FORMATTING CONTEXT

PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING IS A BOX.

BOXES INSIDE BOXES INSIDE BOXES.

ALL OF THESE BOXES BEHAVE IN SPECIFIC WAYS, DEPENDING ON THE FORMATTING CONTEXT THAT THEY ARE A PART OF.

AND AS YOU SAW IN THE MDN ARTICLE ON DOCUMENT FLOW, EVERYTHING PARTICIPATES IN A FORMATTING CONTEXT.

BLOCK FORMATTING CONTENT INLINE FORMATTING CONTENT FLEX FORMATTING CONTEXT GRID FORMATTING CONTEXT

THERE ARE RULES FOR HOW THINGS BEHAVE INSIDE A SPECIFIC FORMATTING CONTEXT

UNDERSTANDING THESE RULES IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WHEN YOU ARE CREATING LAYOUTS AND TRYING TO CONTROL YOUR LAYOUTS

KNOWING THESE RULES, AND WORKING WITH THEM, HELPS US BE MORE CONSISTENT AND PREDICTABLE.