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**Alignment and Display in CSS**

CSS offers several methods to align and position elements on a web page. Understanding these methods is crucial for creating visually appealing and user-friendly layouts.

**1. Text Alignment**

Text alignment is achieved using the text-align property. This property can be applied to block-level elements to control the horizontal alignment of inline content within those elements.

**Example:**

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h1 {

text-align: center; /\* Aligns the heading to the center \*/

}

p {

text-align: left; /\* Aligns paragraph text to the left \*/

}

**2. Vertical Alignment**

Vertical alignment can be tricky in CSS, as it often depends on the display property of the elements. The vertical-align property works primarily with inline or table-cell elements.

**Example:**

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.container {

height: 200px; /\* Container height \*/

display: flex; /\* Use flexbox for vertical alignment \*/

align-items: center; /\* Vertically centers child elements \*/

}

**3. Display Properties**

Different display properties determine how an element behaves within the layout. The most commonly used display properties are:

* **Block**: Elements take up the full width available and start on a new line (e.g., <div>, <h1>).
* **Inline**: Elements do not start on a new line and only take up as much width as necessary (e.g., <span>, <a>).
* **Inline-Block**: Similar to inline but allows setting width and height.
* **Flex**: Provides a flexible layout that can align items horizontally or vertically.

**Example HTML Document**

Here’s an example showcasing various alignment techniques using these properties:

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<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

<meta charset="UTF-8">

<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

<title>Alignment and Display Example</title>

<style>

body {

font-family: Arial, sans-serif;

margin: 20px;

}

/\* Text Alignment \*/

h1 {

text-align: center; /\* Center align the heading \*/

}

/\* Vertical Alignment using Flexbox \*/

.container {

display: flex; /\* Use flex display \*/

justify-content: space-around; /\* Space out child elements \*/

align-items: center; /\* Center elements vertically \*/

height: 200px; /\* Fixed height for vertical alignment \*/

border: 1px solid #ccc;

margin-top: 20px;

}

.box {

width: 100px; /\* Fixed width for boxes \*/

height: 100px; /\* Fixed height for boxes \*/

background-color: lightblue;

text-align: center; /\* Center align text within boxes \*/

display: flex; /\* Use flex for centering text \*/

justify-content: center; /\* Center horizontally \*/

align-items: center; /\* Center vertically \*/

}

/\* Inline vs Block \*/

.inline {

display: inline; /\* Inline display \*/

background-color: lightcoral;

padding: 10px;

margin: 5px;

}

.block {

display: block; /\* Block display \*/

background-color: lightgreen;

padding: 10px;

margin: 5px;

}

</style>

</head>

<body>

<h1>CSS Alignment and Display Properties</h1>

<div class="container">

<div class="box">Box 1</div>

<div class="box">Box 2</div>

<div class="box">Box 3</div>

</div>

<p>This is an <span class="inline">inline element</span> within a block of text.</p>

<div class="block">This is a block element.</div>

</body>

</html>

**Explanation of the Methods Used**

1. **Text Alignment**: The heading (h1) is centered using the text-align property. Paragraphs or any block-level elements can use this property to control the alignment of their text.
2. **Vertical Alignment**: The flex display property on the .container allows for easy vertical alignment of child elements. The align-items property centers the boxes vertically within the container.
3. **Display Properties**:
   * The .inline class demonstrates how inline elements can be styled while still appearing in-line with surrounding text.
   * The .block class showcases a block-level element that takes up the full width, starting on a new line.

**Conclusion**

Understanding how to align elements and use different display properties in CSS is essential for creating responsive and visually appealing web layouts. By utilizing properties like text-align, vertical-align, and various display types (block, inline, inline-block, flex), you can achieve precise control over the layout of your web pages.