

MOOC 2

Week 1

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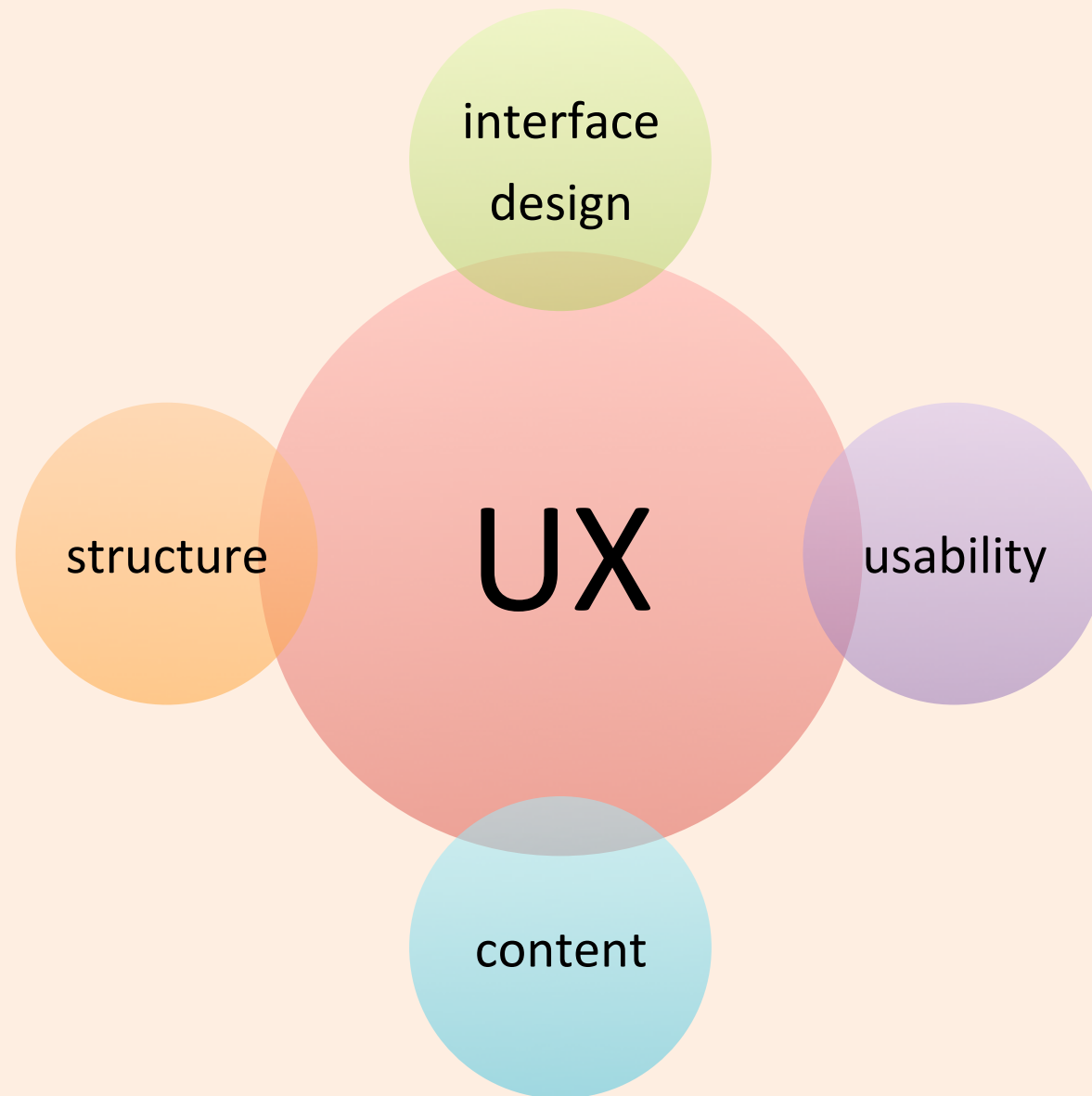
Usability and User Experience

- **Usability** is about how usable a website is:
efficient, memorable, learnable
- **User experience (or UX)** is subjective – it's how the user feels about a website:
happy, frustrated, bored

good usability + good design = good UX

Know your audience

- Who is your user?
- Design for them!
- There may be more than one type of user.



Where am I?

Where am I?

Where
can I go?

What is here?

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Where can I go?

What is here?

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Wireframing

- Plan your layout!
- Go simple: paper and pen.
- Revise it; use it or through it away!

Where can I go?

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Navigation


- Hierarchical
- Global
- Local

Navigation

- Effective navigation is crucial
- Before you can plan where people can go, you'll need to know the site architecture
- Take the time to plan out a **site map**





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Breadcrumbs

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Relative vs. absolute links

- **Relative path**

index.html

images/myimage.html

album1.html

- **Absolute path**

<http://www.mywebsitename.com/index.html>

<http://www.mywebsitename.com/images/image.html>

<http://www.mywebsitename.com/album1.html>

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Where can I go?

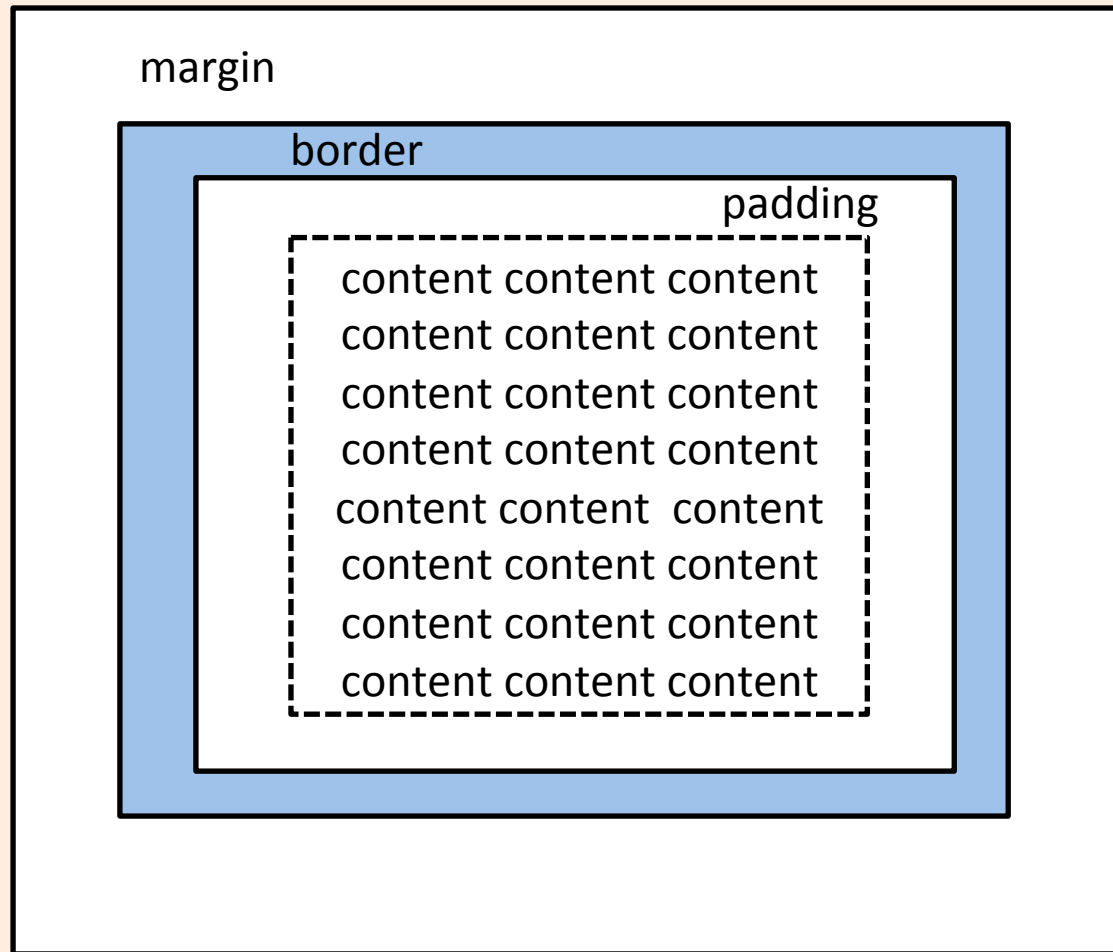
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Box model



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My photo albums

Subtext for header

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Photos

Slideshow



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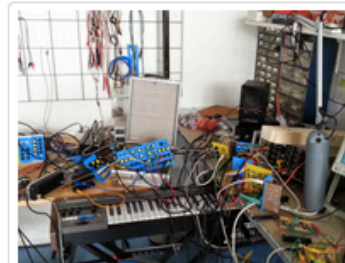
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Album 4

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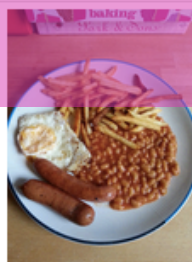
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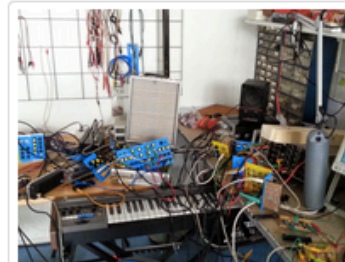
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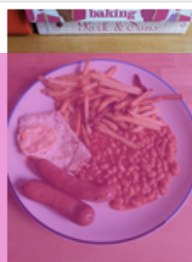
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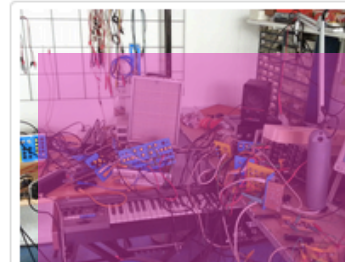
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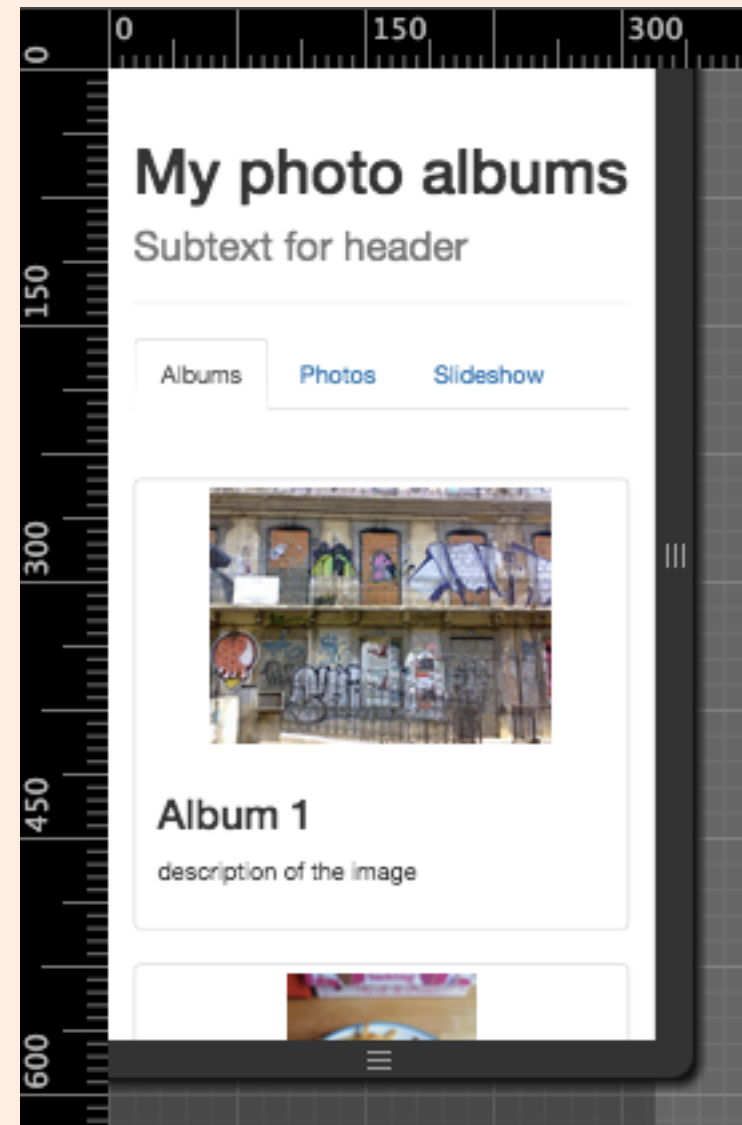


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Accessibility

Accessibility

- What is accessibility?
- What is Web Accessibility Initiative?
- What kind of things can you do to make a site accessible?
- How can you check your site to make sure it is accessible?

Accessibility and disability

- Web accessibility encompasses all disabilities that affect access to the Web, including:
 - visual
 - auditory
 - physical
 - speech
 - cognitive
 - neurological

W3C's Web Accessibility Initiative

- <http://www.w3.org/WAI/gettingstarted/Overview.html>

Good and bad design