

**INF02180 - LECTURE 3** 

## CASCADING STYLESHEETS (CSS)

#### THE OLD/BAD WAY TO STYLE YOUR WEBPAGES

### NOW WE USE CSS

### CSS is the code you use to style your webpage.

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# CSS lets you apply styles selectively to elements in HTML documents.

# HOW DO YOU ADD CSS TO YOUR WEBPAGE?

#### 3 WAYS TO ADD STYLES

- External Stylesheet (highly recommended)
- Internal/Embedded Stylesheet
- Inline Styles (not recommended)

#### **EXTERNAL STYLESHEET**

Place this between the <head></head> tags in your HTML document.

Recommended way as it's easier to maintain and you don't mix presentation with content.

#### INTERNAL/EMBEDDED STYLESHEET

```
<style type="text/css">
/* Put CSS rules here */
</style>
```

Place this between the <head></head> tags in your HTML document.

#### **INLINE STYLES**

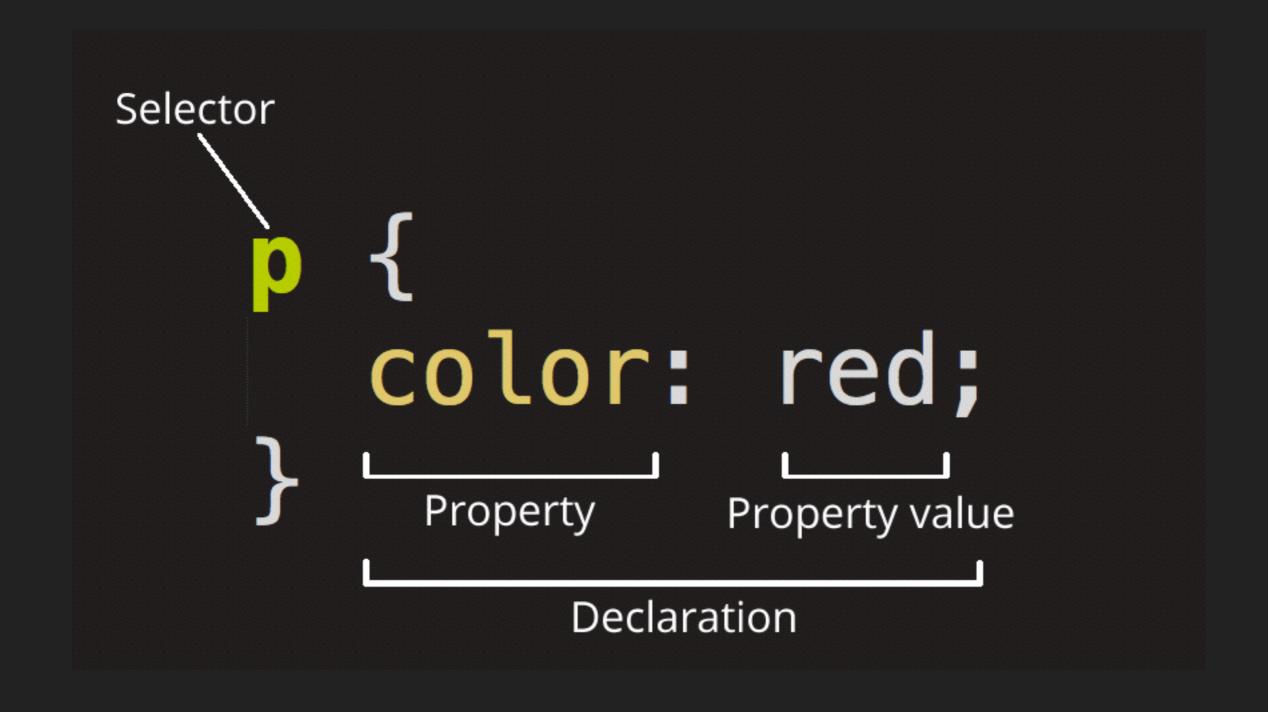
Not Recommended as its difficult to maintain and mixes presentation with content.

#### **EXAMPLE CSS RULE**

```
p {
  color: red;
}
```

This makes all paragraphs red.

#### ANATOMY OF A CSS RULE



#### **EXAMPLE WITH MULTIPLE PROPERTY VALUES**

```
color: red;
width: 500px;
border: 1px solid black;
background-color: #ffffff;
}
```

#### **EXAMPLE WITH MULTIPLE SELECTORS**

```
p,
h1,
li {
    color: red;
}
```

#### **EXAMPLE WITH FONT PROPERTIES**

```
h1 {
  font-size: 60px;
  font-family: Georgia, "Times New Roman", serif;
  text-align: center;
  font-weight: bold;
  font-style: italic;
p, li {
  font-size: 16px;
  line-height: 2;
  letter-spacing: 1px;
3
```

#### TYPES OF SELECTORS

- Element Selector (e.g. p selects )
- ID Selector (e.g. #my-id selects )
- Class Selector (e.g. .my-class selects )
- Attribute Selector (e.g. img['src'] selects <img
  src="image.jpg"> but not <img>)
- Pseudo Selector (e.g. a:hover, selects <a>> but only when mouse hovers over link)
- And there are others.

#### CSS COMBINATORS

- CSS selectors can contain more than one simple selector.
  We can also include combinators:
  - descendant selector (space)
  - child selector (>)
  - adjacent sibling selector (+)
  - general sibling selector (~)

#### DESCENDANT SELECTOR

- The descendant selector matches all elements that are descendants of a specified element.
- The following example selects all elements inside <div> elements

```
div p {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```

#### CHILD SELECTOR

- The child selector selects all elements that are the children of a specified element.
- The following example selects all elements that are children of a <div> element.

```
div > p {
   background-color: yellow;
}
```

#### ADJACENT SIBLING SELECTOR

- The adjacent sibling selector selects all elements that are the adjacent siblings of a specified element.
- The following example selects all elements that are placed immediately after <div> elements.

```
div + p {
   background-color: yellow;
}
```

#### GENERAL SIBLING SELECTOR

- The general sibling selector selects all elements that are siblings of a specified element.
- The following example selects all elements that are siblings of <div> elements.

```
div ~ p {
   background-color: yellow;
}
```

### THE CASCADE

In CSS, all styles *Cascade* from the top of the stylesheet to the bottom. Therefore, styles can be added or overwritten as the stylesheet progresses.

```
background: orange;
font-size: 24px;
background: green;
```

```
p {
  background: green;
  background: orange;
}
```

There are, however, times where the cascade doesn't play so nicely. Those times occur when different types of selectors are used and the **specificity** of those selectors breaks the cascade.

### SPECIFICITY

# EVERY SELECTOR IN CSS HAS A SPECIFICITY WEIGHT. A SELECTOR'S SPECIFICITY WEIGHT, ALONG WITH ITS PLACEMENT IN THE CASCADE, IDENTIFIES HOW ITS STYLES WILL BE RENDERED.

http://learn.shayhowe.com/html-css/getting-to-know-css/#specificity

#### **SPECIFICITY WEIGHT**

- The type/element selector has the lowest specificity weight and holds a point value of 0-0-1.
- The class/attribute selector has a medium specificity weight and holds a point value of 0-1-0.
- Lastly, the ID selector has a high specificity weight and holds a point value of 1-0-0.

```
...
```

```
#food {
   background: green;
}
p {
   background: orange;
}
```

#food (1-0-0) is more specific than p (0-0-1).

```
<div class="hotdog">
    <...</p>
    ...
</div>
```

```
.hotdog p {
  background: brown;
}
.hotdog p.mustard {
  background: yellow;
}
```

.hotdog p.mustard (0-2-1) is more specific than .hotdog p (0-1-1).

### COLOURS

#### FOUR (4) PRIMARY WAYS TO REPRESENT COLOURS

- Keywords e.g. white, red, green, blue
- Hexadecimal Notation e.g. #FF6600
- RGB e.g. rgb(128, 0, 0) or rgba(128, 0, 0,
  .5)
- HSL e.g. hsl(0, 100%, 25%) or hsla(0, 100%, 25%, .36)

#### **KEYWORDS**

```
.my-class {
  background: maroon;
}
.some-other-class {
  background: yellow;
}
```

### HEXADECIMAL

```
.some-class {
  background: #800000;
}
.another-class {
  background: #fc6;
}
```

#fc6 is short hand for #ffcc66

### RED-GREEN-BLUE (RGB)

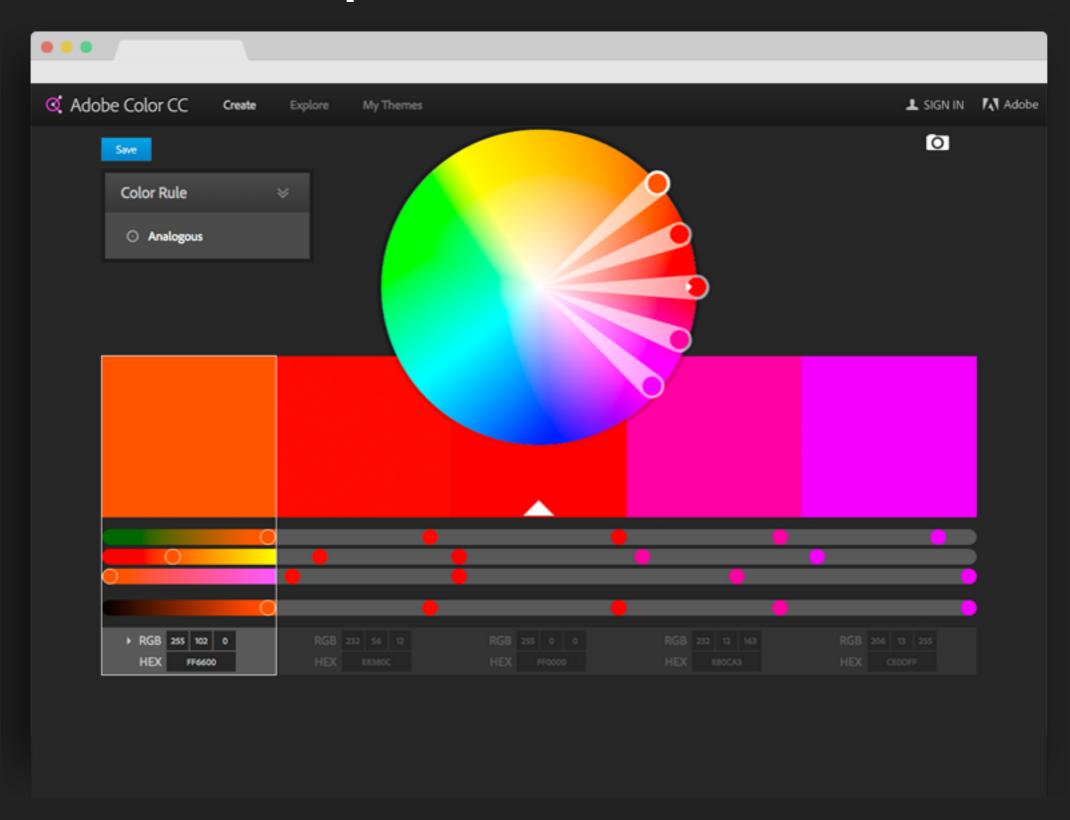
```
.task {
   background: rgb(128, 0, 0);
}
.task {
   background: rgba(128, 0, 0, .25);
}
```

### HUE-SATURATION-LIGHTNESS (HSL)

```
.task {
   background: hsl(0, 100%, 25%);
}
.count {
   background: hsla(60, 100%, 50%, .25);
}
```

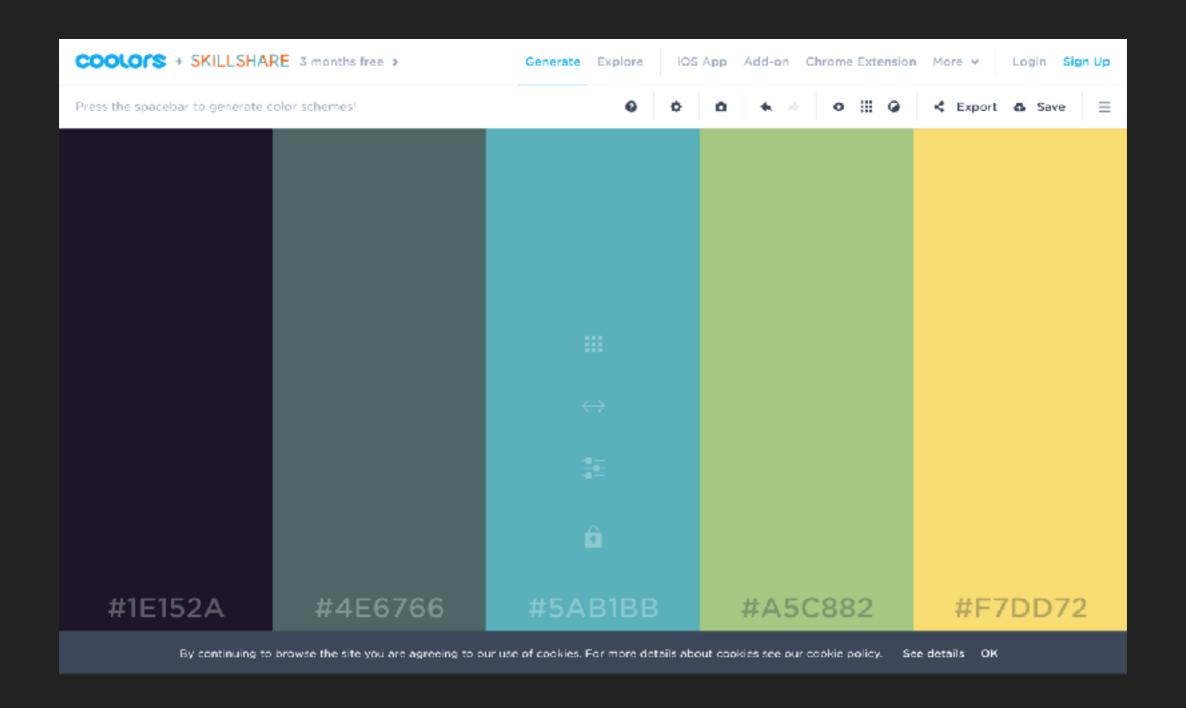
### Adobe Color CC

https://color.adobe.com/



### Coolors

### https://coolors.co/app



# UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

### **UNITS**

- Pixels
- Percentages
- Em
- REM
- VH/VW (Viewport Height and Width)

These are the most popular, but there are others.

### **EXAMPLE USING PIXELS**

```
p {
  font-size: 14px;
}
```

The pixel is equal to 1/96th of an inch; thus there are 96 pixels in an inch.

### **EXAMPLE WITH PERCENTAGES**

```
div {
    width: 50%;
}
```

This **div** will be 50% of its parent element.

### **EXAMPLE WITH EM**

```
.banner {
   font-size: 14px;
   width: 5em;
}
```

The width will be 5 times its font-size.  $5 \times 14 = 70 px$ 

When a font size is not explicitly stated for an element, the **em** unit will be relative to the font size of the closest parent element with a stated font size.

### THE BOX MODEL

## EVERY ELEMENT ON A PAGE IS A RECTANGULAR BOX AND MAY HAVE WIDTH, HEIGHT, PADDING, BORDERS, AND MARGINS.

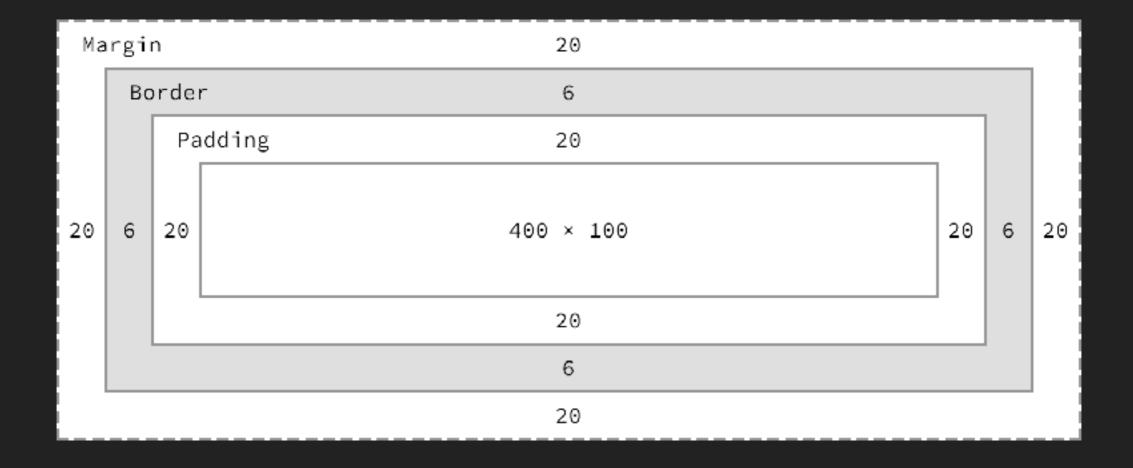
http://learn.shayhowe.com/html-css/opening-the-box-model/



```
Total width = margin-right + border-
right + padding-right + width +
padding-left + border-left + margin-left
```

```
Total height = margin-top + border-
top + padding-top + height + padding-
bottom + border-bottom + margin-bottom
```

```
div {
  border: 6px solid #949599;
  height: 100px;
  margin: 20px;
  padding: 20px;
  width: 400px;
}
```



So what is the total element height and width of this box?

```
Total Element Width: 492px = 20px + 6px + 20px + 400px + 20px + 6px + 20px

Total Element Height: 192px = 20px + 6px + 20px + 100px + 20px + 6px + 20px
```

### MARGIN AND PADDING

- Margin allows us to set the amount of space that surrounds an element. (ie. outside an elements border)
- Padding allows us to set the amount of space inside an elements border (ie. between the border and the content).
- Some browsers apply default margins and/or padding on elements.

### MARGIN AND PADDING DECLARATIONS

```
div {
  margin: 20px;
  padding: 5px;
}

div {
  margin: 10px 20px;
  padding: 5px 10px;
}
```

All sides share same length

Top/Bottom, Left/Right

```
div {
   margin: 10px 20px 0 15px;
   padding: 5px 10px 0 15px;
}

Top, Right, Bottom, Left
```

### **BORDERS**

- Borders fall between the margin and padding.
- ▶ Borders require 3 properties width, style and color.
- Examples of the most common styles are solid, double, dashed, dotted and none.

### **BORDER DECLARATION**

```
div {
  border: 6px solid #949599;
}
```

You can also set individual borders, e.g. border-right, border-left, border-top, border-bottom.

Or properties like border-top-width, border-top-style, border-top-color.

### **BORDER RADIUS**

▶ This enables rounded corners for an element.



### **EXAMPLE BORDER RADIUS**

```
div {
  border-radius: 5px;
}
```

A single value will round all four corners of an element equally

### **EXAMPLE OF BORDER RADIUS**

```
div {
   border-top-right-radius: 5px;
}
```

You can also use border-top-left-radius, border-bottom-right-radius, border-bottom-left-radius

### **BOX SIZING**

- The box-sizing CSS property allows us to change the way the box model is calculated.
- It allows us to include the padding and border in an element's width and height values.
- Allowed values are content-box and border-box.
- padding-box used to be a part of the spec but was recently removed.
- content-box is the default.



### **EXAMPLE OF BOX SIZING**

```
div {
   -webkit-box-sizing: border-box;
   -moz-box-sizing: border-box;
   box-sizing: border-box;
}
```

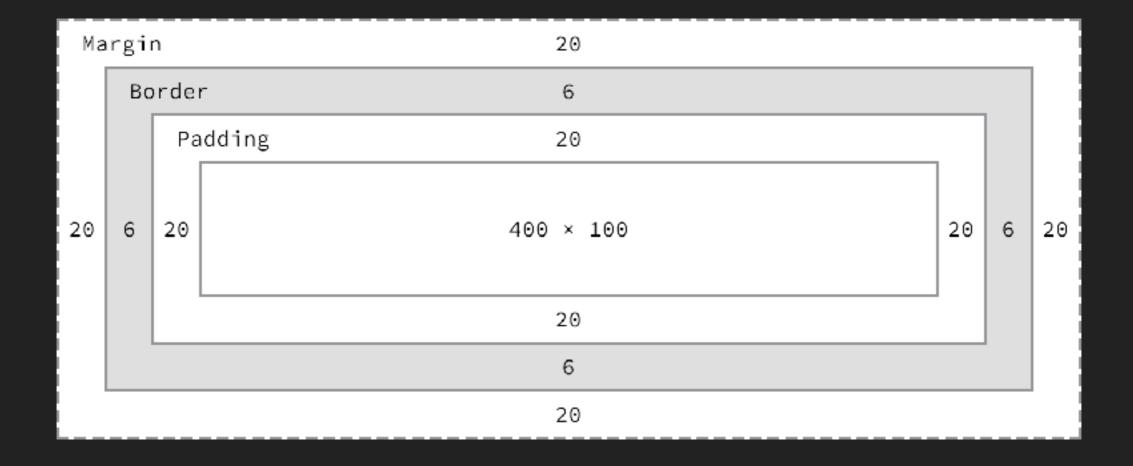
What are those hyphens and letters (-webkit-, -moz-) before the property?

### **VENDOR PREFIXES**

- As CSS3 was being introduced, browsers gradually began to support the new properties and values proposed as part of the specification.
- They were able to make these available to developers before the spec was finalized using vendor prefixes.
- Vendor prefixes aren't being used as much anymore. Browsers now add experimental features behind usercontrolled flags or preferences.

### **BOX MODEL EXAMPLE WITH BOX-SIZING**

```
div {
  border: 6px solid #949599;
  height: 100px;
  margin: 20px;
  padding: 20px;
  width: 400px;
  box-sizing: border-box;
```



So what is the total element height and width of this box now?

```
Total Element Width: 440px = 20px + 400px + 20px

Total Element Height: 140px = 20px + 100px + 20px
```

This is because the border and padding measurements are now included in the width and height of the content and are no longer added separately.

### CSS CUSTOM PROPERTIES (VARIABLES)

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- Complex websites tend to have very large amounts of CSS and often will have a lot of repeated values.
- CSS now has the ability to create variables to store values that you need to reuse throughout your stylesheets.
- You can also use the values in JavaScript.

### CSS CUSTOM PROPERTIES (VARIABLES)

```
:root {
  --main-bg-color: brown;
  --padding-small: 5px;
  --padding-large: 20px;
3
h1 {
  color: var(--main-bg-color);
3
div {
  background-color: var(--main-bg-color);
  padding: var(--padding-small);
```

## **CSS CUSTOM PROPERTIES (VARIABLES)**

```
:root {
    --main-bg-color: brown;
}
h1 {
    color: var(--main-bg-color, black);
}
```

# LAYOUTS AND POSITIONING

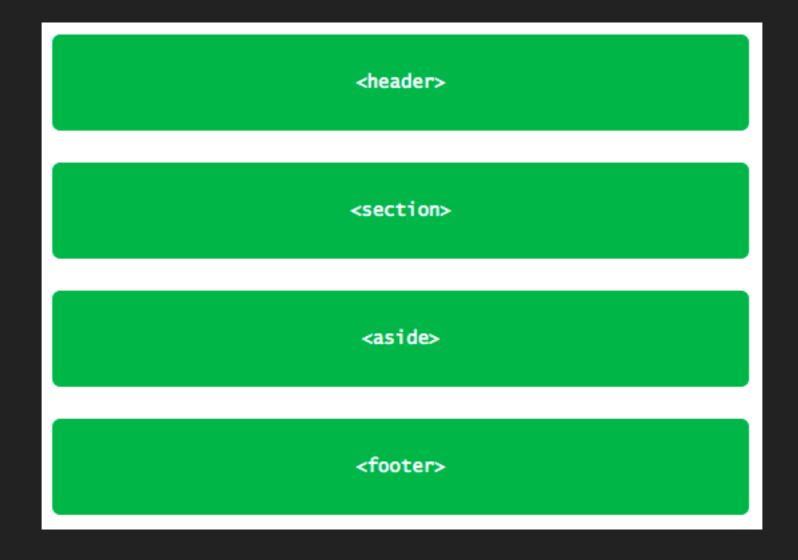
### WAYS TO POSITION ELEMENTS

- Floats
- Uniquely Positioning Elements
  - Relative Positioning
  - Absolute Positioning

#### **NORMAL FLOW**

```
<header>...</header>
<section>...</section>
<aside>...</aside>
<footer>...</footer>
```

## NORMAL FLOW



#### **FLOATS**

- Allows us to take an element, remove it from the normal flow of a page, and position it to the left or right of its parent element.
- The float property accepts a few values, the two most popular ones are left and right.
- An example could be floating an <img> element to the side so that paragraphs of text wrap around it.
- You can also float multiple elements to create a layout.

## **FLOATS**

```
section {
  float: left;
  margin: 0 1.5%;
  width: 63%;
aside {
  float: right;
  margin: 0 1.5%;
  width: 30%;
```

# **FLOATS**

```
<header>

<section>
  float: left;

<footer>
```

#### **CLEARING FLOATS**

Sometimes if you are not careful when using floats, you can end up with elements unnecessarily wrapping around a floated element or filling in the available space since it is no longer in the normal flow.



#### **CLEARING FLOATS**

- To prevent content from wrapping around floated elements, we need to clear, or contain, those floats and return the page to its normal flow.
- We can do this by using the clear property.
- This property accepts a few different values: the most commonly used values being **left**, **right**, and **both**.
- The **left** value will clear left floats, while the **right** value will clear right floats. The **both** value, however, will clear both left and right floats and is often the most ideal value.

## **CLEARING FLOATS**

So using our previous example. We can apply the

following:

```
footer {
   clear: both;
}
```

#### UNIQUELY POSITIONING ELEMENTS

- There are times we need to precisely position an element. In cases like this we use the position property.
- The default position is static (normal flow), however, this value can be overwritten with relative, absolute or fixed.
- These work along with the box offset properties top, right, bottom and left.

#### RELATIVE POSITIONING

Allows us to move an element, but keep it in the normal flow of a page, thus preventing other elements from flowing around it or taking up the space it once held.

#### **EXAMPLE OF RELATIVE POSITIONING**

```
<div>...</div>
<div class="offset">...</div>
<div>...</div>
```

```
div {
  height: 100px;
  width: 100px;
}
.offset {
  left: 20px;
  position: relative;
  top: 20px;
}
```

## **EXAMPLE OF RELATIVE POSITIONING**



#### **ABSOLUTE POSITIONING**

- Similar to the relative value for the position property, with the exception that the element will not appear in the normal flow of the document and the space it occupied will not be preserved.
- The item will then be positioned relative to the nearest positioned ancestor.
- If an absolutely-positioned element has no positioned ancestors, it uses the document body

## **EXAMPLE OF ABSOLUTE POSITIONING**

```
<section>
     <div class="offset">...</div>
</section>
```

```
section {
  position: relative;
}
.offset {
  right: 20px;
  position: absolute;
  top: 20px;
}
```

## **EXAMPLE OF ABSOLUTE POSITIONING**

```
<section>
position: relative;

<div
class="offset">
position:
absolute;
right: 20px;
top: 20px;
```

# FLEXBOX AND CSS GRIDS

#### **FLEXBOX**

- Flexible Box Layout (Flexbox) is a layout method designed for one-dimensional layout. One-dimensional means that you wish to lay out your content in a row, or as a column.
- Provides tools to allow rapid creation of complex, flexible layouts that can scale better from desktop to mobile.
- You define a Flex container by setting display: flex; on an element.
- Flex containers (parent) will then contain one or more Flex items (children).

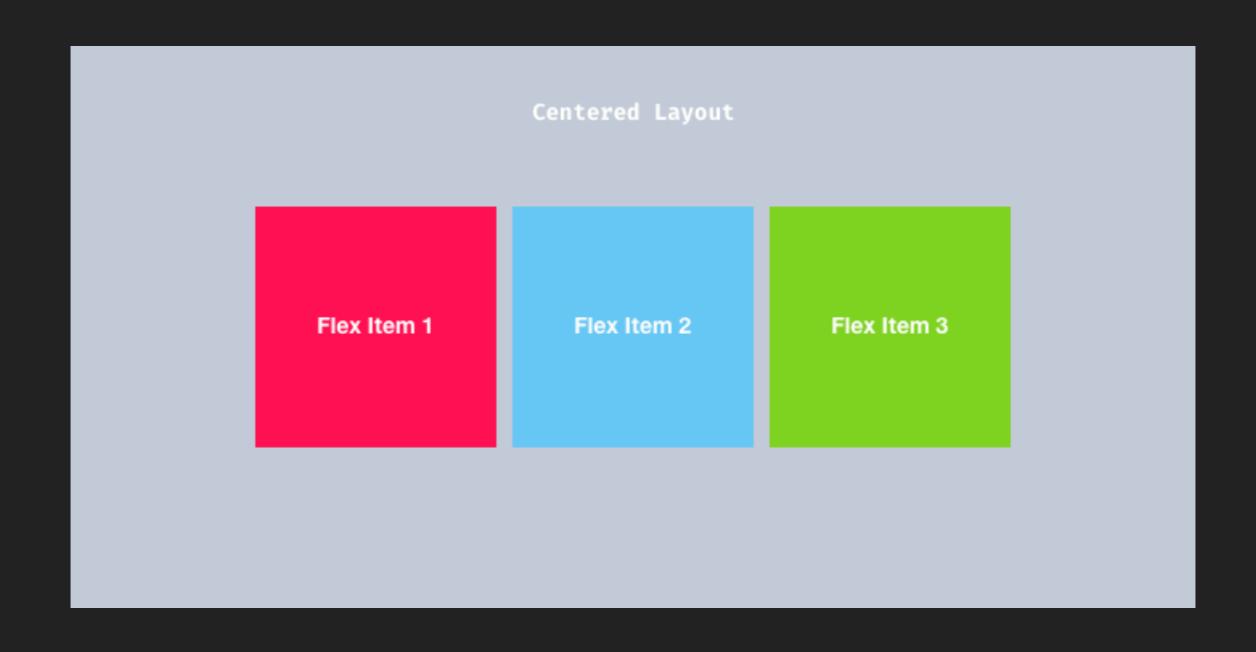
#### **FLEXBOX**

- The direction Flex items are in can be defined using the flex-direction property. They value of this property can be row, row-reverse, column or column-reverse.
- You can horizontally align these Flex items by using the justify-content property. And this property takes the values flex-start, flex-end, center, space-between or space-around.
- You can vertically align Flex items by using the align-items property. And this property takes the values flex-start, flexend, center, baseline or stretch.

#### **FLEXBOX**

- Properties that may be used on the Flex items (children) are:
  - align-self: allows for aligning individual flex items.
  - flex: specifies the length of the flex item, relative to the rest of the flex items inside the same container. This is the shorthand for flex-grow, flex-shrink and flex-basis combined.
  - order: specifies the order of a flexible item relative to the rest of the flexible items inside the same container

## **EXAMPLE OF CENTERED LAYOUT WITH FLEXBOX**



#### **EXAMPLE HTML**

## **EXAMPLE CSS**

```
.flex-container {
   display: flex;
   justify-content: center;
   align-items: center;
}
```

## **EXAMPLE OF EVENLY DISTRIBUTED FLEXBOX ITEMS**

#### justify-content: space-between;

Flex Item 1 Flex Item 2 Flex Item 3

#### **EXAMPLE HTML**

### **EXAMPLE CSS**

```
.flex-container {
   display: flex;
   justify-content: space-between;
   align-items: center;
}
```

And there are many more interesting layouts that can be created using a combination of flex box properties and their respective values.

#### CSS GRIDS

- CSS Grid Layout was designed as a two-dimensional layout method. Two-dimensional means that you wish to lay your content out in rows and columns.
- The columns and rows form Grid Tracks.
- It allows us to create grid like structures without using tables or needing a CSS framework such as Bootstrap. And our layouts can also be redefined using CSS Media Queries to adapt to different contexts (Responsive Web Design).
- You define a Grid container (parent) by setting display: grid; on an element.

#### CSS GRIDS

- We can create a grid using the grid-template-columns and grid-template-rows properties. These properties can take multiple values with each value defining the length of the respective column or row.
- We can use the grid-gap property to create a gap between columns and rows. e.g. grid-gap: 10px;
- With these set, the direct children of the grid-container (parent) now become grid items and the auto-placement algorithm lays them out, one in each grid cell. Creating extra rows as needed.

#### **CSS GRIDS**

You can also position grid items in a particular row or column or span multiple rows or columns by using the grid-column and grid-row properties. Some e.g. of values for these properties are:

```
prid-column: 1;
prid-column: 1 / 3;
prid-column: span 3;
```

#### CSS GRIDS - FR UNIT

- CSS Grid introduced a new unit of length to help us create flexible grid tracks. This unit is called the fr unit.
- It represents a fraction of the available space in a grid container.
- e.g. You could have grid-template-columns: 1fr2fr 1fr;
- You can also mix absolute sized tracks with fraction units.
   (e.g. 500px 1fr 2fr)

## CSS GRIDS - REPEAT()

- For large grids you can also use the repeat() notation to repeat all or a section of the grid.
- e.g. You could have grid-template-columns: 1fr
  1fr;
- Using the repeat() notation we would have gridtemplate-columns: repeat(3, 1fr);

## CSS GRIDS - MINMAX()

- Defines a size range greater than or equal to min and less than or equal to max
- e.g. You could have grid-template-columns: minmax(20px, 100px) 1fr 1fr;
- You can also use it with repeat() e.g. gridtemplate-columns: repeat(3, minmax(300px, 1fr));

# **EXAMPLE OF A GRID**

Grid Item 1	Grid Item 2	Grid Item 3
Grid Item 4	Grid Item 5	Grid Item 6

#### **EXAMPLE HTML**

```
.grid-container {
    display: grid;
    grid-template-columns: 150px 150px 150px;
    grid-template-rows: 150px 150px;
    grid-gap: 20px;
}
```

# **EXAMPLE OF A GRID WITH ITEMS THAT SPAN**



#### **EXAMPLE HTML**

```
.grid-container {
   display: grid;
   grid-template-columns: 150px 150px 150px;
   grid-template-rows: 150px 150px;
   grid-gap: 20px;
}
```

```
#box1 {
    grid-column: 1 / 3;
    grid-row: 1;
}

#box2 {
    grid-column: 3;
    grid-column: 2;
    grid-row: 1 / 3;
}
```

```
.grid-container {
    display: grid;
    grid-template-columns: 100px 3fr 2fr;
    grid-template-rows: 150px 1fr;
    grid-gap: 20px;
}
```

And there are many more interesting and complex layouts that can be created using a combination of CSS Grid properties and their respective values.

## RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE

- Mozilla Developer Network <a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/">https://developer.mozilla.org/</a>
  <u>en-US/</u>
- Shay Howe Learn HTML & CSS <a href="http://learn.shayhowe.com/">http://learn.shayhowe.com/</a>
  <a href="http://learn.shayhowe.com/">httml-css/</a>
- W3 Schools <a href="https://www.w3schools.com">https://www.w3schools.com</a>
- HTML Reference <a href="http://htmlreference.io/">http://htmlreference.io/</a>
- The Elements of Typographic Style Applied to the Web <a href="http://webtypography.net/">http://webtypography.net/</a>

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- CSS Reference <a href="http://cssreference.io/">http://cssreference.io/</a>
- CSS Specificity <a href="http://cssspecificity.com/">http://cssspecificity.com/</a>
- Coolors (Colour Scheme Generator) <a href="https://coolors.co">https://coolors.co</a>
- Learn Layout <a href="http://learnlayout.com/">http://learnlayout.com/</a>
- Getting Started with CSS Layout <a href="https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2018/05/guide-css-layout/">https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2018/05/guide-css-layout/</a>

#### RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE

- Flexbox <a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/CSS\_layout/Flexbox">https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/CSS/CSS\_layout/Flexbox</a>
- Flexbox Froggy Game <a href="http://flexboxfroggy.com/">http://flexboxfroggy.com/</a>
- ▶ A Guide to Flexbox <a href="https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide-to-flexbox/">https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide-to-flexbox/</a>
- CSS Grid Layouts <a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/">https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/</a>
   CSS\_Grid\_Layout
- Grid by Example <a href="https://gridbyexample.com/">https://gridbyexample.com/</a>
- CSS Grid Garden game <a href="http://cssgridgarden.com/">http://cssgridgarden.com/</a>
- Layout Land Videos <a href="https://www.youtube.com/layoutland">https://www.youtube.com/layoutland</a>

# ANY QUESTIONS?