



HTML CSS Reference

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HTML Basics

`<button>Hello</button>`

Creates a button with the text "Hello" inside.

`<p>paragraph of text</p>`

Creates a paragraph of text.

HTML Syntax

Syntax = rules for writing HTML code (like grammar in English).

1. Elements should have an opening tag and a matching closing tag.

`<button>Hello</button>`



Opening Tag

(start of the button)



Closing Tag

(end of the button)

2. In HTML, extra spaces and newlines are combined into 1 space.

`<p>paragraph of text</p>`

`<p>paragraph of text</p>`

`<p>`

paragraph of text

`</p>`

All 3 examples above will show the same result on the web page.

Attributes

Attributes modify how an HTML element behaves.

``

Link to YouTube

``

`<a>` = link to another website.

`href` = modifies which website is opened when clicking this link.

```
<a href="https://youtube.com" target="_blank">
  Link to YouTube
</a>
```

`target="_blank"` causes the link to be opened in a new tab.

CSS Basics

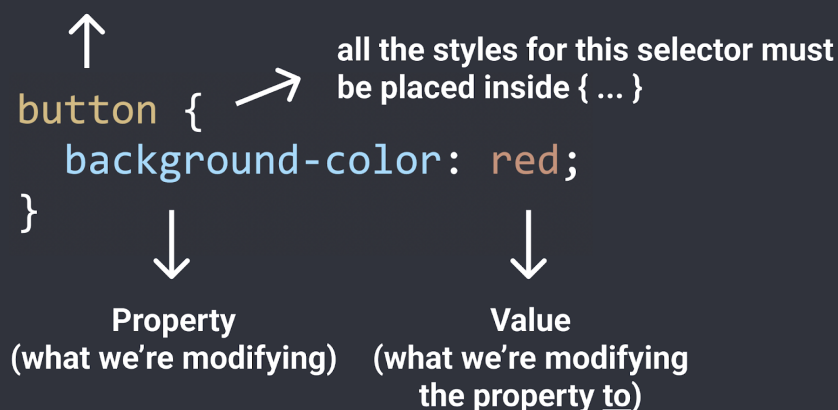
One way of writing CSS code is using the `<style>` HTML element.

```
<style>
  button {
    background-color: red;
    color: white;
  }
</style>
```

Modifies all `<button>`s on the page.
Change background color to red.
Change text color to white.

CSS Syntax

CSS Selector = which element(s) will be modified



CSS Properties

Here are some common CSS properties we can use:

```
button {
```

```
  background-color: red;
```

Sets the background color. Common values:

- Color name: `red`, `white`, `black`
- rgb value: `rgb(0, 150, 255);`
- Hex value: `#0096FF`

```
  color: white;
```

Sets the text color. Takes the same values as background-color (color name, rgb, hex).

```
  height: 36px;
```

Sets the height. Common values:

- Pixel value: `36px`
- Percentage: `50%`

```
  width: 105px;
```

Sets the width. Takes the same values as height.

<code>border: none;</code>	Removes the border.
<code>border-radius: 2px;</code>	Creates rounded corners.
<code>cursor: pointer;</code>	Changes the mouse/cursor when hovering over the element.
<code>border-color: red;</code>	Sets the border color.
<code>border-style: solid;</code>	Sets the border style. Common values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>solid</code> • <code>dotted</code> • <code>dashed</code>
<code>border-width: 1px;</code>	Sets the border width.
<code>}</code>	

How To Google CSS Properties

We regularly use [Google](#) to search for CSS properties that we don't know or don't remember.

When using Google, search what you're trying to accomplish. Examples:

"css rounded corners"

"css text italic"

"css adjust space between lines"

CSS Values

Each CSS property has a set of values that are allowed (`background-color` allows color values, `cursor` allows `solid`, `dotted`, `dashed`, etc.)

Here are some categories of values that are useful to know:

Color Values

1. A color name: `red`, `white`, `black`

2. RGB value: `rgb(0, 150, 255);`

RGB is a more precise way of measuring color. Every color can be created using a combination of red, green, and blue (RGB). In CSS, this is represented by `rgb(. . .);`

`rgb(0, 150, 255);`



red

green

blue

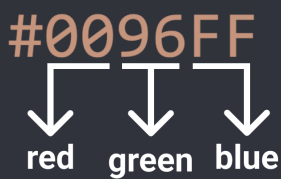
Each color has a min value = 0 and a max value = 255.

`rgb(0, 0, 0);` = black

`rgb(255, 255, 255);` = white

3. Hex value

Hex is another way to write RGB.



- Each character in Hex is base 16, which means it can have a value of 0, 1, 2, ... 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F (16 possible values).
 - Using the first 2 characters, we can have $16 * 16 = 256$ possible values from 0 - 255:
00 = 0
01 = 1
...
0F = 15
10 = 16
11 = $(1 * 16) + 1 = 17$
...
FF = $(15 * 16) + 15 = 255$
 - This is the same range as RGB (0 to 255), so the first 2 characters in Hex are used to represent red, the second 2 characters represent green, and the third 2 characters represent blue. Usually, it's easier to use a Hex to RGB calculator to convert.
4. RGBA value: `rgba(0, 150, 255, 0.5);`
Same as RGB, except with an additional a-value (alpha value). The a-value determines how see-through the color is. 0 = complete see-through, 1 = solid color and not see-through, 0.5 = 50% see-through.

Measurement Values

1. Pixels: `50px`, `100px`

Pixels (px) are a common unit of measurement in the digital world.

For example: a 4K screen is 3840px by 2160px.

2. Percent: `50%`, `100%`

A relative measurement. For example, `width: 50%;` means 50% of the width of the page (or if the element is inside another element, 50% of the width of the container element).

3. em / rem: `1em`, `1rem`

Relative measurements that are useful for accessibility.

em = relative to the font-size of the element (`2em` means 2 times the font size).

rem = relative to the font-size of the page, which is 16px by default (`2rem` means 2 times the font size of the page = $2 * 16px = 32px$ by default).

Class Attribute

Class attribute = lets us target specific elements with CSS.

```
<button class="subscribe-button">
  SUBSCRIBE
</button>
.subscribe-button {
  ...
}
```

Add a class to an element. The class name (the text between the "...") can be anything you want, but no spaces.

Target all elements on the page with `class="subscribe-button"`

```
<button class="youtube-button">
  SUBSCRIBE
</button>
<button class="youtube-button">
  JOIN
</button>
```

Multiple elements can have the same class

```
<button class="youtube-button subscribe-button">
  SUBSCRIBE
</button>
```

An element can have multiple classes, separated by space

```
button {
  ...
}
```

Elements can be targeted by multiple CSS selectors. Here, all 3 CSS selectors will target the button above.

```
.youtube-button {
  ...
}
```

```
.subscribe-button {
  ...
}
```

CSS Pseudo-Classes

```
.subscribe-button:hover {
  ...
}
```

These styles only apply when hovering over an element with `class="subscribe-button"`

```
.subscribe-button:active {
  ...
}
```

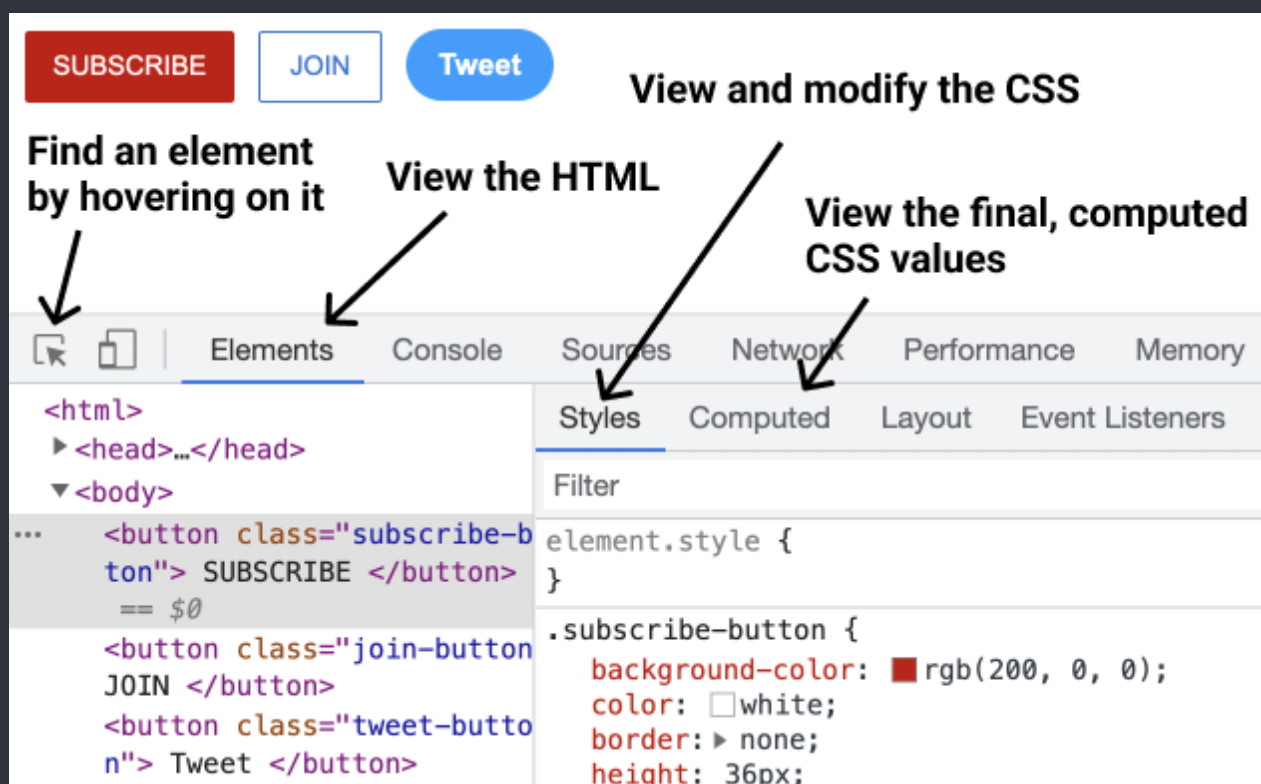
These styles only apply when clicking on an element with `class="subscribe-button"`

Intermediate CSS Properties

<code>.subscribe-button { opacity: 0.5; opacity: 0; opacity: 1;</code>	Sets how see-through an element is: 0.5 = 50% see-through. 0 = complete see-through (invisible). 1 = not see-through (this is the default value).
<code>transition: <property> <duration>; transition: background-color 1s; transition: color 0.15s; transition: <property1> <duration1>, <property2> <duration2>, ...; transition: background-color 0.15s, color 0.15s;</code>	Transition smoothly when changing styles (often used when hovering). Transition background color over 1 second. Transition text color over 0.15 seconds. Transition multiple properties by separating them with a comma. Transition both background color and text color over 0.15 seconds.
<code>box-shadow: <h-position> <v-position> <blur> <color>; box-shadow: 3px 4px 5px black;</code>	Creates a shadow that's 3px to the right of the element, 4px to the bottom, with 5px of blur, and color of black.
<code>box-shadow: 3px 4px 0 rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.15); }</code>	Creates a shadow that's 3px to the right, 4px to the bottom, with no blur, and a very faint black color.

Chrome DevTools

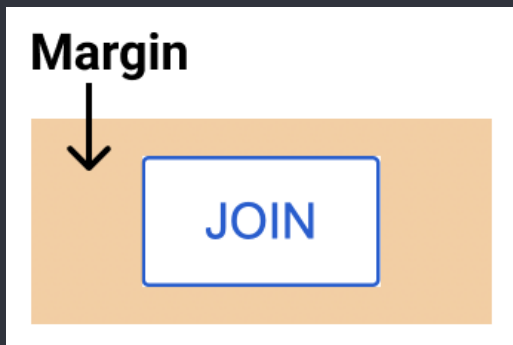
Lets us view (and modify) the HTML and CSS of a website directly in the browser.
To open the DevTools: right-click > Inspect.



CSS Box Model

- Determines how much space an element takes up.
- Determines how far away elements are from each other.

1. Margin = space on the outside



2. Padding = space on the inside



3. Border



```
.join-button {  
  margin-right: 10px;  
  margin-left: 10px;  
  margin-top: 10px;  
  margin-bottom: 10px;  
  margin-right: -20px;  
}
```

Add **10px** of space on the outside of the element.

Normal margin pushes things away from an element.
Negative margin pulls things towards an element like this:



```
margin: 10px;  
margin: 10px 20px;  
margin: <top> <left & right> <bottom>;  
margin: <top> <right> <bottom> <left>;
```

Shorthand for adding **10px** of margin on all sides.

Add **10px** of margin top & bottom and **20px** left & right

```
padding-right: 10px;  
padding-left: 10px;  
padding-top: 10px;  
padding-bottom: 10px;  
padding-right: -20px;
```

Add **10px** of space on the inside of the element.

Negative padding has no effect.

```
padding: 10px;  
padding: 10px 20px;  
padding: <top> <left & right> <bottom>;  
padding: <top> <right> <bottom> <left>;
```

Shorthand for adding **10px** of padding on all sides.

Add **10px** of padding top & bottom and **20px** left & right

```
border-width: 1px;  
border-style: solid;  
border-color: red;
```

Sets the border width.

Sets the border style (to a solid color).

Sets the border color.

```
border: <width> <style> <color>;  
border: 1px solid red;
```

Shorthand for the 3 properties above.

}

Text Styles

<pre>.title { font-family: Arial; font-family: Roboto, Verdana, Arial; font-size: 30px; font-weight: bold; font-weight: 700; font-style: italic; text-align: center; line-height: 24px; text-decoration: underline; text-decoration: none; }</pre>	<p>Change the font.</p> <p>A font-stack: if Roboto is not available, it will fall back to Verdana. If Verdana is not available it will fall back to Arial.</p> <p>Change text size.</p> <p>Change text thickness.</p> <p>Another way to specify font-weight. We can use: 100, 200, 300, ..., 900. bold = 700, regular = 400, semibold = 500</p> <p>Other values we can use: left, right, justified</p> <p>Adjust space between lines of text.</p> <p>Underlines the text.</p> <p>Removes underline.</p>
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<p> by default have margin-top and margin-bottom. A common practice is to:

1. Reset the default margins.

```
p {  
  margin-top: 0;  
  margin-bottom: 0;  
}
```

2. Then apply more precise margins.

```
.title {  
  margin-bottom: 16px;  
}
```

Text Elements (also called Inline Elements)

- Text elements (, <u>, , <a>) appear within a line of text.

```
<p>
```

```
  This is a <strong>text element</strong>
```

```
</p>
```

Useful if we want to style only a part of the text.

- is the most generic text element (it doesn't have any default styles).
- We can style text elements using a class:

```
<p>
```

```
  This is a <span class="shop-link">text element</span>
```

```
</p>
```

```
.shop-link {  
  text-decoration: underline;  
}
```


The HTML Structure

<code><!DOCTYPE html></code>	Tells the browser to use a modern version of HTML.
<code><html></code>	
<code><head></code>	<code><head></code> contains everything that's <u>not visible</u> like the title and description (a.k.a. metadata) as well as links to fonts and CSS stylesheets.
<code>...</code>	
<code></head></code>	
<code><body></code>	<code><body></code> contains everything that's <u>visible</u> like buttons, text, images, etc.
<code>...</code>	
<code></body></code>	
<code></html></code>	

Elements in the Head Section

<code><head></code>	
<code><title>Title in the tab</title></code>	Sets the title in the tabs
<code><link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com"></code>	
<code><link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.gstatic.com" crossorigin></code>	
<code><link rel="stylesheet"</code>	
<code>href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Roboto:wght@400;500&display=swap"></code>	
<code>^</code>	
Loads a font from Google onto the page. 1) Search "google fonts" in Google. 2) Pick the fonts and styles that you like. 3) Copy the code that Google provides into <code><head></code>	
<code><link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css"></code>	Loads a CSS file to the page
<code></head></code>	

Filepaths

<code>href="styles.css"</code>	Looks for a file called <code>styles.css</code> beside the HTML file.
<code>href="fold1/styles.css"</code>	Looks for a folder called <code>fold1</code> beside the HTML file, then goes into the folder and looks for <code>styles.css</code> .
<code>href="fold1/fold2/styles.css"</code>	Go into <code>fold1</code> , go into <code>fold2</code> , look for <code>styles.css</code>

Images

<code></code>	Loads an image <code>image.png</code> beside the HTML file.
<code></code>	Loads <code>image.png</code> in the <code>pics</code> folder.
<code></code>	
<code>.image {</code>	
<code>width: 300px;</code>	Resizes the image to a width of <code>300px</code> . Height will also resize to keep the image's dimensions.
<code>height: 300px;</code>	If both <code>width</code> and <code>height</code> are set, the image may stretch.
<code>object-fit: cover;</code>	Enlarges the image to cover the entire <code>width * height</code> area without stretching or distorting.
<code>object-fit: contain;</code>	Shrinks the image so that it's contained in the <code>width * height</code> area.

object-position: left;	Determines where the image is positioned in the width * height area.
object-position: right;	
object-position: top;	
object-position: bottom;	

Inputs

<input type="text">	Creates a text box.
<input type="text" placeholder="Search">	Add a placeholder (a label) to the text box.
<input type="checkbox">	Creates a checkbox.
<input class="search-bar" type="text">	

.search-bar { font-size: 30px; }	Changes the font-size when typing into the text box.
.search-bar::placeholder { font-size: 30px; }	Changes the font-size of the placeholder.

CSS Display Property

.element { display: block; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; display: inline; }	<p>Element will take up the <u>entire line</u> in its container.</p> <p>Element will only take up as much space as needed.</p> <p>Determines vertical alignment of inline-block elements.</p> <p>Element will appear within a line of text (a text element).</p>
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<div> Element

<div> is a container. We generally put other elements (including other <div>s) inside (nesting).

<div class="container"> <p>Name</p> <input type="text"> </div> <div class="container"> <p>Quantity</p> <div> <button>1</button> <button>2</button> </div> <button>Submit</button> </div>	<div>s allow us to group elements together and create more complex layouts.
---	---

Name

Quantity

1

2

Submit

```
.container {
  display: inline-block;
  width: 200px;
}
```

Nested Layouts Technique

There are 2 types of layouts:

1. Vertical Layout

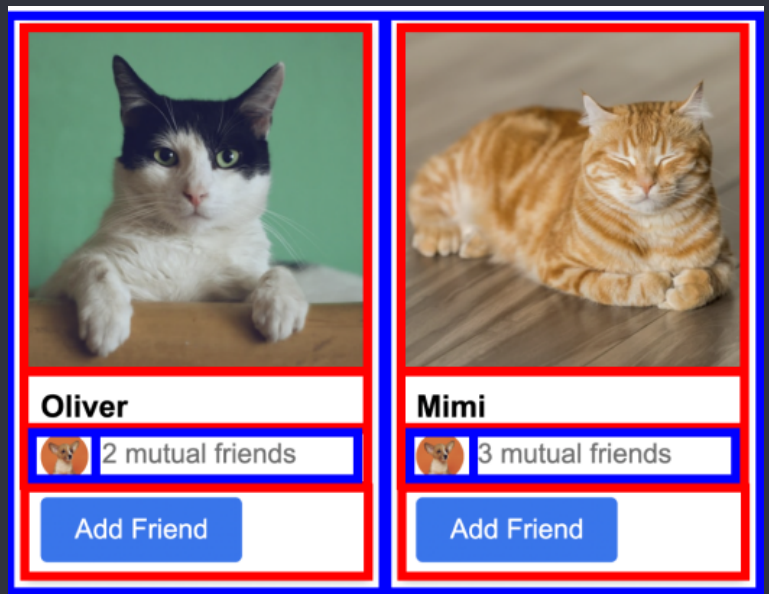
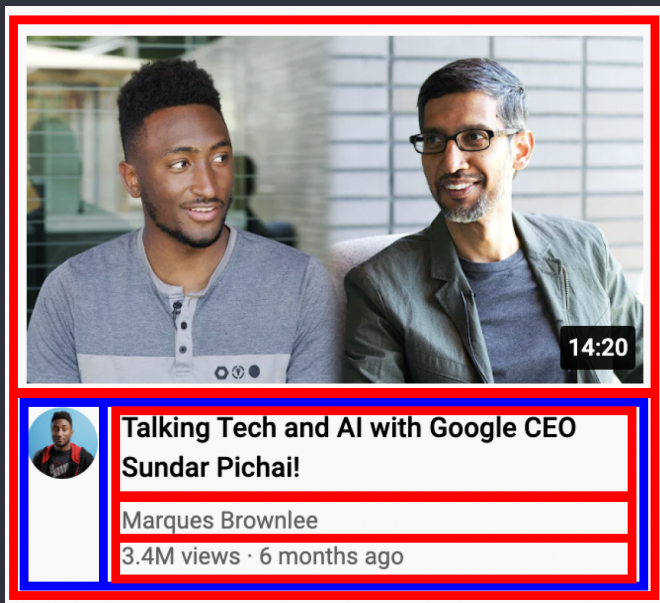


2. Horizontal Layout



Most designs can be created using:

- Vertical layout inside horizontal layout inside vertical layout ...
OR
- Horizontal layout inside vertical layout inside horizontal layout ...



To Create the Vertical Layouts

- Use `<div>`s with `display: block` (most common)
- Use flexbox (explained later) with `flex-direction: column`
- Use CSS grid (explained later) with 1 column

To Create the Horizontal Layouts

- Use `<div>`s with `display: inline-block` (not recommended)
- Use flexbox with `flex-direction: row`
- Use CSS grid with multiple columns

Inline CSS Styles

Another way of writing css, using the `style="..."` attribute:

```
<div style="
```

```
background-color: red;
```

```
color: white;
```

```
">
```

```
...
```

```
</div>
```

- Inline style = CSS is written within a line of HTML.
- Inline styles only affect the element with the `style="..."` attribute (no selectors are needed).

CSS Grid

```
.grid {  
  display: grid;  
  grid-template-columns: 100px 100px;  
  
  column-gap: 20px;  
  row-gap: 40px;  
}
```

Turns an element into a grid container.
Sets how many columns are in the grid and how wide the columns are.
Sets space between the columns.
Sets space between the rows.

```
.grid {  
  display: grid;  
  grid-template-columns: 100px 1fr;  
  
  grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr;  
  
  grid-template-columns: 1fr 2fr;
```

`1fr` = the column will take up the remaining amount of space in the grid container.
The columns will take up an equal amount of the remaining space (since they're both `1fr`).
The number in front of `fr` = relatively how much space the column gets. Here, the 2nd column gets twice the amount of space as the 1st.

```
  justify-content: center;  
  justify-content: space-between;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```

Aligns the columns horizontally in the center.
Spread out the columns evenly horizontally.
Aligns the columns vertically in the center.

For more examples, see [grid.html](#).

Flexbox

```
.flexbox {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: row;
```

Turns an element into a flexbox container.
Lays out elements horizontally inside the flexbox. Usually we don't need to specify `flex-direction: row`; because it is the default value.

```
justify-content: center;
justify-content: space-between;
```

Centers the elements in the flexbox horizontally.
Spreads out the elements in the flexbox evenly across the horizontal space.

```
align-items: center;
align-items: space-between;
```

Centers the elements in the flexbox vertically.
Spreads out elements evenly in the vertical space.

```
}
```

```
.element-inside-flexbox {
  width: 100px;
  flex: 1;
```

Sets the width of the flexbox element to 100px.
Take up the remaining amount of space. The value 1 determines relatively how much space.

```
flex-shrink: 0;
width: 0;
```

Don't shrink the element when resizing.
Allow the element to shrink down when resizing.

```
}
```

```
<div style="
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: row;
">
  <p style="width: 100px;">
    Flexbox element 1
  </p>
  <p style="flex: 1;">
    Flexbox element 2
  </p>
  <p style="flex: 2;">
    Flexbox element 2
  </p>
</div>
```

Creates a flexbox where elements are placed horizontally (`flex-direction: row`; is the default so it's not mandatory to have that in the CSS)

This element has a width of 100px.

This element takes up 1/3 of the remaining space.

This element takes up 2/3 of the remaining space.

flex-direction: column:

```
.flexbox {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
```

Lays out elements vertically inside the flexbox. Also, `justify-content` and `align-items` are reversed.

```
justify-content: center;
justify-content: space-between;
```

Centers elements vertically inside the flexbox.
Spreads out elements evenly in the vertical space.

```
align-items: center;
align-items: space-between;
```

Centers elements horizontally.
Spreads out elements evenly horizontally.

```
}
```

For more examples, see [flexbox.html](#).

CSS Position

- Create elements that stick to the page while scrolling.
- Create elements that appear on top of other elements.

```
.element {  
  position: static;  
}
```

This is the default value that every element starts with.
`position: static;` causes the element to display normally.

Position Fixed

```
.fixed {  
  position: fixed;
```

Positions the element in the browser window (sticks to the page while scrolling).

```
  top: 0;  
  bottom: 10px;  
  left: 50px;  
  right: 100px;
```

Places the element `0px` from the top of the browser window.
`10px` from the bottom of the browser window.
`50px` from the left of the browser window.
`100px` from the right of the browser window.

- If you set opposite directions (`top/bottom` or `left/right`), the element will stretch.

```
  top: -5px;
```

Using negative pixels places the element beyond the top edge.

```
  width: 100px;  
  height: 100px;
```

Sets the element's width to `100px`.
Sets the element's height to `100px`.

- When using `width/height` the element will not resize with the page.
- When using `top/bottom/left/right` the element will resize with the page.

Position Absolute

```
.absolute {  
  position: absolute;
```

Positions the element on the page (it will scroll with the page and will not stick when scrolling).

```
  top: 0;  
  bottom: 10px;  
  left: 50px;  
  right: 100px;
```

Places the element `0px` from the top of the page.
`10px` from the bottom of the page.
`50px` from the left of the page.
`100px` from the right of the page.

```
  width: 100px;  
  height: 100px;
```

Sets the element's width to `100px`.
Sets the element's height to `100px`.

Position Absolute Inside Position Fixed

- When a `position: absolute` element is inside a `position: fixed` element, it will be positioned relative to the `fixed` element.
- This rule also applies to any position value that is not `position: static`.
- This lets us place elements in the corners of other elements. For example, a "Close" button in the top-right corner.

```

<div style="
  position: fixed;
  width: 100px;
">
  <button style="
    position: absolute;
    top: 0;
    right: 0;
  ">
    X
  </button>
</div>

```

The `position: absolute` element will be placed in the top-right of the `position: fixed` element.

Position Relative

```

.relative {
  position: relative;

  top: 10px;

  bottom: 10px;

  left: 50px;
  right: 100px;

  width: 100px;
  height: 100px;
}

```

The element will appear normally (as if it's `position: static`). We can then push it around with `top/bottom/left/right`.

Places the element `10px` from the top of its original position (pushes it down by `10px`). Unlike `margin`, it won't push the rest of the page down.

Places the element `10px` from the bottom of its original position (pushes it up by `10px`).

Places the element `50px` from the left of its original position.

Places the element `100px` from the right of its original position.

Sets the element's width to `100px`.

Sets the element's height to `100px`.

Position Absolute Inside Position Relative

- When a `position: absolute` element is inside a `position: relative` element, it will be positioned relative to the `relative` element.
- Useful if we want to display an element normally (using `position: relative`), but still be able to place other elements in the corner (using `position: absolute`).

```

<div style="
  position: relative;
  width: 100px;
">
  <button style="
    position: absolute;
    top: 0;
    right: 0;
  ">
    3
  </button>
</div>

```

The `position: absolute` element will be placed in the top-right of the `position: relative` element.

z-index

Determines which elements appear in front and behind:

- Elements with a higher **z-index** appear in front of elements with a lower z-index. The default **z-index** is 0.
- Elements with **position: static**; always appear at the back. **z-index** has no effect.
- If the **z-index** is equal or both elements are **position: static**, the element that was written later in the code will appear in front.

```
.fixed {  
  position: fixed;      This element will appear in front of the position: absolute;  
  z-index: 2;          element because it has a higher z-index.  
}  
  
.absolute {  
  position: absolute;  
  z-index: 1;  
}  
  
.static {  
  position: static;     This element will appear at the back since it's position: static.  
}
```

For more examples, see [position.html](#).

Responsive Design

Responsive design = making the website look good on any screen size.

```
@media (max-width: 750px) {  
  .element {  
    width: 350px;  
  }  
}  
  
@media (min-width: 750.02px) and (max-width: 1000px) {  
  .element {  
    width: 450px;  
  }  
}  
  
@media (min-width: 1000.02px) {  
  .element {  
    width: 600px;  
  }  
}
```

Only apply the CSS code below when screen width is between 0px - 750px.

Only apply this CSS code when screen width is between 750px - 1000px.

Only apply this CSS code when the screen width is over 1000px.

We generally use a gap of **.02px** between the ranges (like above) because the browser can support fractional screen widths like **750.50px**.

Advanced CSS Selectors

With Comma

```
.class1, .class2 { ... }  
.class1, p { ... }
```

Target multiple classes at the same time.
Target a class and all `<p>`s at the same time.

With Space

```
.class1 img { ... }
```

Target ``s that are inside elements with `class="class1"`

```
.class1 img,  
.class2 .tooltip { ... }
```

Target ``s that are inside elements with `class="class1"` AND `.tooltip` inside elements with `class="class2"`.

```
.class2:hover .tooltip { ... }
```

Target `.tooltip` only when hovering over elements with `class="class2"`.

For a full list of selectors, check out [CSS Selectors](#).

Inheritance

A text property set on the outer element will be passed down into inner elements:

```
<div style="color: red;">  
  <p>Paragraph</p>  
</div>
```

This paragraph will have red text.

For global text styles (styles we want on the entire page), we can set them on the `<body>`:

```
body {  
  font-family: Roboto, Arial;  
  color: rgb(20, 20, 20);  
}
```

All elements on the page by default will use `font-family: Roboto, Arial` and `color: rgb(20, 20, 20)`. This can be overridden.

CSS Specificity

If multiple CSS selectors change the same property on the same element (see example below), CSS Specificity determines which selector "wins" (which style gets applied).

```
body { color: black; }  
p { color: red; }  
.title { color: green; }
```

```
<body>  
  <p class="title">  
    Paragraph of text.  
  </p>  
</body>
```

In this example, the `.title` selector has the highest priority (according to CSS Specificity) so the text will be green.

CSS Specificity Rules

Here's the full set of [CSS Specificity Rules](#) (you don't need to memorise all of these).

Usually, you just need to know a few useful rules and search Google for more if needed:

1. Inline CSS has higher priority than `.class` selectors.
2. `.class` selectors have higher priority than element name selectors (`p`).
3. Element name selectors (`p`) have higher priority than inheritance (from `body`).
4. If 2 selectors have the same priority, the one that is written later wins.

General Rule of Thumb

A CSS selector that's more specific (targets a more specific set of elements) has higher priority.

Semantic Elements

Elements that work the same way as `<div>`. However, they also give the HTML meaning when screen readers, search engines, or other devices read the website.

Common semantic elements include:

`<header>`, `<nav>`, `<main>`, `<section>`, etc.

Here's a list of [Semantic Elements](#). They'll be covered in more detail in the accessibility course.

Comments

Let us write code that the browser ignores. Useful for documenting how the code works.

```
<!-- This is a comment -->
<p class="title">
  Paragraph of text.
</p>
```

Syntax for a comment in HTML: `<!-- ... -->`

```
/* This is a comment */
.title {
  color: green;
}
```

Syntax for a comment in CSS: `/* ... */`

Other CSS Properties

Here are some other CSS properties that were covered in the course.

```
.tooltip {
  pointer-events: none;
  white-space: nowrap;
}
```

Disables all interactions with the mouse (clicks, hovers, etc.)
Prevents the text inside the element from wrapping to multiple lines.

