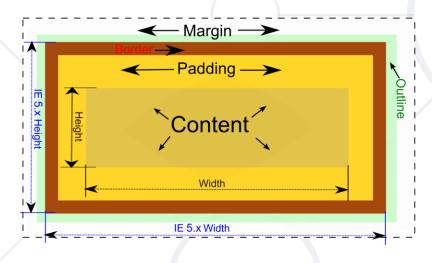
# **CSS Box Model and Position**



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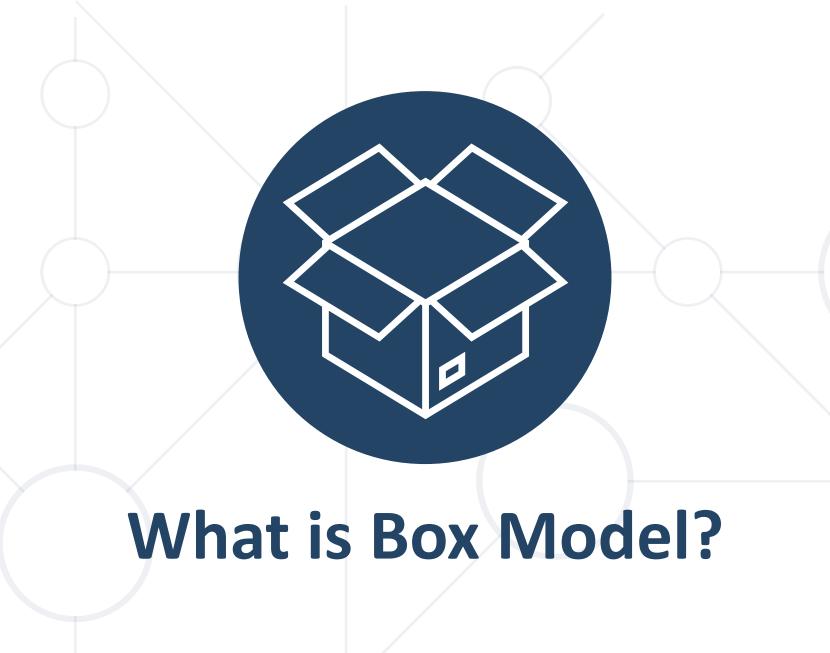


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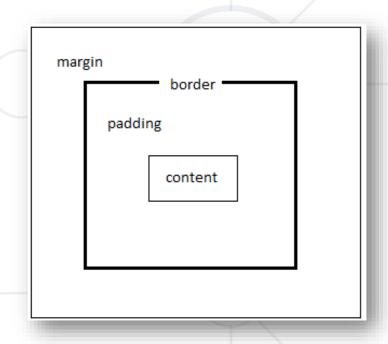




### **CSS Basic Box Model**

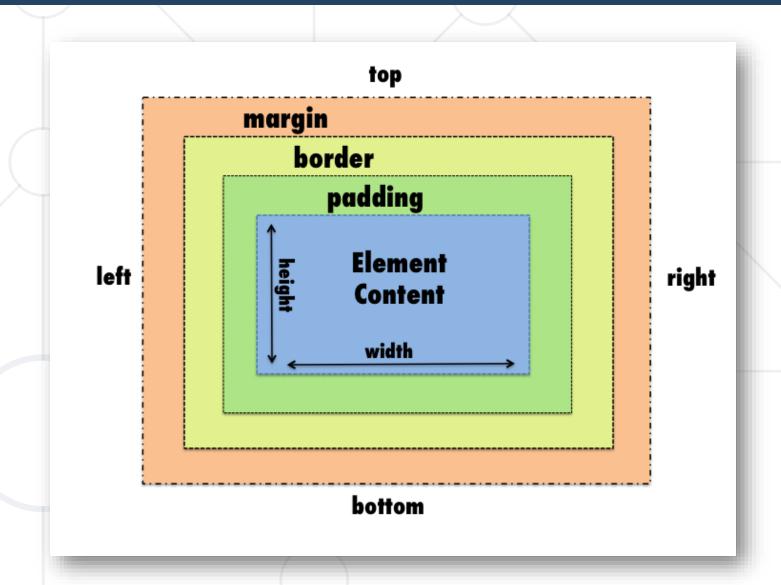


- When laying out a document, the browser's rendering engine represents each element as a rectangular box according to the standard CSS basic box model
- CSS determines the size, position, and properties (color, background, border size, etc.) of these boxes
- Reference Documentation



# **Box Model – CSS Properties**

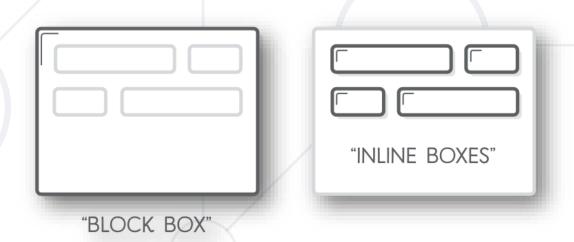




# Display



The display CSS property defines the display type of an element, which consists of the two basic qualities of how an element generates boxes — the outer display type defining how the box participates in flow layout, and the inner display type defining how the children of the box are laid out



# Display - block



HTML elements historically were categorized as either "block-level" elements or "inline" elements. By default, a block-level element occupies the entire space of its parent element (container), thereby

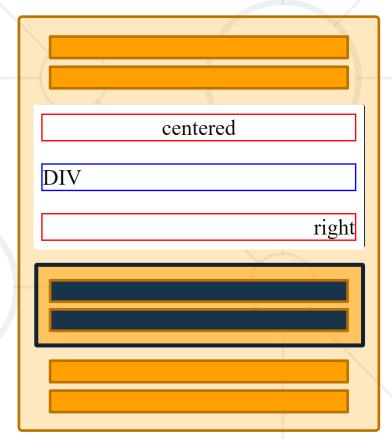
- Browsers typically display the block-level element with a newline both
   before and after the element. You can visualize them as a stack of boxes
- main, header, article, section, fieldset, nav, ul, ol, li, form, h1-h6, p, div

## **Block Elements – Example**



```
centered
<div style="border:1px solid
blue">DIV</div>
right
```

#### display: block



# Display - inline



- Inline elements are those which only occupy the space bounded by the tags defining the element, instead of breaking the flow of the content.
- Inline element: don't start on a new line. They appear on the same line as the content and tags beside them

```
.box {
  display: inline;
}
```

- a, label, map, span, strong, em, i, img, textarea, input, button, select
- You can add margins and padding just on right and left sides of any inline element

## Inline Elements – Example



```
 Welcome
<span style="color:white;</pre>
background:blue; padding-right:3px;
padding-left:3px;">
to the Software University (SoftUni)
in Sofia (Bulgaria) </span>, good
luck!
```

#### display: inline



# Display – inline-block



- Gives us the ability to use vertical padding and margin on inline elements as well as adding width and height
- One common use for using inline-block is for creating navigation links horizontally

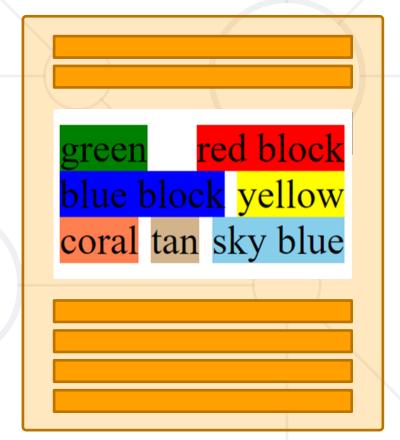
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.box {
  display: inline-block;
}
```

### Inline-Block Elements – Example



```
<div style="text-align:justify;">
    <div style="display:inline-block;
    background:green">green</div>
    <div style="display:inline-block;
    background:red">red block</div>
    ...
    </div>
```

#### display: inline-block



### Width



- Defines the width of the element
- The width CSS property sets an element's width. By default, it sets the width of the content area, but if box-sizing is set to border-box, it sets the width of the border
- Example

- pixels / em / rem
- Fixed width

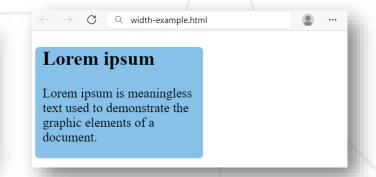
```
article {
  width: 240px;
  background: #8ce;
}
```

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- percentages
- Relative to container's width

```
article {
  width: 50%;
  background: #8ce;
}
```



### Width



#### Default width of block elements

If you don't declare a width, and the box has static or relative positioning, the width will remain 100% in width and the padding and border will push inwards instead of outward. But if you explicitly set the width of the box to be 100%, the padding will push the box outward as normal

- auto (default)
- Auto-calculated width

```
article {
  width: auto;
  background: #8ce;
}
```

#### **Lorem ipsum**

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#### Min-width



- Min-width defines the minimum width the element
  - min-width: 300px; if the minimum width is larger than the element's actual width, the min width will be applied
- If the minimum width is smaller than the element's actual width, the min width has no effect min-width: 5px;



#### Max-width



- Max-width defines the maximum width the element can be
  - max-width: none; the element has no limit in terms of width
  - max-width: 150px;
  - max-width: 2000px; you can use numeric values like pixels, (r)em, percentages...
- If the maximum width is larger than the element's actual width, the max width has no effect

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# Width – Example



```
div, span {
    width: 200px;
    background-color: lightgreen;
}
```

I am block element. My width is 200px.

I am span. My width is the width of my content.

# Height



- The height CSS property specifies the height of an element. By default, the property defines the height of the content area. If box-sizing is set to border-box, however, it instead determines the height of the border area.
- Example

```
.box {
   height: 150px;
}
```

# Height



- auto (default)
- Auto-calculated height

```
article {
  height: auto;
  background: #8ce;
}
```

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numeric values like px /pt / em / rem / %

```
article {
  height: 100px;
  background: #8ce;
}
```

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# Min-height



- Min-height defines the minimum height the element
  - min-height: 200px; if the minimum height is larger than the element's actual height, the min height will be applied
  - min-height: 5px; if the minimum height is smaller than the element's actual height, the min height has no effect

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# Max-height

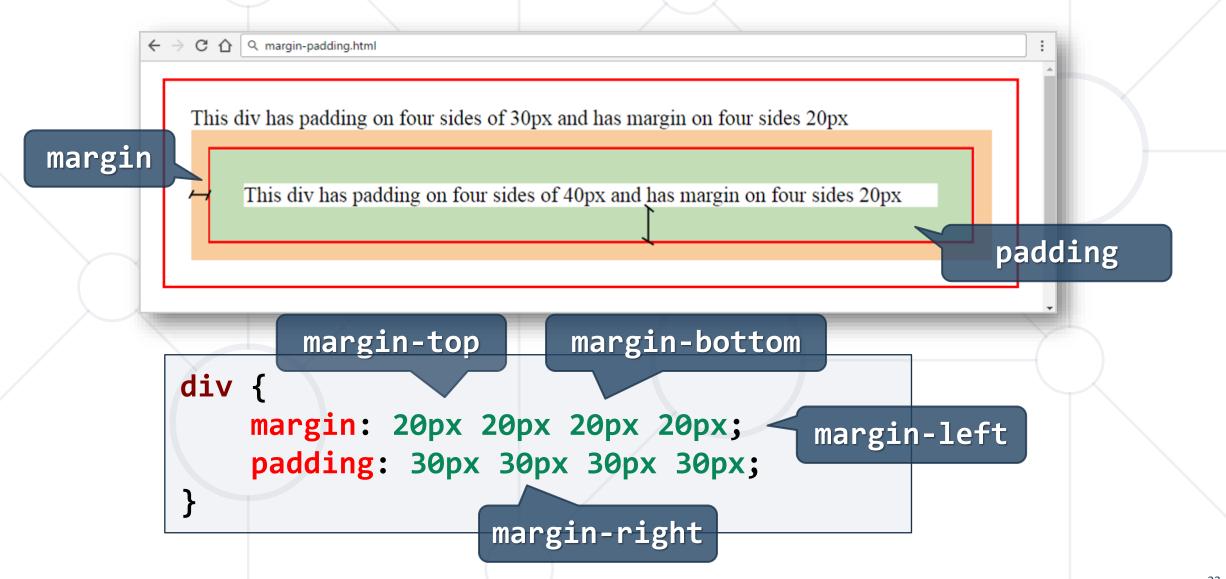


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# **Margins and Paddings**

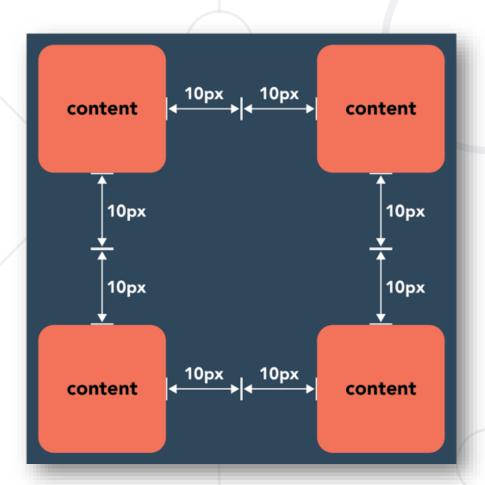




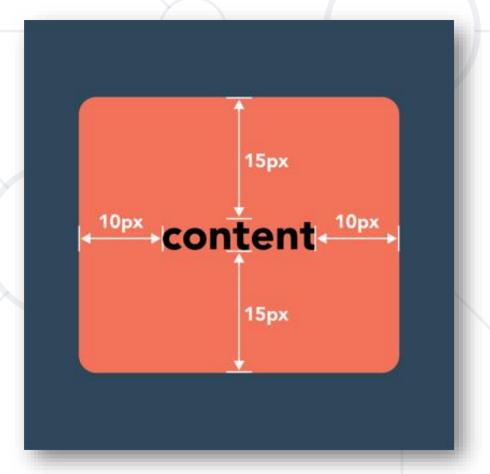
# **Margins and Paddings**



 Margin – defines the space outside the element



 Padding – defines the space inside the element



## Margin



- The margin CSS property sets the margin area on all four sides of an element. It is a shorthand for margin-top, margin-right, margin-bottom, and margin-left
- Example

```
.box {
  margin: 50px;
}
```

### Margin

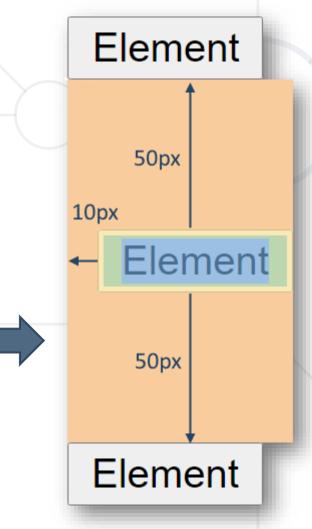


```
<button class="first">Element</button>
<button class="second">Element</button>
<button class="third">Element</button>
```

```
button {
   display: block;
}

button.second {
   margin-top: 50px;
   margin-left: 10px;
   margin-bottom: 50px;
   margin-right: 0;
}
```





# **Padding**



- The padding CSS property sets the padding area on all four sides of an element. It is a shorthand for padding-top, padding-right, padding-bottom, and padding-left
- Example

```
.box {
  padding: 50px;
}
```

# **Padding**



```
<div>content</div>
```

```
div {
  background-color: #85c1e9;
  display: inline-block;
  text-align: center;
  padding-top: 20px;
  padding-left: 10px;
  padding-bottom: 20px;
  padding-right: 10px;
```

### content



content

# **Shorthand Margin / Padding**



Shorthand margin rules:

```
button.second {    bottom left
    margin: 10px 20px 10px 20px;
}    top right
```

```
button.second {
  margin: 20px 10px;
}
  top & left &
  bottom right
```

Shorthand padding rules:

```
div {
  padding: 5px 10px 8px 15px;
}
```

```
li {
  padding: 5x 10px;
}
```

### Border



 The border CSS property sets an element's border. It's a shorthand for border-width, border-style, and border-color

Example

```
.box {
  border: 10px solid #000;
}
```

### Border



- Border define the style of the borders:
  - width (e. g. 1px / 2px / 3px)
  - style (e. g. solid / dashed / dotted)
  - color (e. g. blue / #eee)

width style color

border: 4px dashed navy;

border: 6px solid lightblue;



content

### **Border Properties**

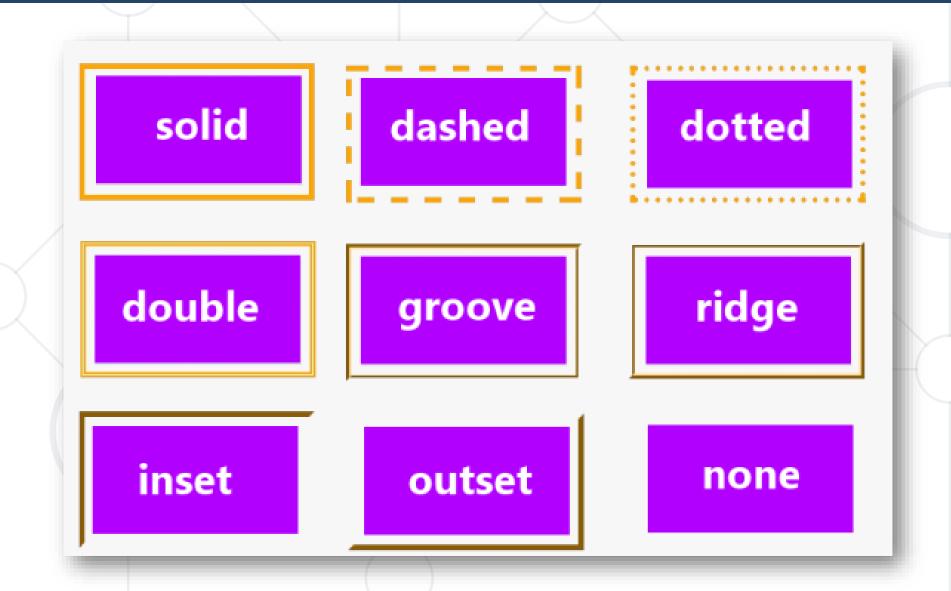


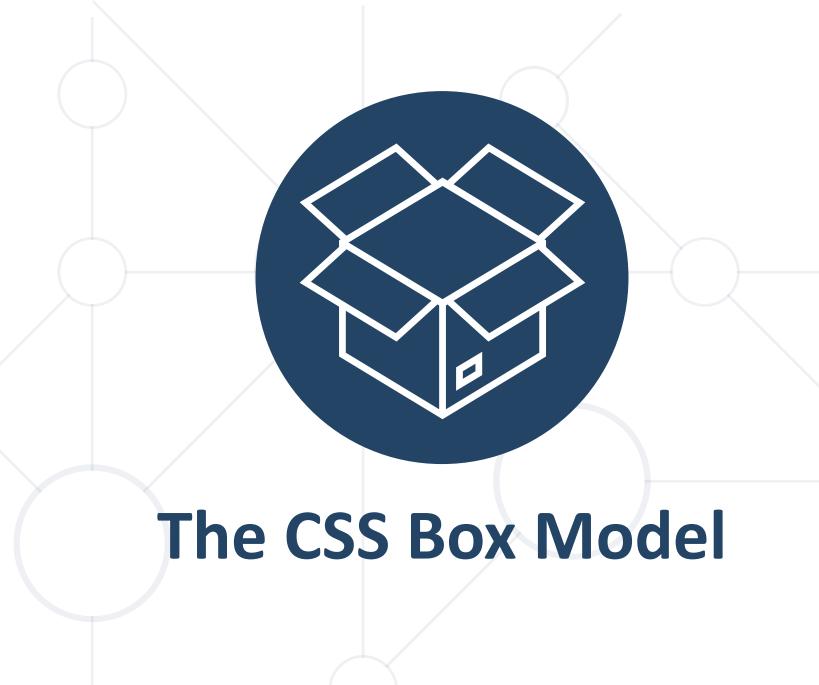
```
div {
  width: 160px;
  height: 50px;
  border-width: 2px;
  border-style: solid;
  border-color: #0053ff;
  border-radius: 15px;
  border-top-left-radius: 30px;
  border-bottom-style: dotted;
  border-left-color: #89af4c;
  text-align: center;
```



## **CSS Borders**



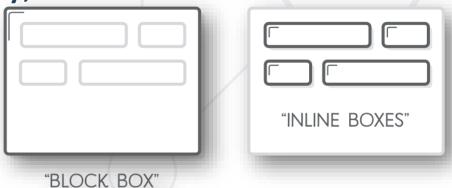




#### **Block and Inline Boxes**



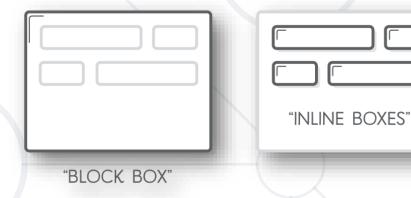
- In CSS we have several types of boxes that generally fit into the categories of block boxes and inline boxes. The type refers to how the box behaves in terms of page flow and in relation to other boxes on the page. Boxes have an inner display type and an outer display type
- In general, you can set various values for the display type using the display property, which can have various values



## **Outer Display Type - Block**



- If a box has an outer display type of block, then:
  - The box will break onto a new line
  - The width and height properties are respected
  - Padding, margin and border will cause other elements to be pushed away from the box
  - If width is not specified, the box will extend in the inline direction to fill the space available in its container

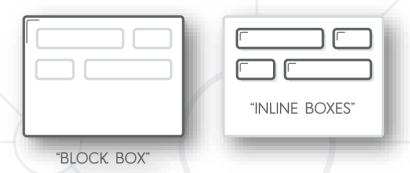


Some HTML elements, such as <h1> and , use block as their outer display type by default

# **Outer Display Type - Inline**



- If a box has an outer display type of inline, then:
  - The box will not break onto a new line
  - The width and height properties will not apply



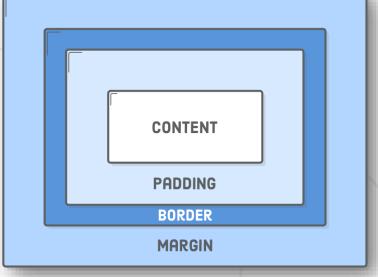
- Top and bottom padding, margins, and borders will apply but will not cause other inline boxes to move away from the box
- Left and right padding, margins, and borders will apply and will cause other inline boxes to move away from the box
- Some HTML elements, such as <a>, <span>, <em> and <strong> use inline as their outer display type by default

#### What is the CSS Box Model?



- The CSS box model defines how the different parts of a box margin, border, padding, and content — work together to create a box that you can see on a page. Inline boxes use just some of the behavior defined in the box model
- To add complexity, there is a standard and an alternate box model. By

default, browsers use the standard box model

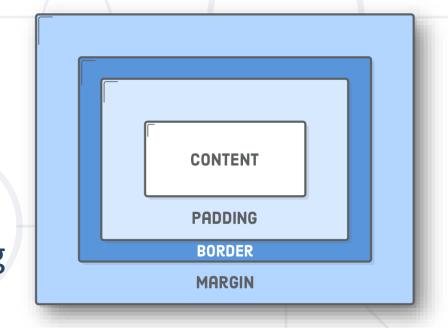


## Parts of a Box



- Making up a block box in CSS we have the:
  - Content box: The area where your content is displayed; size it using properties like inlinesize and block-size or width and height

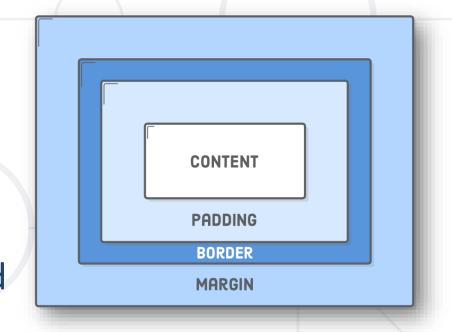
 Padding box: The padding sits around the content as white space; size it using padding and related properties



## Parts of a Box

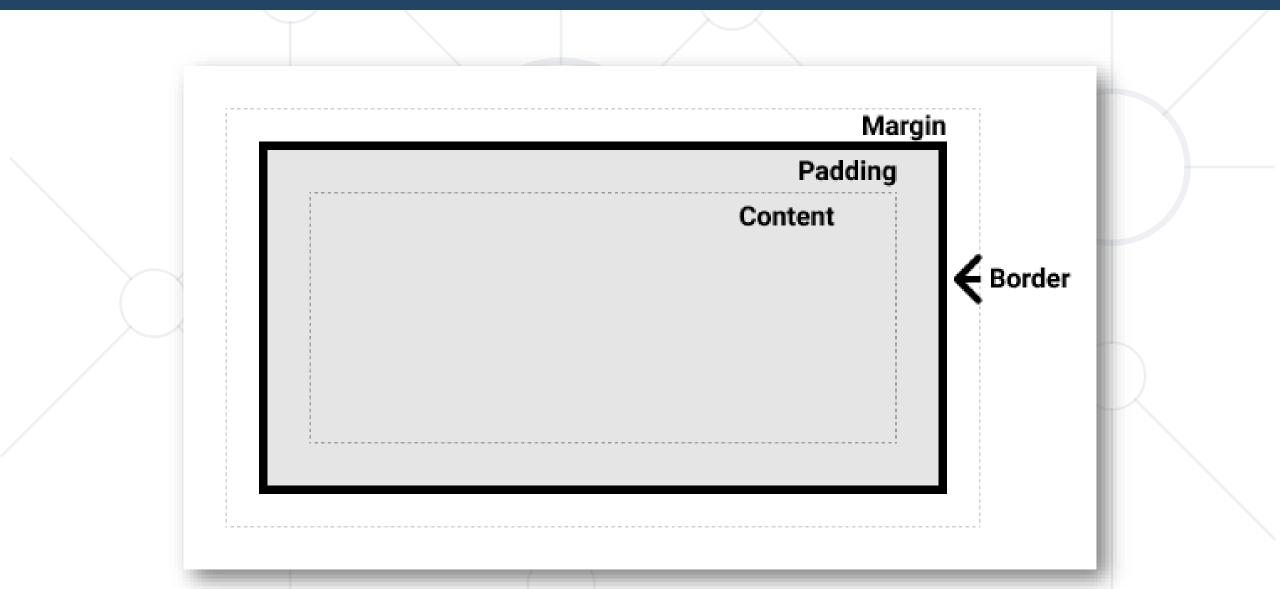


- Making up a block box in CSS we have the:
  - Border box: The border box wraps the content and any padding; size it using border and related properties
  - Margin box: The margin is the outermost layer, wrapping the content, padding, and border as whitespace between this box and other elements; size it using margin and related properties



# What is the CSS Box Model?

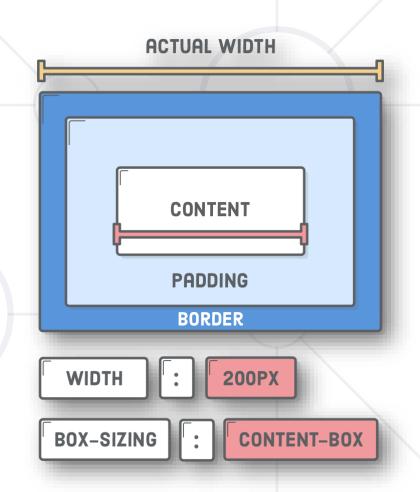




## The Standard CSS Box Model



- In the standard box model, if you give a box an inline-size and a block-size (or width and a height) attributes, this defines the inlinesize and block-size (width and height in horizontal languages) of the content box
- Any padding and border is then added to those dimensions to get the **total size** taken up by the box

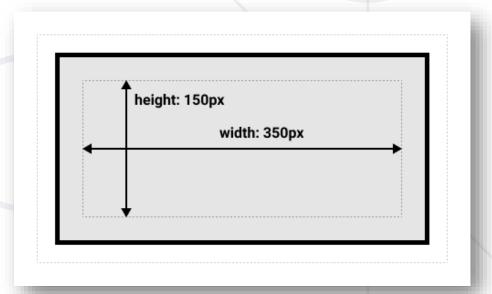


### The Standard CSS Box Model



- If we assume that a box has the following CSS:
- The actual space taken up by the box will be 410px wide
   (350 + 25 + 25 + 5 + 5) and 210px high (150 + 25 + 25 + 5 + 5)

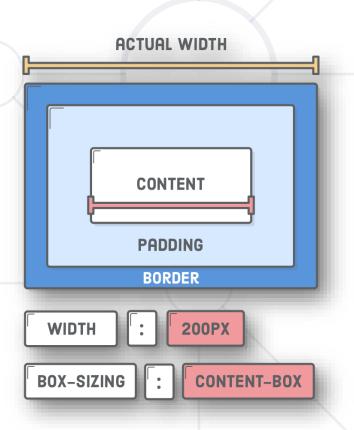
```
.box {
  width: 350px;
  height: 150px;
  margin: 10px;
  padding: 25px;
  border: 5px solid black;
}
```



### The Alternative CSS Box Model



- In the alternative box model, any width is the width of the visible box on the page
- The content area width is that width minus the width for the padding and border (see image below)
- No need to add up the border and padding to get the real size of the box

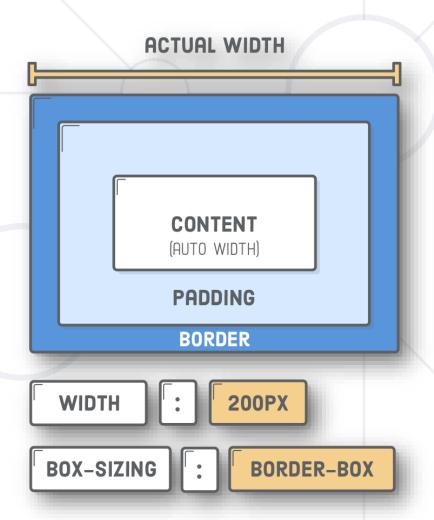


### The Alternative CSS Box Model



■ To turn on the alternative model for an element use:

```
.box {
  box-sizing: border-box;
}
```

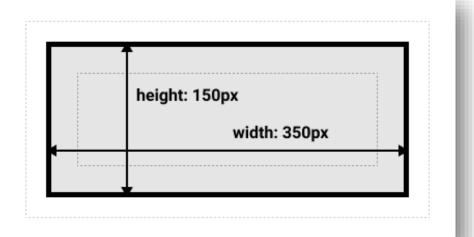


#### The Alternative CSS Box Model



- If we assume the box has the same CSS as above:
- Now, the actual space taken up by the box will be 350px in the inline direction and 150px in the block direction

```
.box {
  width: 350px;
  height: 150px;
  margin: 10px;
  padding: 25px;
  border: 5px solid black;
}
```



# Universal Box Sizing with Inheritance



```
ACTUAL WIDTH
html {
  box-sizing: border-box;
                                                                CONTENT
                                                                (AUTO WIDTH)
*, *:before, *:after {
                                                                PADDING
  box-sizing: inherit;
                                                                BORDER
                                                                    200PX
                                                        WIDTH
                                                                      BORDER-BOX
                                                       BOX-SIZING
```

# **Box-sizing**



- Sets how the total width and height of an element is calculated
  - content-box initial and default value
  - The width and height properties include the content
  - They do NOT include the padding, border and margin

```
div {
  box-sizing: content-box;
  width: 200px;
}
```

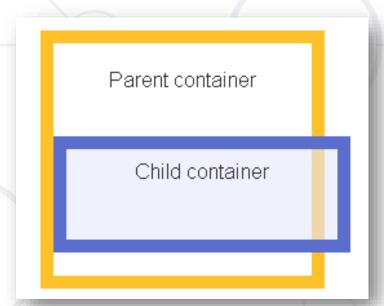


## **Box-sizing**



• The full width is: 200px + 2\*10px + 2\*5px = 230px

```
div {
  box-sizing: content-box;
  width: 200px;
  border: 10px solid #5b6dcd;
  padding: 5px;
}
```



## **Box-sizing**



border-box - the width and height of the element apply to all parts of the element: the content, the padding and the borders

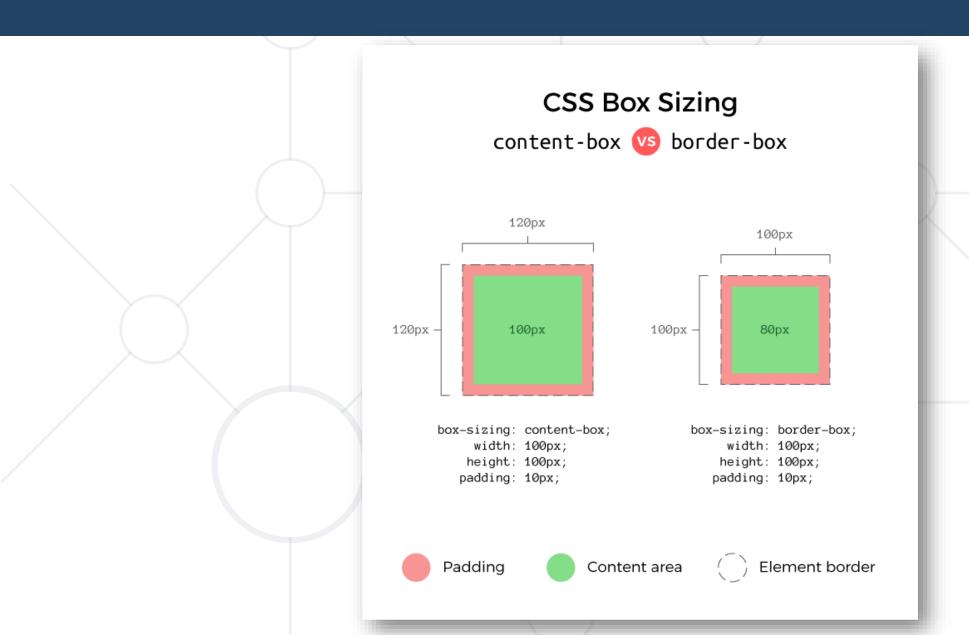
```
box-sizing: border-box;
width: 200px;
border: 10px solid #5b6dcd;
padding: 5px;
```



- The full width is 200px
- The content width is equal to: 200px 2\*10px 2\*5px = 170px

## **Content-box vs Border-box**





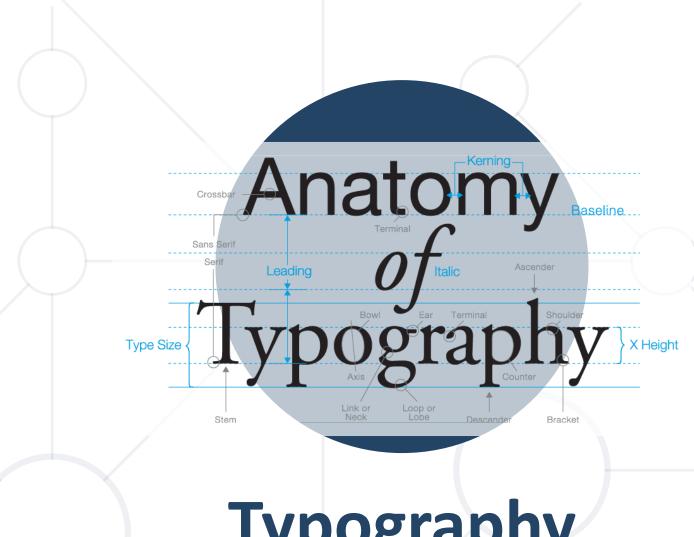
# **Universal Box-sizing**



- The box-sizing Reset takes care of the box-sizing of every element by setting it to border-box using universal CSS selector
- Save your time and don't write the same thing again-and-again
- Set the "universal box-sizing" with inheritance:

```
html {
  box-sizing: border-box;
}

*,
*:before,
*:after {
  box-sizing: inherit;
}
```



**Typography** 

# **Styling Text**

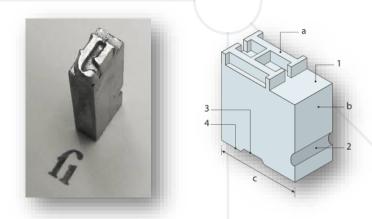


- Choosing a comfortable measure
  - The measure is the number of characters in single line of a column of text
  - Anything from 45 to 75 characters is widely regarded as a satisfactory length of line for a single-column page set in a serifed text face in a text size
  - The 66-character line (counting both letters and spaces) is widely regarded as ideal. For multiple column work, a better average is 40 to 50 characters

# **Styling Text**



- Choose a basic leading
  - Leading (pronounced "ledding") is so called because, in mechanical presses, strips of lead are placed between lines of type to space the lines apart
  - Leading is achieved in css through the line-height property



## **Font Families**



- In typography, a font family (also known as typeface) is a set of one or more fonts each composed of glyphs that share common design features
- Each font of a typeface has a specific weight, style, condensation, width, slant, italicization, ornamentation, and designer or foundry

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### **Font**



- A computer font (or font) is implemented as a digital data file containing a set of graphically related glyphs, characters, or symbols such as dingbats
- Although the term font first referred to a set of movable metal type pieces in one style and size, since the 1990s it is generally used to refer to a set of digital shapes in a single style, scalable to different sizes

## **Generic Font Families**



- serif
- sans-serif
- monospace
- cursive
- fantasy

Serif

Sans-serif

Monospace

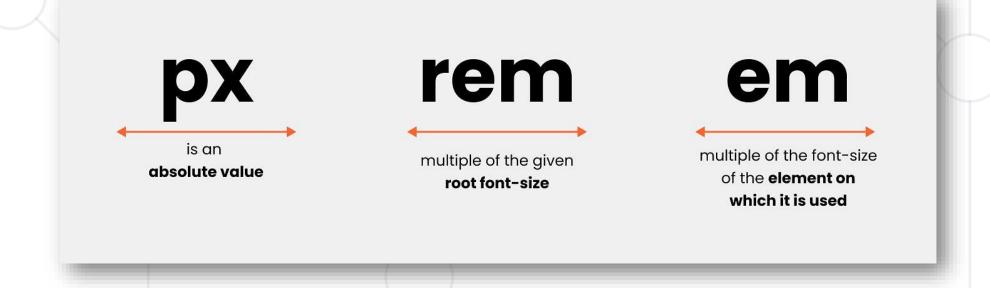
Cursive

Fantasy

#### **CSS Units - EM & REM**



- An explanation of EMs
  - Ems are so-called because they are thought to approximate the size of an uppercase letter M, although 1em is significantly larger than this



#### **CSS Units - EM & REM**



- Bringhurst describes the EM thus:
  - The em is a sliding measure. One em is a distance equal to the type size
  - In 6-point type, an em is 6 points; in 12 point type an em is 12 points and in 60 point type an em is 60 points
  - Thus, a one em space is proportionately same in any size

#### **Web Fonts**



 A technique to refer to and automatically download remote fonts was first specified in the CSS2 specification, which introduced the '@font-face' construct

```
@font-face {
  font-family: "Trickster";
  src:
    local("Trickster"),
    url("trickster-COLRv1.otf") format("opentype") tech(color-COLRv1),
    url("trickster-outline.otf") format("opentype"),
    url("trickster-outline.woff") format("woff");
}
```

## Web Fonts



 At the time, fetching font files from the web was controversial because fonts meant to be used only for certain web pages could also be downloaded and installed in breach of the font license

Web fonts
Web fonts

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## Web Fonts - WOFF



 In 2010, the WOFF compression method for TrueType and OpenType fonts was submitted to W3C by the Mozilla Foundation, Opera Software and Microsoft, and browsers have since added support



#### **Font Awesome**



- Font Awesome provides vector icons, emojis, etc.
  - Add the following link inside <head>





- Or import Font Awesome in the CSS file
- Choose an icon  $\rightarrow$  copy the  $\langle i \rangle$  element  $\rightarrow$  paste it in your HTML file

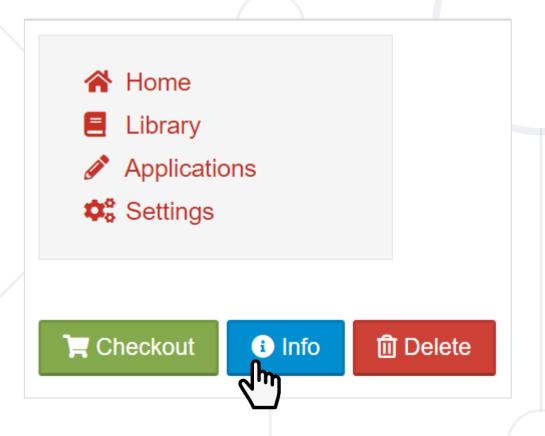
```
<head>
    k rel="stylesheet"
href="https://use.fontawesome.com/releases/v5.10.2/css/all.css">
    </head>
    <body>
        <a href="#"><i class="fa fa-home fa-fw"></i>Home</a>
    </body>
```

```
@import 'https://use.fontawesome.com/releases/v5.10.2/css/all.css';
```

#### Font Awesome Icons – Exercise

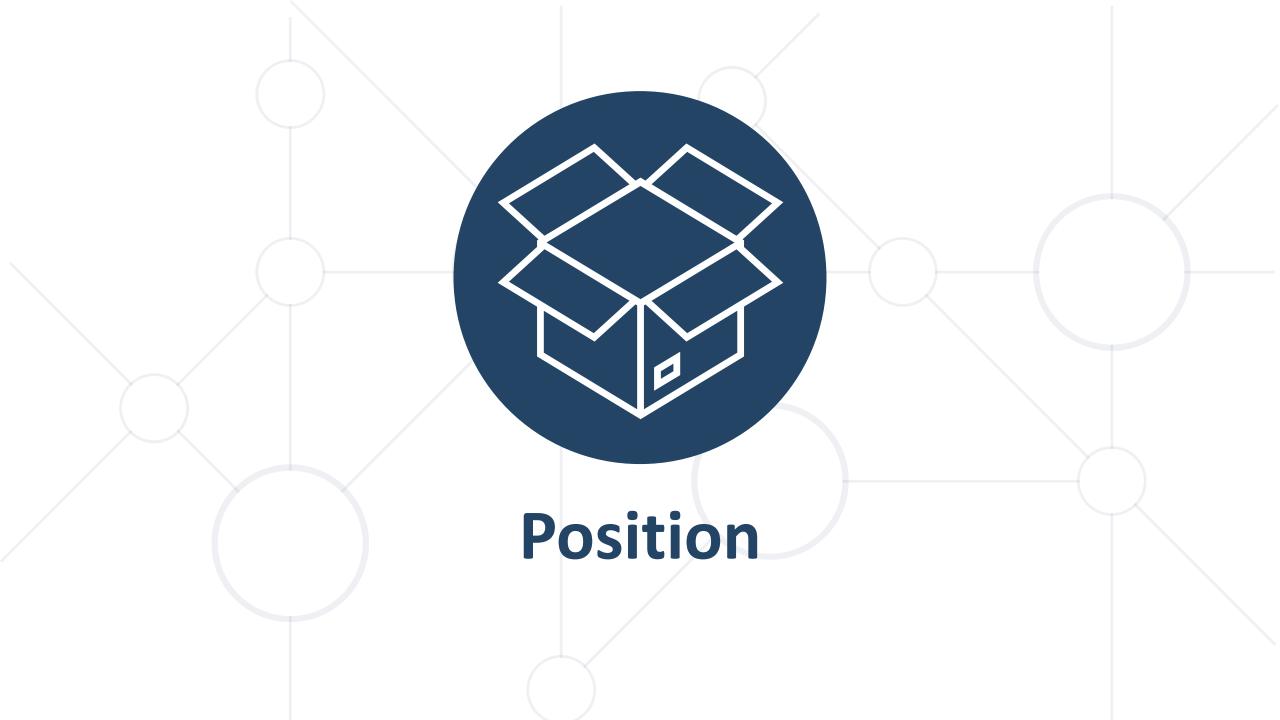


Using HTML, CSS and Font Awesome icons create a navigation menu and buttons like the following:



Hints:

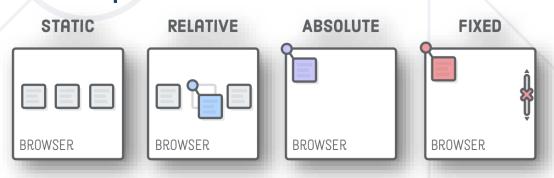
```
<i class="fas fa-home"></i><i class="fas fa-book"></i><i class="fas fa-pencil-alt"></i><i class="fas fa-cogs"></i><i class="fas fa-shopping-cart"></i><i class="fas fa-info-circle"></i><i class="fas fa-info-circle"></i><i class="far fa-trash-alt"></i></i>
```



#### **Position**



- The position property specifies the type of positioning method used for an element (static, relative, fixed, absolute or sticky)
- Elements are then positioned using the top, bottom, left, and right properties
- However, these properties will not work unless the position property is set first
- They also work differently depending on the position value
- Reference Documentation



### **Position Static**

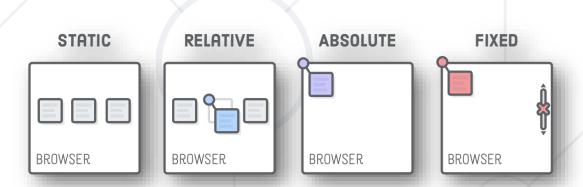


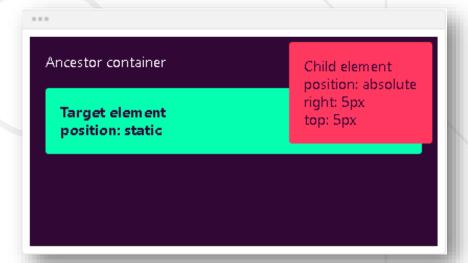
- Static the default state of every element
  - Puts the element into its normal position in the document layout flow

```
div {
  position: static;
}
```

It will NOT react to the following properties: top, bottom, left,

right, z-index





#### **Position Relative**



It looks like static positioning, but once the positioned element has taken its place, you can then modify its final position with the positional properties

```
<img src="cup.jpg">
<img class="new" src="new.png">
img.new {
    position: polative:
```

```
img.new {
  position: relative;
  top: -200px;
  right: 150px;
}
```











#### **Position Absolute**



 This way we have to position the element based on a two dimentional coordinate system. We can use left, top, bottom, right to place the element exactly where we want

```
.box {
   position: absolute;
}

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```

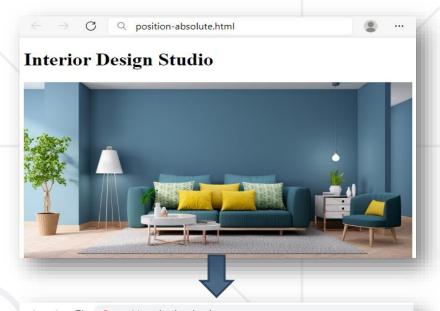
#### **Position Absolute**



■ Absolute positioning → from the upper left corner of the parent

```
<h1>Interior Design Studio</h1>
<img src="livingroom.jpg">
```

```
h1 {
  position: absolute;
  top: 60px;
  left: 180px;
  color: antiquewhite;
  text-shadow: 1px 1px 20px black;
}
```



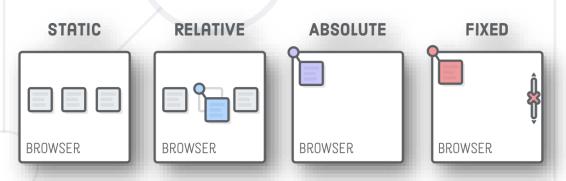


## **Position Fixed**



- The element is removed from the normal document flow, and no space is created for the element in the page layout
- The element is positioned relative to its initial containing block,
   which is the viewport in the case of visual media
- Its final position is determined by the values of top, right, bottom,
   and left

```
div {
  position: fixed;
}
```



## **Position Fixed**



- This value always creates a new stacking context
- In printed documents, the element is placed in the same position on every page

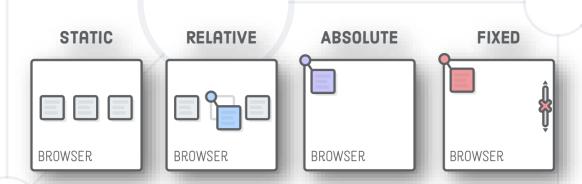


## **Position Sticky**



- The element is positioned according to the normal flow of the document, and then offset relative to its nearest scrolling ancestor and containing block (nearest block-level ancestor), including table-related elements, based on the values of top, right, bottom, and left.
- The offset does not affect the position of any other elements.

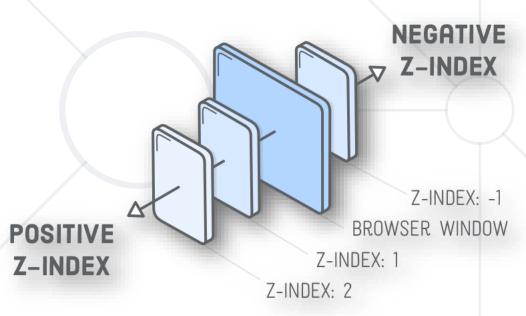
```
.box {
  position: sticky;
}
```





- The z-index CSS property sets the z-order of a positioned element and its descendants or flex items
- Overlapping elements with a larger z-index cover those with a smaller one
- Example

```
.box {
  z-index: [number];
}
```





- Defines the order of the elements on the z-axis. It only works on positioned elements (anything apart from static)
  - Default value: z-index: auto;
  - The order is defined by the order in the HTML code:





- The z-index value is relative to the other ones
- The target element is move in front of its siblings
  - z-index: 1;





- You can use negative values
- The target element is moved behind its siblings
  - z-index: -1;



# Resources – Box Model



- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS Box Model
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/display
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/box-sizing
- https://css-tricks.com/the-css-box-model
- https://css-tricks.com/box-sizing
- https://www.paulirish.com/2012/box-sizing-border-box-ftw/
- https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\_icons.asp

# Resources – Position



- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/position
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/z-index
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS positioned layout/Understanding z-index
- https://interactive-examples.mdn.mozilla.net/pages/css/position.html
- https://css-tricks.com/video-screencasts/198-about-the-position-property/
- https://css-tricks.com/almanac/properties/p/position/
- https://css-tricks.com/position-sticky-2/

## Summary



- What is Box Model?
- Width and Height to the elements
- What are the Padding, Border and Margin?
- What is Box-sizing?
- How to reset Box-sizing?
- Positioning properties
- Z-Index





# Questions?



















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