



KEY CONCEPTS IN POSITIONING ELEMENTS

BUILDING BLOCKS

BLOCK LEVEL

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NORMAL FLOW

position: static

CSS

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body {  
  width: 750px;  
  font-family: Arial, Verdana, sans-serif;  
  color: #665544;}
```

```
h1 {  
  background-color: #efefef;  
  padding: 10px;}
```

```
p {  
  width: 450px;}
```

RESULT

The Evolution of the Bicycle

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RELATIVE POSITIONING

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CSS

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ABSOLUTE POSITIONING

position: absolute

CSS

```
h1 {  
  position: absolute;  
  top: 0px;  
  left: 500px;  
  width: 250px;}  
  
p {  
  width: 450px;}
```

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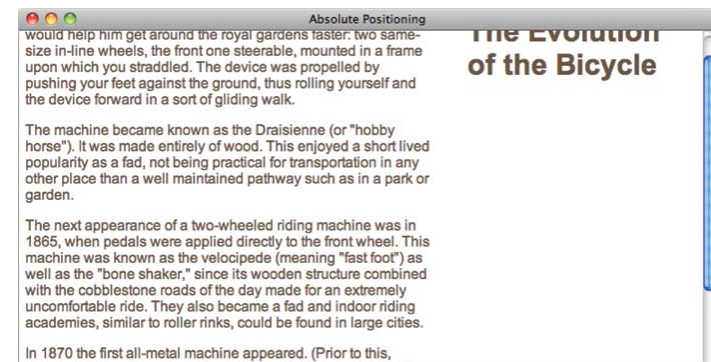
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FIXED POSITIONING

position: fixed

CSS

```
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  left: 0px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  margin: 0px;  
  width: 100%;  
  background-color: #efefef;}  
  
p.example {  
  margin-top: 100px;}
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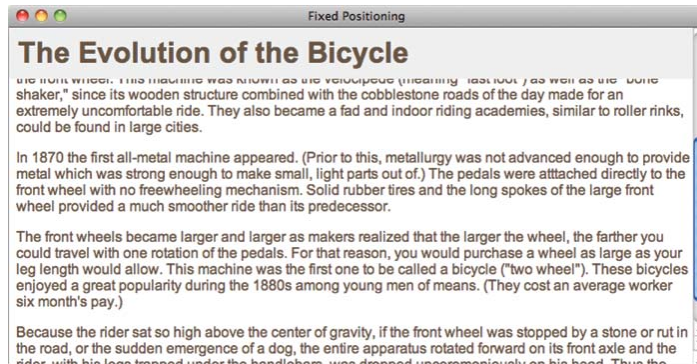
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OVERLAPPING ELEMENTS z-index

CSS

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h1 {
  position: fixed;
  top: 0px; left: 0px;
  margin: 0px; padding: 10px;
  width: 100%;
  background-color: #efefef;
  z-index: 10;}

p {
  position: relative; top: 70px;
  left: 70px;}
```

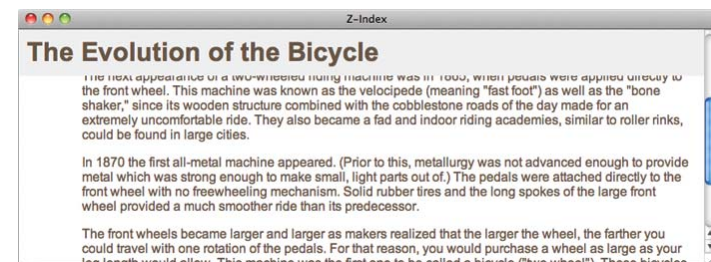
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p {
  position: relative; top: 70px;
  left: 70px;}
```

RESULT



FLOATING ELEMENTS

float

CSS

```
blockquote {  
  float: right;  
  width: 275px;  
  font-size: 130%;  
  font-style: italic;  
  font-family: Georgia, Times, serif;  
  margin: 0px 0px 10px 10px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border-top: 1px solid #665544;  
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*"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance you
must keep moving." - Albert
Einstein*

USING FLOAT TO PLACE ELEMENTS SIDE-BY-SIDE

CSS

```
body {  
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  font-family: Arial, Verdana, sans-serif;  
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CLEARING FLOATS

clear

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PARENTS OF FLOATED ELEMENTS: PROBLEM PROBLEM

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PARENTS OF FLOATED ELEMENTS: SOLUTION SOLUTION

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CREATING MULTI-COLUMN LAYOUTS WITH FLOAT

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```

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Bicycle Timeline

- 1817: Draisienne
- 1865: Velocipede
- 1870: High-wheel bicycle
- 1876: High-wheel safety
- 1885: Hard-tired safety
- 1888: Pneumatic safety

RESULT

THREE COLUMNS

CSS

```
.column1of3, .column2of3, .column3of3 {  
  width: 300px;  
  float: left;  
  margin: 10px;}
```

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SCREEN SIZE & RESOLUTION



iPhone 4

Size: 3.5 inches

Resolution: 960 x 640 pixels

SCREEN SIZE & RESOLUTION



iPad 2

Size: 9.7 inches

Resolution: 1024 x 768 pixels

SCREEN SIZE & RESOLUTION



13" MacBook

Size: 13.3 inches

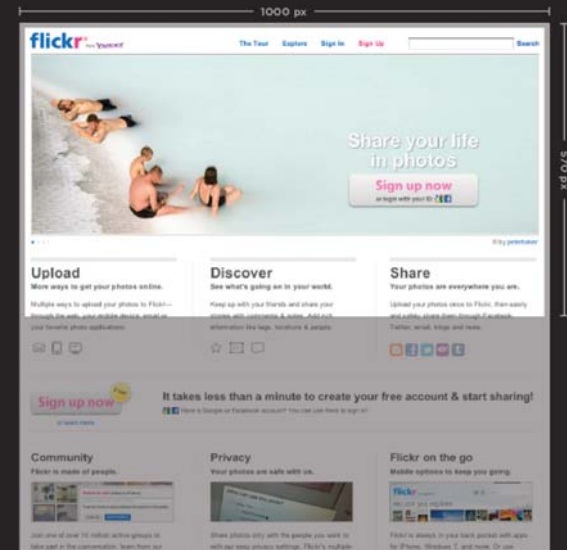
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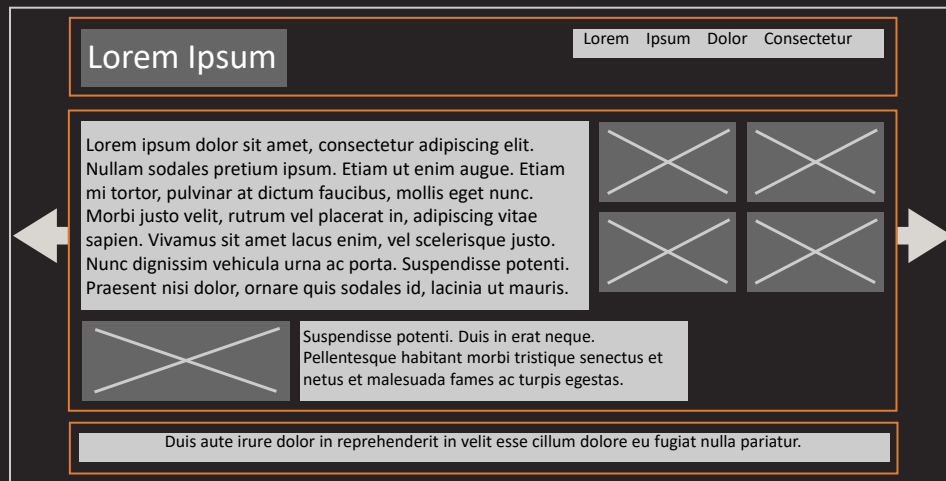


27" iMac
Size: 27 inches
Resolution: 2560 x 1440 pixels

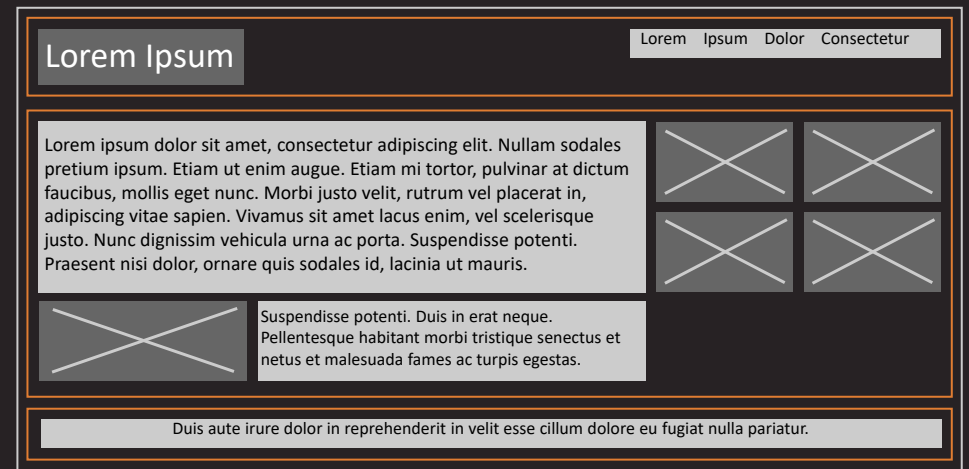
PAGE SIZES



FIXED WIDTH LAYOUTS



LIQUID LAYOUTS



FIXED WIDTH LAYOUT

CSS

```
body {  
  width: 960px;  
  margin: 0 auto;}  
  
.column1, .column2, .column3 {  
  background-color: #efefef;  
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FIXED WIDTH LAYOUT

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  margin: 10px;}
```

RESULT

Logo

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Feature

Column One

Column Two

Column Three

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LIQUID LAYOUT

CSS

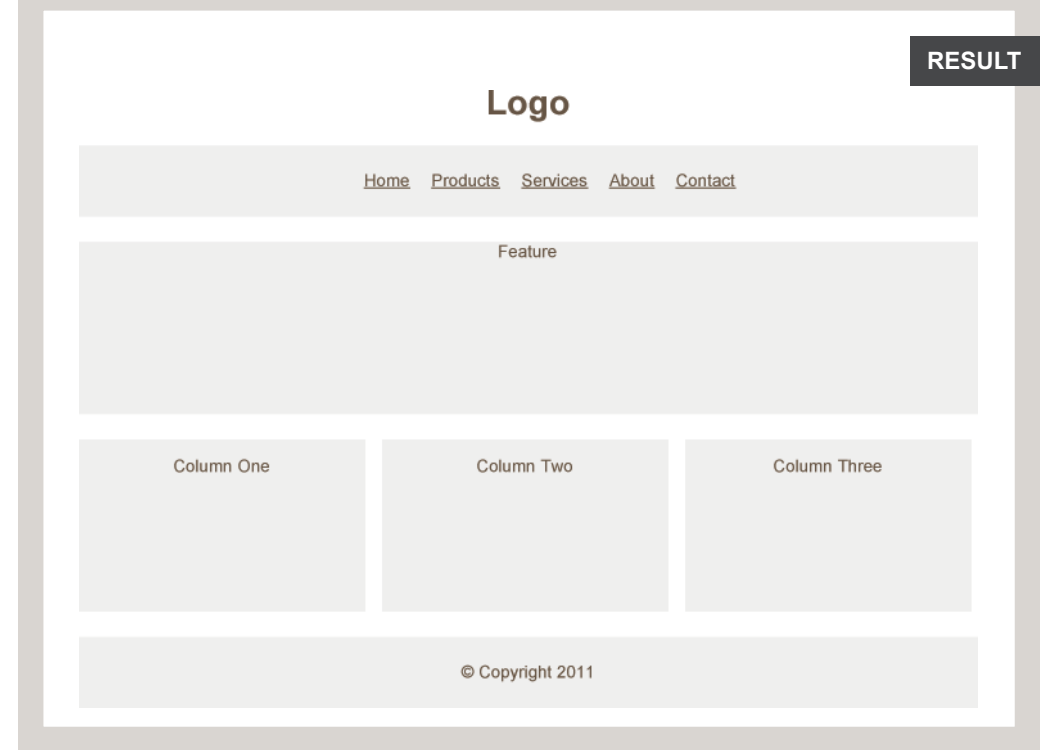
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LAYOUT GRIDS

WHO USES THEM

Long tradition of use in print design

More recently became very popular for web designers too

WHAT THEY DO

Help make pages look professional

Help designers position items on each page

Set consistent proportions between items

CONTINUITY

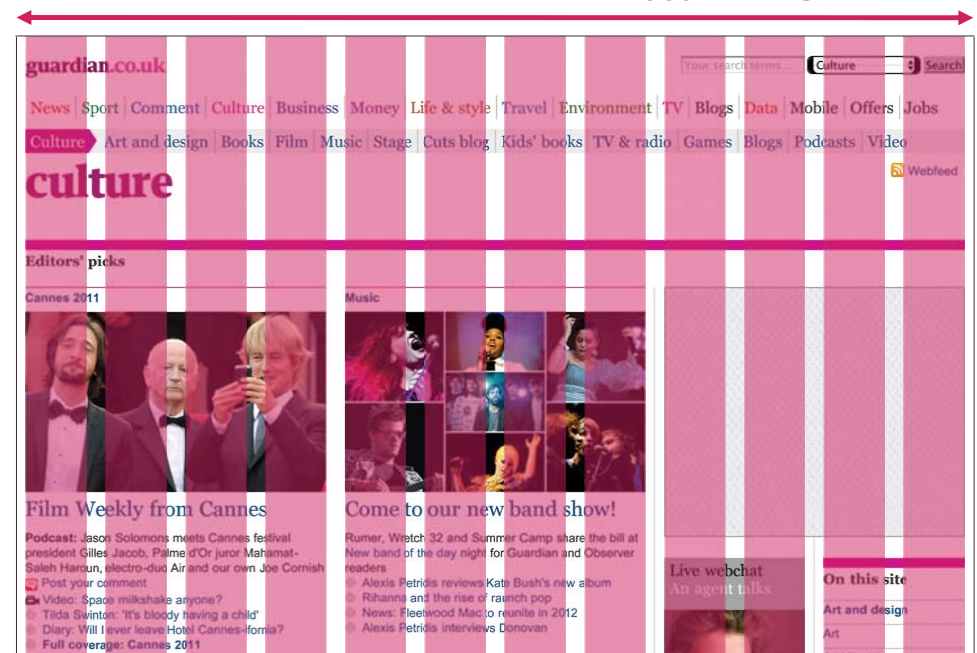
Grids help create continuity between:

Different pages
New content
Multiple designers

Helps users predict where info will be on a page

EXAMPLE GRID

960 PIXELS WIDE

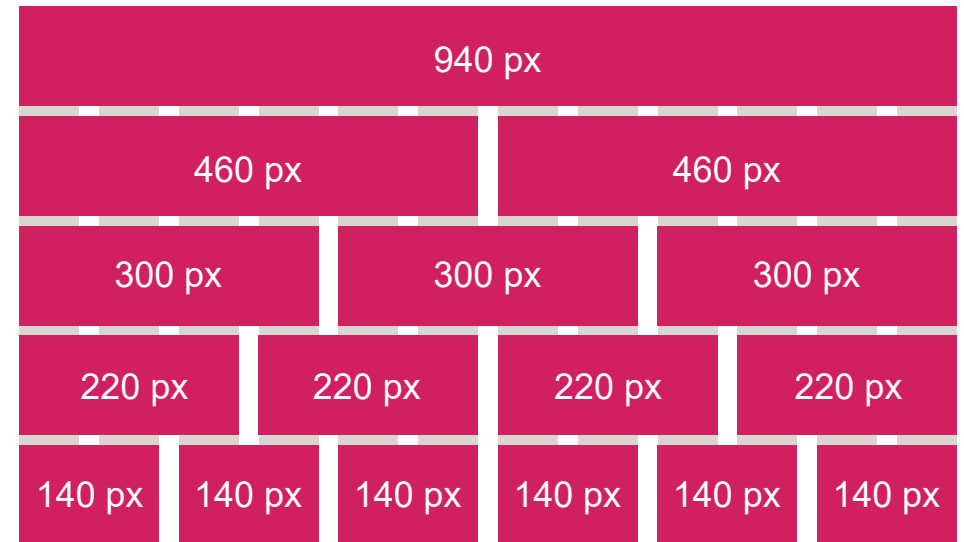


EXAMPLE GRID

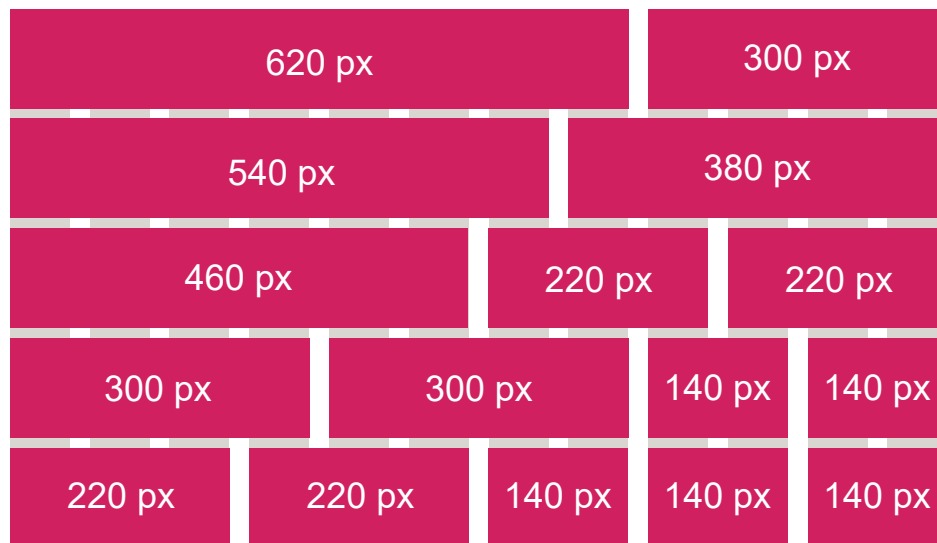
960 PIXELS WIDE



POSSIBLE LAYOUTS IN 960px GRID (12 COLUMNS)



COMBINATIONS USING 960 PIXEL GRID (12 COLUMNS)



CSS FRAMEWORKS

WHAT THEY DO

Provide CSS for common tasks

Layout grids
Styling forms
Print-friendly pages

ADVANTAGES

Saves you repeating the same code

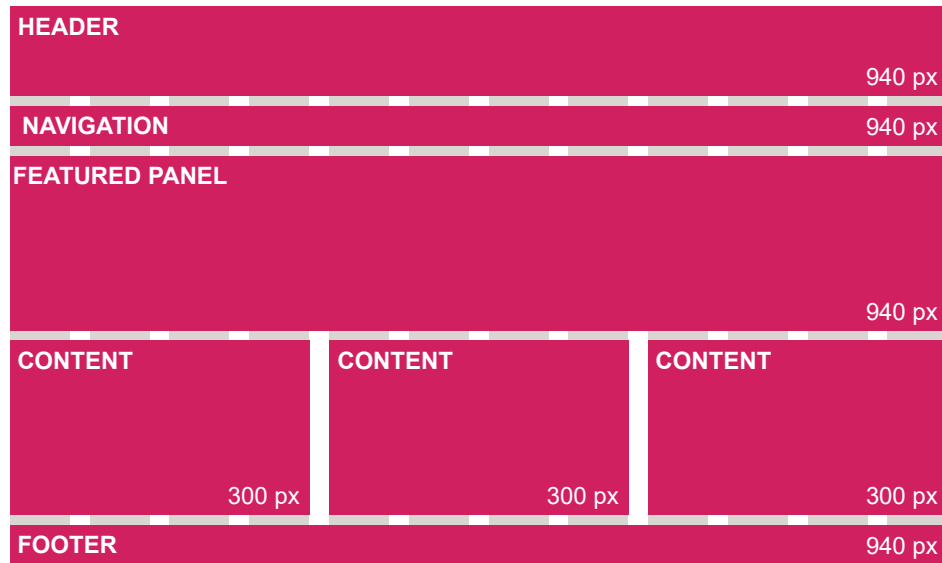
Have been tested across multiple browsers

DISADVANTAGES

Often require class names in the HTML

To satisfy wide requirements will contain unused styles (bloat)

POSSIBLE LAYOUTS IN 960px GRID (12 COLUMNS)



SAMPLE GRID LAYOUT

```
<head>  
  <title>Grid Layout</title>  
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    href="css/960_12_col.css" />  
</head>  
<body>...  
  <div id="feature" class="grid_12">  
    <p>Feature</p>  
  </div>  
  <div class="article grid_4">Col 1</div>  
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HTML

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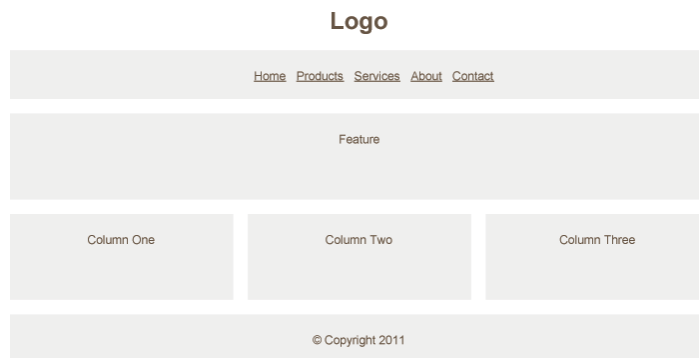
HTML

SAMPLE GRID LAYOUT

```
*{
  color: #665544; text-align: center;}
font-family: Arial, Verdana, sans-serif;
#nav, #feature, .article, #footer {
  background-color: #efefef;
  margin-top: 20px;
  padding: 10px 0px 5px 0px;}
#feature, .article {
  height: 100px;}
li {
  display: inline;
  padding: 5px;}
```

CSS

RESULT



MULTIPLE STYLE SHEETS @import

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

CSS

```
@import url("tables.css");
@import url("typography.css");
```

```
body {
  color: #666666;
  background-color: #f8f8f8;
  text-align: center;}
...
```

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MULTIPLE STYLE SHEETS

<link>

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
      href="css/site.css" />
```

HTML

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SUMMARY

<div> elements are often used as containing elements to group together sections of a page.

SUMMARY

Browsers display pages in normal flow unless you specify relative, absolute, or fixed positioning.

SUMMARY

The `float` property moves content to the left or right of the page and can be used to create multi-column layouts. (Floated items require a defined width.)

SUMMARY

Pages can be fixed width or liquid (stretchy) layouts.

SUMMARY

Designers often keep pages 960-1000 pixels wide, and indicate what the site is about within the top 600 pixels (to demonstrate its relevance without scrolling).

SUMMARY

Grids help create designs that look professional and are flexible.

SUMMARY

CSS Frameworks provide rules for common tasks.

SUMMARY

You can include multiple CSS files in one page.

