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# Cascading Style Sheets

## Styling the Web

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## Goal

- Styling web content - CSS
- Advanced layout in web pages
- Responsive layouts
- Libraries

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Much more complex than html (many corner cases, options, behaviours..)  
We will use bootstrap library to simplify stuff instead of writing css by hand (long and many details  
browser dependant!)

## Outline

- CSS syntax
- CSS selectors
- CSS cascading
- CSS box model
- Page layout with grid
- CSS Flexbox
- Responsive layout
- The Bootstrap Library



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Same rules may be applied to different elements.

## Cascading Style Sheets

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- Resources:

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  - <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Reference>

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## Overview of CSS development approach



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New techniques added every year. Simple syntax, the properties are added, with various complex behaviours

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## CSS SYNTAX

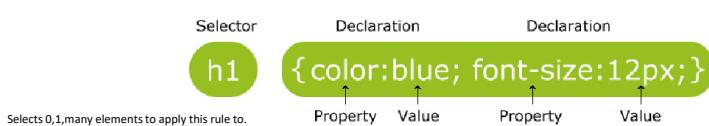
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## CSS Syntax

Only 1 type of instruction: rules

- CSS is based on **rules**
- A rule is a statement about one [stylistic] aspect of one or more HTML element
  - **Selector + Declaration(s)**
- A style sheet is a set of one or more rules that apply to an HTML document



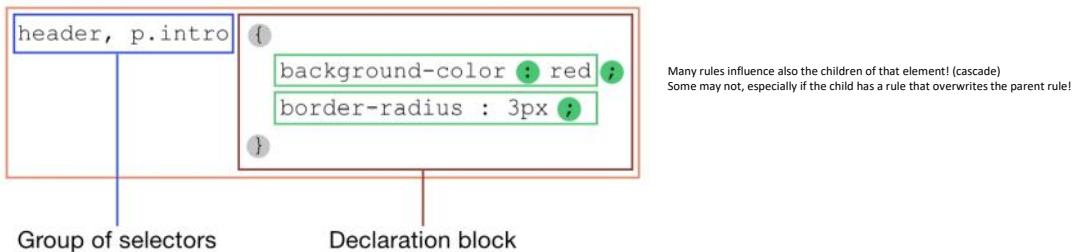
Selects 0,1,many elements to apply this rule to.  
Different type of selector with different algorithms to  
Select the various elements

{ color:blue; font-size:12px; }  
Property Value Property Value  
Declaration is applied on the selected elements! Each element has MANY properties, each with a  
different meaning! We can customize them all! (f12, dom, browser styles)  
Very powerful! But difficult to understand all the properties and how they interact!

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## General syntax

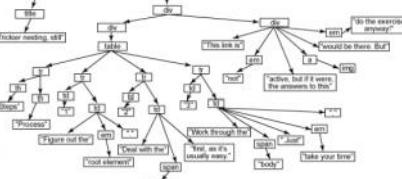
All elements called header AND all paragraphs which have class intro



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## HTML nested structure

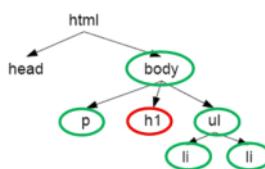
```
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>Trickier nesting, still</title>
</head>
<body>
  <div>
    <table>
      <tr><th>Steps</th><th>Processes</th></tr>
      <tr><td>1</td><td>Figure out the <em>root element</em></td></tr>
      <tr><td>2</td><td>Deal with the <span>head</span> first as it's
usually easy.</td></tr>
      <tr><td>3</td><td>Work through the <span>body</span>. Just <em>take
your time</em>.</td></tr>
    </table>
  </div>
  This link is <em>not</em> active, but if it were, the answer to this
<a href="exercise.jpg"></a> would be there. But <em>do the exercise
anyway!</em>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```



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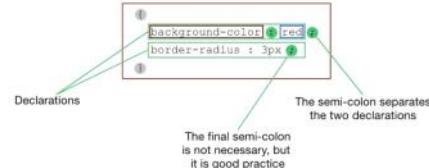
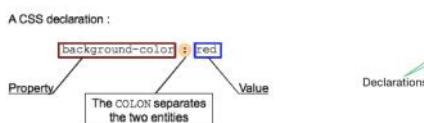
## Tree structure and inheritance

- HTML documents are trees
- Styles are inherited along trees
- When two rules are in conflict the most specific wins
- Example
  - body {color: green}
  - h1 {color: red}



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## Declaration Syntax



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## CSS properties (200+)

- Allowed Values (and Default Value):  
width, height, spacing, borders, margins, expressed in pixels, line length...  
center, right: strings with certain meanings
    - Numbers, measurements, percentage
    - Enumerated options (strings)
    - Colors (name, RGB[A], HSL[A])
  - Applies to:
    - Which elements may have this property
  - Inherited:
    - Does also apply to children elements?

Border-right to specify the property of the right border of a block  
Border-right-(color, style, width) is more specific than border-right!

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/Reference>

For each color element contains All possible values of a color  
5 specifications for each property:  
<meaning>; what it does  
<values>; types of values that it contains  
<initial value> : default value  
<applies to> to which element I can apply that property  
<inherited>; if father has that property, also children has it?

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## CSS properties by category

- Animation Properties
  - Background Properties
  - Border Properties
  - Color Properties
  - Dimension Properties
  - Generated Content Properties
  - Flexible Box Layout
  - Font Properties
  - List Properties
  - Margin Properties
  - Multi-column Layout Properties
  - Outline Properties
  - Padding Properties
  - Print Properties
  - Table Properties
  - Text Properties
  - Transform Properties
  - Transitions Properties
  - Visual formatting Properties

Different between text (paragraph  
formatting: alignment, ..) and font (letters,  
characters formatting: font size, color, ..)

<https://www.tutorialrepublic.com/css-reference/css3-properties.php>

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## CSS Units: Most Used

- CSS has several different **units** for expressing a length
  - format: a number followed by a unit (e.g., 10px)
  - width, font-size, margin, padding, ...
- Two types of length units
  - absolute (fixed)
  - relative
- The most common fixed unit is pixel (px)
  - they are relative to the viewing device
  - for low-dpi devices, 1px is one device pixel (dot) of the display
  - for printers and high-resolution screens, 1px implies multiple device pixels
  - not well suited for responsive design (later on)

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## CSS Units: Most Used

- The most common relative units, instead:

| Unit | Description   |
|------|---|
| em   | Relative to the font-size of the element. 2em means 2 times the size of the font of the current element |
| rem  | Relative to font-size of the root element of the HTML page (Root EM)                                    |
| vw   | Relative to 1% of the width of the viewport, i.e., the browser window size                              |
| vh   | Relative to 1% of the height of the viewport  |
| %    | Relative to the parent element  |

Em="m"

- Suggestions:
  - prefer relative units to absolute ones, when possible
  - rem is (nowadays) preferred to em

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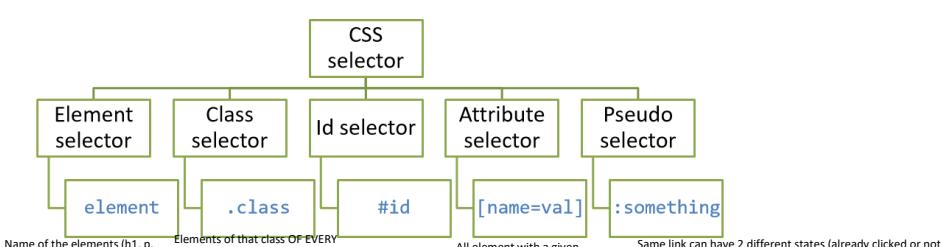
## CSS SELECTORS

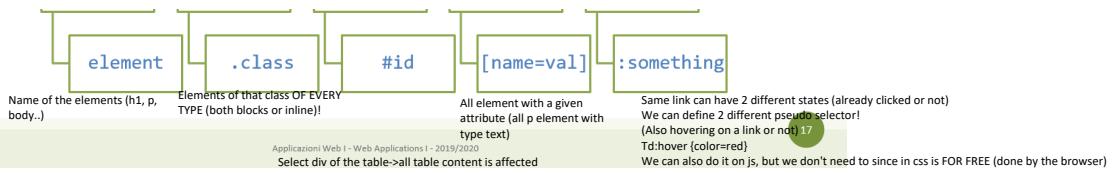
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## CSS selectors

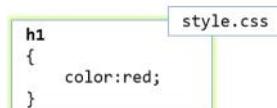
- Patterns used to select the element(s) you want to style
- Three main types of selectors plus “pseudo-selectors”





## Element selector

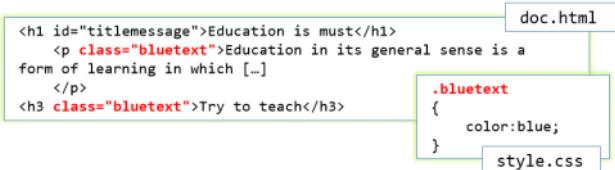
- Used to apply the same style to all instances of a specific element in a document
- Example: apply the color red to all h1 elements that appear in the document



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## Class selector

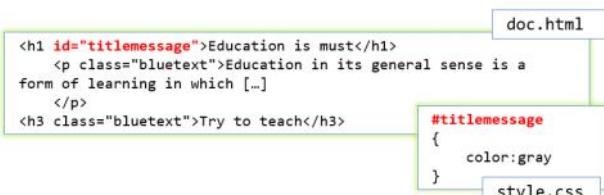
- Used to apply the same style to all elements belonging to a specific (defined) class
- Applies a specific style to a set of related elements, identified by class



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## Id selector

- Used to apply a style to a specific element in a document
- You can select a specific element by its (declared) id and apply a style to that (and possibly its children)



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## Attribute selectors

| Selector            | Example              | Example description   | CSS |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----|
| [attribute]         | [target]             | Selects all elements with a target attribute  | 2   |
| [attribute=value]   | [target=_blank]      | Selects all elements with target="_blank"   | 2   |
| [attribute~=value]  | [title~=flower]      | Selects all elements with a title attribute containing the word "flower"                | 2   |
| [attribute =value]  | [lang =en]           | Selects all elements with a lang attribute value starting with "en"                     | 2   |
| [attribute^=value]  | a[href^="https"]     | Selects every <a> element whose href attribute value begins with "https"                | 3   |
| [attribute\$=value] | a[href\$=".pdf"]     | Selects every <a> element whose href attribute value ends with ".pdf"                   | 3   |
| [attribute*=value]  | a[href*="w3schools"] | Selects every <a> element whose href attribute value contains the substring "w3schools" | 3   |

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## Pseudo class selector

- Used to style an element based on something other than the structure of the document
  - E.g., the status of a form element or link

```
/* makes all unvisited links blue */
a:link {color:blue;}
/* makes all visited links green */
a:visited {color:green;}
/* makes links red when hovered or activated */
a:hover, a:active {color:red;}
/* makes table rows red when hovered over */
tr:hover {background-color: red;}
/* makes input elements yellow when focus is applied */
input:focus {background-color:yellow;}
```

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## Combining selectors

- element.class#id[n=v]
  - may be combined
- S1, S2 → S1 union S2
- S1 S2 → S2 nested within S1
- S1 > S2 → S2 if a child of S1
  - immediately
- S1 + S2 → S2 if it comes after a S1
- S1 ~ S2 → S2 if it comes later than S1

Header h1 {...}  
(h1 inside an header) : select element by describing its position in the dom tree of the page!

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## CSS selectors

| Selector          | Example    | Example description   | CSS |
|-------------------|------------|---|-----|
| .class            | .intro     | Selects all elements with class="intro"                                   | 1   |
| #id               | #firstname | Selects the element with id="firstname"                                   | 1   |
| *                 | *          | Selects all elements  | 2   |
| element           | p          | Selects all <p> elements  | 1   |
| element,element   | div, p     | Selects all <div> elements and all <p> elements                           | 1   |
| element+element   | div p      | Selects all <p> elements inside <div> elements                            | 1   |
| element>element   | div > p    | Selects all <p> elements where the parent is a <div> element              | 2   |
| element+element   | div + p    | Selects all <p> elements that are placed immediately after <div> elements | 2   |
| element1~element2 | p ~ ul     | Selects every <ul> element that are preceded by a <p> element             | 3   |

[http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css\\_selectors.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css_selectors.asp)

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## Display property

- Allows to control element visualization (block or inline)
- Changing an inline element to a block element, or vice versa, can be useful for making the page look a specific way

```
li {display:inline;}
```

We can change the default behaviour of the elements from block to inline or viceversa

```
span {display:block;}
```

[http://www.w3schools.com/Css/css\\_display\\_visibility.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/Css/css_display_visibility.asp)

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## Display and visibility properties

- The property display allows to hide an element, too
  - The element will be hidden, and the page will be displayed as if the element is not there
- The property visibility also can hide an element, but the element will still take up the same space as before
  - The element will be hidden, but still affects the layout

```
h1.hidden {  
    display: none;  
}
```

Easily make parts of the page disappear! (It is still there!)

```
h1.hidden {  
    visibility: hidden;  
}
```

We can prepare placeholders to later insert real content when it's ready/needed

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# CSS pseudo-class selectors

| Selector       | Example         | Example description   | CSS |
|----------------|-----------------|---|-----|
| :active        | a:active        | Selects the active link   | 1   |
| ::after        | p::after        | Insert something after the content of each <p> element                | 2   |
| ::before       | p::before       | Insert something before the content of each <p> element               | 2   |
| :checked       | input:checked   | Selects every checked <input> element                                 | 3   |
| :disabled      | input:disabled  | Selects every disabled <input> element                                | 3   |
| :empty         | p:empty         | Selects every <p> element that has no children (including text nodes) | 3   |
| :enabled       | input:enabled   | Selects every enabled <input> element                                 | 3   |
| :first-child   | p:first-child   | Selects every <p> element that is the first child of its parent       | 2   |
| ::first-letter | p::first-letter | Selects the first letter of every <p> element                         | 1   |
| ::first-line   | p::first-line   | Selects the first line of every <p> element                           | 1   |

| Selector        | Example         | Example description   | CSS |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|-----|
| ::first-of-type | p:first-of-type | Selects every <p> element that is the first <p> element of its parent   | 3   |
| :focus          | input:focus     | Selects the input element which has focus                               | 2   |
| :hover          | a:hover         | Selects links on mouse over   | 1   |
| :in-range       | input:in-range  | Selects input elements with a value within a specified range            | 3   |
| :invalid        | input:invalid   | Selects all input elements with an invalid value                        | 3   |
| :lang(language) | p:lang(it)      | Selects every <p> element with a lang attribute equal to "it" (Italian) | 2   |
| :last-child     | p:last-child    | Selects every <p> element that is the last child of its parent          | 3   |
| ::last-of-type  | p:last-of-type  | Selects every <p> element that is the last <p> element of its parent    | 3   |
| :link           | a:link          | Selects all unvisited links   | 1   |

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# CSS pseudo-class selectors

| Selector             | Example               | Example description  | CSS |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----|
| :not(selector)       | :not(p)               | Selects every element that is not a <p> element  | 3   |
| :nth-child(n)        | p:nth-child(2)        | Selects every <p> element that is the second child of its parent                                     | 3   |
| :nth-last-child(n)   | p:nth-last-child(2)   | Selects every <p> element that is the second child of its parent, counting from the last child       | 3   |
| :nth-last-of-type(n) | p:nth-last-of-type(2) | Selects every <p> element that is the second <p> element of its parent, counting from the last child | 3   |
| :nth-of-type(n)      | p:nth-of-type(2)      | Selects every <p> element that is the second <p> element of its parent                               | 3   |
| :only-of-type        | p:only-of-type        | Selects every <p> element that is the only <p> element of its parent                                 | 3   |
| :only-child          | p:only-child          | Selects every <p> element that is the only child of its parent                                       | 3   |
| :optional            | input:optional        | Selects input elements with no "required" attribute  | 3   |
| :out-of-range        | input:out-of-range    | Selects input elements with a value outside a specified range  | 3   |

| Selector    | Example          | Example description   | CSS |
|-------------|------------------|---|-----|
| :read-only  | input:read-only  | Selects input elements with the "readonly" attribute specified                          | 3   |
| :read-write | input:read-write | Selects input elements with the "readonly" attribute NOT specified                      | 3   |
| :required   | input:required   | Selects input elements with the "required" attribute specified                          | 3   |
| :root       | root             | Selects the document's root element   | 3   |
| ::selection | ::selection      | Selects the portion of an element that is selected by a user                            | 3   |
| :target     | #news:target     | Selects the current active #news element (clicked on a URL containing that anchor name) | 3   |
| :valid      | input:valid      | Selects all input elements with a valid value   | 3   |
| :visited    | a:visited        | Selects all visited links   | 1   |

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# CSS CASCADING

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# Cascading Style Sheets

Cascading mechanism: insert style into a page.  
Various places to insert rules. Articulated rules.

- The term “cascading” means that a document can include more than one style sheet
- In this case, visualization follows priority rules

- Embedded css code
- Inline Style (inside HTML tag)
  - Internal Style (usually in the HTML head section)
  - External Style
  - Browser Default Style

Discouraged



Discouraged

.css file to link to the page

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## External style

- Link to an external style sheet using the `<link>` element

```
h1 { font-size:17px;  
font-family:verdana; color:green; }  
h2 { font-size:18px;  
font-family:arial; color:red; }
```

style.css

.css  
Body{  
Background color = ...  
}  
Applies property background color=... to the elements selected by body

```
<head>  
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"  
        href="style.css">  
</head>  
<body>  
  <h1>Questo testo e' di colore verde, e utilizza il  
    font verdana a 17 pixel</h1>  
  <h2>Questo testo e' di colore rosso, e utilizza il  
    font arial a 18 pixel</h2>  
</body>
```

Connects external file to the webpage and tell browser to take styles from there!  
Link to the relationship of stylesheet of format text/css.

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## Internal style

- `<style>` element inside the document header
- Not recommended – prefer external styles

```
<head>  
  <style type="text/css">  
    h1 { font-size:17px; font-family:verdana;  
         color:green; }  
    h2 { font-size:18px; font-family:arial;  
         color:red; }  
  </style>  
</head>
```

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## Inline style

- `<style>` attribute within an HTML element
- Last resort, just for local (very local) changes

```
<h1 style="font-size:17px;
font-family:verdana; color:green; "> Questo
testo e' di colore verde, e utilizza il
font verdana a 17 pixel </h1>
```

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## Priority rules

- Rules can be marked as "important"

```
h1 {
  color:red !important
}
```

Browser Styles

User Styles

Author Styles

External & Embedded Styles

*if rules have different specificity:*

more general ↓

more specific ↓

*if rules have the same specificity:*

declared earlier ↓

declared later ↓

Inline Styles

Customization that the user can do to their browser

Author !important Styles

Overwrite some behaviours

User !important Styles

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### The definitive guide to CSS styling order

Includes CSS stylings for SVG

Ordering, selectors or specificity and important keyword does not apply to SVG inline attributes

CSS codes to the right or bottom has higher priority and will be applied.

`p { color: red; color: blue; }`

Blue will be applied

`p { color: red; }`

`#myID { color: blue; }`

Blue will be applied

For each style, ordering rules continue to apply, from left to right and top to bottom.

`<style>
#myID { color: red; }
</style>
<div>
#myID { color: blue; }
</div>`

Blue will be applied

Styling methods  
Inheritance

Inline attributes (for SVG)

Styling inherited from nearest parent element

Child styling (if exist) has higher priority even though inherited parent styling contains important keyword

Inherited styles has the lowest priority among styling methods

Specificity has higher priority than ordering, with tags, classes and ID in ascending priority.

`#myID { color: green; }
#myClass { color: blue; }
p { color: red; }`

Element will be styled with green because ID specificity has higher priority than supercasting ordering rules.

Within specificity, ordering rules still applies.

`#myID { color: red; }
#myClass { color: blue; }
p { color: green; }`

Blue will be applied.

Inline styles has higher priority than style sheets, and within inline styles, ordering rules applies.

`#myID { color: red; }
#myClass { color: blue; }
p { color: green; }`

Blue will be applied.

Important keyword in inline styles has higher priority than the same keyword in style sheets.

`#myID { color: red; }
#myClass { color: blue; }
p { color: green; }
p { color: red; !important; }`

Blue will be applied.

We try to keep it simple!

Today we have a flavour, but then we'll use a library for the dirty work!

<https://vecta.io/app/publish/LI0B8lyDerWyo5cD/Definitive-guide-to-CSS-styling-order>

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vecta.io

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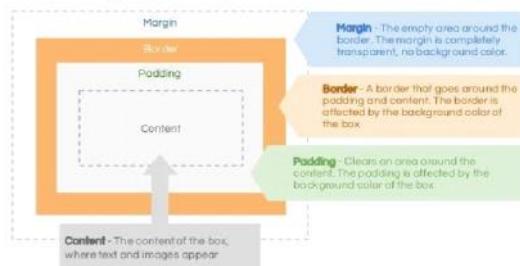
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### The box model

- One of the cornerstones of CSS
- Every element on the page is considered to be a rectangular box



We start from the CONTENT ("a") (image) (table) ... that occupies the Private space of the element  
BORDER: of 0px or more (visible) (thin, thick) can change color  
PADDING: space inside the element to avoid it touching the border (same color of the border)  
MARGIN: space outside the border to avoid it touching other elements (same color of the outside)

Can be changed directly in the inspector, but these modification don't survive in the real css (useful for testing)

H1 has default margin of the browser, if we don't like it we redefine it!

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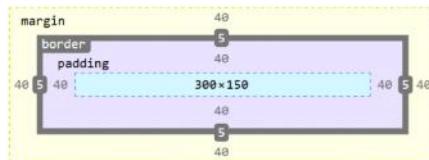
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### The box model

**content** Total element width =

width + left padding + right padding +  
left border + right border + left margin  
+ right margin

- Total element height =  
height + top padding +  
bottom padding + top border +  
bottom border + top margin + bottom  
margin
- You can set any of these  
properties, independently



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## CSS POSITIONING SCHEMES

Long history of layouts of css

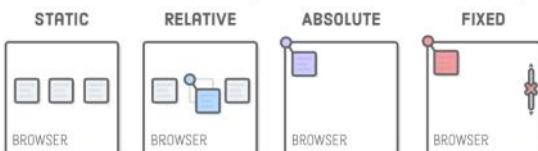
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### Positioning schemes

Very linked to the internal functioning of the algorithm (low level, difficult)

- **Static:** normal flow
- **Relative:** offset relative to the block position in the normal flow
- **Absolute:** the box position is determined by the top, left, right, bottom properties, relative to the containing block
- **Fixed:** fixed with respect to some reference point (the viewport)



```
.item {  
    position: static | relative  
    | absolute | fixed;  
    left: 20px;  
    top: 20px;  
}
```

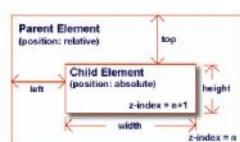
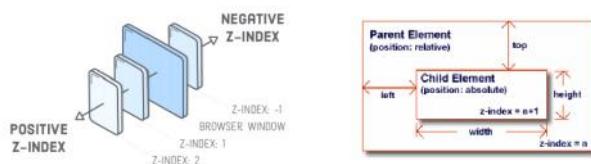
<https://internetengineering.com/html-and-css/advanced-positioning/>

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### z-index

- In case of overlaps the z-index property specifies the stack order of an element (which element should be placed in front of, or behind, the others)



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## Floating

- The CSS **float** property gives control over the horizontal position of an element



<https://internetingishard.com/html-and-css/floats/>

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## Floating

- A floated box can either be shifted to the left or the right until its outer edge touches the edge of its containing box, or another floated box
- Often used for images and when working with layouts



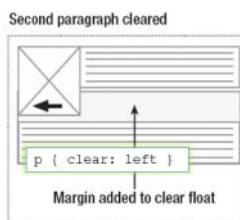
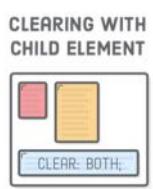
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## Clearing floats

- “Clearing” a float: tell a block to ignore any floats that appear before it
  - Instead of flowing around, a cleared element appears after any floats
  - It’s like forcing a box back into the default vertical flow of the page

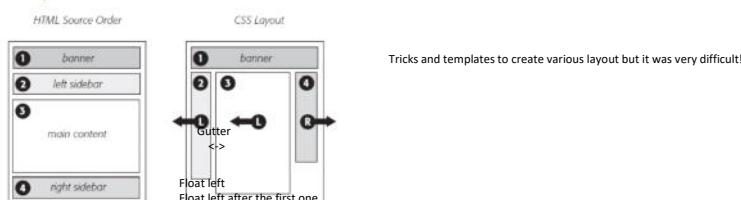


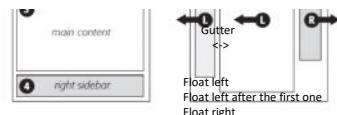
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## Float-based layouts

- Set the width of the elements you want to position, and then float them left or right
  - Two-column floated layout
  - Three-column floated layout





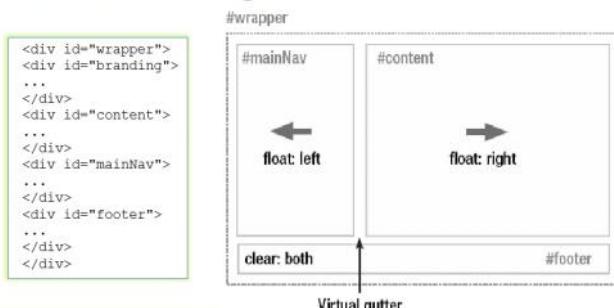
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## Two-column floated layout

- Create a virtual gutter by floating one element left and one element right

Complex layouts with blood and tears



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## Two-column floated layout

```
#content {
  width: 520px;
  float: right;
}
#mainNav {
  width: 180px;
  float: left;
}
#footer {
  clear: both;
}
```

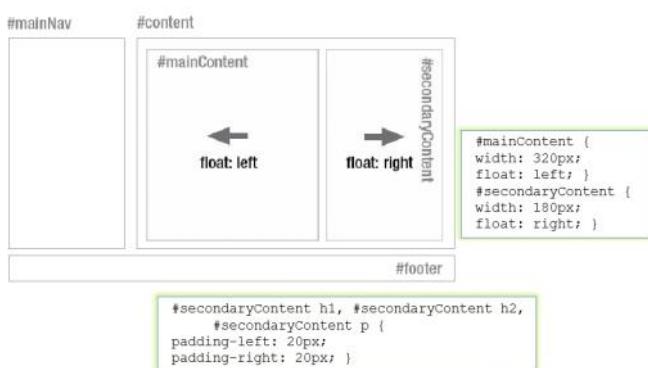
```
#mainNav (
  padding-top: 20px;
  padding-bottom: 20px;
)
#mainNav li {
  padding-left: 20px;
  padding-right: 20px;
}
#content h1, #content h2,
#content p {
  padding-right: 20px;
}
```

<https://blog.html.it/layoutgala/index.html>

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## Three-column floated layout



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## PAGE LAYOUT WITH GRIDS

Now way easier!  
We'll use these in the bootstrap library

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## Advanced layout: grid

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Elements can occupy different amount of cells.

We do not need to bother about pixels, higher level mechanism to decide what goes where.

We can have grids with width of the cells equal for each cell or customizable to make room for different types of elements. Easier to manage than floats, especially for problems about different heights or even variable heights!

## Advanced layout: grid

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Just declare that one div is a grid, giving rows and columns. Elements position themselves automatically depending on the size of the elements!

## Advanced layout: grid

- It is possible to define a grid in which content can flow or be placed, or that remain empty
- There are 3 ways to define a grid
  - Explicit grid: defined with '`grid-columns`' and '`grid-rows`' properties
  - Natural grid: automatically created by elements with a natural grid structure (multi-column elements and tables)
  - Default grid: all other block elements define a single-cell grid

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## Example

- Classic three-column layout

```
<section>
  <header>Title</header>
  <nav>Menu</nav>
  <article>Content</article>
  <aside>Notes</aside>
  <footer>Footer</footer>
</section>
```



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## Example

Left border      Right border

```
section {
  display: grid; Head border  Foot border
  grid-columns: 150px 1fr 200px;
  grid-rows: 50px 1fr 50px; }
section header {
  grid-column: 2;
  grid-row: 1f; }
section nav {
  grid-column: 1;
  grid-row: 2; }
section article {
  grid-column: 2;
  grid-row: 2; }
section aside {
  grid-column: 3;
  grid-row: 2; }
section footer {
  grid-column: 2;
  grid-row: 3; }
```

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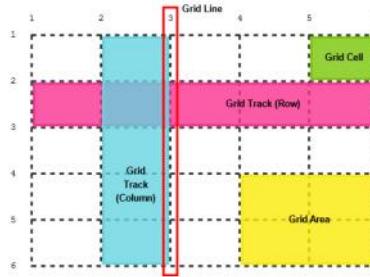
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- **fr = fraction values**

- new unit applicable to grid-rows and grid-columns properties

## Suggested reference for Grid Layout

- <https://webkit.org/blog/7434/css-grid-layout-a-new-layout-module-for-the-web/>

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## CSS FLEXBOX

Alternative to grid layout: flex layout: rules to position elements inside automatically

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## Flexbox

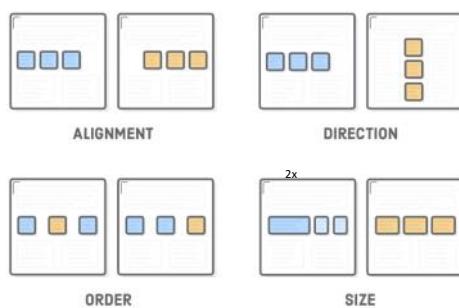
- Alternative to floats/grids for defining the overall appearance of a web page
- Flexbox gives complete control over the alignment, direction, order, and size of boxes



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## Flexbox



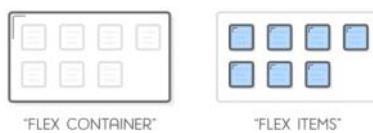
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Rules are not blocks, inline or other, rules are FLEX, children are FLEX (only 1 level deep)

## Flexbox

- Flexbox uses two types of boxes
  - **Flex containers:** group a set of flex items and define how they're positioned
  - **Flex items**
- Every HTML element that's a direct child of a flex container is an item



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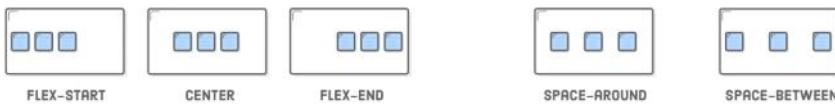
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## Horizontal alignment

- To turn one HTML elements into a flex container:  
`{ display:flex ; }`
- “justify-content” property defines the horizontal alignment of its items
  - center, flex-start, flex-end
  - space-around, space-between

```
.menu-container {  
/* ... */  
display: flex;  
justify-content: center;  
}
```

Display property change completely the layout algorithm to apply to the elements inside!  
The container does all the work!  
While with grid we needed to position each element!

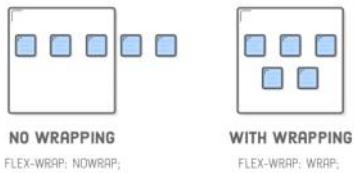


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## Wrapping

- The `flex-wrap` property creates a grid
  - Then, you can change alignment, direction, order, and size of items



NO WRAPPING  
FLEX-WRAP: NOWRAP;

WITH WRAPPING  
FLEX-WRAP: WRAP;

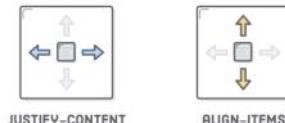
```
.photo-grid {  
width: 900px;  
display: flex;  
justify-content: center;  
flex-wrap: wrap;  
}
```

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## Vertical alignment

- Flex containers can also define the vertical alignment of their items



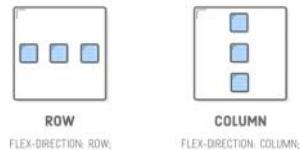
```
.header {  
width: 900px;  
height: 300px;  
display: flex;  
justify-content: space-between;  
align-items: center;  
}
```

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## Direction

- Refers to whether a container renders its items horizontally or vertically



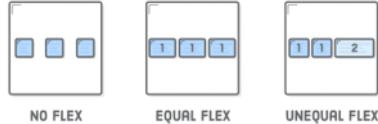
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Size of the element is computed automatically by the algorithm!

## Flexible items

- Flex items are flexible: they can shrink and stretch to match the width of their containers
- The **flex** property defines the width of individual items in a flex container
  - a *weight* that tells the flex container how to distribute extra space to each item
  - E.g., an item with a flex value of 2 will grow twice as fast as items with the default value of 1

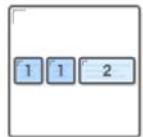


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## Flexible items

- Example



```
.footer {  
    display: flex;  
    justify-content: space-between;  
}  
  
.footer-item {  
    border: 1px solid #fff;  
    background-color: #D6E9FE;  
    height: 200px;  
    flex: 1; }  
  
.footer-three { flex: 2; }
```

Weight is the only property that we can give to the children

```
<div class='footer'>  
    <div class='footer-item footer-one'></div>  
    <div class='footer-item footer-two'></div>  
    <div class='footer-item footer-three'></div>  
</div>
```

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# Grouping

- Flex containers only know how to position elements that are one level deep (i.e., their child elements)
  - You can group flex items using <div>



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Floats, grids, flex layouts possible!

## Summary of CSS flexbox

- `display: flex` to create a flex container
- `justify-content` to define the horizontal alignment of items
- `align-items` to define the vertical alignment of items
- `flex-direction` if you need columns instead of rows
- `row-reverse` or `column-reverse` values to flip item order
- `order` to customize the order of individual elements
- `align-self` to vertically align individual items
- `flex` to create flexible boxes that can stretch and shrink

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## References for CSS flexbox

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  - <https://internetingishard.com/html-and-css/flexbox/>
- A complete guide to flexbox
  - <https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide-to-flexbox/>
- W3schools
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- Flexbox, guida pratica
  - <http://www.html.it/guide/flexbox-guida-pratica/>
- Flexbox Froggy (a game-like tutorial)
  - <http://flexboxfroggy.com/>

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## RESPONSIVE LAYOUT

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### Responsive design

- Display well in everything from widescreen monitors to mobile phones
- Approach to web design to eliminate the distinction between the mobile-friendly version of your website and its desktop counterpart



<https://internettingishard.com/html-and-css/responsive-design/>

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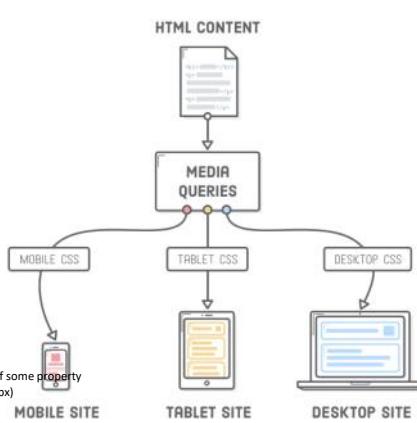
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### Responsive design

- Responsive design is accomplished through CSS “media queries”
  - A way to conditionally apply CSS rules

`@media(min-width:900px){p{color:red;}}`

Mechanism media query: different type of selector that will enable some rules ONLY if some property about the media applies (for example they apply only if screen size is higher than 900px)

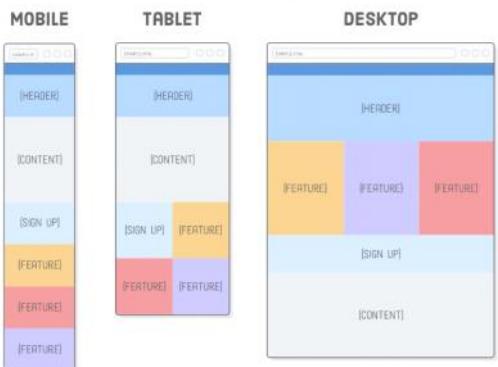


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Conditional rules on the Browser container property (size of screen).  
Different rules! Same html layed out in different ways depending on the size!

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## Layout for responsive design



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## Grid-view

- Many web pages are based on a grid-view, i.e. the page is divided into columns
- A responsive grid-view often has 12 columns, a total width of 100%, and will shrink and expand as you resize the browser window

Compromise instead of doing by hand:  
Media queries+grid.  
We do not care about pixel but about big organization of the page!



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3-4 main css frameworks

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## THE BOOTSTRAP FRAMEWORK

Flex layout+media queries+many css classes already defined, that we can use and customize avoiding low level manual css settings.

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# Bootstrap

- Open Source CSS (and Javascript) framework
- Allows applying “modern” styles
  - Sensible and nice-looking defaults
  - Easy to apply custom themes
- Takes care of cross-browser issues
- Simplified layout model
- Developed by Twitter
  - <http://getbootstrap.com/> -> go to version 4.6, because version 5 is still in beta
  - <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/getting-started/introduction/>

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## Bootstrap philosophy

- Based on CCS classes
- Each class applies one “effect”
- Various classes may be combined in the same element
- Wide range of “standard” classes
- Wide range of additional “components”
  - Ready-to use interactive elements or groups of elements Automatically
- Mobile-first
- Responsive

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## Using Bootstrap

- Use Bootstrap CDN
  - Bootstrap CSS – in <head>
  - Javascript support – end of <body>
    - Used by Bootstrap (bootstrap.min.js)
    - Used by some components (jQuery and Popper.js)
- Or download locally
  - <https://github.com/twbs/bootstrap/releases/download/v4.6.0/bootstrap-4.6.0-dist.zip>
  - npm install bootstrap

React only support version 4.6 for now! (5.0 still beta)

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## Bootstrap CDN

```
<link rel="stylesheet"
      href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@4.6.0/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css"
      integrity="sha384-B0vP5xmATw1+K9KRQjQERJvTumQW0nPEzvF6L/Z6nronJ3oUOFUFpCjEUQouq2+l"
      crossorigin="anonymous">
```

Just a css file loaded from network. (or saved offline but online is still fast and more updated)  
We also need 2 js modules because it uses them internally!

```
<script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.5.1.slim.min.js"
      integrity="sha384-DFxdz2htPH0lsSS5nCTpuj/zy4C+GpamoFVy38MVnE+IbbVVUew+OrCxRkfj"
      crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
<script
      src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@4.6.0/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"
      integrity="sha384-Pivx4VNryMGpqkS2by6br4gNj7DXjqk09RmUpJ8jgGtD7zP9yug3goQfGI0yAns"
      crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
```

Already in Center and Scenario is more Modern looking!

```

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```

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Already Fonts and Spacing is more Modern looking!

We write classes on html that refers to the classes styled in the bootstrap library.

To give bootstrap full control on the page we need to put all elements into .container (gives fixed width depending on the size of the browser) or .container fluid (always occupy 100% of the width of the page)

Container defines the grid. New grid environment: new container

Responsive breakpoints: 5 different possible size of screen (xs, s, m, l, xl) (we decide the minimum size until we display grid as column instead of as a block)

Use grid to decide how much space each element will take on the screen (define row and col)

Depending on how many columns I decide to put, it splits evenly the available space (max 12, 6-6, 4-3, ..) or unevenly space (col-3) (col-9) (col-3/12) (col-9/12)

## Page structure

- Start with **Basic template**

- <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/getting-started/introduction/#starter-template>

- Notice the “responsive viewport”

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">
```

Study documentation to format what you need (names of classes to use)

- Or, choose from published **Examples**

- <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/examples/>

- Remember to include your page content in a

- <div class="container">

Components: user interfaces already coded.

Consistent, clean, modern framework!

If we don't like it use extensions for it (icons, themes..)

I can have personal css file to add custom rules to overwrite bootstrap BUT I won't need it because I just need to customize bootstrap (use btn btn-success -> semantic button -> to change color we just need to use a new bootstrap theme which changes the color of the btn-success).

N.B. From JS we can change the value of 1 class! 1 line of code to modify the whole page layout!  
Library to avoid css complexity!

## Starter Template

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```

<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <!-- Required meta tags -->
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">

    <!-- Bootstrap CSS -->
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://stackpath.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.1.1/css/bootstrap.min.css" integrity="sha384-V4ddc5bysA7P7tbc+NYWPSLqOZqz+niM/BrEywvAjwJyVfocRSJ" />

    <title>Hello, world!</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello, world!</h1>

    <!-- Optional JavaScript -->
    <!-- jQuery first, then Popper.js, then Bootstrap JS -->
    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.4.1.slim.min.js" integrity="sha384-J6qa4B9bIE2+poT4uMyKvh5VFSSPPo01Ejw@VKU71mGFAVBuwj1yVfcRSJ" />
    <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/popper.js@1.16.0/dist/umd/popper.min.js" integrity="sha384-Q6e9RHnbIyZJof+z2MnBM1d1lv19IOy5n3zV" />
    <script src="https://stackpath.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.1.1/js/bootstrap.min.js" integrity="sha384-wfSDF2eE0qLJ4dZYl2q8rhePpQk+oEIJh7Ywa2Y" />
  </body>
</html>

```

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## Adding your style

- Write your additional CSS rules in a file, and load it in the head section, after the bootstrap CSS

```

<head>
  ...
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="... > // bootstrap css

  <!-- Custom CSS for this document -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="myStyle.css">
  ...
</head>

```

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## Containers (mandatory top-level element)

- All-in-one: responsive, fixed-width container: its max-width changes at each breakpoint

```
<div class="container">  
  <!-- Content here -->  
</div>
```

- Fluid: full width container, spanning the entire width of the viewport

```
<div class="container-fluid">  
  ...  
</div>
```

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## Grid system

- Based on flexbox
- Uses a 12-column virtual grid
- The container is divided in `.row` blocks
- Each Row contains columns `.col`
  - By default, all columns have equal width
  - May specify spanning over more columns (`.col-4`)
  - May specify a breakpoint for that column to be visualized (`.col-sm-4` or `.col-sm-4`)
- 5 Breakpoints

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## Breakpoints

|                            | Extra small<br><576px                | Small<br>≥576px       | Medium<br>≥768px      | Large<br>≥992px       | Extra large<br>≥1200px |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Max container width</b> | None (auto)                          | 540px                 | 720px                 | 960px                 | 1140px                 |
| <b>Class prefix</b>        | <code>.col-</code>                   | <code>.col-sm-</code> | <code>.col-md-</code> | <code>.col-lg-</code> | <code>.col-xl-</code>  |
| <b># of columns</b>        | 12                                   |                       |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Gutter width</b>        | 30px (15px on each side of a column) |                       |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Nestable</b>            | Yes                                  |                       |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Column ordering</b>     | Yes                                  |                       |                       |                       |                        |

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## Example layouts

<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/layout/grid/>

The screenshot shows the Bootstrap 4.6 documentation for responsive classes. It features a sidebar with navigation links like Home, Documentation, Examples, Icons, Themes, Expo, and Blog. The main content area is titled "Responsive classes" and discusses grid tiers (extra small, small, medium, large, extra large) and breakpoints (xs, sm, md, lg, xl). It includes a visual grid system diagram and a code snippet for creating a 12-column layout. A right-hand sidebar lists various utility classes such as "Variable width content", "Responsive utilities", "Stacked to horizontal", "Flex and match", "Gutters", "Row columns", "Alignment", "Vertical alignment", "Horizontal alignment", "No gutters", "Column wrapping", "Column breaks", "Reordering", "Order classes", "Offsetting columns", "Offset classes", "Margin utilities", "Resetting", "Sass mixins", "Variables", and "Mixins". A green circular badge in the bottom right corner contains the number 86.

## Page content

- Reboot – normalize and replace browser defaults
- Typography – heading and text styles
- Images and Figures – alignment and responsiveness
- Tables – rich visual styles, and responsive tables
- See: <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/content/>

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## Components

- Ready-to-use classes for creating common UI elements
- See: <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/components/>

The screenshot shows the Bootstrap 4.6 documentation for components. It features a top navigation bar with tabs for Primary, Secondary, Success, Danger, Warning, Info, Light, Dark, Link, Navbar, Home, Link, Dropdown, Disabled, and a search bar. The main content area displays various component examples: a toast message, form controls (input, select, textarea), and dropdown menus. A right-hand sidebar shows examples of modals and tooltips. A green circular badge in the bottom right corner contains the number 88.



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