

Responsive Design



What is Responsive Web Design?

- It is designing your sites with multiple screen sizes/resolutions/settings in mind.
- Sites should “work” under any platform, any browser size, any orientation. The user should have the power.



Adapting to users and devices

- A small screen should NOT mean less content.
- People are doing more on their phones than ever before
 - videos, applications, coding,
- Never assume the user won't need access to a functionality.



Step One: Fluid Measurements

- Have you hardcoded values?
 - Absolute – px, mm, cm, pt
 - Fluid
 - %, vw, vh
 - em (for font): 1em is current size, .75 is 75% of the current size
 - rem (for font): 1rem is current size of root element



Step Two: Media Queries

- Media queries are a process that allow the style to depend upon the media type
- CSS 2.1 used media types

```
<link rel="stylesheet"...href="style.css" media="screen" />
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet"...href="print.css" media="print" />
```



CSS3

- CSS3 increased the capabilities. Style can depend on many features
 - width, height, orientation, resolution, ...
- Boolean operators can also be applied to increase power



The two query components

1. A media type
 - all, print, screen, speech
2. The actual query of a media feature and width
 - width, height, orientation, resolution, ...
 - screen and (min-width: 680px) and (resolution: 163dpi)



Step 3: Amend HTML to request size

- The meta viewport tag tells mobile browser's viewport how to behave.

`<meta name = 'viewport' content='width=device-width, initial-scale=1'>`

- DO NOT DISALLOW ZOOMING – it isn't accessible:

`<meta name = 'viewport' content='width=device-width, initial-scale=1, maximum-scale = 1'>`



Step 2: Fluid layout

- If you use breakpoints, some absolute measurements are not unusual
- percentages vs ems
 - ems are measurement of typography. 1em is width of one letter M in current typeface.
- paddings and margins affected by width, not height



Example One

- Fluid layout that is triggered by certain sizes.

```
body{  
    background: yellow;  
    margin: 2%  
}  
@media screen and (min-width: 680px){  
    body{  
        background: green;  
        margin: 10%  
    }  
}
```



```
img {  
    border: 2px solid black;  
    width: 95%;  
}
```

```
@media screen and (min-width:700px){  
    img{  
        width: 45%; }  
}
```

```
@media screen and (min-width:1200px){  
    width{  
        width: 30%;}  
}
```



Ordering your rules

```
@media only screen and (min-width: 1024px) {  
    body{ background: blue; }  
}
```

```
@media only screen and (min-width: 780px) {  
    body{ background: yellow; }  
}
```

```
body{ background: green; }
```

- [RD: Media Queries Part 2](#)



Stop and Code:

- [RD: Fluid Measurements and Media Queries](#)
- Can you change the CSS for single column on small screen?



Media Queries for Accessibility

- Animation can be problematic for
 - People with cognitive concerns, vestibular disorders, epilepsy, and migraine and Scotopic sensitivity.
- New media queries can address this:
@media screen and (prefers-reduced-motion: reduce){}
 - Can also benefit users with low battery or low-end phones or computers.
- <https://css-tricks.com/introduction-reduced-motion-media-query/>



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