# FWDP 1000 - Day 7

Course: Web Development 1

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# **Morning Review**

- Download the files.
- ONLY edit custom-styles.css to complete the tasks explained in the file.
- Use the Developer Tools to help you complete the tasks.

See the next slide when you are finished.



# **Morning Review**

What questions do you have? Anything you want to review?

- Domains, hosting, FTP, servers...
- Flexbox...
- Media queries...
- etc...



# **Agenda**

- CSS Floats
- CSS Pseudo-elements
- CSS Positioning
- Assignment #5



# **CSS Floats**



### **CSS Floats**

The CSS float property allows elements to be moved to the right or left side of a container. Other elements in the container will wrap around the floated element.

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# **Floats for Layouts**

Before CSS Flexbox and CSS Grid, floats were used to do layouts on the web.

Unless you are supporting very old browsers, floats should not be used to create columns of content.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/CSS layout/Floats



# **CSS Float Syntax**

There are three main values for the float property:

```
float: left;
float: right;
float: none;
```

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/float



### Floats and Flow

Floated elements can expand outside of their container element.

If we float an image at the end of one section, it can expand into the next section, altering the layout in ways we don't intend. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nunc ac molestie ante. Fusce semper consectetur fermentum. In pellentes ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nunc ac molestie ante. Fusce semper consectetur fermentum. In felis justo, et

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# **Clearing Floats**

To prevent floated elements from expanding outside of their containers, we can use the CSS clear property on the next element.

It still won't look great though.

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# **CSS Clear Syntax**

There are four main values for the clear property:

```
clear: left;
clear: right;
clear: none;
clear: both;
```

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/clear



### **Clearfix Hack**

The most common solution to clearing floats is to add this code to the element that contains the floated element.

```
Class or element name

.container::after {
    content: "";
    display: block;
    clear: both;
}

Clear left and right floats
```



# **Pseudo Elements**



### **CSS Pseudo Elements**

A pseudo-element is a part of an existing HTML element that can be selected and styled.

For example: the first letter or the first line of some text.

Two common pseudo-elements are ::before and ::after. They act like a new element was added to the HTML.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Pseudo-elements



# **Pseudo Element Syntax**

The pseudo-element selector must first select an element by its type, class, or ID. Then it can target the pseudo-element.

```
Double colon indicates
a pseudo-element
p::first-letter {
    font-size: 2rem;
    color: red;
}
```



# **Pseudo Elements for Design**

Pseudo-elements should **not** be used for content and only to add to the design.

The content should make sense without the pseudo-element.

```
.read-more::after {
    content: '→';
}
Read More →
```



### **Selectors vs Elements**

Pseudo-elements are used to style part of an element.

Example: the first letter of a paragraph.

**Pseudo-classes** are used to style an element based on its state.

Example: the hover state of a button.



# Recap

**True or False:** The CSS float property should only be used to wrap text around an HTML element.

True or False: The content inside the ::before or ::after pseudo element able to be read by screen readers?



# **CSS Positioning**



# **CSS Position Property**

The CSS position property sets how an element is positioned in a document.

The top, right, bottom, left properties determine the final location of positioned elements on the x and y axis.

The z-index property determines the final location of the positioned elements on the z axis.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/position



# **Use Position Sparingly**

Do **not** overuse the CSS position property.

Flexbox and Grid should be your default ways to handle layout.

Positioning is used for specific cases when standard methods of layout do not work.



### **CSS Position Values**

The position property has five possible values:

- static
- relative
- absolute
- fixed
- sticky



# **Related Properties**

In addition to setting position, you may also use these CSS properties but they are not required:

- top
- bottom
- left
- right
- z-index



### Position – Static

This is the default value of the position property for every HTML element and means the element will appear where it is in the HTML document.

The top, bottom, left, right, z-index properties are ignored if set on an element with position: static.

If you ever use this, it will only be to override another position value.



### **Position – Relative**

Relative is similar to Static except you can now use top, bottom, left, right, z-index.

The element is positioned normally then offset **relative to itself** based on the values of top, right, bottom, and left.

Moving the element does not impact elements around them and the original space for the element remains.



### **Position – Relative**

```
Original location
         of the element
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### **Position – Relative**

You generally use position: relative so you can use the remaining positions **inside** of a container.

In particular, position: absolute works well when the parent is relatively positioned.



Absolute is similar to relative except it removes the element from the normal flow so the original space is removed.

If no parent element has a position set other than static, then the element will position based on the browser window when using top, bottom, left, right, z-index.



```
Original location of the element.
The text has moved up to fill that empty space.
```

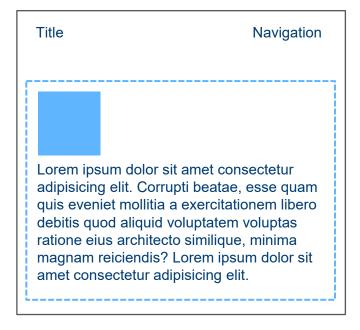
```
.box {
    position: absolute;
    top: 20rem;
    left: 2rem;
}
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An example of a page with no positioning set.

This is simply the default layout.





```
.box {
    position: absolute;
    top: 0;
    left: 0;
}

Parent element has no position set so defaults to static.
```



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.box {
    position: absolute;
    top: 0;
    left: 0;
}

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.parent {
    position: relative;
}
```



Fixed is similar to absolute except it is **always** relative to the viewport.

Using the top, bottom, left, right, z-index properties is based on the viewport, not the webpage.

For example, setting bottom: 0; will place the element at the bottom of the viewable browser window, not the bottom of the webpage.



```
.box {
    position: fixed;
    top: 0;
    left: 0;
}
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When you set an element to position: fixed, make sure you consider that some elements may have flown behind it.

You will often want to offset other elements by the height or width of the fixed element.



```
.box {
    position: fixed;
    top: 0;
    left: 0;
    right: 0;
}
```

```
.element {
    margin-top: 5rem;
}
```

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### Position – Sticky

Sticky is a hybrid of relative and fixed. It must be used with at least one of top, bottom, left, right otherwise it will be the same as relative.

It functions as relative to start until the viewport reaches the position defined by one of those four properties, then the element functions similar to fixed but stays within its parent container.



## Position – Sticky

Check the example provided by MDN to see it in action...

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/position#Result 3



#### **Z-Index**

The z-index property can be used on any element with a position set other than static to determine how items stack on one another visually.

It accepts positive or negative number values with higher values stacking over smaller values.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/z-index



#### **Z-Index**

```
.box-1 {
   position: absolute;
   top: 0;
   left: 0;
   z-index: 1;
.box-2 {
   position: relative;
   z-index: 2;
```



#### **Z-Index**

```
.box-1 {
   position: absolute;
   top: 0;
   left: 0;
   z-index: 2;
.box-2 {
   position: relative;
   z-index: 1;
```



### Recap

Which **two** CSS position properties remove the element from the normal flow of the document?

Which CSS position property ignores the values of left, right, top, bottom, and z-index?

Which CSS position property can be used to make an element scroll with the page normally but stop scrolling when it reaches the top of the page?

static relative absolute fixed sticky



## **Scroll-padding**

The **scroll-padding** property can be used to prevent content appearing behind position: fixed or position: sticky elements when clicking in-page links.

We can set **scroll-padding-top** on the HTML element of our FAQ page to address this issue.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/scroll-padding



#### **Scroll-behavior**

The **scroll-behavior** property can be used to make the browser either jump to an element or smooth scroll to it when clicking an in-page link.

This property has two possible values: auto or smooth.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/scroll-behavior



#### Position + Pseudo-elements

Let's combine CSS Positioning with CSS pseudo-elements.

We'll use CSS to create a symbol at the end of each section element...

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## **Assignment #5**



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- Please refer to Assignment #5 in the Learning Hub.
- To submit the assignment, you can do **one** of these:
  - Have me check your assignment in class before 4pm.
  - Zip today's folder and upload it to the Learning Hub before next class.
- If you have questions or need guidance, just ask!



## **Country Website**



## **Project #2 – Country Website**

Check the Learning Hub for the requirements and links to examples of previous projects.

Today's files also include an example structure of the site. Yours does not have to be identical, it is simply an example.



#### Resources

CSS Floats (MDN)

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/CSS layout/Floats

CSS Position (MDN)

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/position

CSS Position (CSS-Tricks)

https://css-tricks.com/almanac/properties/p/position/



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

