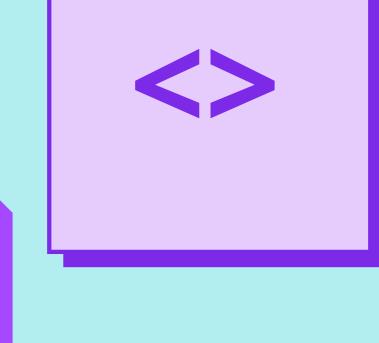


Mobile CSS



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Devices

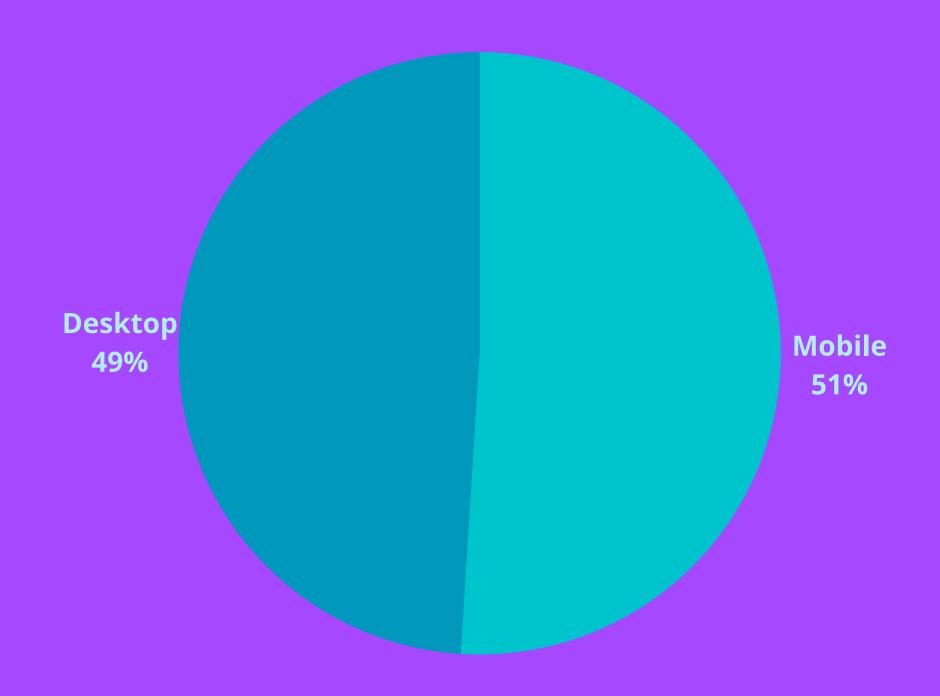
Users could open a website on a lot of different devices: desktop, mobile, tablet, tv...

And developers responsibility is to build a website in the way that it would works properly wherever it has been opened

Mobile

Mobile web worldwide traffic grows every year

And it's already ahead of desktop



Mobile version

One of the ways to provide a good experience to mobile users is to build a separate version of the website which will be optimised to mobile devices

When a user opens your website from mobile device they will be redirected to mobile version (usually leaves on sub-domain which starts with "m." - m.website.com)

Mobile version

Pros:

- Well optimised for mobile
- Possible to build a different UX flow for mobile and desktop
- Easier to debug

Cons:

- Have to build 2 websites
 - Time
 - Make sure that changes were applied on both versions
- False detections
- Handle SEO problems

Responsive Website

The another way to build a website which will works good on both mobile and desktop is to make it responsive by CSS

It will change how it looks like based on the size of the screen

Responsive Website

Pros:

- Time
- Always have the same functionality whatever device is used

Cons:

- Extra code that used only for the one version of the website
- Harder to provide the best UX in all the cases

Media queries

Allows to create CSS rules which are applied to the document only when device reach specific criteria

```
.article {
  padding: 5px 10px;
}

@media (min-width: 600px) {
  .article {
    padding: 10px 20px;
  }
}
```

Media Types

```
// All the devices
@media all { ... }

// Print mode
@media print { ... }

// Screen devices
@media screen { ... }

// Speech synthesizers
@media speech { ... }
```

Media Features

```
// 500px and narrower (e.g. a phone)
@media (max-width: 500px) { ... }

// 501px and wider
@media (min-width: 501px) { ... }

// Primary input can hover
@media (hover: hover) { ... }

// Dark mode preference
@media (prefers-color-scheme: dark) ...
```

Multiple criteria

```
amedia screen
and (min-width: 320px)
and (orientation: portrait) {
    ...
}
```

Negate query

```
// Invert the whole media query
@media not screen
and (min-width: 320px)
and (orientation: portrait) {
    ...
}
```

Combine queries

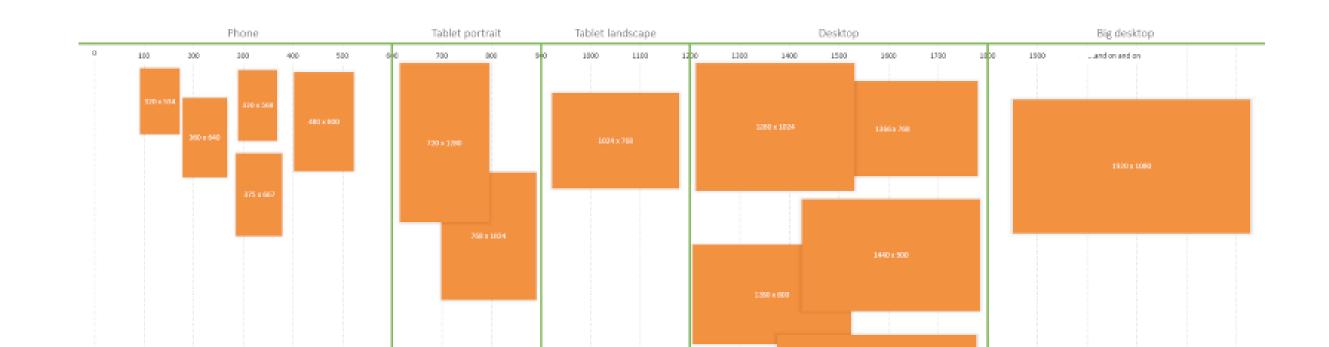
```
// Applied to both print mode
// and screen with width >= 320
@media print, screen
and (min-width: 320px) {
    ...
}
```

Viewport

Represents the currently viewed area of the page.

In CSS pixels. High resolution screens display multiple physical pixels per CSS pixels.

On mobile viewport not always equal to the size of the device, by default. It is wider than the screen and renders zoomed out.



Viewport Meta Tag

You can control the size and scale of the viewport by the meta tag

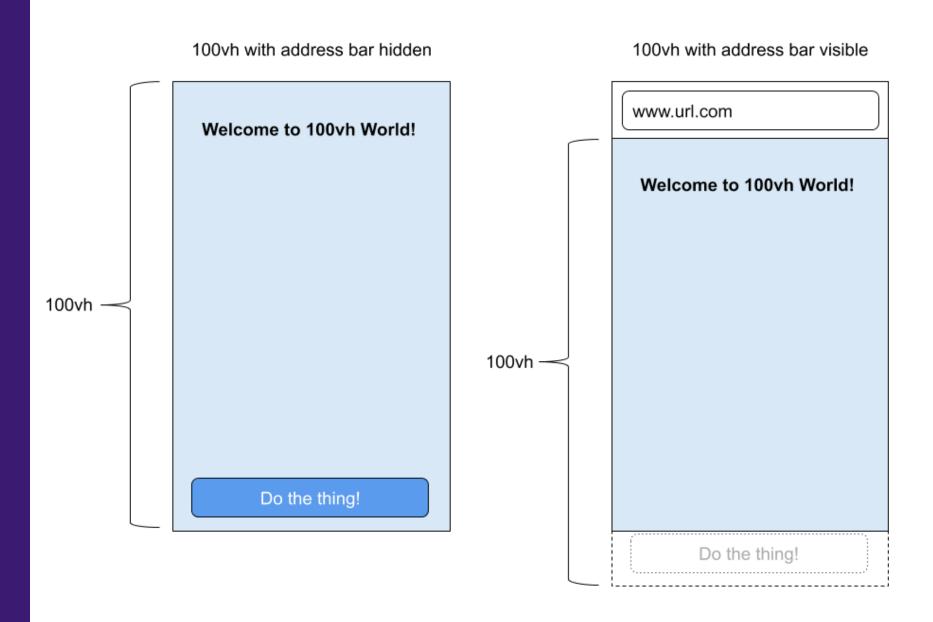
```
// Sets viewport size to the actual screen
// size of the device
<meta
   name="viewport"
   content="width=device-width"
>

// Controls the zoom of the page
<meta
   name="viewport"
   content="initial-scale=1, maximum-scale=2"
>
```

Viewport units

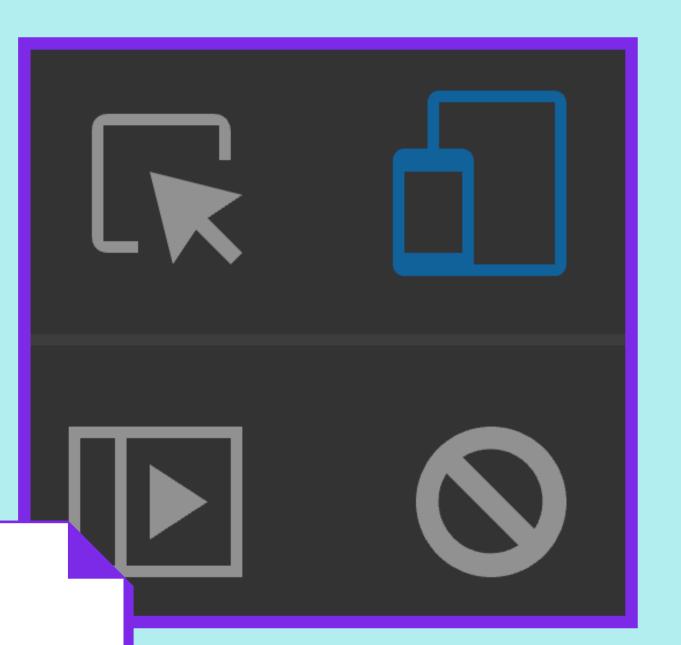
```
.box {
    // 10% of viewport width
    width: 10vw;
    // 10% of viewport height
    height: 10vh;
}
```

Warning, VH is counter-intuitive



https://chanind.github.io/javascript/2019/09/28/avoid-100vh-on-mobile-web.html

Dev Tools



Chrome DevTools has an instrument that allows to change the viewport

Device Mode

You can change the size of the viewport in Chrome device toolbar by choosing of the predefined devices or set the custom sizes

Note: its only change the viewport, not emulates the actual device

It also allows to change Orientation and Device Pixel Ratio