

1 /*Lecture 67: Introduction to the CSS Box Model

2 According to the box model, each and every element on

- a webpage can be seen as a rectangular box and each
- box can have a width, a height, padding, margins and
- a border. And we can specify all this using CSS
- properties.

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4 Note that they are all optional –so there can be boxes

- where there are no paddings / margins / borders.

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6 PARTS OF A BOX

7 Content of box – contains contents

8 –We can specify the height and width of the box using

- 'height' and 'width' properties.

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10 Padding of box – transparent area around the content,

- but still inside of the box.

11 – We use padding to create whitespace inside of a box

- and we can specify padding using the 'padding'
- property.

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13 Border of box – Border goes around the padding and the

- content.

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15 Margin of box – Margin is whitespace that is created

- outside of the box. We can think of margin as the
- space between boxes.

16 –So for instance, if we wanted to create space between

- two elements, we will simply use their margin
- properties.

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18 – Fill Area of box: Remember how text content and

- images go inside the content box? Well , the same
- does not apply for background images or the
- background colour of a box. These properties will
- actually be applied not only to the content box, but
- to the entire fill area – which INCLUDES THE PADDING
- AND THE BORDER (but NOT THE MARGIN).

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22 Notice also that before implementing all of this

- (below), the elements already have some space
- between them. This is because CSS3 has some default
- values for paddings and margins for some elements,
- which would be assumed if the paddings and margins
- weren't specified.

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24 Typically, we want to reset the paddings and margins
• of all the elements on the page, so we do something
• called a GLOBAL RESET. To do that, we need to select
• ALL the elements.

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26 /* Global Reset */

27 * {

28 *margin*: 0;

29 *padding*: 0;

30 *box-sizing*: border-box;

31 /* Note that you should set your box sizings to

- border box. If you don't when you create an
- element, let's say: width of 100 px, and padding
- of 20px. You actually get an element with 140 px
- (100 + 20 + 20).

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33 Border box ensures that the box sizing is fixed at
• what you declare so it will always keep the width
• at 100 px, irregardless of the padding.

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37 *body* {

38 *background-color*: rgb(255, 247, 201);

39 *font-family*: Arial;

40 *font-size*: 20px;

41 *padding*: 50px; /* this will apply padding to the 4
• sides of the element, but we can also do that
• selectively. */

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44 *h1* {

45 *font-size*: 35px;

46 *margin-bottom*: 25px; /* like so */

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49  h2 {
50      margin-bottom: 20px;
51      text-align: center; /* {left, right, center} – this
    •      centers text within the box. NOTE: Only block
    •      elements have a padding and margin!! It doesn't
    •      create a box on a whole line.*/
52  }
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54  p {
55      margin-bottom: 20px;
56  }
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58  .first {
59      color: red;
60  }
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62  #your-name {
63      /* Element id */
64      background-color: rgb(255, 220, 105);
65      border: 5px solid #444; /* shorthand property –
    •      thickness, style, colour. Also notice that this
    •      border property is NOT inherited, if not all the
    •      child elements would also have a 5 pixel grey
    •      solid border.*/
66      width: 400px;
67      padding: 25px;
68      margin-top: 30px;
69  }
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71  input,
72  button {
73      padding: 10px;
74      font-size: 16px;
75  } /* apply padding and fontsize to two different
    •      elements */
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77  a {
78      background-color: yellowgreen; /* see that the box
    •      of this element is NOT the width of the screen */
79  }
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81  #course-image {
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82     width: 300px;
83 }
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85 #your-name h2 {
86     /* Child Selector – Selecting h2 selectors inside a
87     •     form or something */
87     color: olivedrab;
88 }
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