



Center vertically and horizontally

I was working on typesetting poems when I thought what it would take to center a piece of content both vertically and horizontally?

For image and smaller blocks of text like poems, I choose to work with [flexbox](#) as it provides, in my opinion, the simplest way to center content on both axes without scripting.

The code looks like this:

```
.container {  
  height: 100vh;  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
  justify-content: center;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```

Some caveats:

- You must set an explicit height for the container, in this case 100vh. Otherwise there is no height to center to
- Because we're centering all the content it may be a good idea to create an inner container, otherwise paragraphs and other individual elements may be centered and cause unexpected results.

You can see working examples of this in my [poema 6](#) and [poema 19](#) demos. An [editable example of poema 6](#) is in Codepen.