Your first independent project

Basic HTML and CSS



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Project structure and starter code

To start the project, follow the directions on the platform project page to download the starting code archive, extract the files, and open the folder in VSCode. If you open the index.html and style.css files you'll notice they each already contain some code.

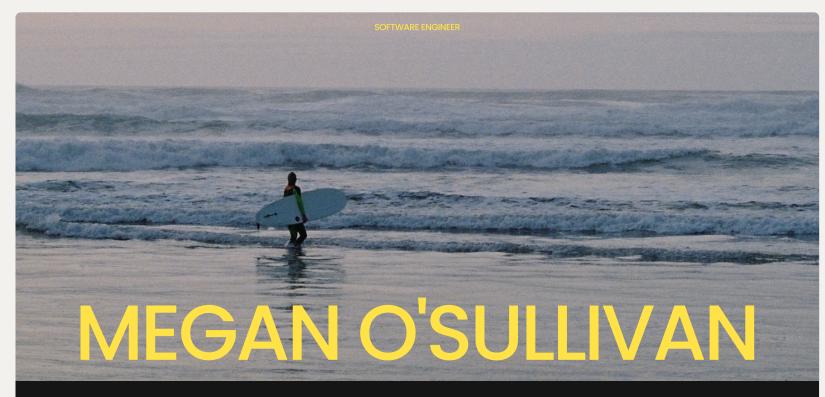
Here's a breakdown of the code that's already been written for you:

- The HTML file already contains the basic structure for your web page and includes some comments to show you where to write the rest of your code.
- In the fonts folder, we added the font "Poppins" that you'll use for headings in your project. We did it for you this time so you can start using the font immediately, but in the first sprint of the main program, you'll learn how to add custom fonts to your own website.
- Recall that the browser automatically applies styles to some HTML elements, such as the default margins that are often present. At the top of style.css, we've added a CSS rule that overrides this behavior by resetting the margins (that is, by setting them to 0).

- We've also applied the box-sizing: border-box; declaration
 to all elements using the * selector. Recall that the border-box
 value means that the values of the border and padding
 properties are included in the width and height values
 specified for an element.
- Note that in the HTML file, the <body> element has the page class. In the CSS file, we've create a rule with the . page selector, which applies a default font and background color for the page.

There's more code than this in the starter kit, but we'll explain the rest in more detail in the instructions for each section.

Final result





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Header

Let's start building the project with the header. If you look in the HTML file, you'll notice that there's already a <header> element with the header class. If you look in the CSS file, you'll see that we've already created a rule for this class.

Right now, it just contains the height: 660px; declaration. You'll add some more styles soon.



Adding a background image

Now it's time for you to start writing some code. Start off by adding a background image to the header. Here's what you need to do:

- Add a picture of your choice to the <u>images</u> folder.
- Then, use the background-image property to specify a path to it. To specify the path to your image, the value of the background-image property should look something like this: url(./images/name-of-file.jpg).
- Use background-size, background-position, and/or other background image related properties to set the image's size and position.
- Open the index.html file in your browser to make sure it looks good.

You may have noticed that the CSS file contains a rule for the . overlay selector. This superimposes a semi-transparent layer on top of the background image using the backgroundcolor property.





Pro tip

To choose photos, you can use free stock photo resources like <u>Unsplash</u> or <u>Pexels</u>

HEADER

The main page heading

Next, we'll work on the main page heading. Open the index.html file and look for the comment that says <! -- add the page title here -->. Replace this comment with an <h1> element. Give it a descriptive class name and write your name between the opening and closing tags. Refresh the page in the browser. Your name should appear at the bottom of the page.

Next, you need to add some styles to your heading. Create a new CSS rule in the style.css file using the class name you created in the selector. Add the following declarations to the rule:

```
• font-size: 140px;
• font-weight: 500;
• line-height: 132px;
• letter-spacing: -5.6px;
• color: #ffe247;
• text-transform: uppercase;
```

- margin: 0 auto 20px this will remove the element's default top border, set its bottom border to 20px, and center it horizontally.
- max-width: 1400px; this will limit the width of the text element.
- text-align: center; this will make sure that if there's too much text to fit on one line, then the text will still appear centered.

After making these changes, check your webpage in the browser to make sure it looks correct.



- Pro tip

You may be wondering why the text elements in the header are appearing the way they are, with so much space between them. This is because of three properties we added to the .overlay element:

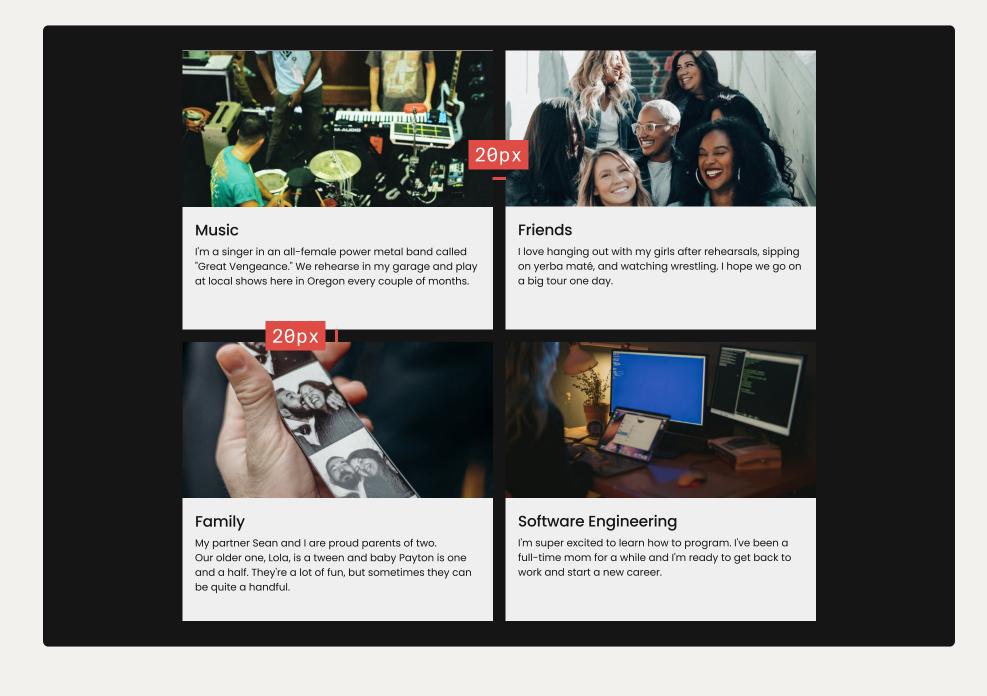
```
display: flex;
flex-direction: column;
justify-content: space-between;
align-items: center;
```

Don't worry about how this works now. You'll learn all about flexbox in the next sprint.

Cards

After the header, it's time to move on to the page's main content. This is where you'll build the cards that show interesting facts about yourself. There should be four cards in the main content area, and they should be centered horizontally and wrapped onto two lines. To make this happen, we've already added three CSS declarations to the rule with the .content selector:

- display: flex;
 you're already a little familiar with this one. It provides us with a
 wide range of options for arranging our elements. You'll learn all
 about these options in the full program, but we'll use the following
 two options for this project.
- flex-wrap: wrap;
 when this declaration is used, items within a container will wrap onto a new line if there isn't enough room for all of them with their specified dimensions. Otherwise, by default, display: flex would cause the elements to squeeze onto one line.
- justify-content: space-between;
 this declaration evenly distributes the items within its container.
 In our case, the container for the cards will be the <main> element with the content class.
- We've also added gap: 20px;, which creates space between elements inside a flex container.



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Before creating the cards, add the following declarations to the CSS rule with the .content selector to define the dimensions of the container:

```
max-width: 1000px;margin: 40px auto;
```

Also, add the background-color: #151515; declaration to the . page selector.

1000px





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40px

Adding markup for the cards

Let's get back to the HTML file. Note that every card on the design has the same structure. It contains an image, title, and text. Inside the <main> element, create a <div> element with the card class. This will be the parent element for an individual card's content. Inside this <div> element, create an element. Give it a descriptive class (such as card__image) and the following attributes:

- src to specify a path to the image
- alt to add an alternative text for the image

Beneath the element, add another <div>. Give it the class .card__content.

Inside the card__content element, add an <h2> element for the card title and a element for its description. Assign class names to them as well.

Now you have the basic structure for one card. You need four cards, so copy the <div> with the card class and its contents, and paste it three more times below.

Now you can start adding some content to the cards. Add the images you want to the images folder, then link to them via the src attribute of each element. Fill the text elements with information about yourself, and add alternative texts to the images via their alt attribute.



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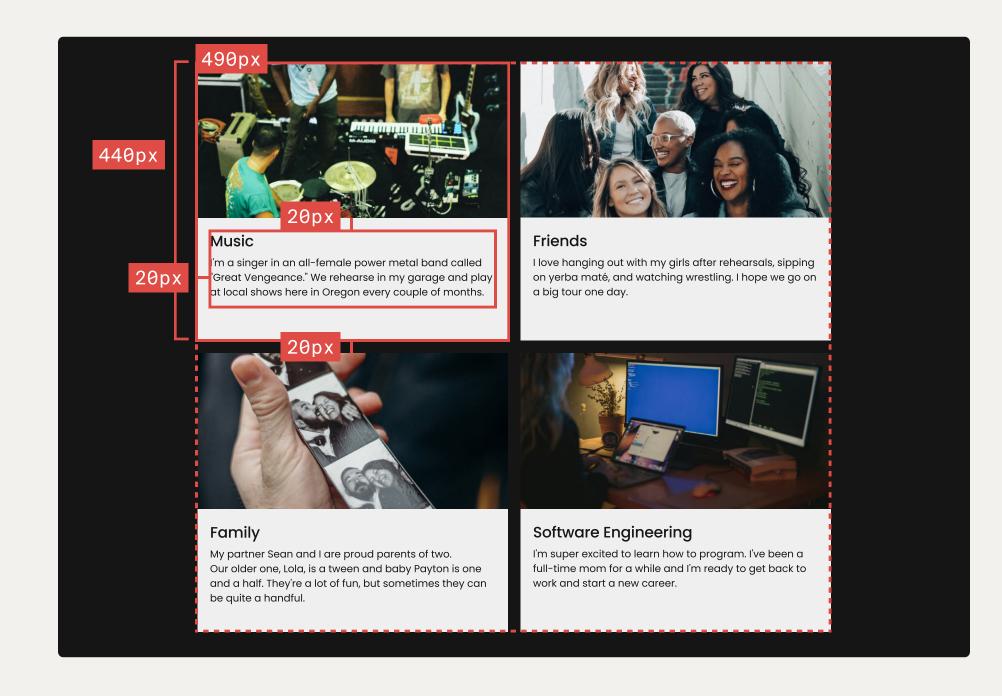
```
width: 490px;min-height: 440px;background: #ffffff;
```

Next, add a rule for the card image with the following declarations:

- width: 100%;display: block;
- object-fit: cover; this declaration makes the element fit within the fixed content box while preserving its aspect ratio.
- height: 246px;— this declaration sets a fixed height, as your own images may vary in size.

Add a CSS rule for the card title (i.e., the <h2> element). Don't forget to specify styles for fonts and the bottom margin:

```
font-size: 24px;
line-height: 1.5;
font-weight: 500;
letter-spacing: -0.16px;
color: #151515;
margin-bottom: 10px;
```



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Styling the cards

Give the element with the card_content class the padding: 20px 20px 0; declaration. This will create the whitespace surrounding the text content, except for the whitespace on the bottom of the card, which will be created automatically based on the card element's height.

The CSS rule for the card description should contain the following styles:

```
font-size: 16px;line-height: 1.5;font-weight: 400;color: #151515;
```



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Footer

Let's move to the footer. Set the padding according to the design:

```
• padding: 20px 0 40px;
```

Add your signature inside the footer using a tag. Give the tag a class and the following styles:

```
font-size: 16px;
line-height: 1.5;
font-weight: 400;
color: #efefef;
text-align: center;
```





Congratulations on completing your project! Now you can return to the platform to submit it for code review.

