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Positioning & Display

Page flow

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Display

Property

Display

Inline:

- The default value for elements
- e.g. , , , etc.
- Doesn't break the flow of the text
- The element will accept margin and padding, but the element still sits inline
- Margin and padding will only push other elements horizontally, not vertically
- Important: an inline element will not accept height and width. No effect

Display

Inline Block

- Combines aspects of inline and block
- Very similar to inline in that it will sit inline with the natural flow of text
- Possible to set a width and height

Block

- Some elements are set to block by the browser UA (user agent) stylesheet
- Container elements, like <div>, <section>, , etc.
- Text block elements like , <h1>, <h2>, etc.
- Do not sit inline
- By default take up as much horizontal space as they can

None

- display:none removes the element from the document flow
- The element does not take up any space

Hiding elements

There are Several methods to 'hide' elements

display:none

removes the element from the document flow

visibility:hidden

hides the element, but it still takes up space in the layout

opacity:0

hides the element, still takes up space in the layout, events work

Hiding elements

	Collapse	Events	Tab order
display: none	Yes	No	No
visibility: hidden	No	No	No
opacity: 0	No	Yes	Yes

Hiding elements with display, opacity or visibility? (Video)
CSS Layout - The display Property

Property

- Allows you to control the background of any element
- A shorthand property: allows to write multiple CSS properties in one
- All background definitions are option, but at least one must be stated
- Default values are given to background if some are not defined

```
body {
  background: transparent image-url('image.png') left top no-repeat;
}
```

```
body {
background:
   url('texture.jpg') /* image */
   top center / 200px 200px /* position / size */
   no-repeat /* repeat */
   fixed
          /* attachment */
   padding-box /* origin */
   content-box
                     /* clip */
                      /* color */
   red;
}
It's possible to use any combination of properties in any order however the above order is recommended
to avoid confusion
Anything not specified is automatically set to its default
```

```
The background will be transparent, instead of red:
body {
 background-color: red;
 background: url(texture.jpg);
Fixes:
body {
 background: url(texture.jpg);
 background-color: red;
Or:
body {
 background: url(texture.jpg) red;
```

background is made up of eight properties

background-image

background-position

background-size

background-repeat

background-attachment

background-origin

background-clip

background-color

background-image

The path to the image. Examples: url('../css/image.png') or url('../css/image.png')

background-position

Position of the background relative to the HTML element
Can accept two unit values: X (left offset) and Y (top offset)
Can also accept Keywords: left,center,right and top,center,bottom. More details here

background-size

Specifies the dimensions of the background image for the element

background-repeat

Whether the background repeats if the width exceeds the background size Possible values: no-repeat, repeat-x and repeat-y

background-attachment

specifies whether the background image should scroll with the page or be fixed

background-origin

Sets whether the background image will start from the border, padding or content

background-clip

Decides how the image is clipped (cut)

background-color

Changes the background color of an element

CSS Backgrounds

Background properties
background-origin - MDN
background-clip - MDN

Static Positioning

Static Positioning

- All HTML elements are positioned static by default
- Static elements are positioned in the normal flow of the page
- Static elements ignore top, bottom, right, or left property specifications

Static Positioning: Block Elements

In normal flow block elements flow from top to bottom making a new line after every element

```
Greetings
Hello
Hi there!
```

Static Positioning: Inline Elements

In normal flow inline elements flow from left to right wrapping to next line when needed

```
<img src="img/otter.jpg" />
```

Relative Positioning

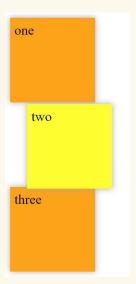
Relative Positioning

- Takes the element out of the normal flow, allowing it to be moved in relation to the top, bottom, right, or left
- Does not affect the elements surrounding it
- Makes an element a "positioning context" in which to position other elements relative to it
- The relative value will still put the element in the normal flow, but then offset it according to top, bottom, right and left properties

Relative positioning example

```
.post-it {
 background-color: orange;
 padding: 5px;
 width: 100px;
 height: 100px;
 box-sizing: border-box;
 position: static;
 box-shadow: 0 0 7px 0 darkgray;
 left: 200px; /* no impact */
#two {
 background-color: yellow;
 position: relative;
 left: 20px;
 top: 2px;
```

```
<div id="one" class="post-it">one</div>
<div id="two" class="post-it">two</div>
<div id="three" class="post-it">three</div>
```



Absolute Positioning

Absolute Positioning

- Positions element outside of the normal flow
- Other elements act as if it's not there
- An absolutely positioned element is offset from its container block, set with the properties top, bottom, right and left
- Its container block is the first surrounding element that has any position other than static
- If no such element is found, the container block is <html>

Absolute Positioning

```
.top {
position: absolute;
top: -40px;
right: 10px;
background-color: yellow;
.bottom {
position: absolute;
bottom: -40px;
left: 60px;
background-color: green;
```

The absolute value takes the element out of the normal flow It positions it in relation to the window, or the closest non-static ancestor

Example: Absolute Positioning

```
.geo-image {
max-width: 450px;
margin: 0 auto;
width: 100%;
position: relative;
.geo-image img {
width: 100%;
display: block;
.geo-image figcaption {
background-color: orange;
position: absolute;
left: -4px;
bottom: 8px;
```



Fixed and Sticky Positioning

Fixed Positioning

```
.footer {
  position: fixed;
  bottom: 0;
  left: 10px;
  width: calc(100% - 20px);
  background-color: #0099ff;
  color: white;
  font-weight: bold;
  padding: 4px 8px;
  box-sizing: border-box;
}
```

The fixed value takes an element out of the normal flow It positions it relative to the viewport Parent positioning will no longer affect fixed elements

Sticky Positioning

```
.header {
 background: #b8c1c8;
 border-bottom: 1px solid #989ea4;
 border-top: 1px solid #717d85;
 color: #fff;
margin: 0;
 padding: 2px 0 0 12px;
 position: -webkit-sticky;
 position: sticky;
top: -1px;
Sticky positioning is a hybrid of relative and fixed positioning
The element is treated as relative positioned until it crosses a specified threshold, at which point
it is treated as fixed positioned
```

Note: sticky is not supported by IE and still needs to be prefixed for webkit based browsers

Property

- When elements overlap, the order of overlapping can be changed with z-index
- The element with highest z-index goes on top
- Without z-index, elements stack in the order that they appear in the DOM
- Elements with non-static positioning will always appear on top of elements with default static positioning
- Nesting is important
 - o If element B is on top of element A, a child of element A can never be higher than element B

```
.bottom {
  position: absolute;
 top: 30px;
 left: 60px;
  background-color: #ff5722;
.top {
  position: absolute;
 top: 40px;
 left: 70px;
  background-color: #cddc39;
  z-index: 2;
<div class="top">hello</div>
<div class="bottom">there</div>
```

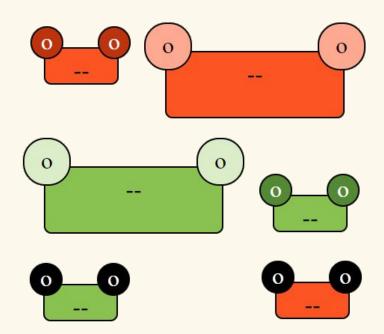
```
.bottom {
 position: absolute;
 top: 30px;
 left: 60px;
 background-color: #ff5722;
.top {
 position: absolute;
 top: 40px;
 left: 70px;
 background-color: #cddc39;
 z-index: 200000; /* can never win */
.container {
 position: relative;
 z-index: 1;
```

```
<div class="container">
    <div class="top">top thing</div>
</div>
<div class="container">
    <div class="bottom">bottom thing</div>
</div></div>
```

Your turn

1. Alien frogs

- On an alien planet you find alien frogs
 - Two types: green and orange
 - And two sizes: big and small
 - Small frogs have dark eyes
 - Big frogs have bright eyes
 - When frogs are touched their eyes become black
- See next page for technical details
- See frogs.gif animation for behaviors



1. Alien frogs

- Create a page full of all possible combinations of aline frogs
- Frogs should fill the page from left to right
- Frogs should wrap if there isn't enough space
- All frogs should change their eye color to black when touched
- The HTML should be valid and complete
- In the readme.md explain your CSS code
- Do all the work in CSS, the HTML should only include elements of this type:

```
<div class="frog type1 small">--</div>
<div class="frog type2 small">--</div>
<!-- etc... -->
```

References

<u>Display - CSS: Cascading Style Sheets</u>

CSS Layout - The display Property

<u>Visibility - CSS: Cascading Style Sheets</u>

<u>Position - CSS: Cascading Style Sheets</u>

<u>Using z-index - CSS: Cascading Style Sheets</u>