

# CSS Lab: Victoria's Journal Web Page

You are given a file named `journal.html` (located at <https://swe.umbc.edu/~zzaidi1/is448/chap3-examples/lab/> Right-click and select Save Link As...) that represents a page from someone's journal. You are to write a stylesheet called `journal_layout.css` that will transform the layout in different ways throughout the following exercises.

To help you out, you are also given a file named `journal_basic.css` that defines some basic styles for this page, and it is already linked for you in the file already.

You do not have to edit this provided stylesheet or the link; just create a new file called `journal_layout.css` that you're writing and start editing it.

## Exercise 1: Arrange Your Page into Sections

The first task is to organize `journal.html` by adding `ids`, `classes`, `spans` and `divs` as seen in lecture. Then, add "boxes" around these sections of the website by adding to your `journal_layout.css` stylesheet.

*Hint:* Remember the way to define a border in CSS:

```
border: <thickness> <color> <style>;
```

For example, the following gives a yellow, dashed, 1px-thick border:

```
border: 1px yellow dashed;
```

You are going to match the output below (between, but not including, the thick black lines).

- The **borders** are all 5px thick and solid.
    - *Note:* There is a hint in the given HTML regarding the placement of the seemingly pointless `<p class="spacer"></p>` element; even though it is invisible, it should be *inside* the blue border (for reasons you'll see why in Exercise 3).
  - The **colors** are the intuitive HTML color names, e.g. the red border is the HTML color red.
  - *Note:* You should not need define a class or id specifically for the `h2s` on this page.  
*Hint:* To reduce the amount of `id` and `class` attributes you need to set in the XHTML code, consider using CSS **selectors** as appropriate.
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## Victoria's Journal

So fresh and so clean

04/09/08: Spatulas



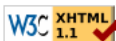
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04/08/08: Cookie Monster Cupcakes



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The only major changes you should need to make to the XHTML code are adding `ids`, `classes`, `divs`, and `spans`. You may also change the text of the journal if you like, such as changing it to your name or rewording the journal entries. But please don't spend a large amount of time doing this, so you can move on to the later exercises.

## Exercise 2: Spacing with Padding and Margins, Backgrounds

You are now going to add padding, margins, and backgrounds to some of the parts you defined in Exercise 1. You should only have to change your `journal_layout.css` file, if you completed Exercise 1 correctly.

- The box with the **green** border should have a background color of `white`.

- The boxes with the **blue** borders should have a background color of #E8FBFB. It should have a padding of 5px (on all sides) and margin of 10px only on the *top* of the box (the margins for the remaining sides should be left at 0px).
- The **overall page content** area should become centered on the page, should have left and right margins of 10% and a background image using the following image:



<https://swe.umbc.edu/~zzaidi1/is448/chap3-examples/lab/background.gif>

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## Exercise 3: Float, Alignment and Clear

Now you're going to practice `float`, `clear`, and alignment on the web page. Part of this exercise is understanding the difference between aligning and floating an element. You may have to edit your `journal.html` code as well as your `journal_layout.css` stylesheet to get the floats working properly.

- The heading text in the **red** box should appear on the **right** side of that section of the page.
- The journal entry images should hover on the **right** side next to the surrounding text. The image should stay within the bounds of the blue box; that is, it should not bleed into the other content below it.

*Hint:* Take a look at the comments in the code for the Exercise 3 hints.

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## Exercise 4: Cosmetic Finishing Touches

Finally, we add some finishing touches to make the page look its best.

- Change the border of the box with the **green** border to be a solid, white, 10px-thick border.
- Change the border of the boxes with the **blue** border to have a solid, 4px-thick border, using the hex value #C2E9E9 for its color.
- Change the border of the box with the **purple** border to have *only* a bottom border, and let that bottom border be blue, dashed, and 2px-thick.
- Change the background color of the box with the **red** border to be #A8F0F0 and get rid of its border altogether.
- Change the font size of *So fresh and so clean* to 14pt and get rid of its border.

You are going to match the output below.



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