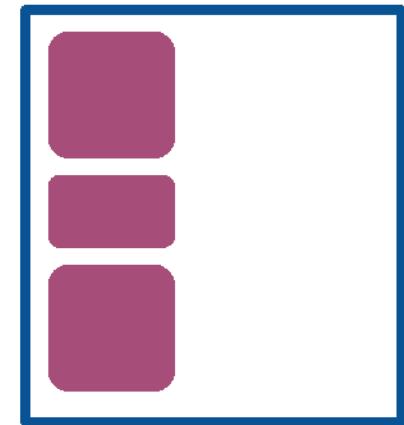
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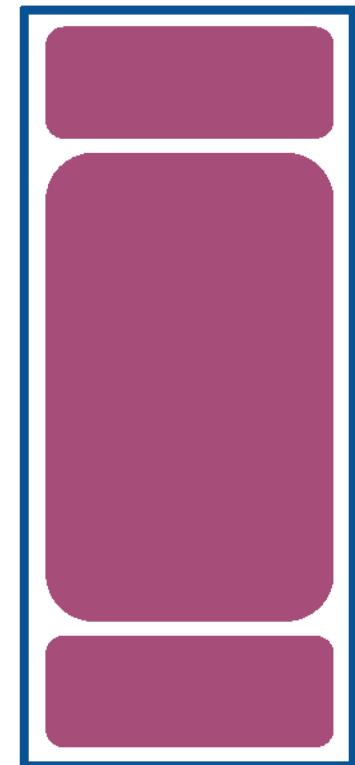
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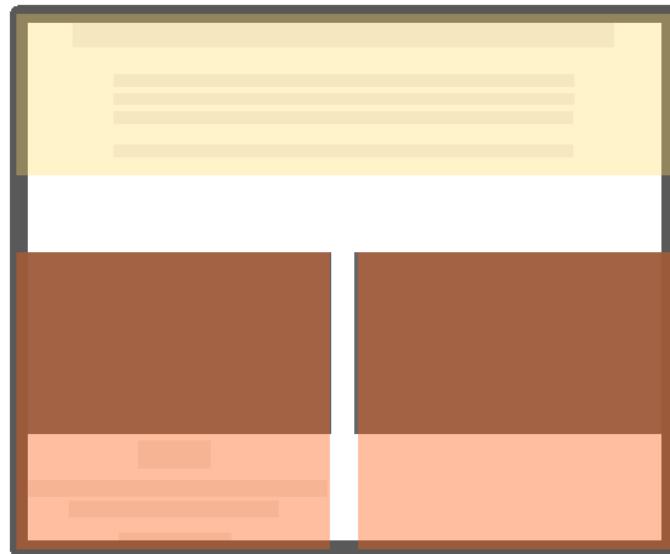
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That's still just scratching the surface
of flex box...

...but we now know enough to continue our layout!

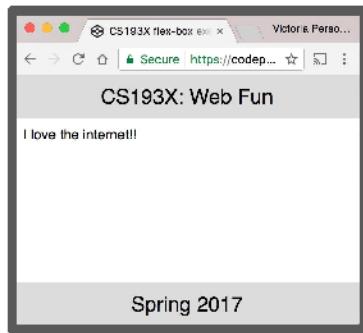


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Height and width
quirks:
vh, vw, box-sizing

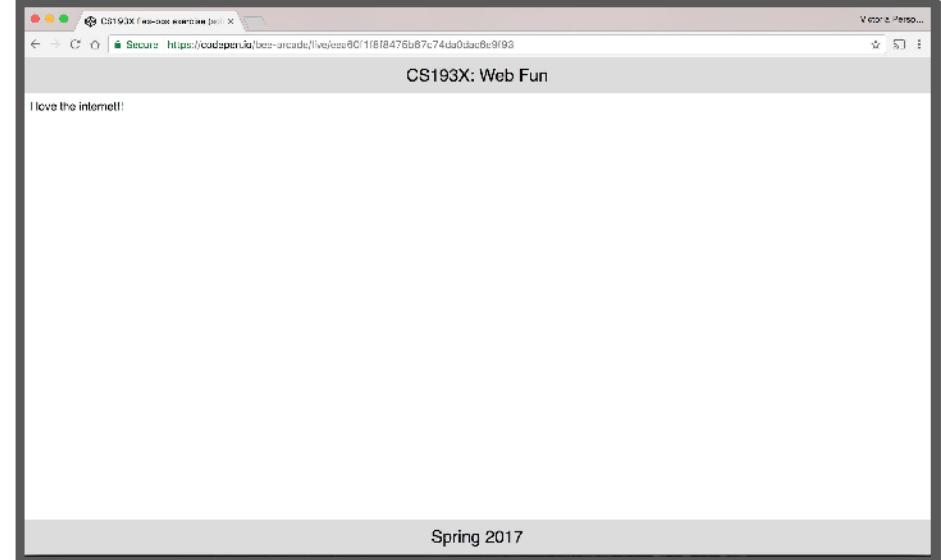
Flexbox example

How do we make a layout that looks like this? ([Codepen](#))



The header and footer
stay at the top and
bottom of the viewport.

([Live example](#))



height and width percentages

When width is defined as a percentage:

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In other words, height and width are defined **relative to their parent element** when defined as a percentage.

height and width percentages

HTML

```
<div id="box">
  <div id="upper-half">
    <div id="upper-quarter"></div>
  </div>
</div>
```

CSS

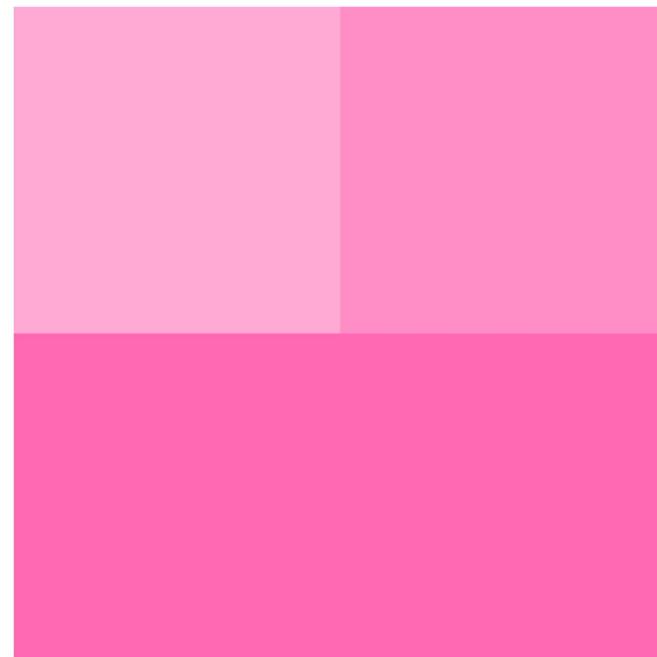
```
#box {
  height: 500px;
  width: 500px;
  background-color: hotpink;
}

#upper-half {
  height: 50%;
  width: 100%;
}

#upper-quarter {
  height: 100%;
  width: 50%;
}

#box div {
  background-color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.25);
}
```

OUTPUT

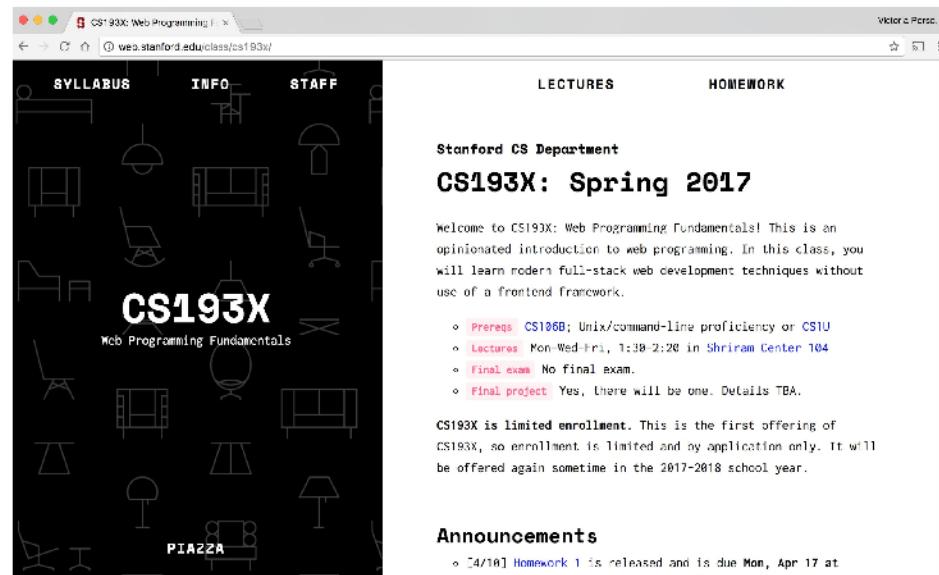


([Codepen](#))

Viewport?

Browser vocabulary:

- **viewport**: the rectangle where the webpage shows up, scrollable via a scrollbar
- **chrome**: all the UI that's *not* the webpage, i.e. everything but the viewport

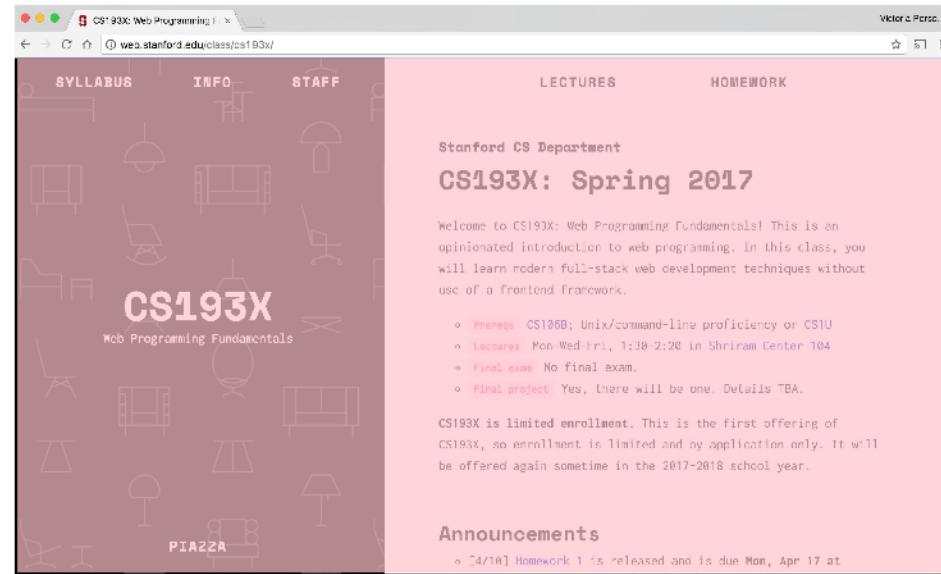


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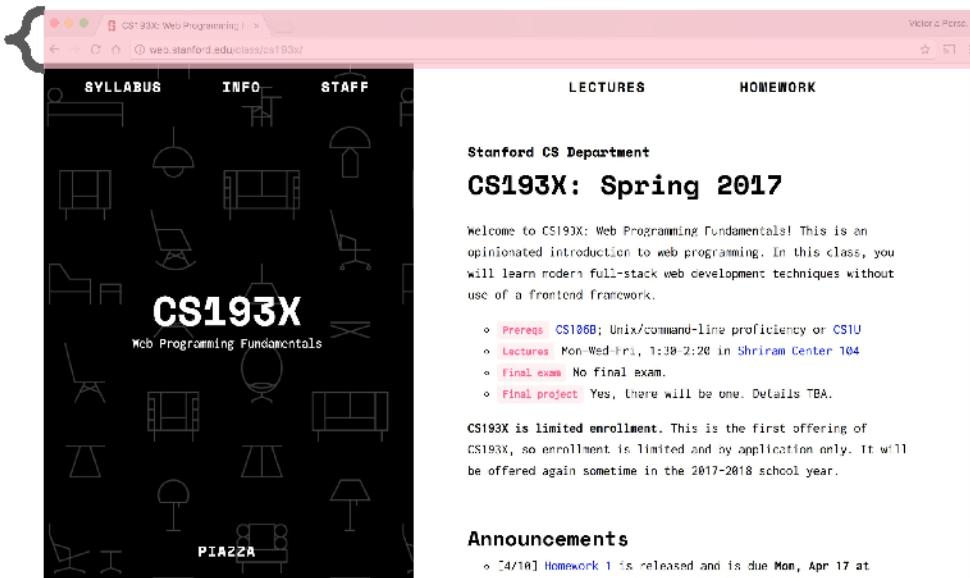


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The chrome



vh and vw

You can define **height** and **width** in terms of the viewport

- Use units vh and vw to set **height** and **width** to the percentage of the viewport's height and width, respectively ([mdn](#))
- $1\text{vh} = 1/100\text{th}$ of the viewport height
- $1\text{vw} = 1/100\text{th}$ of the viewport width

Example:

- `height: 100vh;`
- `width: 100vw;`

Flexbox example, solved

HTML

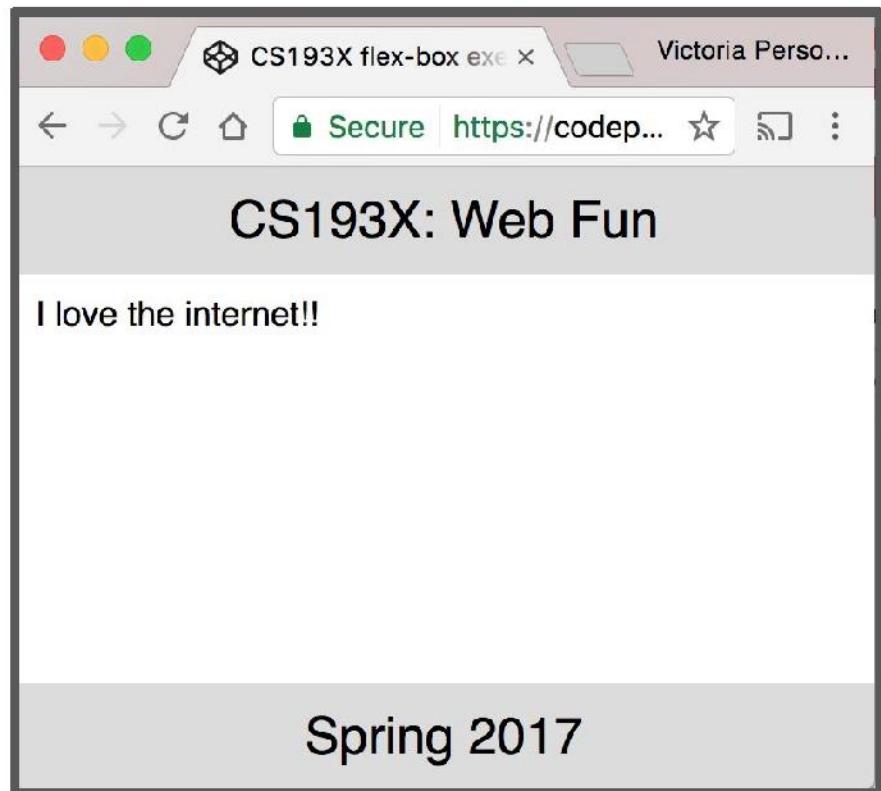
```
<article>
  <header>CS193X: Web Fun</header>
  <section>
    <p>I love the internet!!</p>
  </section>
  <footer>Spring 2017</footer>
</article>
```

CSS

```
article {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
  height: 100vh;
  width: 100%;
}

section {
  flex-grow: 1;
  padding: 10px;
}
```

([rest of the CSS](#))



([CodePen](#))

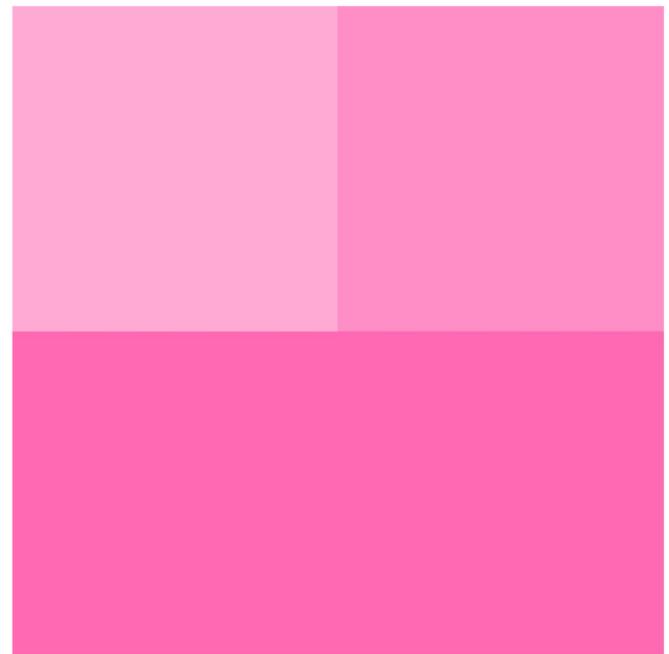
Aside: sizing

Q: What happens if we add a border to #upper-half?

```
<div id="box">  
  <div id="upper-half">  
    <div id="upper-quarter"></div>  
  </div>  
</div>
```

```
#upper-half {  
  height: 50%;  
  width: 100%;  
}
```

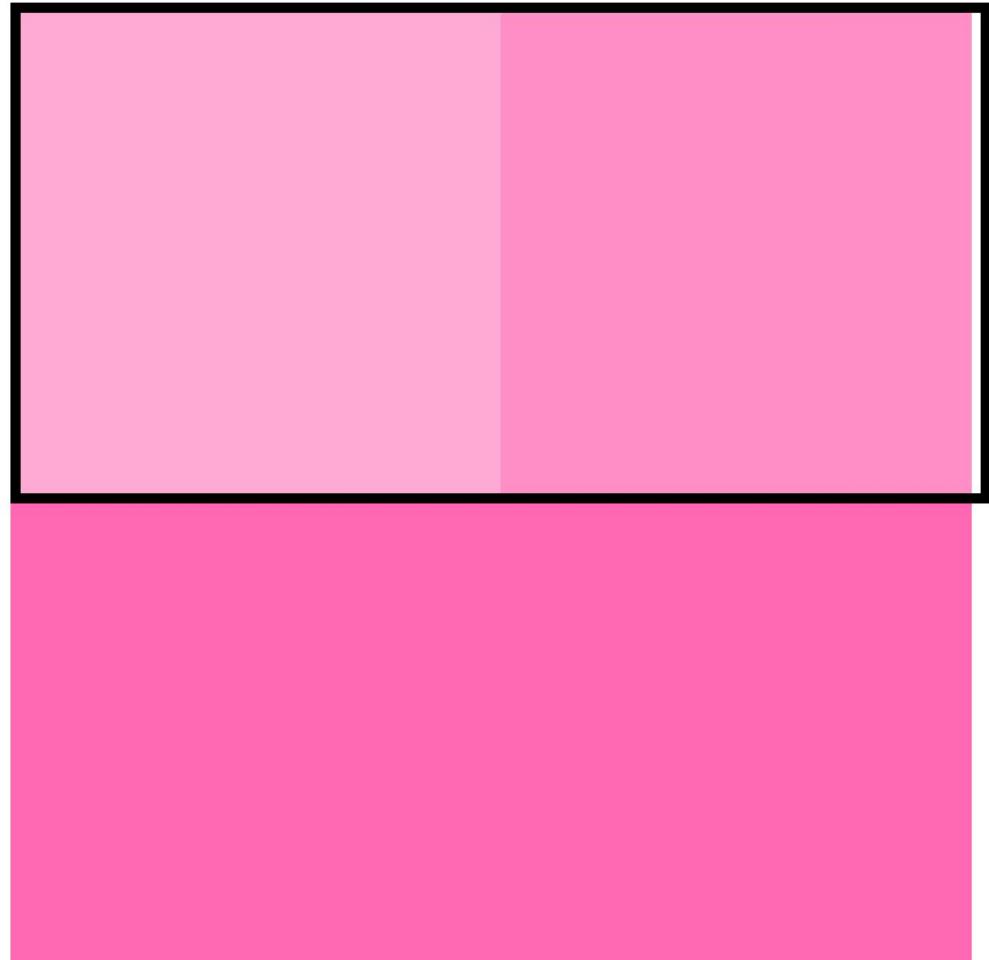
(rest of the css)



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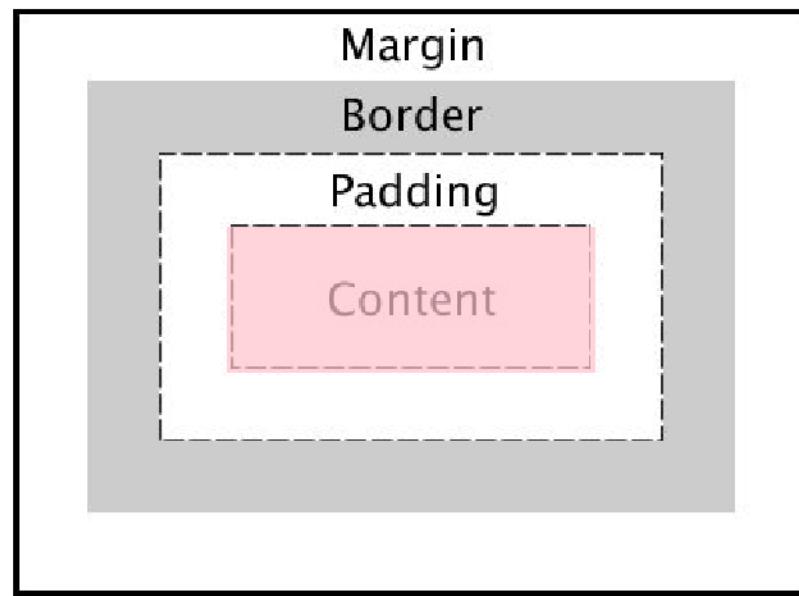
```
#upper-half {  
    height: 50%;  
    width: 100%;  
    border: 5px solid black;  
}
```

([rest of the CSS](#))



CSS box model width and height

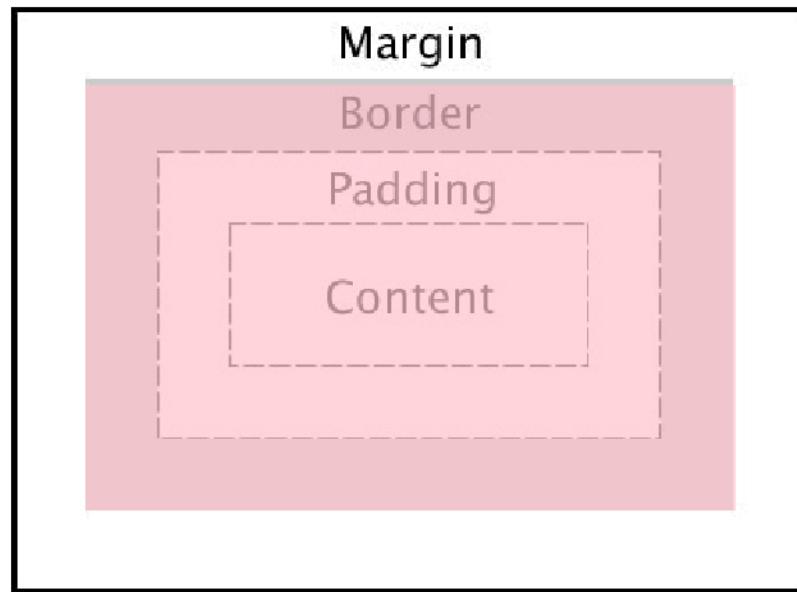
The box model defines CSS width and height properties to refer to the element's **content** width and height:



box-sizing

If you want to have width and height refer to the element's **border** width and height, use box-sizing:

- `box-sizing: border-box;`

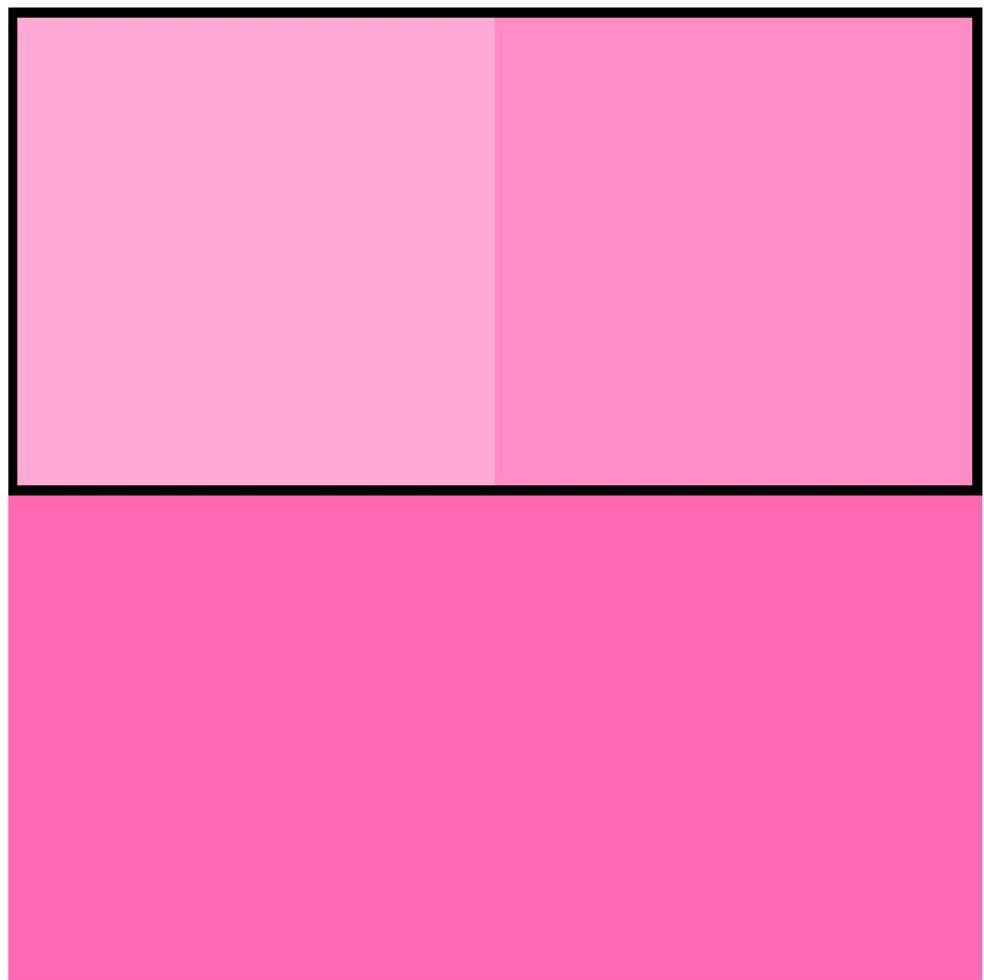


Note: Using border-box will include padding in the width and height as well.
Note: You **cannot** select padding-box or margin-box.

Fixed example

```
#upper-half {  
    height: 50%;  
    width: 100%;  
    border: 5px solid black;  
    box-sizing: border-box;  
}
```

([rest of the CSS](#))



Before we finish
Squarespace...

Another rendering
mode: position

Next time!