



HTML & CSS: FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT

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Week 3

SESSION OVERVIEW

- Review Intro to CSS
- The CSS box model
- Block vs inline elements
- Content Management Systems
- Coding from a design "comp"



{ } REVIEW: ANATOMY OF A CSS RULE

selector { property: value; }

- selector is the thing you want to style
- property is the attribute you want to style
- value is how you want to style it
- Values always end in semicolons (;)

{ } REVIEW: EXAMPLE CSS RULE

```
p { color: blue; }
```

- selector is p (all tags in the HTML)
- property is color
- value is blue (many color names are supported, or use the hex code #0000ff)

{ } REVIEW: COMMON FONT PROPERTIES

font-style: normal, italic or oblique

font-weight: normal, **bold**, or values of 100, 200, etc (depending on the typeface)

font-family: the name of a typeface installed on the user's computer

line-height: a number followed by a measurement of the height of a line of that element

font-size: a number followed by a measurement of the height of that element's text

{ } REVIEW: COLORS

color: changes the color of text

background-color: sets the background color of an element

Color value can be set using names, HEX, RGB, or RGBA

- Color name: white
- Hex: #ffffff
- RGB: rgb(255, 255, 255)
- RGBA: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.8)

{ } REVIEW: BACKGROUND IMAGES

Can set background of an element as an **image** (instead of a color) with the property background-image

The value is url("path"), where path is the **relative** or **absolute** path to where the image lives, like this:

```
background-image: url("images/kitten.jpg");
color: white;
This is a paragraph with the
background image set to a
cute cat.
```

{ } REVIEW: BACKGROUND IMAGES

background-position: allows you to move a background image around within its container

background-attachment: images usually scroll with the main view, but setting to fixed means the image stays in place when the user scrolls the page

background-repeat: defines if (and how) the background image will repeat

background-size: specifies how much of the container that the image covers

{ } REVIEW: BACKGROUND IMAGES

You can set background-image to linear-gradient, which is a gradient that the browser draws for you:

```
section { background: linear-gradient(black, white); }
```

By default linear-gradient draws from top to bottom, but you can set the gradient to draw at an angle instead by starting with to

```
section {
   background: linear-gradient(to right, red, #f06d06, yellow, green);
}
```

{ } REVIEW: HEIGHT AND WIDTH

height and width can be set on (most) elements to change how much room they take up on the page.

• We'll discuss later why elements like <a> and don't change when you set their height or width

The value of this property must be a positive number.

- Units are either px or em
- Or you can specify a percentage

```
header { height: 6em; }
```

REVIEW: LINKING TO EXTERNAL STYLESHEET

<link href="css/styles.css" rel="stylesheet">

- Tells the browser to find and load the styles.css file from the css directory
- The rel attribute stands for "relation" in this case, this link's relationship to the document is "stylesheet"
- This tag goes inside the <head> element
- Should be on every page that needs the styles

REVIEW: THE "CASCADING" PART

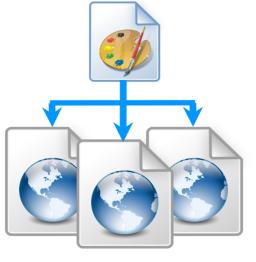
The 3 rules for determining how styles get applied:

- Styles are applied from far to near
- Styles are applied from top to bottom
- Children elements are more specific than parents

REVIEW: NEAR TO FAR

Styles that are "closer" to the elements they style take precedence





External styles (in a .css file)



Internal styles (in the <head>)



Inline styles (directly on an element)

Closer to element

REVIEW: TOP TO BOTTOM

If the same property is styled multiple times for the same selector, the last one sticks.

```
p { color: #2f4251; }
p { color: #daa645; } /*this wins*/
```

REVIEW: CHILDREN ARE SPECIFIC

If one style is **more specific** than another, it takes precedence

```
p { color: #daa645; } /* all paragraphs */
a { color: #e7c0c8; } /* links in general */
p a { color: #c4fe46; } /* links in paragraphs */
```

QUESTIONS?

THE CSS BOX MODEL

CSS BOX MODEL

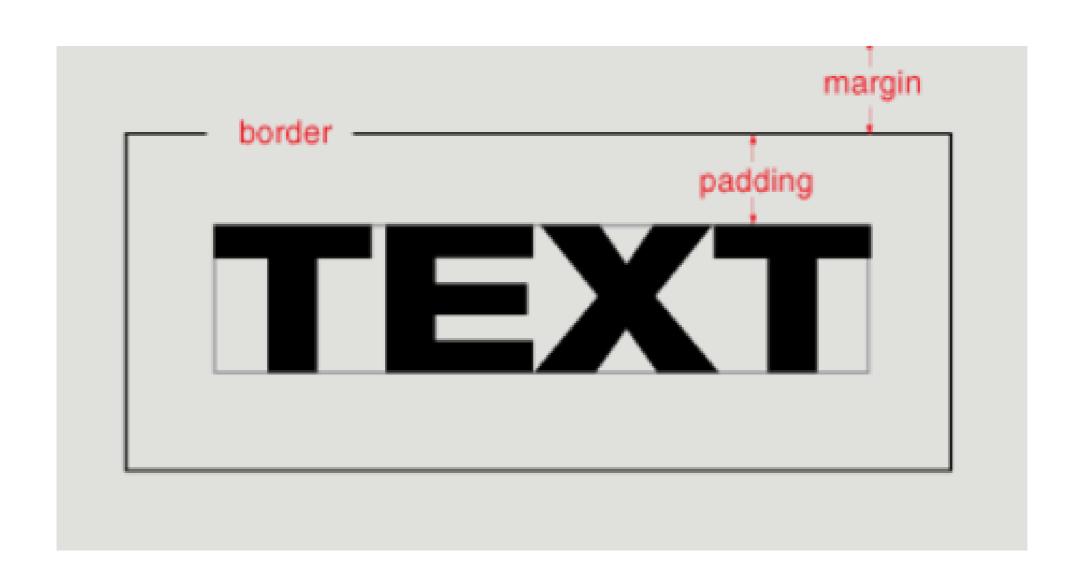
CONTENT: stuff in the box

PADDING: bubble wrap and packing peanuts

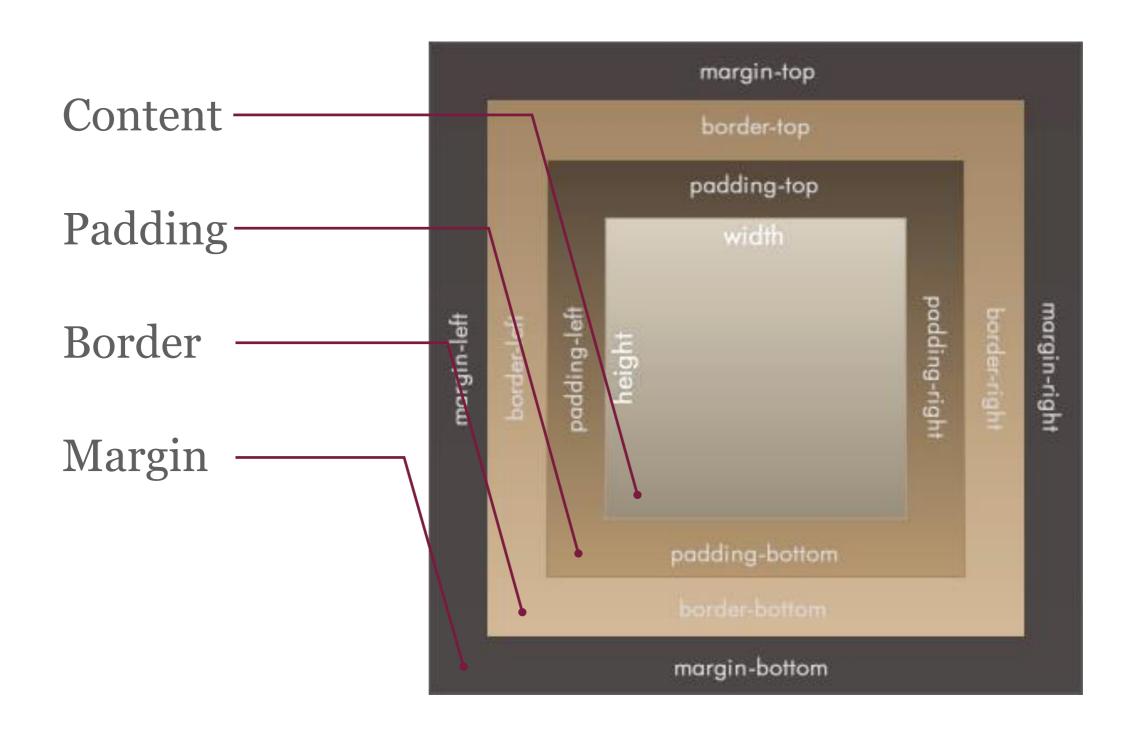
BORDER: sides of the box

MARGIN: space between multiple boxes

CSS BOX MODEL



CSS BOX MODEL



Padding creates space **inside** an element.

Padding affects how far content is from the border.

```
p {
    padding-top: 20px;
                                   This is a paragraph with some padding.
    padding-right: 5px;
    padding-bottom: 40px;
    padding-left: 10px;
Shorter way:
p {
    padding: 20px 5px 40px 10px;
```

Padding is useful for moving content away from the edges of its container.

> This is a paragraph with zero padding (default)

This is a paragraph with 1em padding

If top/bottom and left/right padding match...

```
p {
   padding-top: 20px;
   padding-right: 10px;
   padding-bottom: 20px;
   padding-left: 10px;
Combine them!
p { padding: 20px 10px; }
```

```
If all padding matches...
p {
    padding-top: 20px;
    padding-right: 20px;
    padding-bottom: 20px;
    padding-left: 20px;
Combine EVEN MORE!
p { padding: 20px; }
```

Padding can be applied only to the top, only to the bottom, and so on – or any combination of those:

```
p {
    padding-left: 40px;
}

p {
    padding-top: 20px;
    padding-right: 10px;
}
```

MARGIN

Margin creates space **outside** an element.

Same abbreviation style and rules as padding

```
p {
    margin-top: 20px;
    margin-right: 5px;
    margin-bottom: 40px;
    margin-left: 10px;
}

Is the same as

p { margin: 20px 5px 40px 10px; }
```

MARGIN

You can give margin a **negative** value to shift elements in the opposite direction.

```
p {
    margin-top: -20px;
}
```

This may result in overlapping text!

Hero image heading

MARGIN VS. PADDING

Use margin to separate the element from the things that are around it.

Use padding to move the element away from the edges of the block.

Margin is the space between one object and its surrounding elements.

Padding is the space inside the border, between the border and the actual image or text.

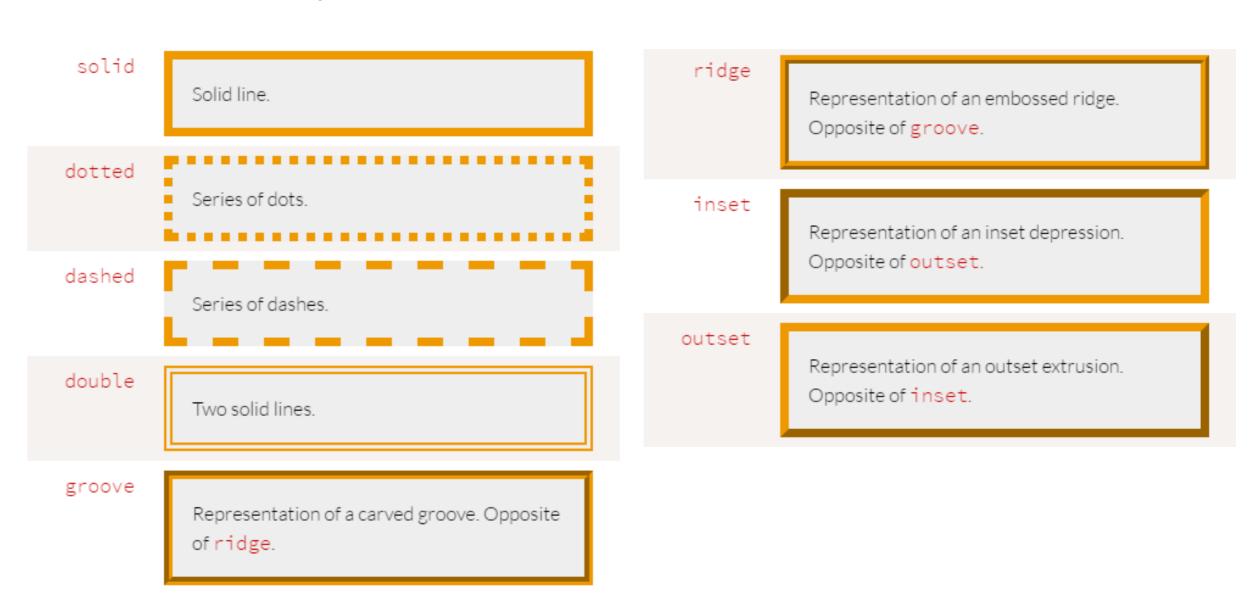
Between margin and padding, you can set a border

Values are separated with spaces, in this order:

- Width (usually in pixels, but can be em)
- Border style (solid, dotted, dashed, etc)
- Color

```
p {
    border: 2px dotted #ff0000;
}
```

Border styles:



You can set a border on only one side of an element:

```
h1 { border-bottom: 3px solid black; }
```

HEADER WITH BORDER BOTTOM

A common use of border is to visually separate list items in a navigation menu.

```
ul {
    list-style : none;
}

li {
    padding: 1em;
    background-color: #283c51;
    border-top: 1px solid #395673;
    color: #adadad;
}
```

```
About us

Products

Services

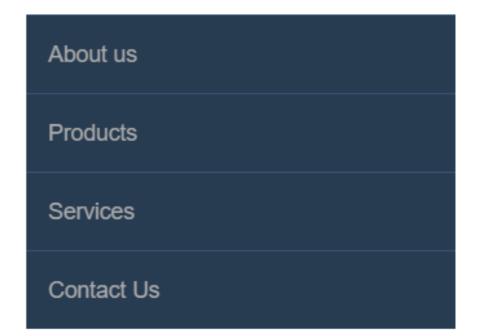
Contact Us
```

LIST STYLE

Note that we set

```
ul {
    list-style: none;
}
```

to remove the bullets that appear by default on an unordered list



BORDER RADIUS

To make an element appear curved, use the property border-radius

- The value is a number (in px or em) or percentage
- You can use border-radius even if you don't explicitly set a border

```
li {
    /* same styles... */
    border-radius: 2em;
}
```



BORDER RADIUS

border-radius can be used to create a circle.

- Set border-radius to 50%
- Set height and width to the same value

```
border-radius: 50%;
background-color: black;
color: white;
text-align: center;
height: 3em;
width: 3em;
line-height: 3em;
margin: 5px;
}
```

BORDER RADIUS

This technique can be used on images to crop them into a circle

• Note: if the image itself doesn't have a square ratio, it will look distorted

```
img src="kitten.jpg" />
img {
    border-radius: 50%;
    height: 200px;
    width: 200px;
}
```





PRACTICE TIME!

ASSIGNMENT

- · Add a list of links in your navigation menu
- Make the navigation menu pretty by using padding, margin, border, background color, and other tricks we've learned.
 - ONLY style lists that are in the nav menu not any lists that may appear on the rest of the page
- Give your design some "breathing room" with padding and/or margin.



BLOCK VS. INLINE ELEMENTS

<> BLOCK ELEMENTS

BLOCK ELEMENTS

- Expand naturally to fill their parent container
 - Takes up a "full line"
- Can have margin and/or padding
- Can have height and/or width
- By default, will be placed **below** previous elements in the markup

<> BLOCK ELEMENTS

BLOCK ELEMENTS EXPAND NATURALLY ————	—
AND NATURALLY DROP BELOW OTHER ELEMENTS	

<> BLOCK ELEMENTS

Examples of block elements:

- Headings <h1>...<h6>
- Paragraphs
- Lists ,

<> INLINE ELEMENTS

INLINE ELEMENTS

- Flow along with text content
- Only take up as much space as necessary
- Ignore width and height properties
- Margin and padding only pushes other elements away horizontally, not vertically
- Top and bottom margin/padding is ignored

<> INLINE ELEMENTS

INLINE ELEMENTS FLOW WITH TEXT

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<> BLOCK & INLINE ELEMENTS

Examples of inline elements:

- Links <a>
- Font emphasis
- Font bold

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<> INLINE BLOCK

INLINE-BLOCK ELEMENT

- Is a hybrid of inline and block
- Takes up width and height like block-level elements
- Flows with content
- Can have margin and padding
- Examples of inline-block elements:
 - Image

<> INLINE BLOCK



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<> DISPLAY

You can change whether or not any element is block, inline, or inline-block by using the CSS display property.

This means we can do some neat things!

```
li {
    display: inline-block;
}
```



PRACTICE TIME!

ASSIGNMENT

Update your navigation to a horizontal menu using CSS.

- Give the li elements a display property of either inline or inline-block. Which looks better? Why do you think that is?
- Update your styles so that they look nice in the new orientation

Create an <a> link that looks like a button.

Style the button differently on hover and click

<htnl> (MORE) HTML ELEMENTS

 ELEMENTS

A < span > is a generic inline element

No default style

Used to style inline content

<DIV> ELEMENTS

A <div> is a generic block element

No default style

 Heavily used as a wrapper for other elements, to create complex layouts

WHY USE DIV OR SPAN?

Both div and span really need something extra to be useful, since they have no presentation style by default.

- Used mostly to create layout
- Bonus: you don't need to "reset" them before making them fit your design (like ul or p)

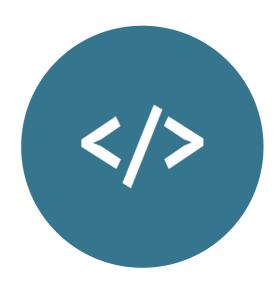


CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CMS)

CONTENT, DESIGN, & CODE







CONTENT

most important part of any website

DESIGN

critical to the best user experience

CODE

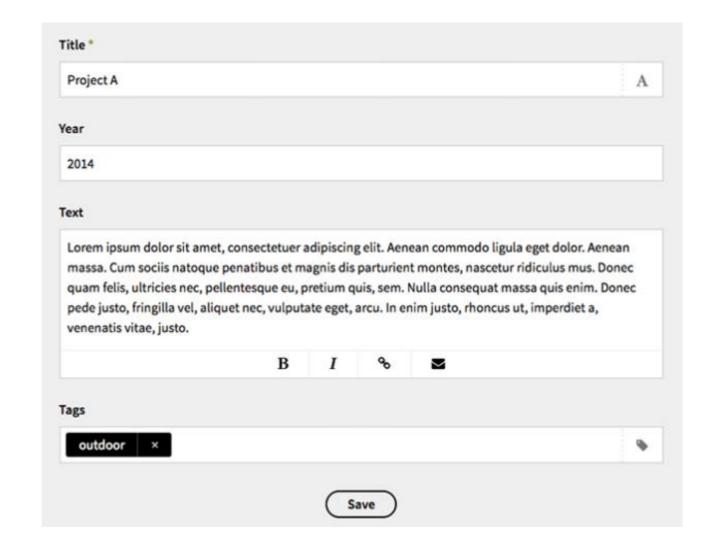
brings content and design to life



Most modern websites use a Content Management System to store content

A CMS is a 3rd party system that holds images and text.

That content is dynamically injected into a markup template.





A developer builds markup as normal, but uses placeholders instead of actual content:

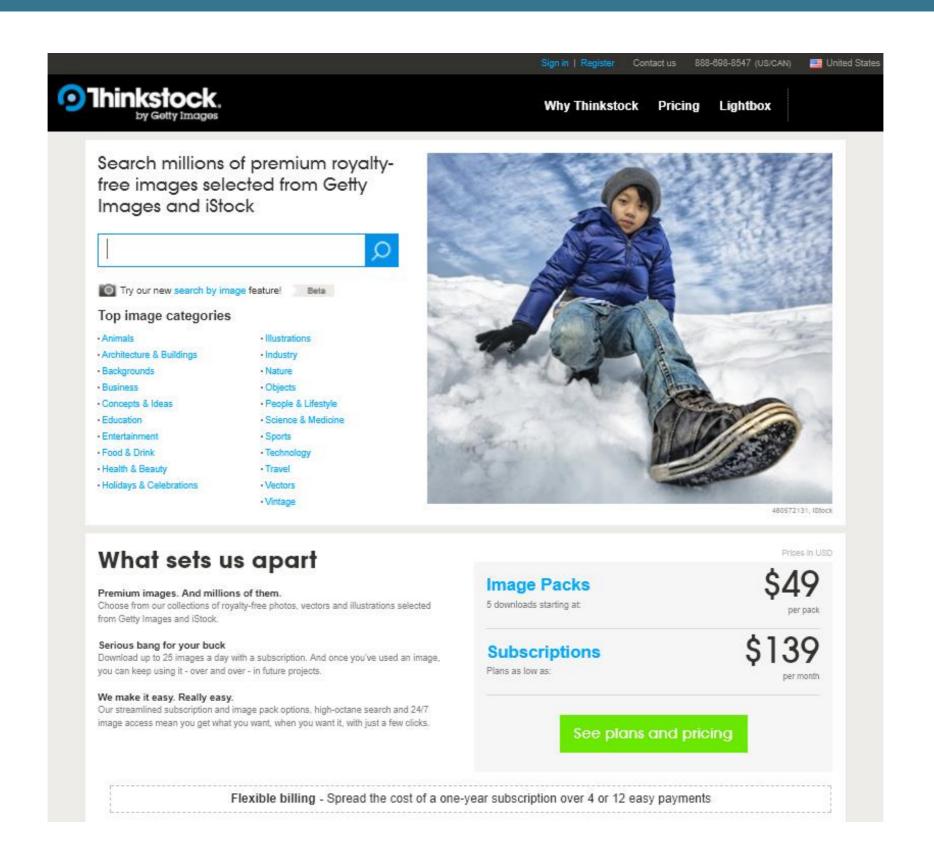
CMS PROS

- Non-developers can easily edit text and change images, and even create new pages
- Allows translation services to load different languages without changing the design or code of the website
- Since images are loaded from a third party, this distributes the load across multiple servers, which usually speeds pageload

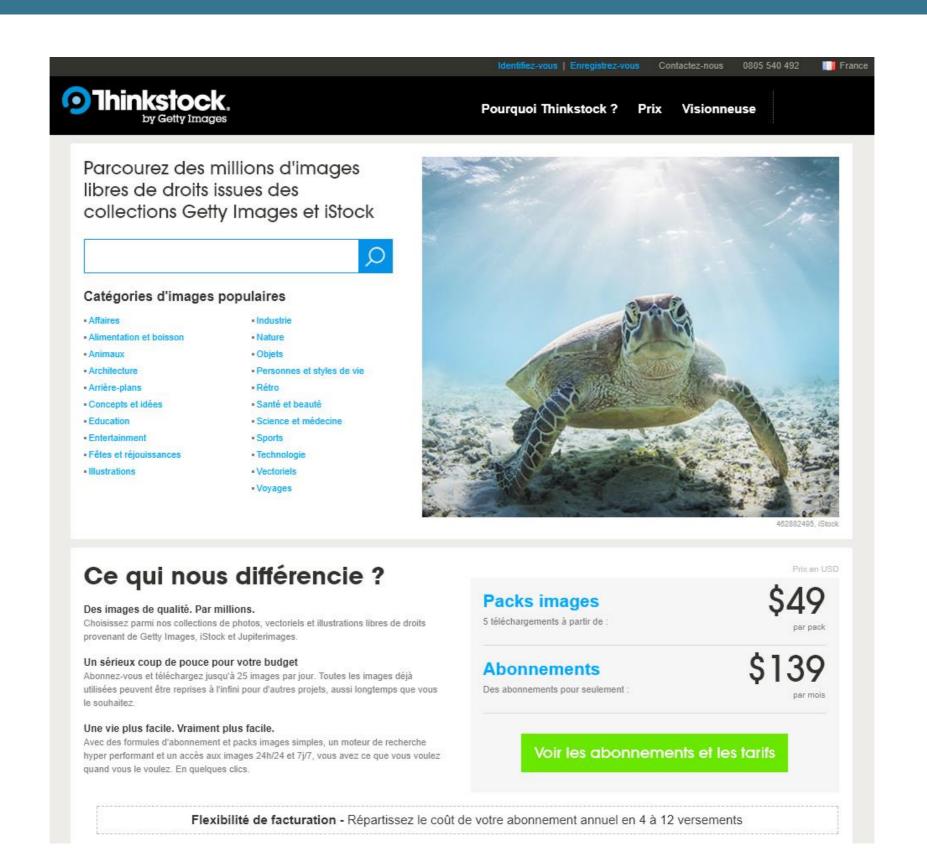
CMS CONS

- Most CMS are expensive and challenging to set up, and require ongoing training and administration
- Because you can no longer know how much content is going on a page, you have to design for more flexibility
 - Most European languages are more than 2x longer than English (especially German!)

CMS FOR TRANSLATIONS



CMS FOR TRANSLATIONS



X POPULAR CMS

There are hundreds of Content Management Systems, all using different ways to store, edit, and access data









PUTTING IT TOGETHER: WORKING FROM A DESIGN COMP

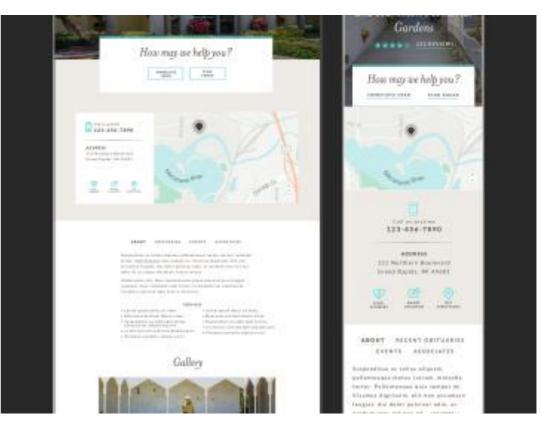
COMPS

A standard way for designers to tell developers what they need to code is via a design "comp" (comprehensive layout)

- A comp is a picture of the website the way it should look
- Can be delivered as a Photoshop psd file, or an annotated png or pdf file

COMPS

- Different states should be shown (for example, what happens when you open a dropdown menu?)
- Different screen resolutions should be shown (mobile, tablet, desktop)
- The developer inspects the text, colors, and font types in Photoshop to determine what to code



STYLE GUIDE

Alternatively, designers can provide developers with a style guide instead of a comp

- Used in conjunction with wireframes, which show what content belongs on a page and how that content should be laid out
- A style guide shows an example of common elements on the site and the color palette to use

STYLE GUIDE

COLOR PALETTE



TYPOGRAPHY

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HEADER 2

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HEADER 3

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HEADER 4

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Header 5

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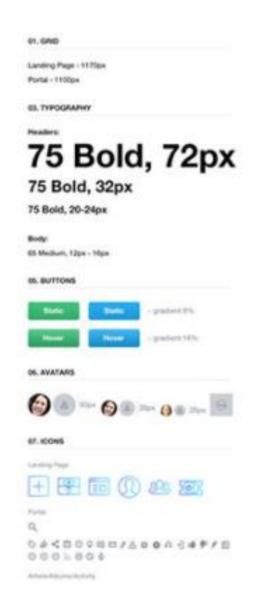
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STYLE GUIDE





This is a Heading One

This is the Description Text

This is a Heading Two



This is informative paragraph text, left justified. Descriptions ...











This a H3

Description text here

Second btn



Animated Rollovers

For all the tablet fun! Easy to do!

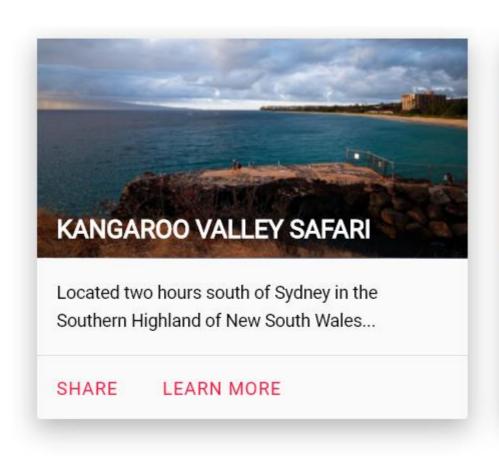
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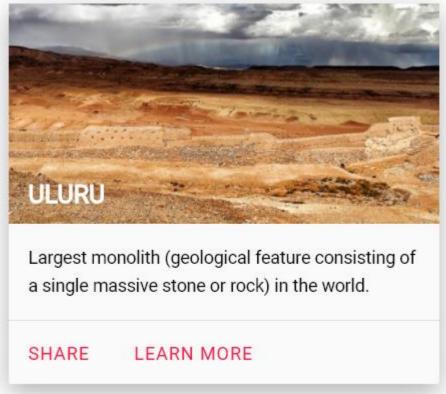


PRACTICE TIME!

{ } MATCH THE COMP

Using all the techniques you've learned, try to match this comp as closely as you can:





Use this URL for a random nature photo: https://placeimg.com/640/481/nature

"HOMEWORK"

• Practice!

• Optional: read chapter 8 of HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites



• Try playing with this <u>interactive</u> demo of the CSS box model