

# Web Programming

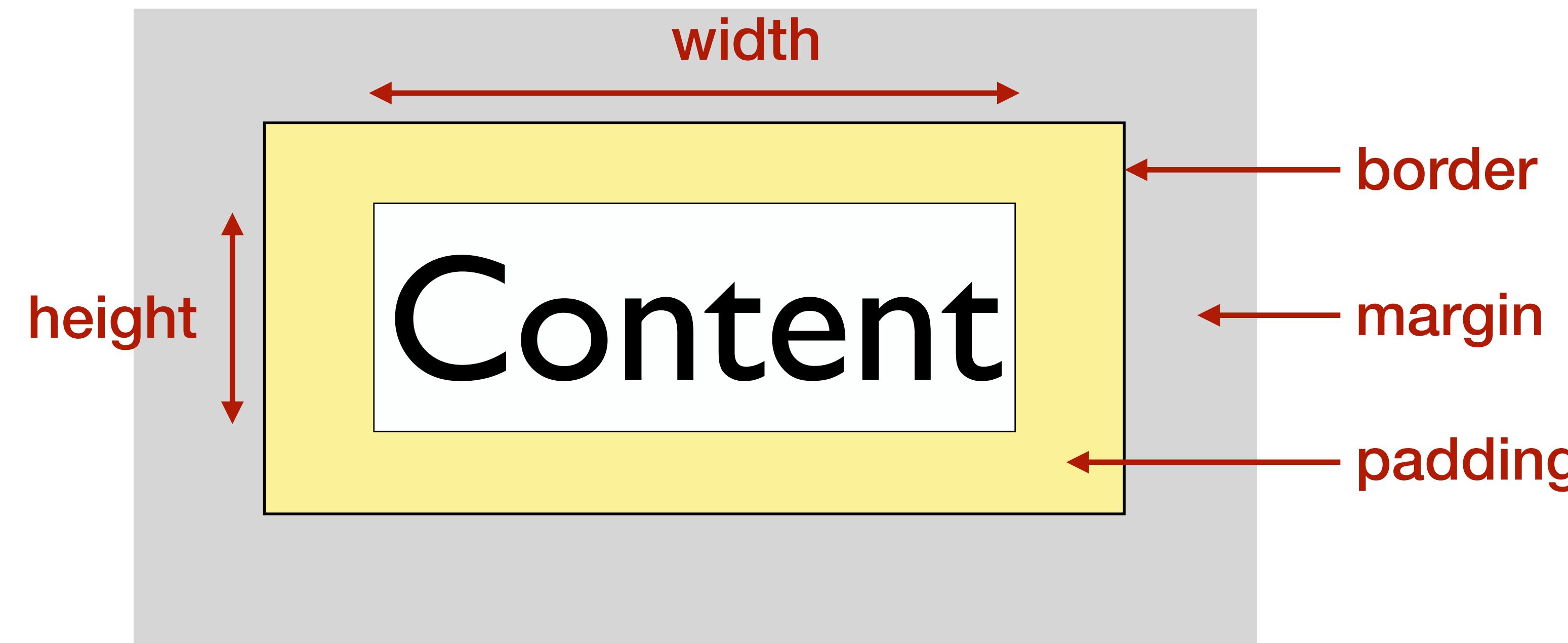
## **CSS Part III.**

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# **Part III**

# **Positioning**

# The Box Model



# Block level vs. inline

- Imagine that there is an invisible box around every HTML element
- **Block level elements** start on a new line
  - E.g., `<h1>`, `<p>`, `<ul>`, `<li>`, `<div>` ...
- **Inline elements** flow with the text
  - E.g., `<a>`, `<em>`, `<img>`, `<span>` ...



block level

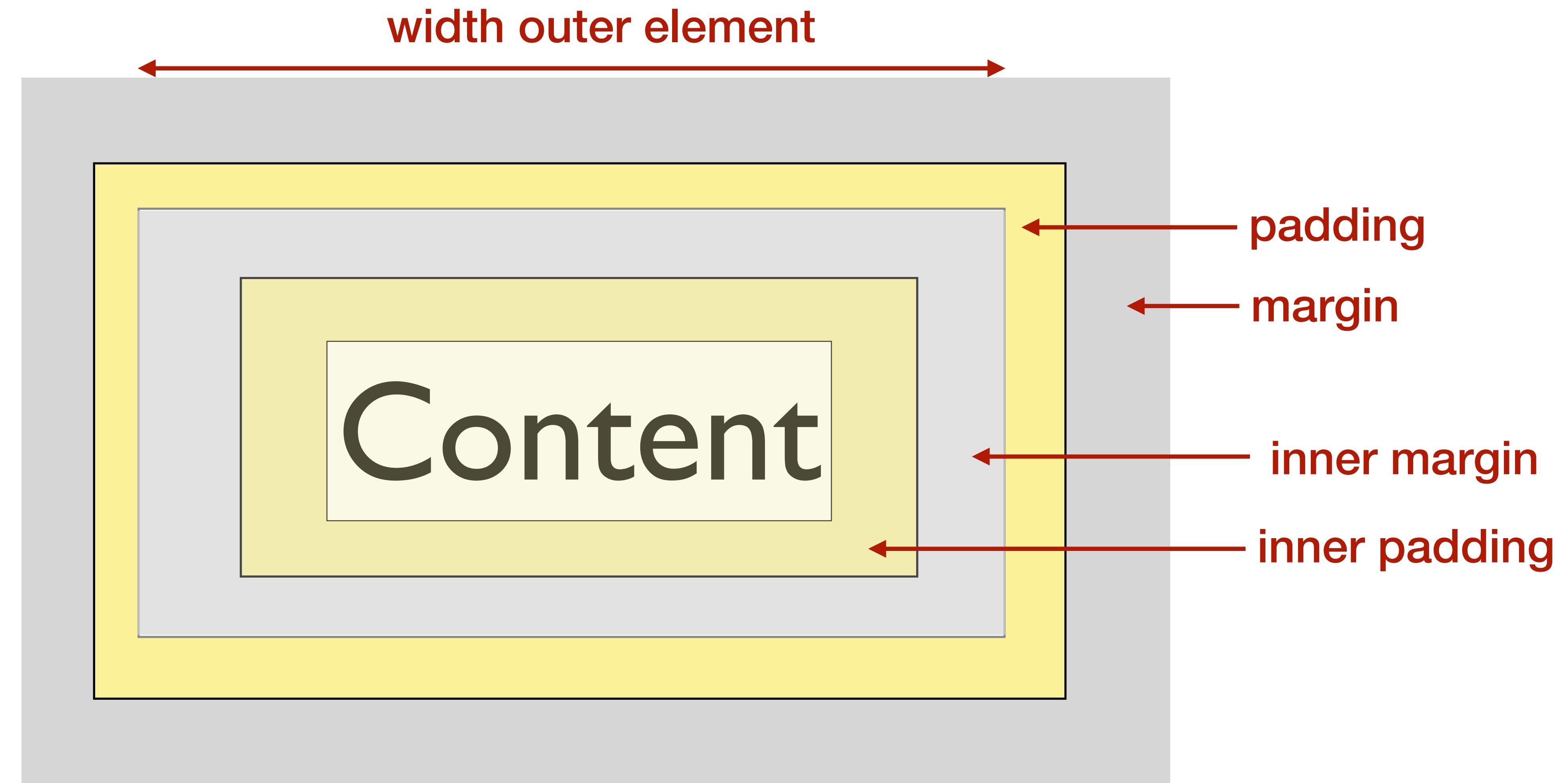


inline

# **width property**

- By default, block elements are given a width equally to the parent element's width
- **width** applies only to block elements and to the **<img>** element

# nested block elements



# nested block elements

- **Width:** If not specified otherwise,  
total width of inner element  
 $= (\text{width} + \text{margin} + \text{border} + \text{padding})$   
 $= \text{width}$  of outer element
- **Height:** if outer element has no padding or border, vertical  
margin may collapse (overlap)

# Display type

- **display** specifies the type of box used for a HTML element
- Values:
  - **inline** block-level element acts like an inline element
  - **block** inline element acts like a block element
  - **inline-block** block-level element flows like an inline element, but retains other features of a block-level element
  - **none** element is hidden from the page
  - **(flex** ... later)

# Example

HTML

```
<ul>
    <li>Home</li>
    <li>About</li>
    <li>News</li>
    <li>Partners</li>
    <li>Contact</li>
</ul>
```

- Home
- About
- News
- Partners
- Contact

# Example: inline

CSS

```
li {  
    display: inline;  
    padding: 3px;  
    border: 1px solid grey;  
    width: 5em; ←  
}
```

has no effect (width of inline elements is ignored)



# Example: inline-block

CSS

```
li {  
    display: inline-block;  
    padding: 3px;  
    border: 1px solid grey;  
    width: 5em; ← has effect  
}
```



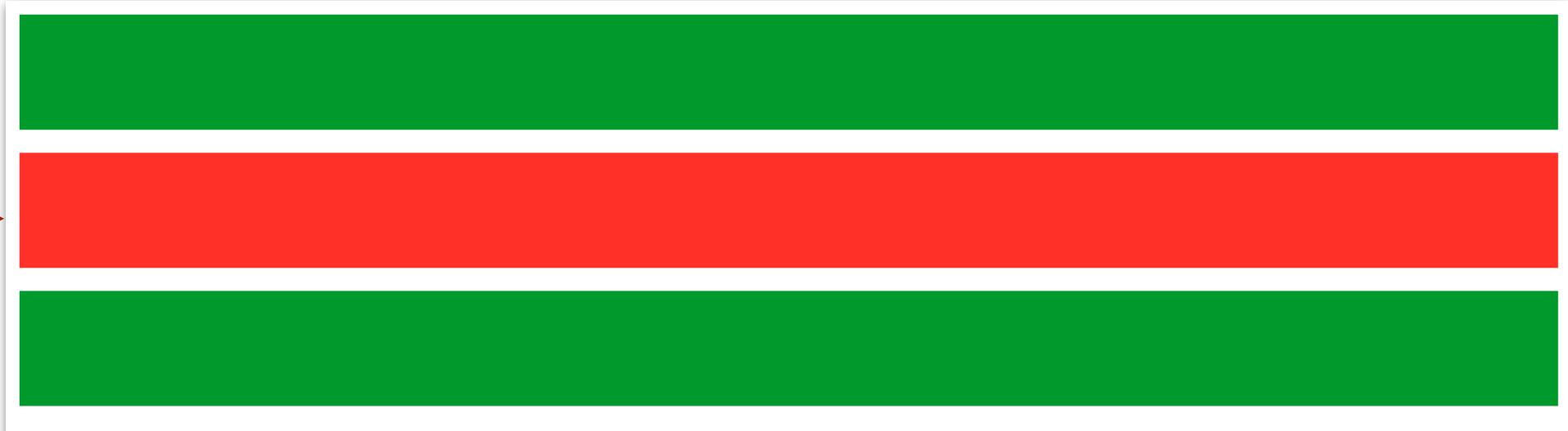
# Visibility

- **visibility** specifies whether an element is visible
- Values
  - **visible** the element is visible (default)
  - **hidden** the element is hidden (but it still takes up space!)
- Note: an element that is set to invisible will still takes up the space on the page
  - (Use **display: none;** for hiding it completely)

# Display vs. visibility

HTML

```
<div></div>
<div id="mydiv"></div>
<div></div>
```



CSS

```
#mydiv {
    display: none;
}
```

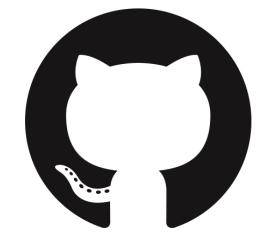


CSS

```
#mydiv {
    visibility: hidden;
}
```



# **Exercise #1**



[github.com/dat310-spring20/course-info/tree/master/  
exercises/css/positioning](https://github.com/dat310-spring20/course-info/tree/master/exercises/css/positioning)

# Positioning

- Property: **position**
- Values:
  - **static** default positioning
  - **relative** position relative to where it would normally appear
  - **absolute** position
  - **fixed** position
  - **inherit** inherit from parent element

# Static positioning

- **position: static**
- Normal flow
- This is the default setting, no need to specify it
  - Unless needed to overwrite a positioning that had been previously set

# Example: normal flow

HTML

```
<div id="box_1"></div>
<div id="box_2"></div>
<div id="box_3"></div>
```

CSS

```
div {
    width: 200px;
    height: 200px;
}
#box_1 {
    background: #ee3e64;
}
#box_2 {
    background: #44accf;
}
#box_3 {
    background: #b7d84b;
}
```



# Relative positioning

- **position: relative**
- Move it relatively to where it would have been in the normal flow using **top** or **bottom**, and **left** or **right**
  - Unit: px, %, em, etc.

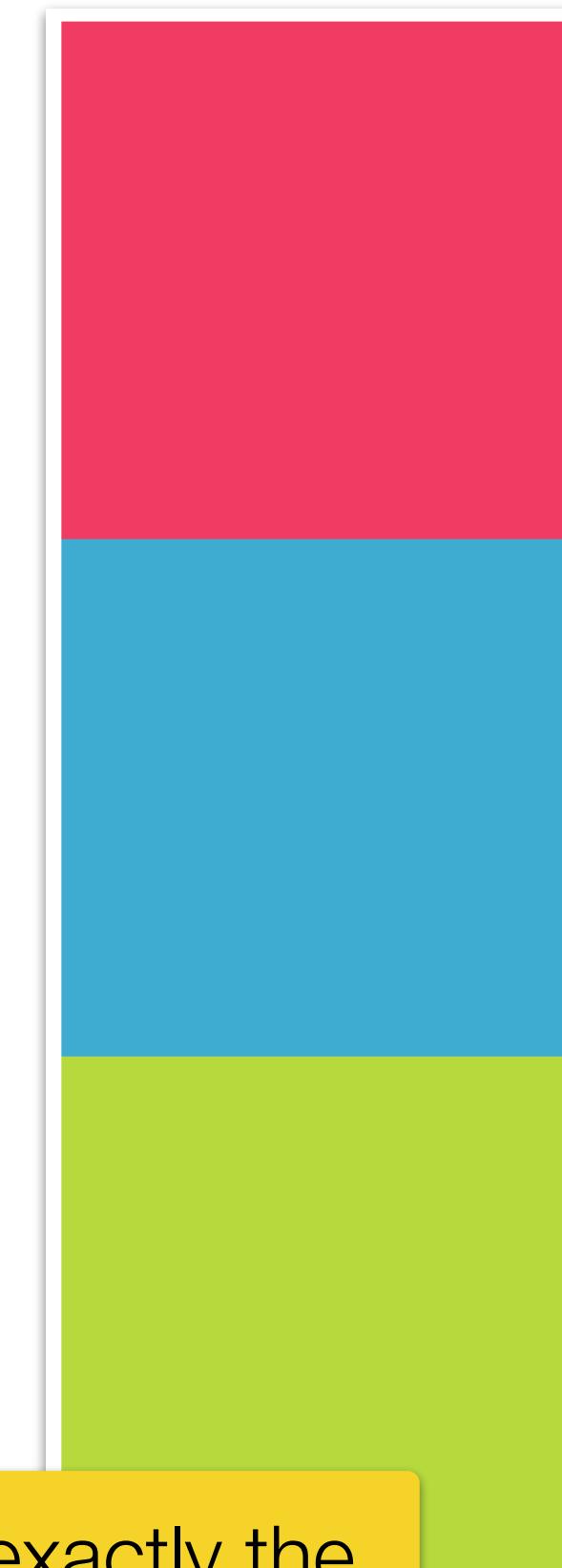
# Example

HTML

```
<div id="box_1"></div>
<div id="box_2"></div>
<div id="box_3"></div>
```

CSS

```
div {
    width: 200px;
    height: 200px;
}
#box_1 {
    background: #ee3e64;
}
#box_2 {
    background: #44accf;
    position: relative;
}
#box_3 {
    background: #b7d84b;
}
```



No offset defined, so far it behaves exactly the same way as statically positioned elements.

# Example

⌚ examples/css/positioning/position\_relative.html

HTML

```
<div id="box_1"></div>
<div id="box_2"></div>
<div id="box_3"></div>
```

CSS

```
div {
    width: 200px;
    height: 200px;
}
#box_1 {
    background: #ee3e64;
}
#box_2 {
    background: #44accf;
    position: relative;
    left: 30px;
    bottom: 10px;
}
#box_3 {
    background: #b7d84b;
}
```



Pushed 30px from the left and  
10px from the bottom.

# Absolute positioning

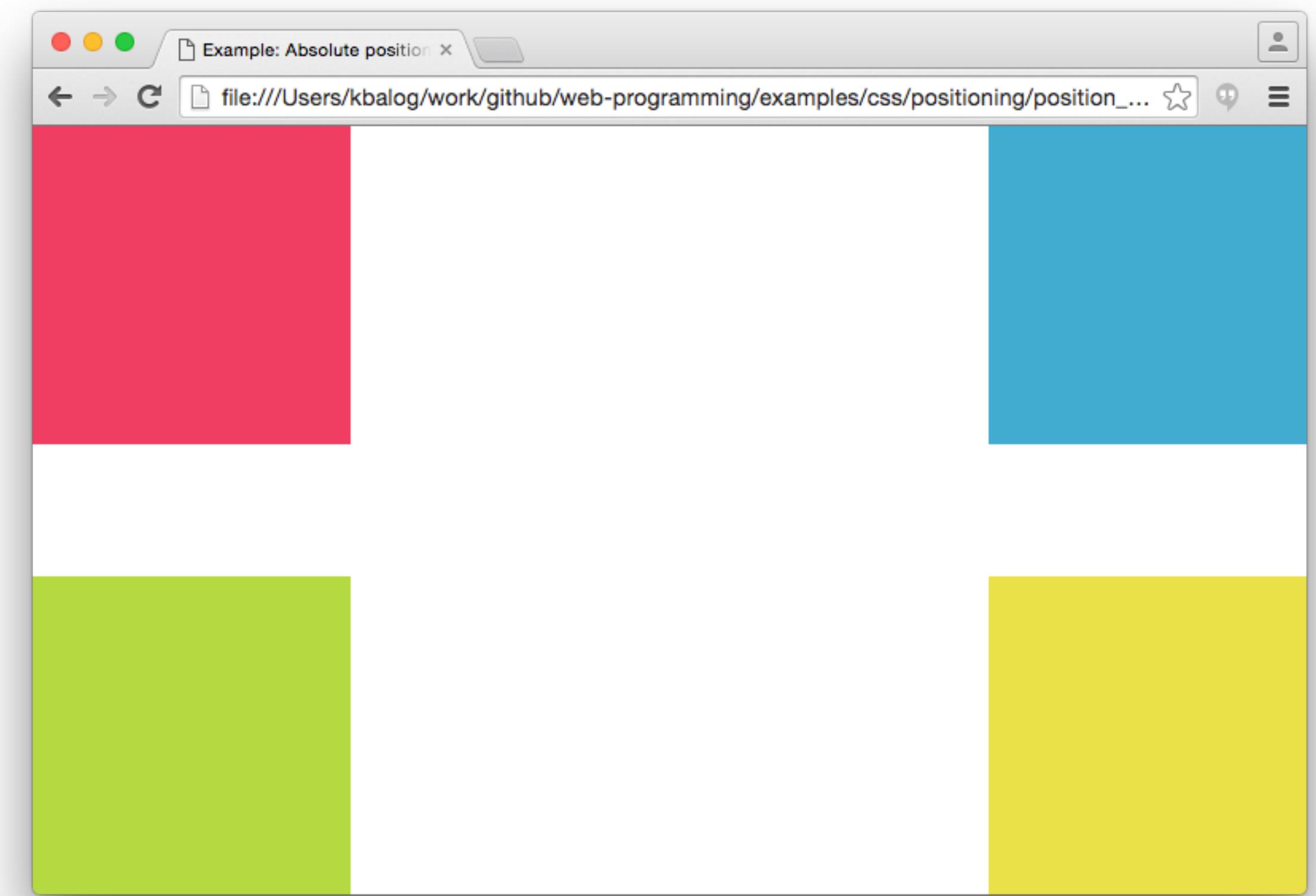
- **position: absolute**
- Element's position is set with respect to its containing element
  - That is the first parent element with a position **other than static**
- Set **top**, **bottom**, **left**, or **right**
  - in pixels, percentages, or em
- Element is taken out of the normal flow (no longer affects the position of other elements)

# Example

⌚ examples/css/positioning/position\_absolute.html

CSS

```
#box_1 {  
    background: #ee3e64;  
    position: absolute;  
    top: 0;  
    left: 0;  
}  
  
#box_2 {  
    background: #44accf;  
    position: absolute;  
    top: 0;  
    right: 0;  
}  
  
#box_3 {  
    background: #b7d84b;  
    position: absolute;  
    bottom: 0;  
    left: 0;  
}  
  
#box_4 {...}
```



# Example #2

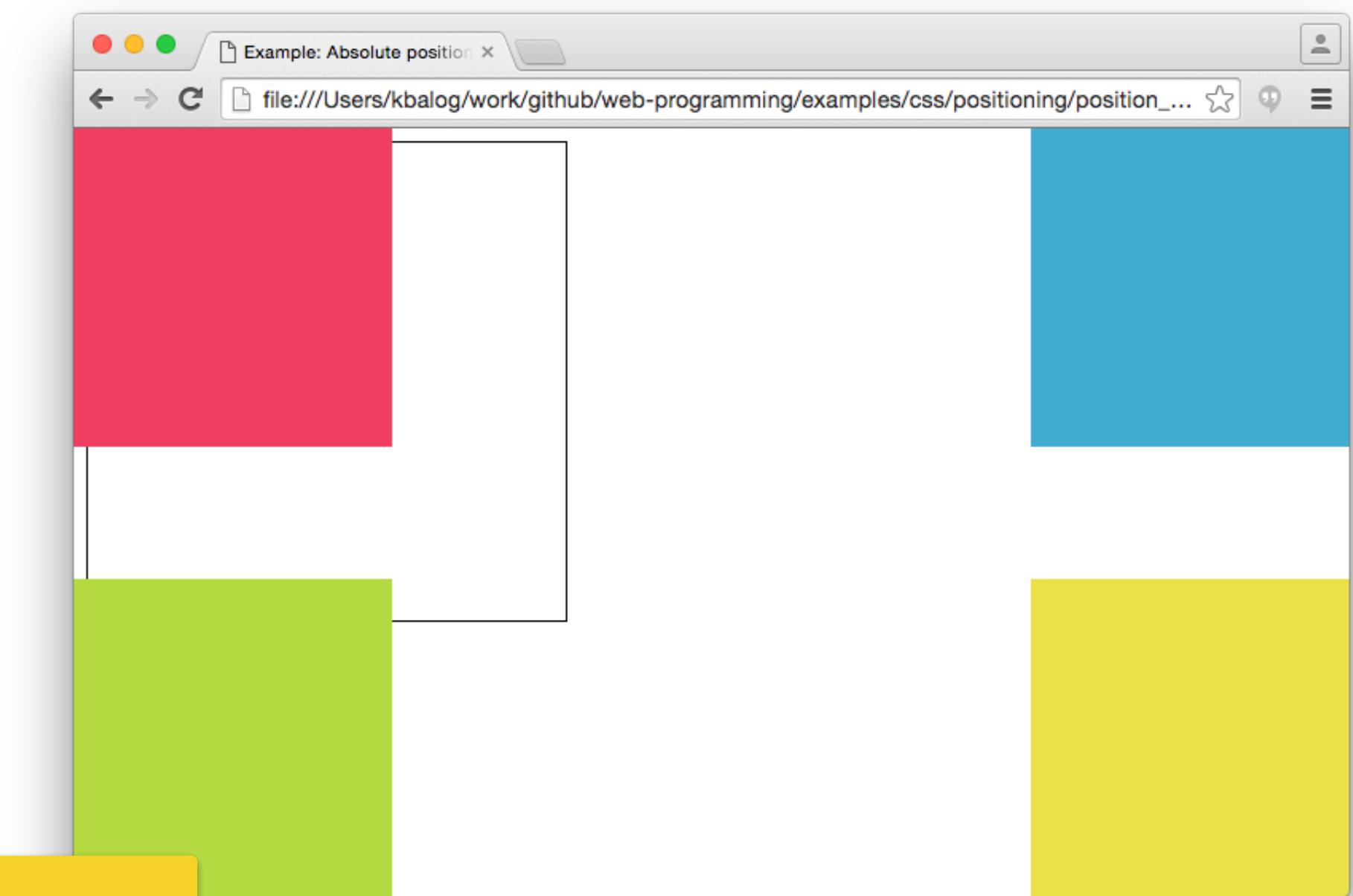
- Absolute positioning is specifies relation with respect to the parent element (first element with non-static position)!

**HTML**

```
<div id="container">
  <div id="box_1"></div>
  <div id="box_2"></div>
  <div id="box_3"></div>
  <div id="box_4"></div>
</div>
```

**CSS**

```
#container {
  border: 1px solid black;
  width: 300px;
  height: 300px;
}
```



No position defined for  
#container (i.e., static).

# Example #2

examples/css/positioning/position\_absolute2.html

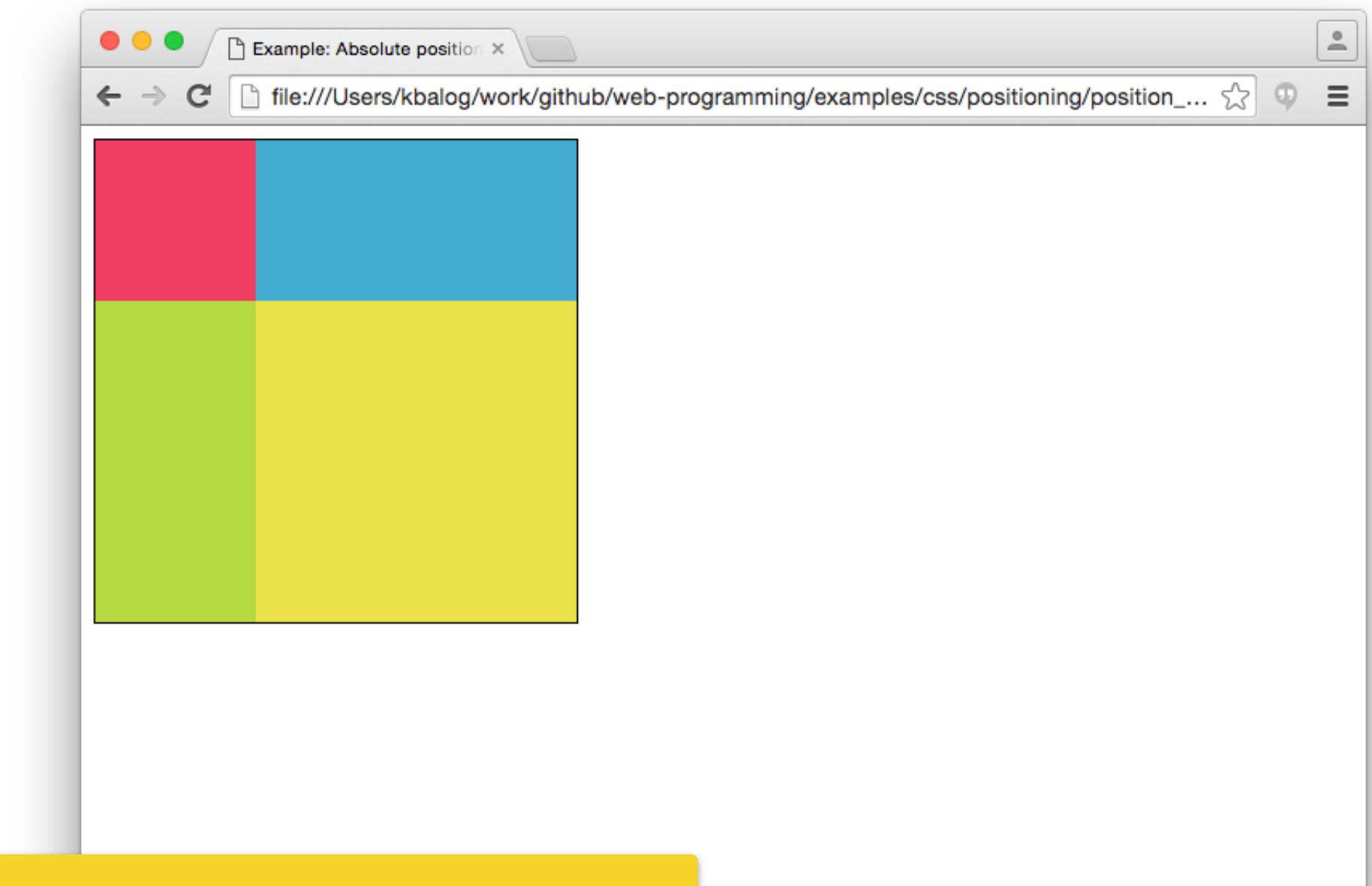
- Absolute positioning is specifies relation with respect to the parent element (first element with non-static position)!

**HTML**

```
<div id="container">
  <div id="box_1"></div>
  <div id="box_2"></div>
  <div id="box_3"></div>
  <div id="box_4"></div>
</div>
```

**CSS**

```
#container {
  border: 1px solid black;
  width: 300px;
  height: 300px;
  position: relative;
}
```



Non-static position for #container, boxes will be positioned with respect to this.

# Fixed positioning

- **position: fixed**
- Element's position is set with respect to the browser window
  - Remains there even when the user scrolls
- Set **top**, **bottom**, **left**, or **right**
  - in pixels, percentages, or em
- Element is taken out of the normal flow (no longer affects the position of other elements)

# Example

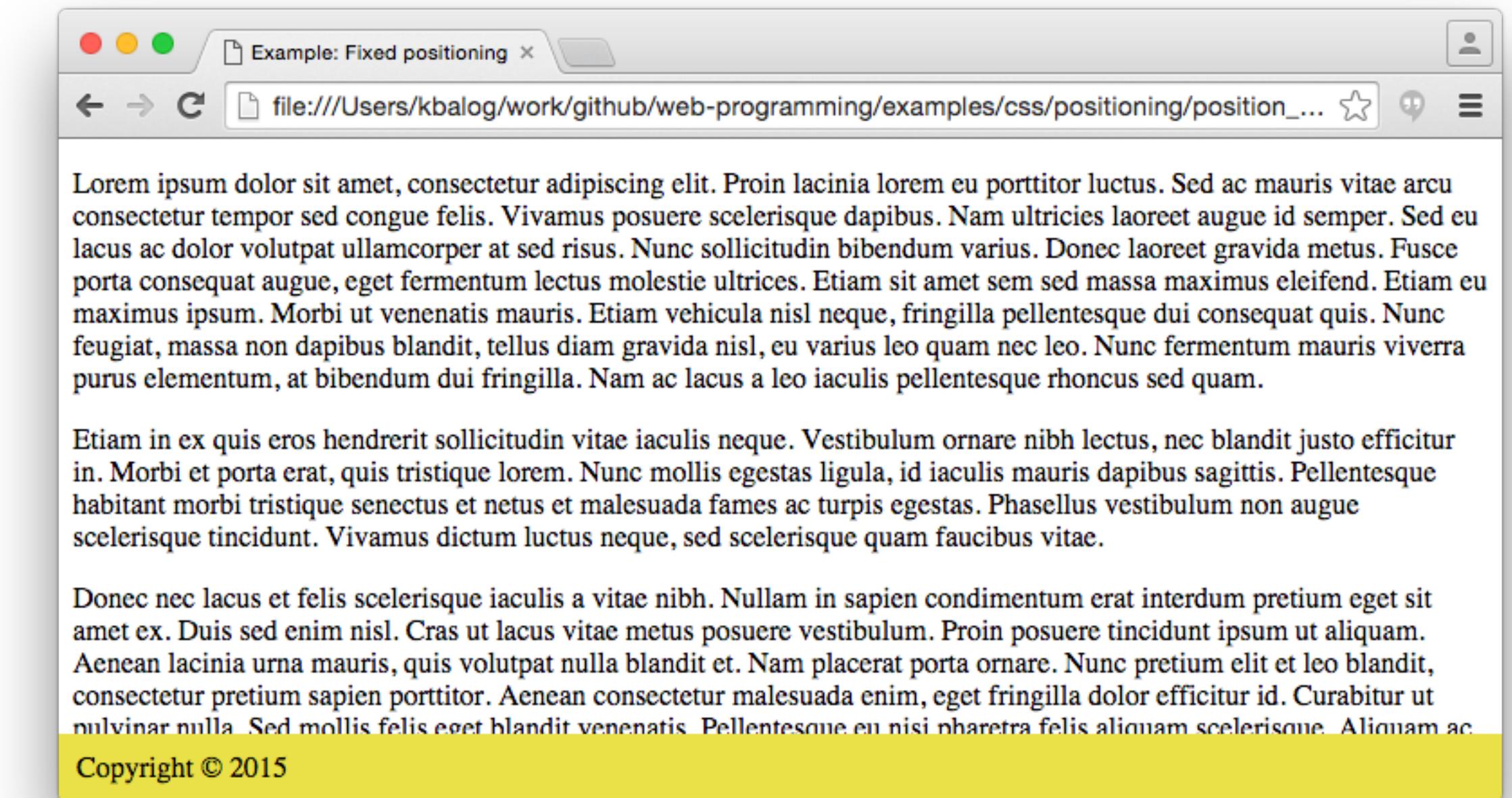
examples/css/positioning/position\_fixed.html

HTML

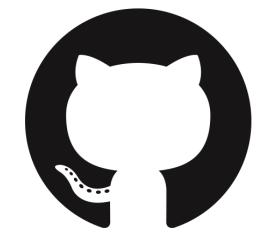
```
<p> ... </p>
<div id="footer">Copyright
&copy; 2015</div>
```

CSS

```
#footer {
    background: #ebde52;
    position: fixed;
    left: 0;
    bottom: 0;
    padding: 10px;
    width: 100%;
}
```

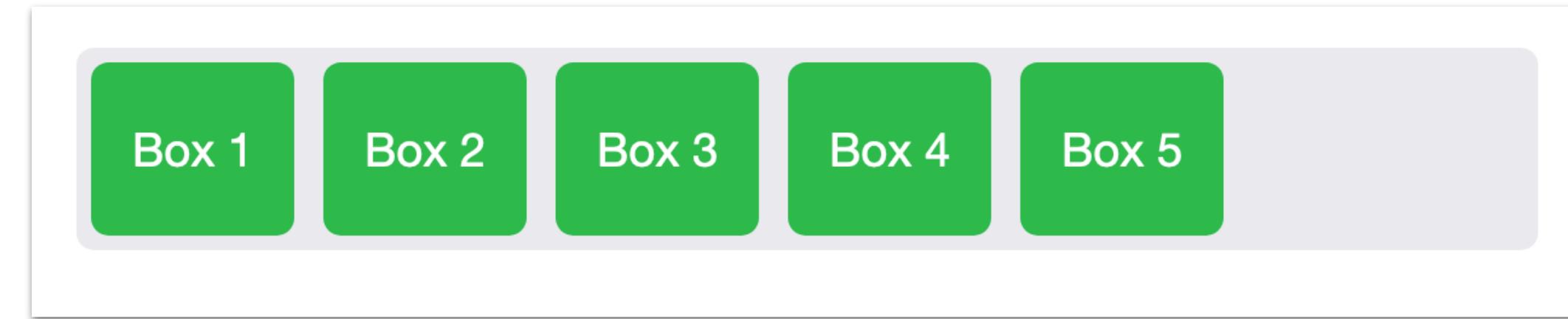


# **Exercise #2**



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# Flexbox



- Flexibly arrange elements within container
- **display:flex;** on container
- Elements within the container are displayed next to each other.
- More: [https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3\\_flexbox.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3_flexbox.asp)

# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```



CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
  display: flex;
}
.box {
  background: #2db34a;
  margin: 5px;
  width: 70px;
  padding: 20px 0;
  text-align: center;
}
```

# Flexbox: justify-content

- Property: **justify-content** on flex container:  
how to align items in flex container horizontally.
- Values:
  - **flex-start** (default) at beginning, i.e. left
  - **flex-end** at end, i.e. right
  - **center** centered
  - **space-around** equal space around items
  - **space-between** equal space between items

# Example

CSS

```
.box-set {  
    ...  
    justify-content: center;  
}
```



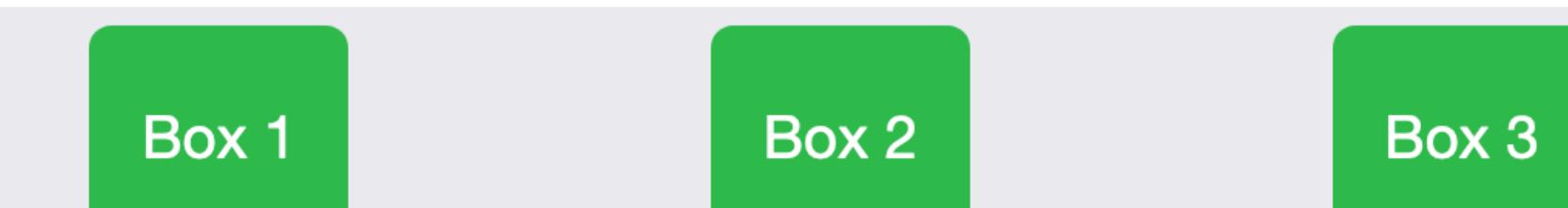
CSS

```
.box-set {  
    ...  
    justify-content: flex-end;  
}
```



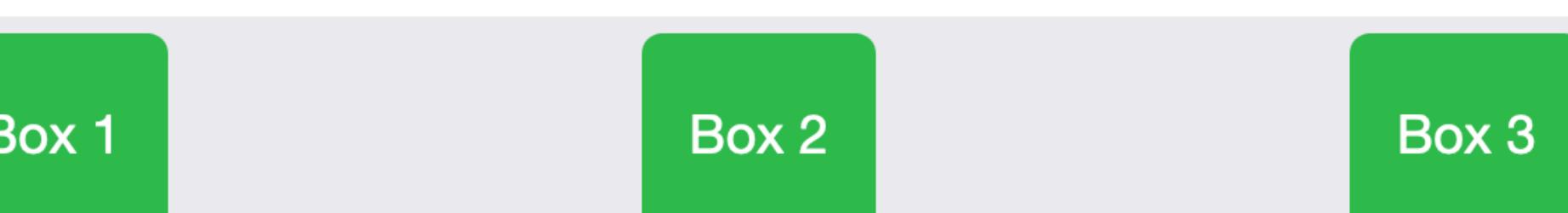
CSS

```
.box-set {  
    ...  
    justify-content: space-around;  
}
```



CSS

```
.box-set {  
    ...  
    justify-content: space-between;  
}
```



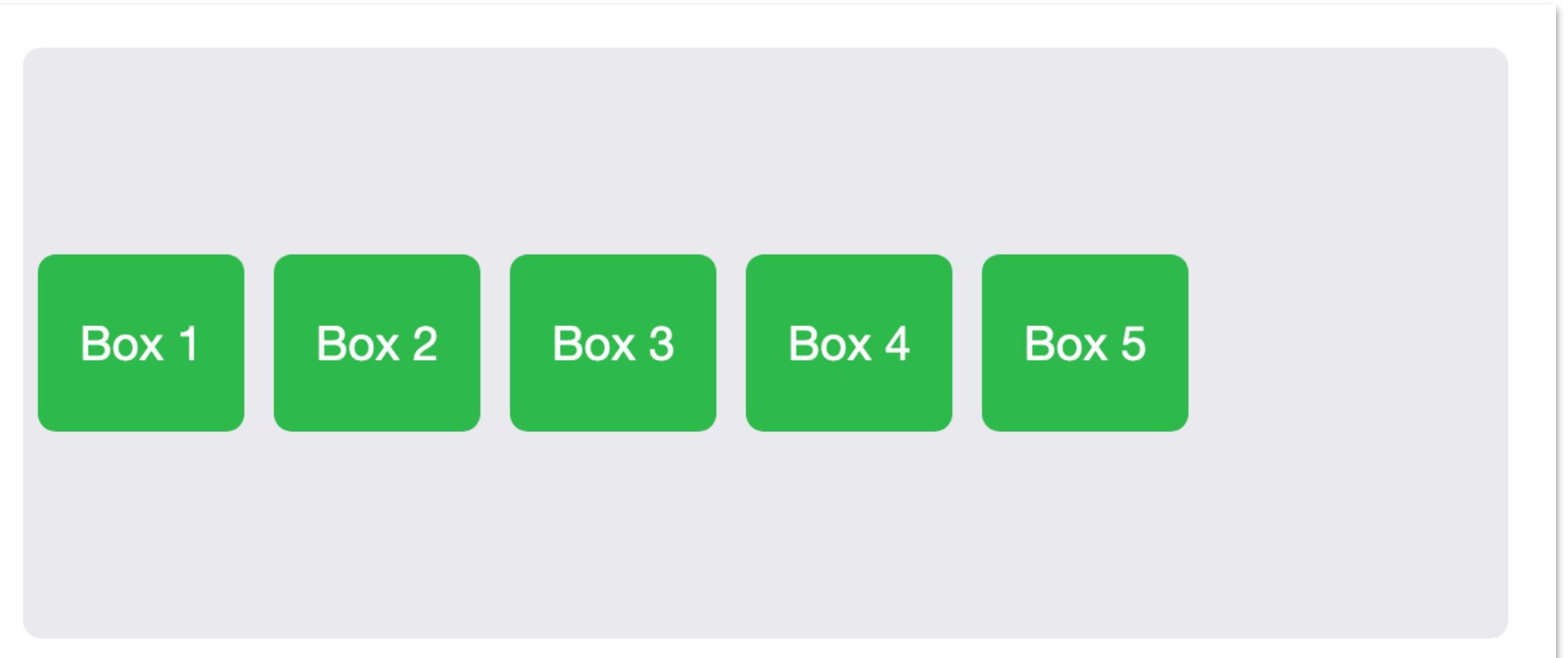
# Flexbox: align-items

- Property: **align-items** on flex container:  
how to align items in flex container vertically.
- Values:
  - **flex-start** (default) at beginning, i.e. top
  - **flex-end** at end, i.e. bottom
  - **center** centered
  - **stretch** stretch items to fill container
  - **baseline** place items on common baseline

# Example

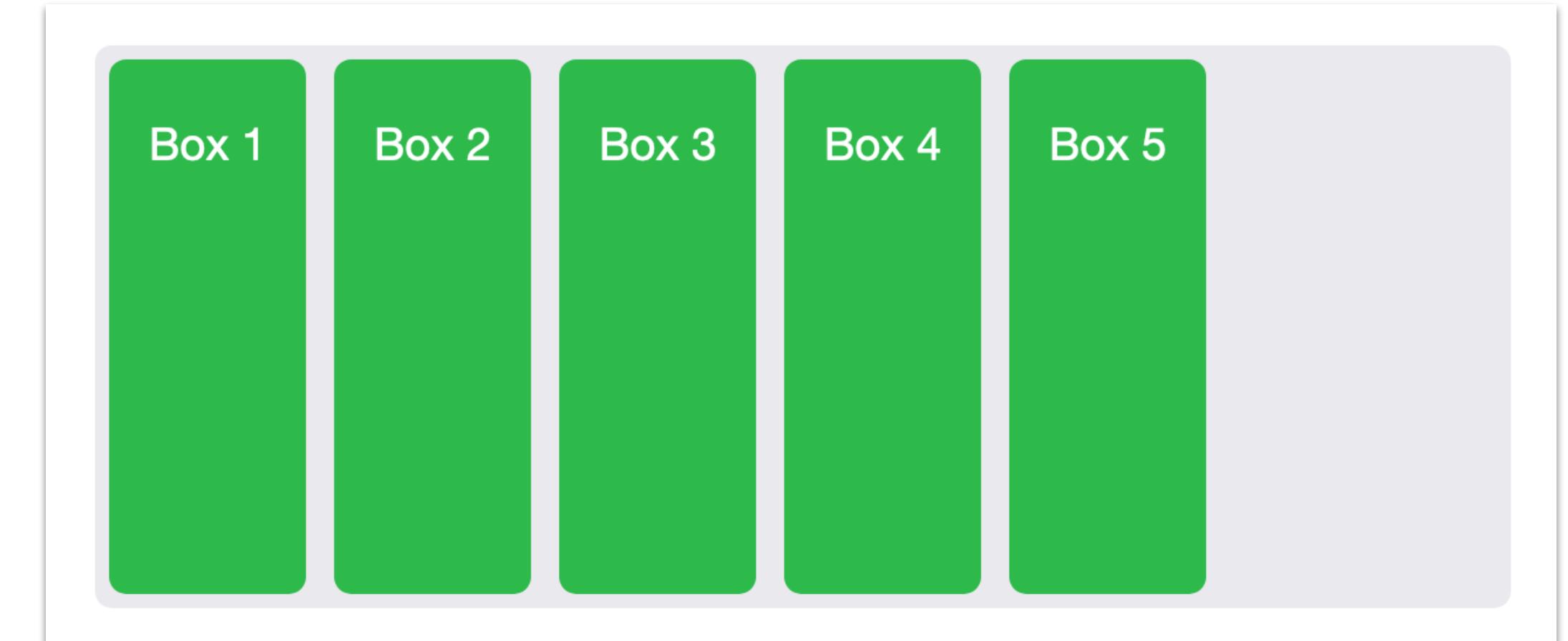
CSS

```
.box-set {  
  ...  
  height: 200px;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



CSS

```
.box-set {  
  ...  
  justify-content: stretched;  
}
```



# Flexbox: flex-wrap

- Property: **flex-wrap** on flex container:  
allow items in flex container to wrap to new line.
- Values:
  - **nowrap** (default) do not wrap
  - **wrap** do wrap

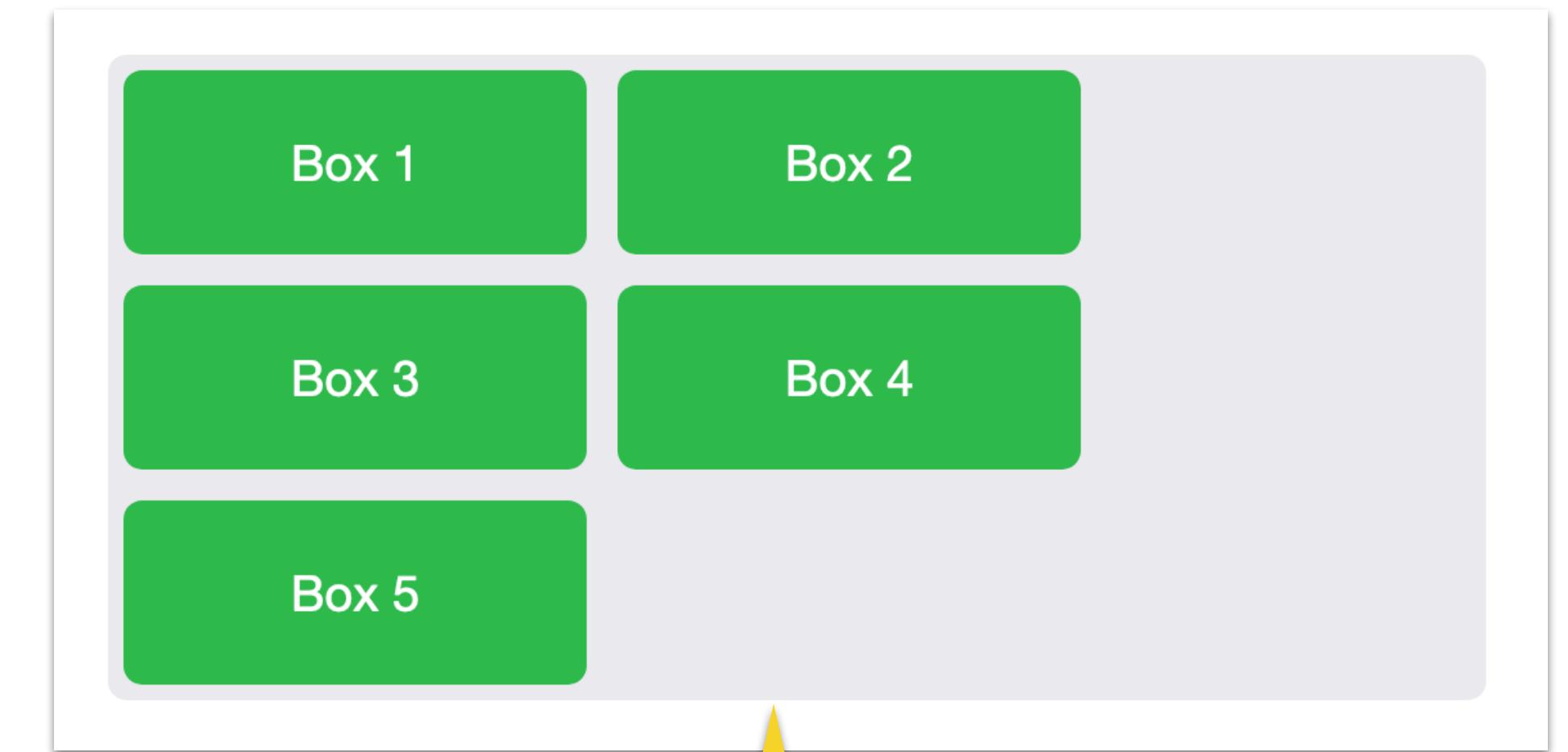
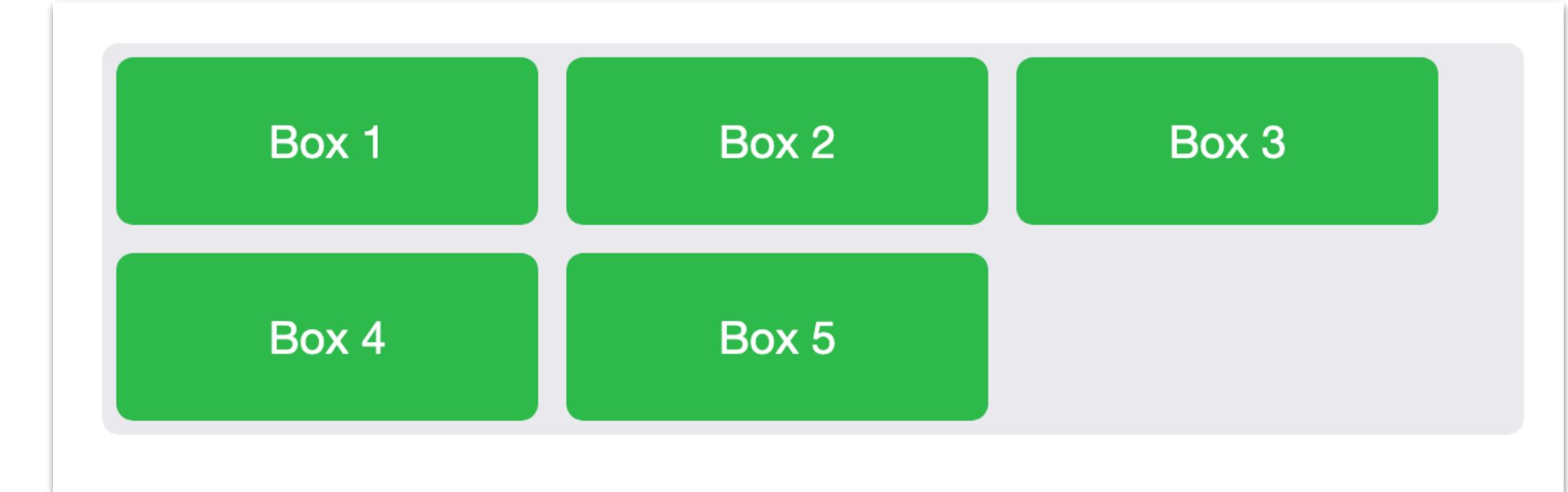
# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
  display: flex;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
}
.box {
  background: #2db34a;
  margin: 5px;
  width: 150px;
  padding: 20px 0;
  text-align: center;
}
```



Dynamically **adjust #items** per row  
to page/container width!

# Flexbox: flex-grow and shrink

- Property: **flex-grow** on flex item:  
allows items in flex container grow to fit the line.
- Values:
  - **0** (default) do not grow
  - **1** do grow
  - **2...** grow 2 times as much as items with **flex-grow: 1;**
- Property: **flex-shrink** on flex item:  
allows items in flex container shrink to fit the line.
  - Default value: **1** do shrink

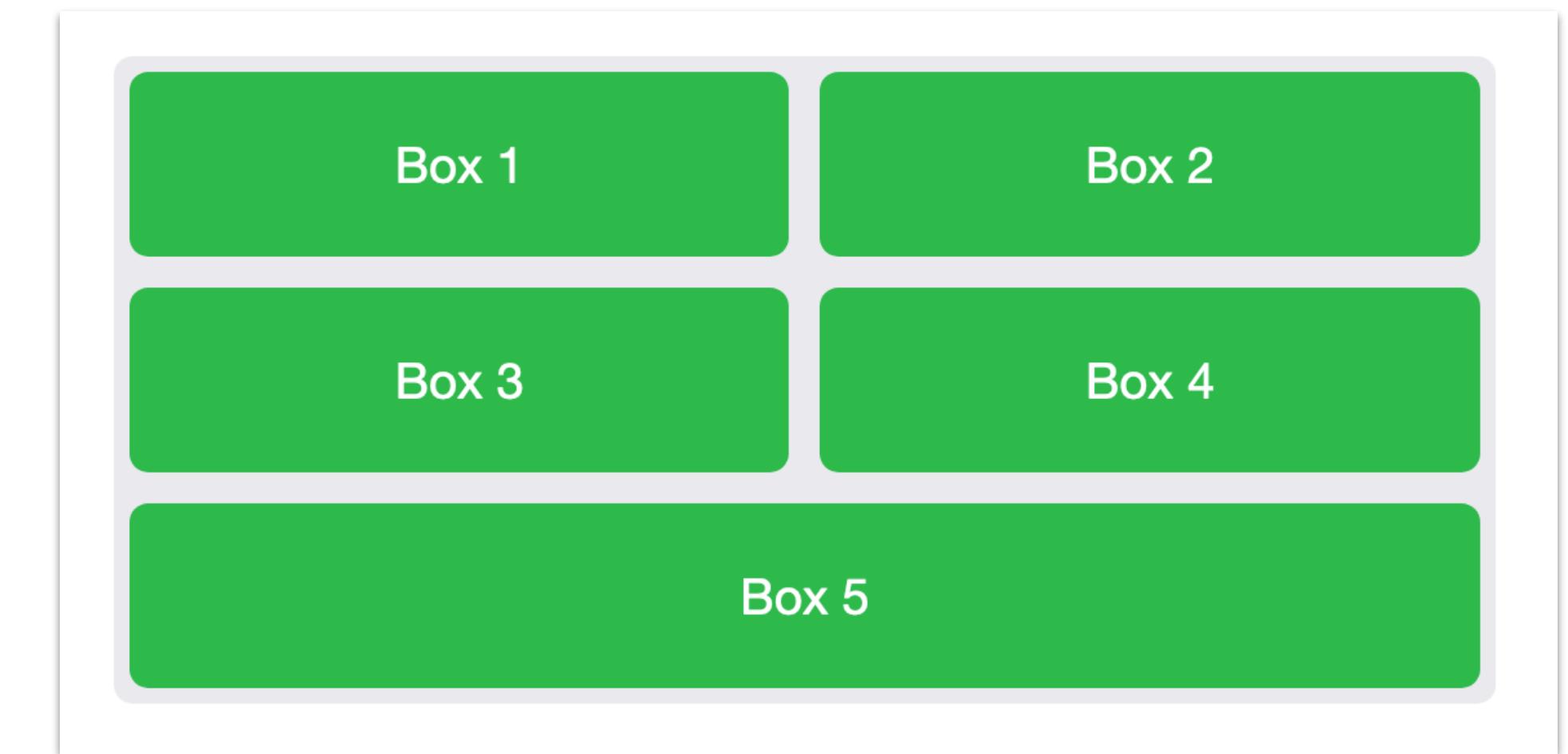
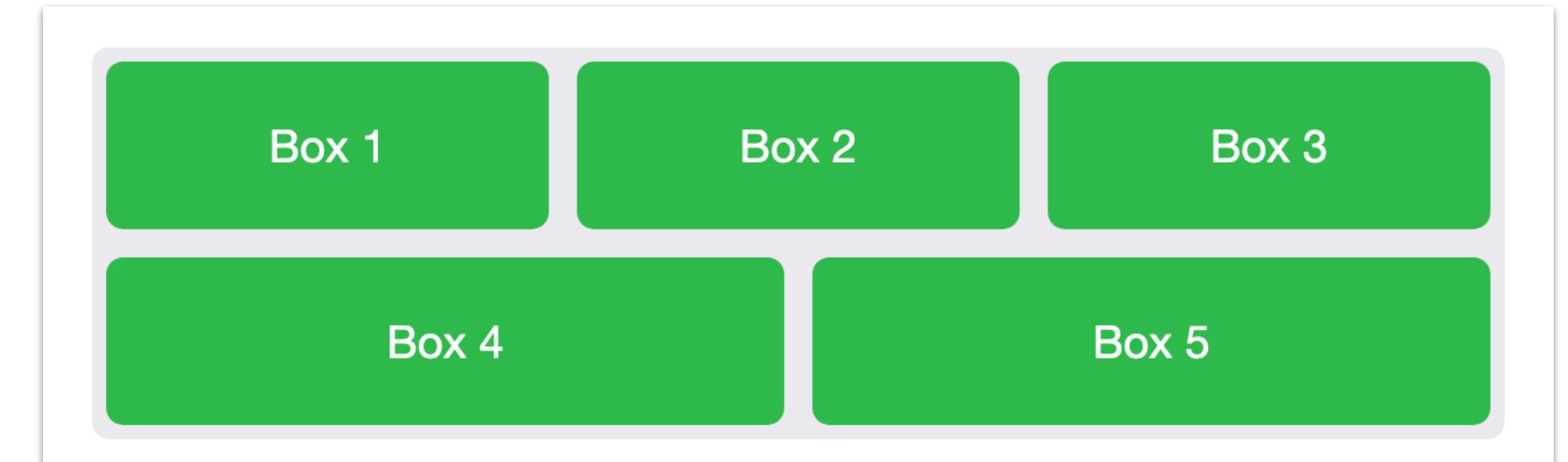
# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
  display: flex;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
}
.box {
  background: #2db34a;
  margin: 5px;
  width: 150px;
  padding: 20px 0;
  text-align: center;
  flex-grow: 1;
}
```



# Flexbox: flex-direction

- Property: **flex-direction** on flex container:  
defines direction to arrange flex items inside container.
- Values:
  - **row** (default) items arranged next to each other horizontally
  - **column** items arranged below each other vertically
  - **(row-reverse)** horizontally in reversed order
  - **(column-reverse)** vertically in reversed order

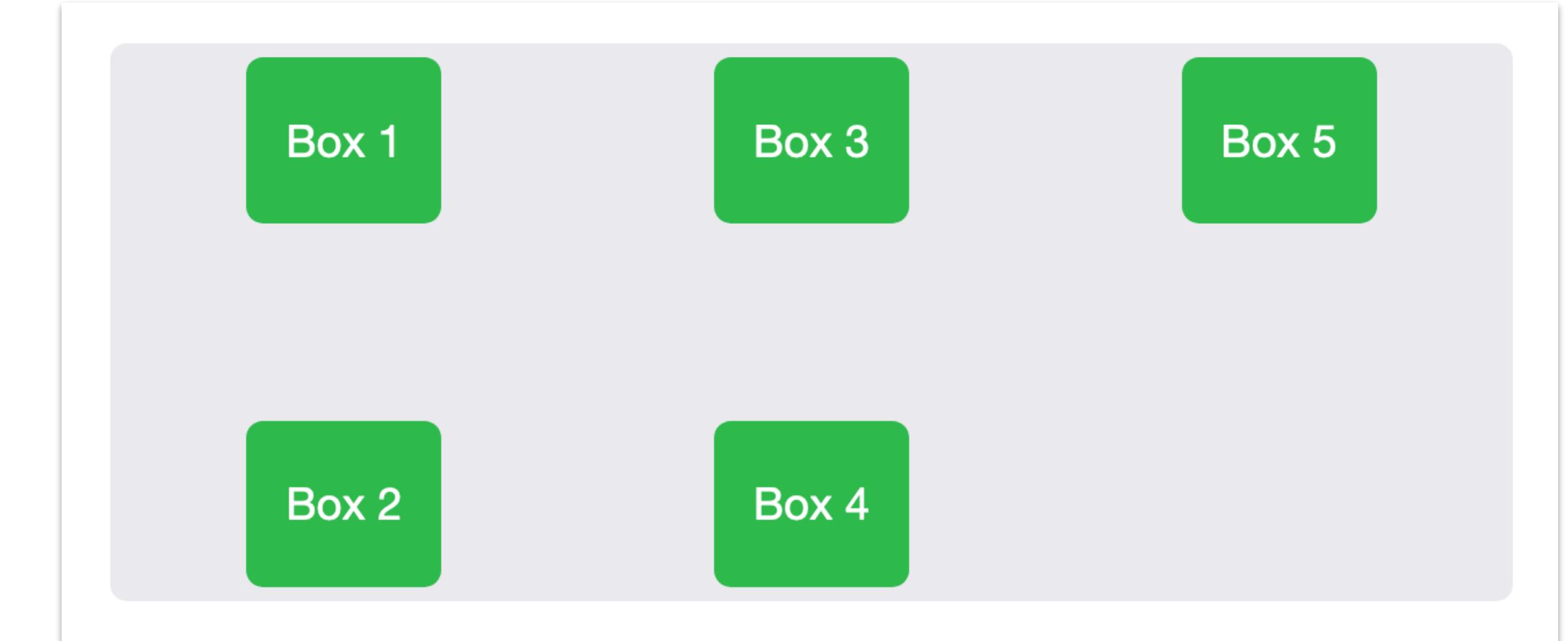
# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
  align-items: center;
  justify-content: space-between;
}
```



**align-items** Now applied **horizontally!**

**justify-content** Now applied **vertically!**

# Overflow

- The **overflow** property specifies what happens if content overflows an element's box
- Values:
  - **visible** content renders outside the element's box (default)
  - **hidden** the overflow is clipped, the rest of the content is visible
  - **scroll** the overflow is clipped, but a scrollbar is added to see the rest
  - **auto** if overflow is clipped, a scrollbar is added

# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box">
  <h3>Heading</h3>
  <p>
    Lorem ipsum ...
  </p>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box {
  background: #eaeaed;
  width: 400px;
  height: 200px;
  overflow: scroll;
}
```

Heading

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scroll bar

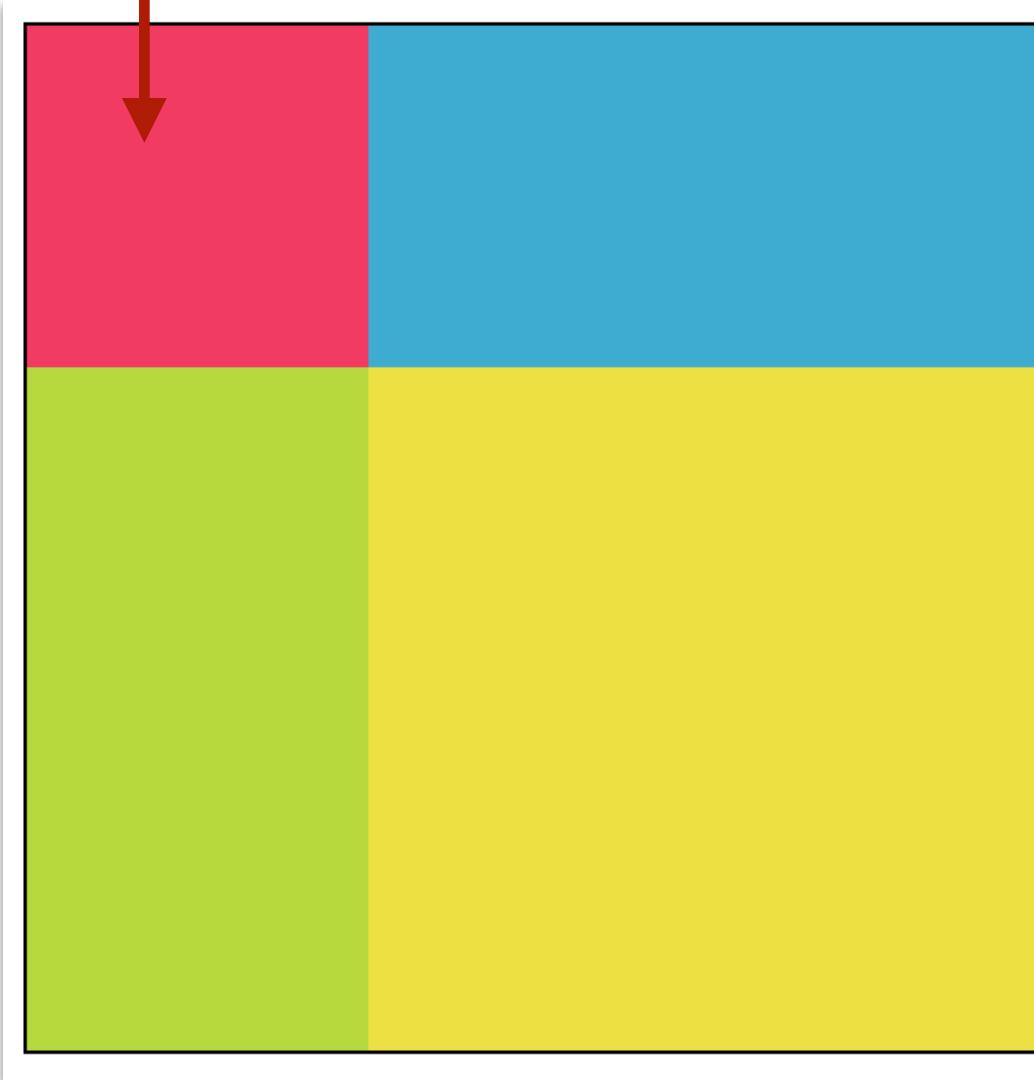
# Stacking elements

- Property: **z-index**
- Value: stack order of the element  
`z-index: 3;`
- Z-index only works on positioned elements!
  - **position:absolute**, **position:relative**, or **position:fixed**

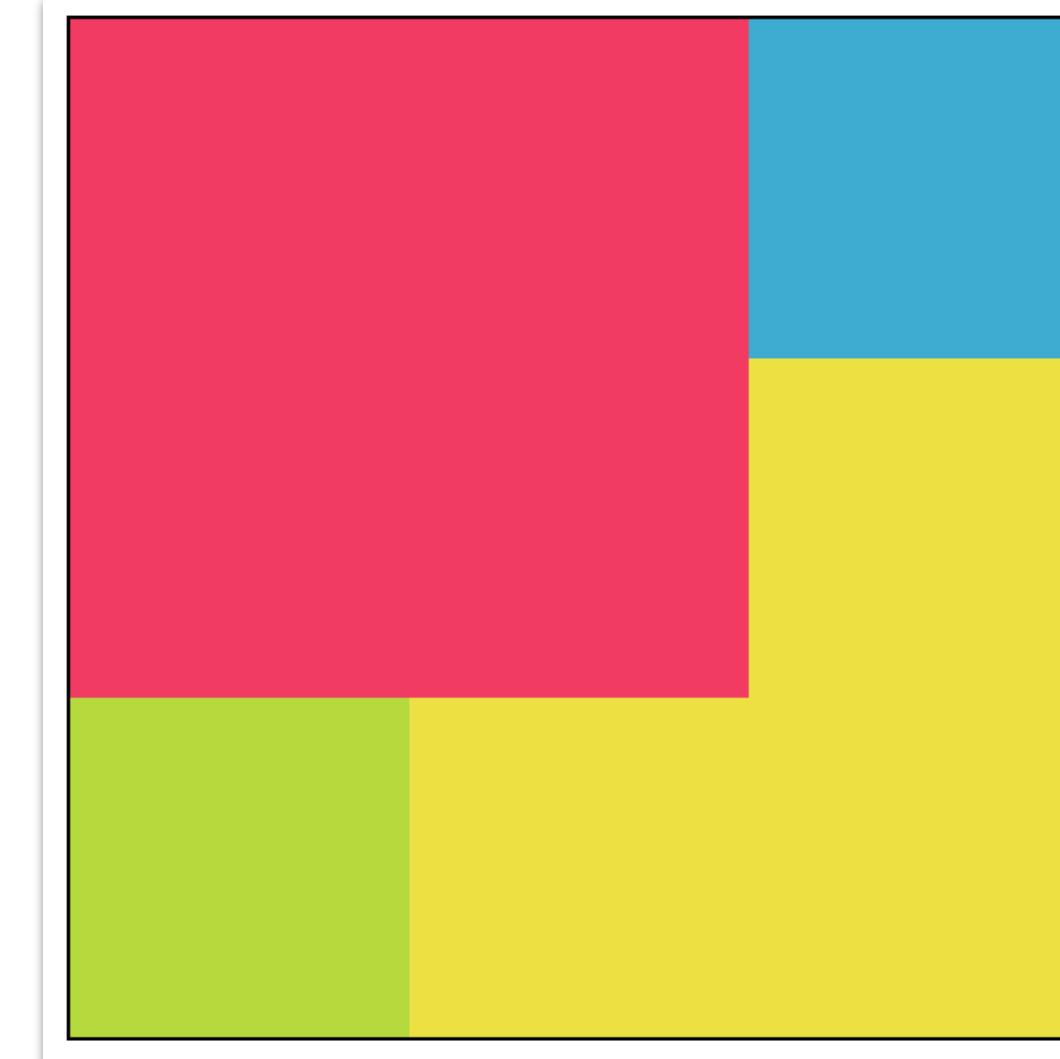
# Example

⌚ examples/css/positioning/z\_index.html

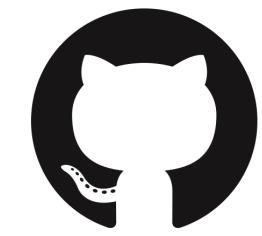
```
#box_1 {  
    background: #ee3e64;  
    position: absolute;  
    top: 0;  
    left: 0;  
}
```



```
#box_1 {  
    background: #ee3e64;  
    position: absolute;  
    top: 0;  
    left: 0;  
    z-index: 3;  
}
```



# **Exercise #3**



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# Icons

# Icons

- Often used for mobile pages, since they take less space.
- **Font Awesome**

HTML file

```
<head>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/
ajax/libs/font-awesome/4.7.0/css/font-awesome.min.css" />
</head>

<body>
    <i class="fa fa-home"></i>
```

- <https://fontawesome.com/v4.7.0/icons/>

# Icons

- Often used for mobile pages, since they take less space.
- **Google Material Icons**

HTML file

```
<head>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://
fonts.googleapis.com/icon?
family=Material+Icons" />
</head>

<body>
    <i class="material-icon">home</i>
```



- <https://material.io/resources/icons/?style=baseline>

# **Some common issues**

# Center align block element

⌚ examples/css/positioning/center\_horizontal.html

- To horizontally center a block element (like **<div>**), use

```
margin: auto;
```

- Center aligning has no effect if the width property is not set (or set to 100%)
- See also [http://www.w3schools.com/css/css\\_align.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_align.asp)



# Vertical centering of text

⌚ examples/css/positioning/center\_vertical.html

- Line height trick

- Set line-height to the parent element's height
- Works only for a single line of text



**HTML**

```
<div>
    <h1>Text to be centered vertically</h1>
</div>
```

**CSS**

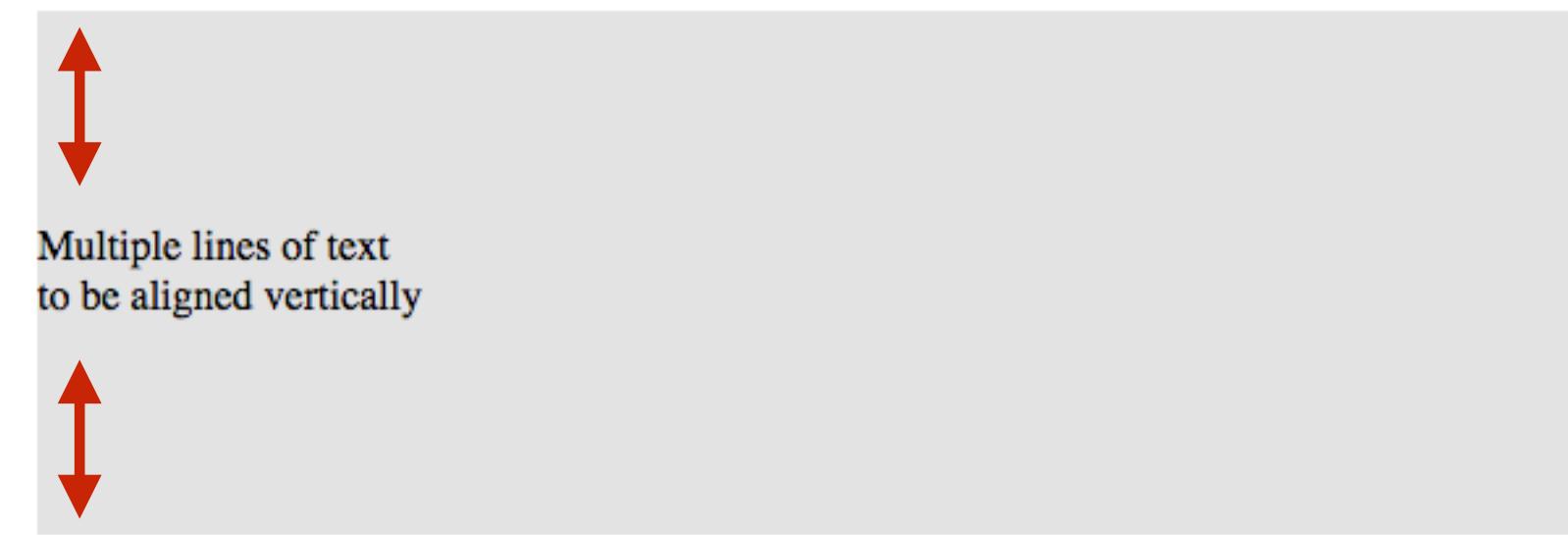
```
div {
    height: 200px;
}

h1 {
    line-height: 200px;
}
```

# Vertical centering of text

⌚ examples/css/positioning/center\_vertical.html

- Table cell trick
  - Let the element behave like a table cell
  - Table cell content can be vertically aligned
  - It is important to add the height of the element



HTML

```
<div>
  <p>Multiple lines of text
  <br />
  to be aligned vertically
  </p>
</div>
```

CSS

```
div {
  height: 200px;
}

p {
  height: 200px;
  display: table-cell;
  vertical-align: middle;
}
```

# Floating elements

- Allow elements to appear next to each other
- **float: left** or **float: right**
- Element is taken out of the normal flow and placed as far to the left or right of the containing (block) element as possible
  - Also set the **width** property (otherwise it'll take up the full width of the containing element)
  - If you want a bit distance from the edge, set the **margin** on the floating element

# Example

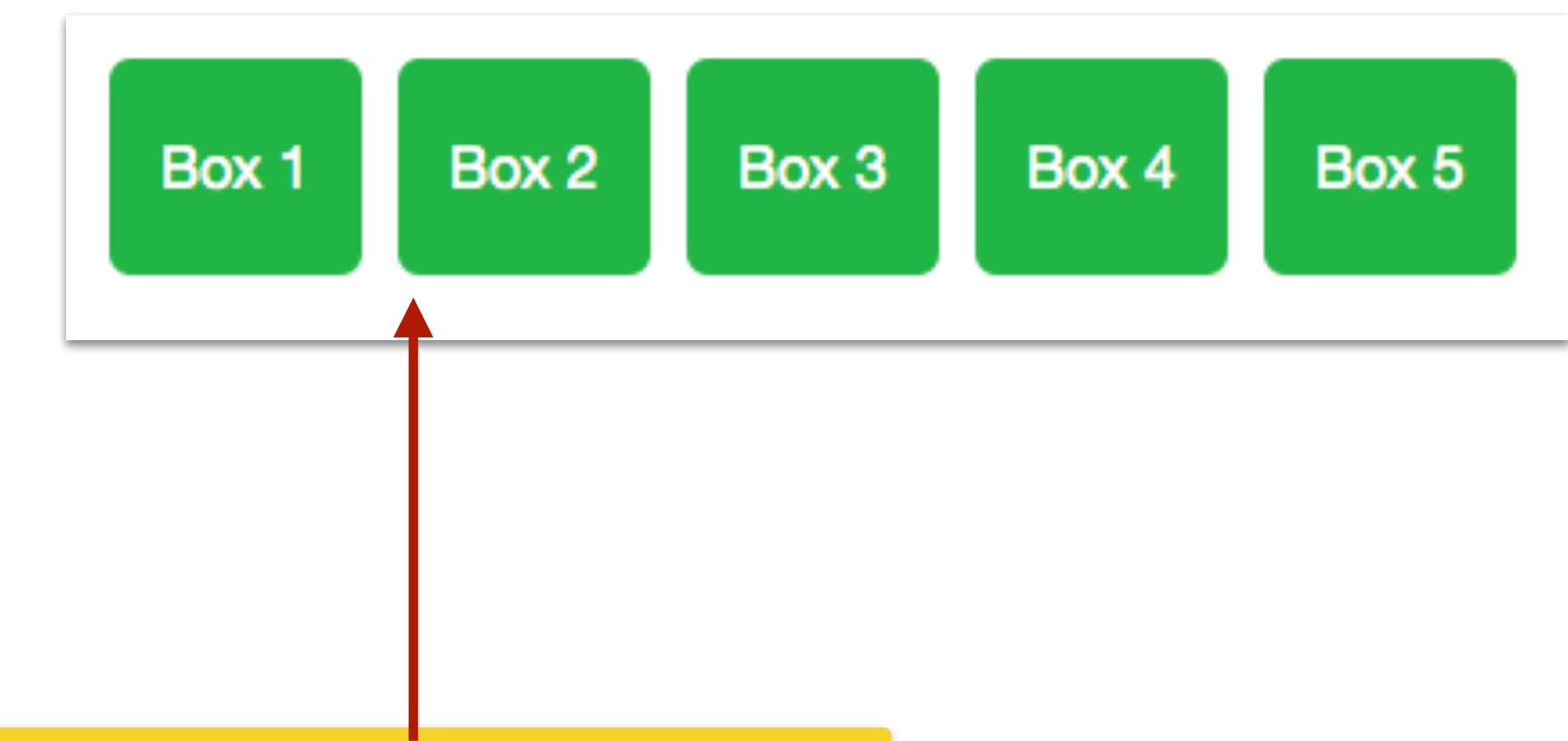
HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
}
.box {
  background: #2db34a;
  float: left;
  margin: 5px;
  width: 70px;
  padding: 20px 0;
  text-align: center;
}
```

The box-set container is supposed to have a colored background?!



# Parents of floated elements

- If a containing element contains *only* floating elements, some browsers will treat it 0 pixels tall
- Solution: "overflow" technique
  - Set for parent element:

```
overflow: auto;  
width: 100%;
```

- **width** is required because of older browsers (doesn't have to be 100%)
  - Parent element will have an actual height this way
- Alternative solution: "clearfix" technique
  - See references slide or google it

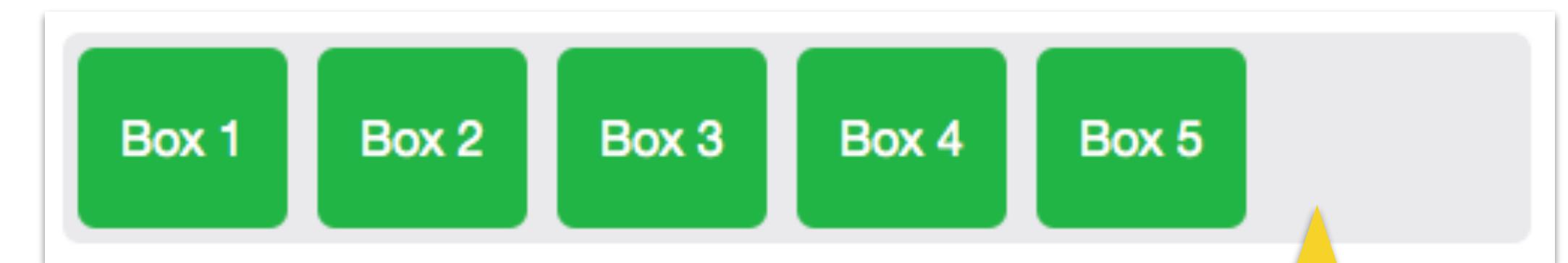
# Example

HTML

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  ...
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

CSS

```
.box-set {
  background: #eaeaed;
  overflow: auto;
  width: 100%;
}
```



Colored background is now visible.

# Clearing floats

- Disallows floating elements from overlapping other elements
- Property: **clear**
- Values
  - **none** — elements can touch either side (default)
  - **left** — no floating elements allowed on the left side
    - I.e., left-hand side of the box should not touch any other elements appearing in the same containing element
  - **right** — no floating elements allowed on the right side
  - **both** — no floating elements allowed on either the left or the right side

# Example

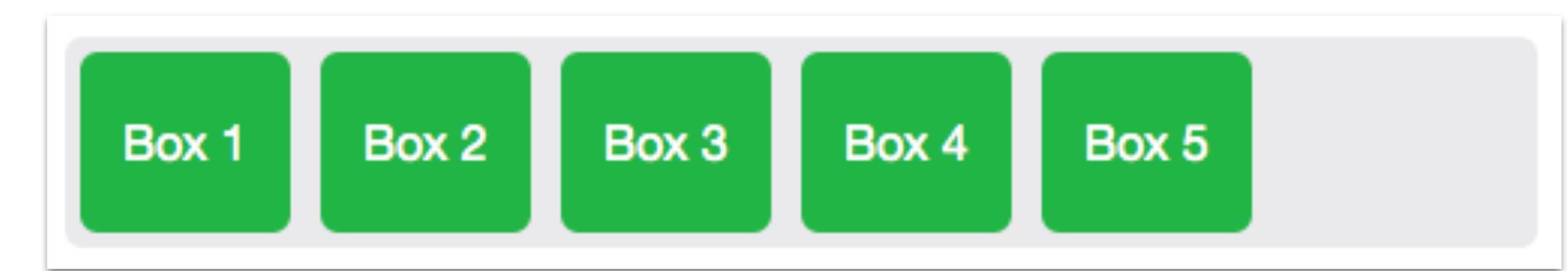
**clear: none**

**HTML**

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  <div class="box">Box 2</div>
  <div class="box clearbox">
    Box 3</div>
  <div class="box">Box 4</div>
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

**CSS**

```
.clearbox {
  clear: none;
}
```



# Example

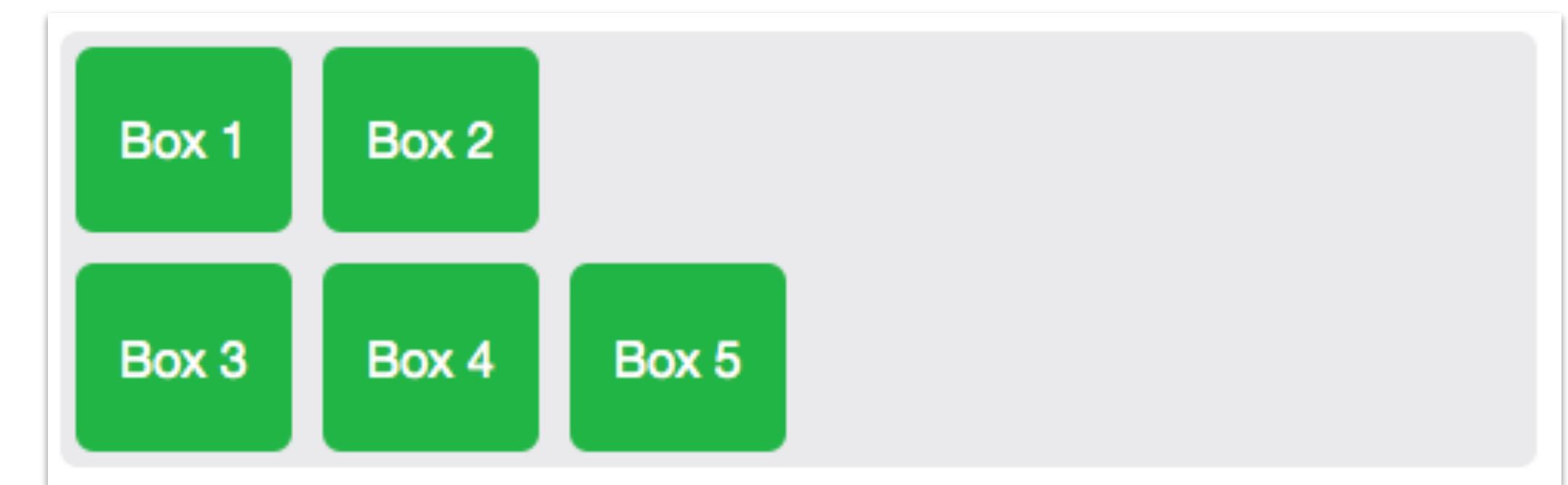
**clear: left**

**HTML**

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  <div class="box">Box 2</div>
  <div class="box clearbox">
    Box 3</div>
  <div class="box">Box 4</div>
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

**CSS**

```
.clearbox {
  clear: left;
}
```



# Example

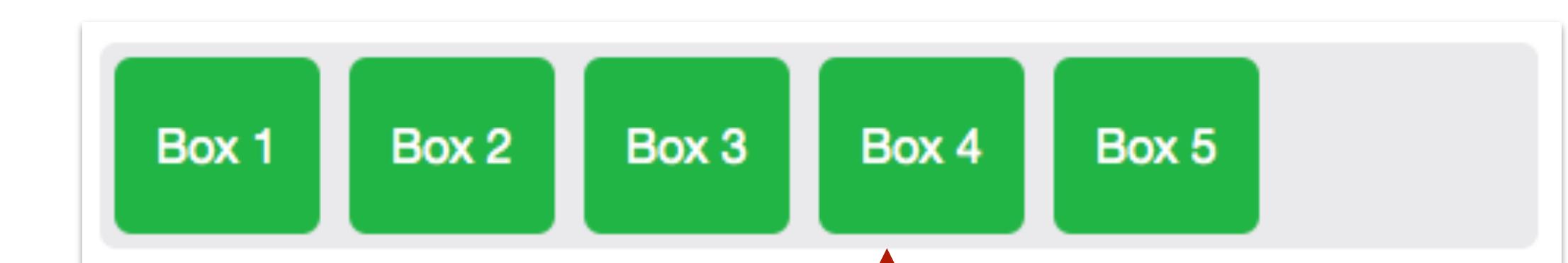
**clear: right**

**HTML**

```
<div class="box-set">
  <div class="box">Box 1</div>
  <div class="box">Box 2</div>
  <div class="box clearbox">
    Box 3</div>
  <div class="box">Box 4</div>
  <div class="box">Box 5</div>
</div>
```

**CSS**

```
.clearbox {
  clear: right;
}
```



Why is Box 4 not in a new row?!

**Clear only clears the floats preceding the element  
in the document source!**

# Wrap text around image

examples/css/positioning/wrap\_image.html

- Float the image (left or right); the text will automatically wrap around it



# **Layouts**

# Page sections

```
<div id="header">
```

```
<div id="nav">
```

```
<div class="main">
```

```
<div id="sidebar">
```

```
<div id="footer">
```

```
<header>
```

```
<nav>
```

```
<main>
```

```
<aside>
```

```
<footer>
```

*Classic HTML*

*HTML5*

# Page sections

```
<div class="article">  
<div class="section">
```

```
<article>  
<section>
```

```
<div class="article">  
<div class="section">
```

```
<article>  
<section>
```

*Classic HTML*

*HTML5*

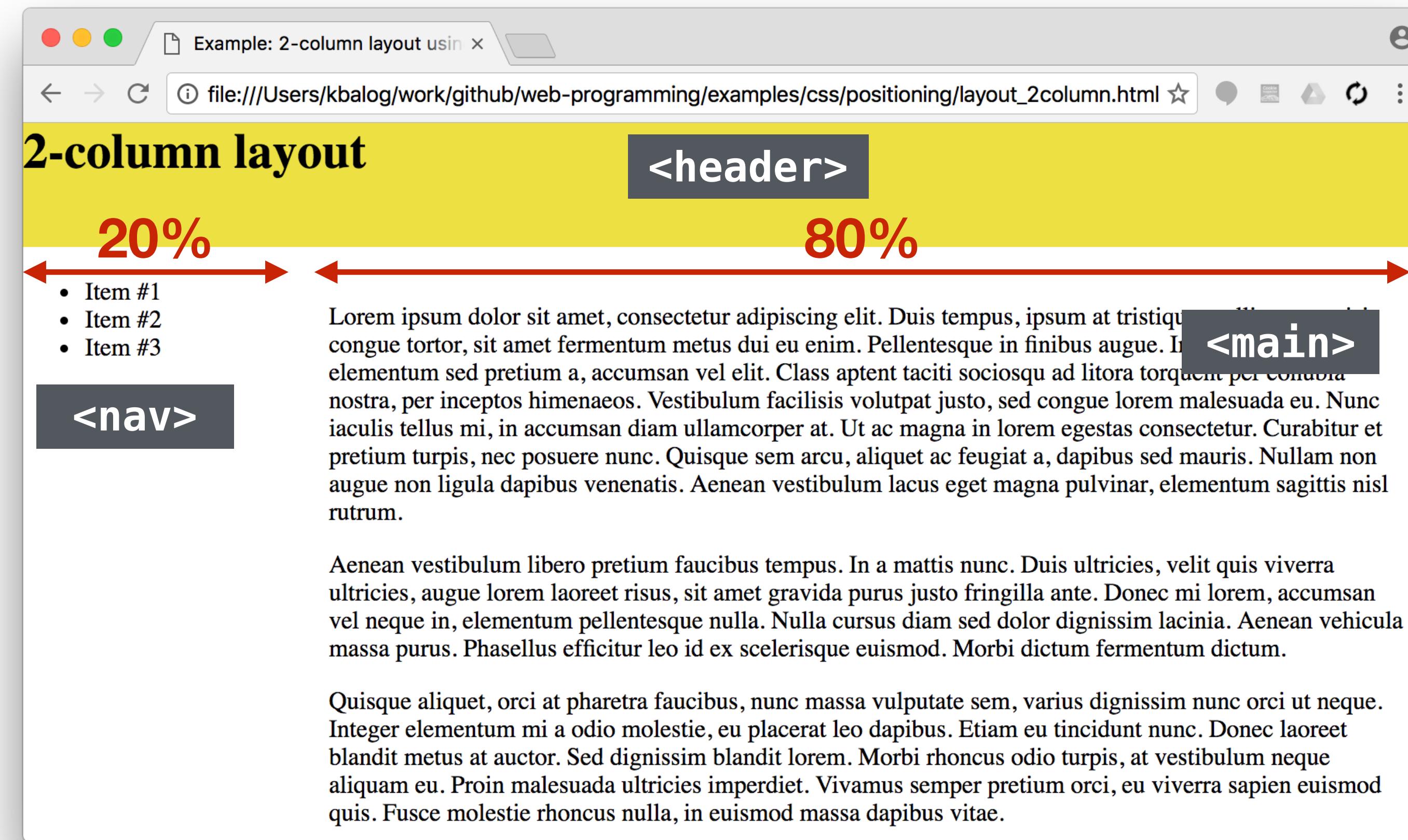
# Fixed-width vs fluid layouts

- Fixed-width layout
  - Components inside a fixed-width wrapper have either percentage or fixed widths. Typically, grid systems.
- Fluid (or liquid) layout
  - Components have percentage widths (in % or em), thus adjust to the user's screen resolution



# Two-column layout

⌚ examples/css/positioning/layout\_2column.html



# Responsive design

- Tailoring layout specifically for the type of screen
  - E.g., three column layout for desktops, a two column layout for tablets, and a single column layout on smartphones
- Using a fluid grid and media queries in CSS

# CSS media queries

- CSS technique introduced in CSS3
- Uses the @media rule to include a block of CSS property only if a certain condition is true
  - width and height of the viewport
  - width and height of the device
  - orientation (is the tablet/phone in landscape or portrait mode?)
  - resolution
  - ...

```
@media mediatype and|not|only (media feature) {...}
```

# CSS media queries (2)

- Possible to write different CSS code for different media types
  - For example

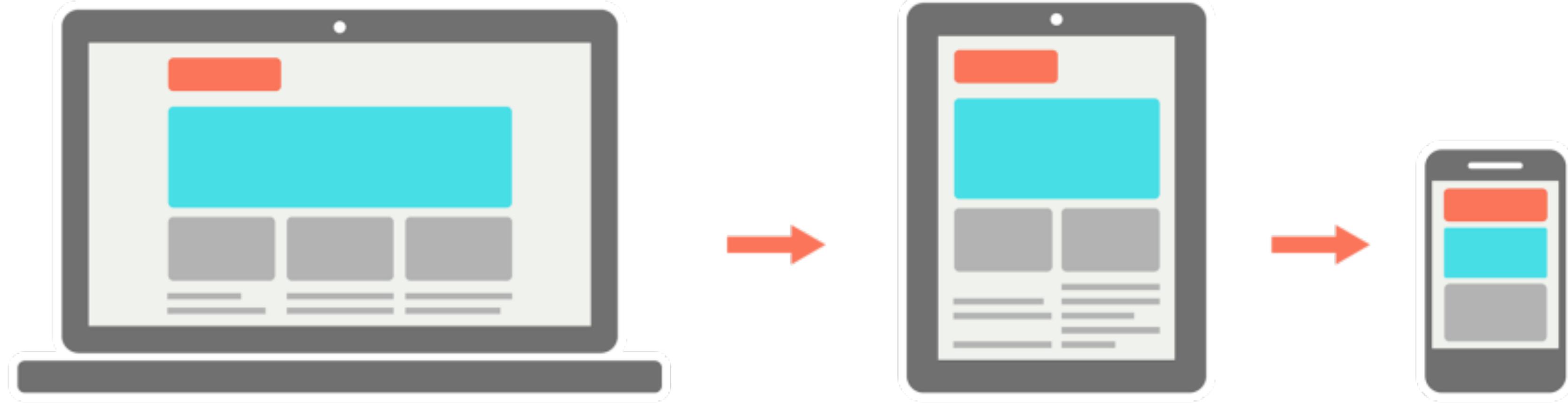
```
@media screen and (max-width: 300px) {  
    body {  
        background-color: lightblue;  
    }  
}
```

Change the background-color if the document is smaller than 300 pixels wide.

- Also possible to have different style files for different media
- See [http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css3\\_pr\\_mediaquery.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css3_pr_mediaquery.asp)

# Mobile first

- Both a strategy and a new way of writing code
- Designing an online experience for mobile before designing it for the desktop
- It's easier to translate a mobile design to desktop than the other way around

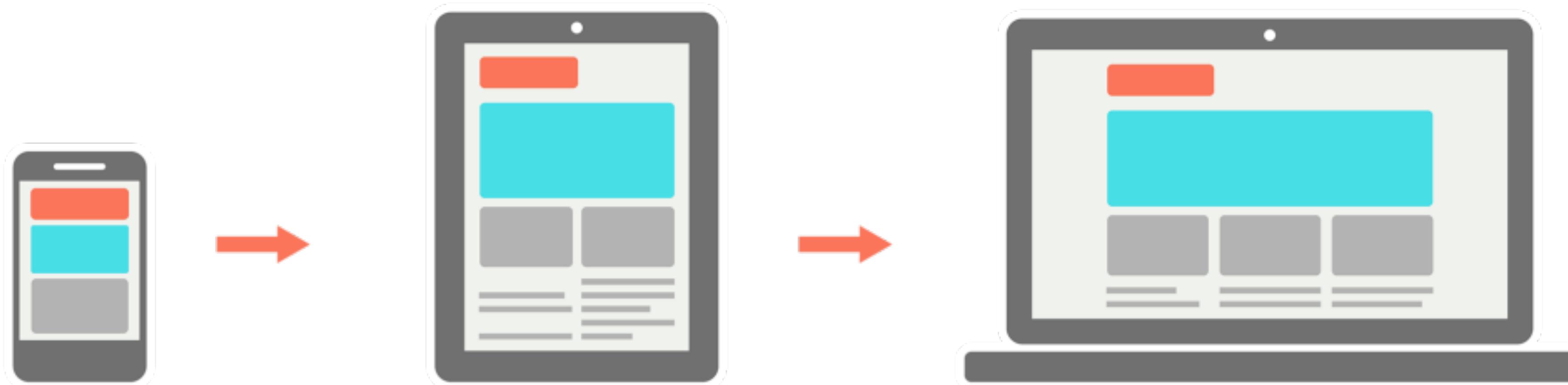


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**Responsive Web Design**

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**Mobile First Web Design**



# Meta viewport

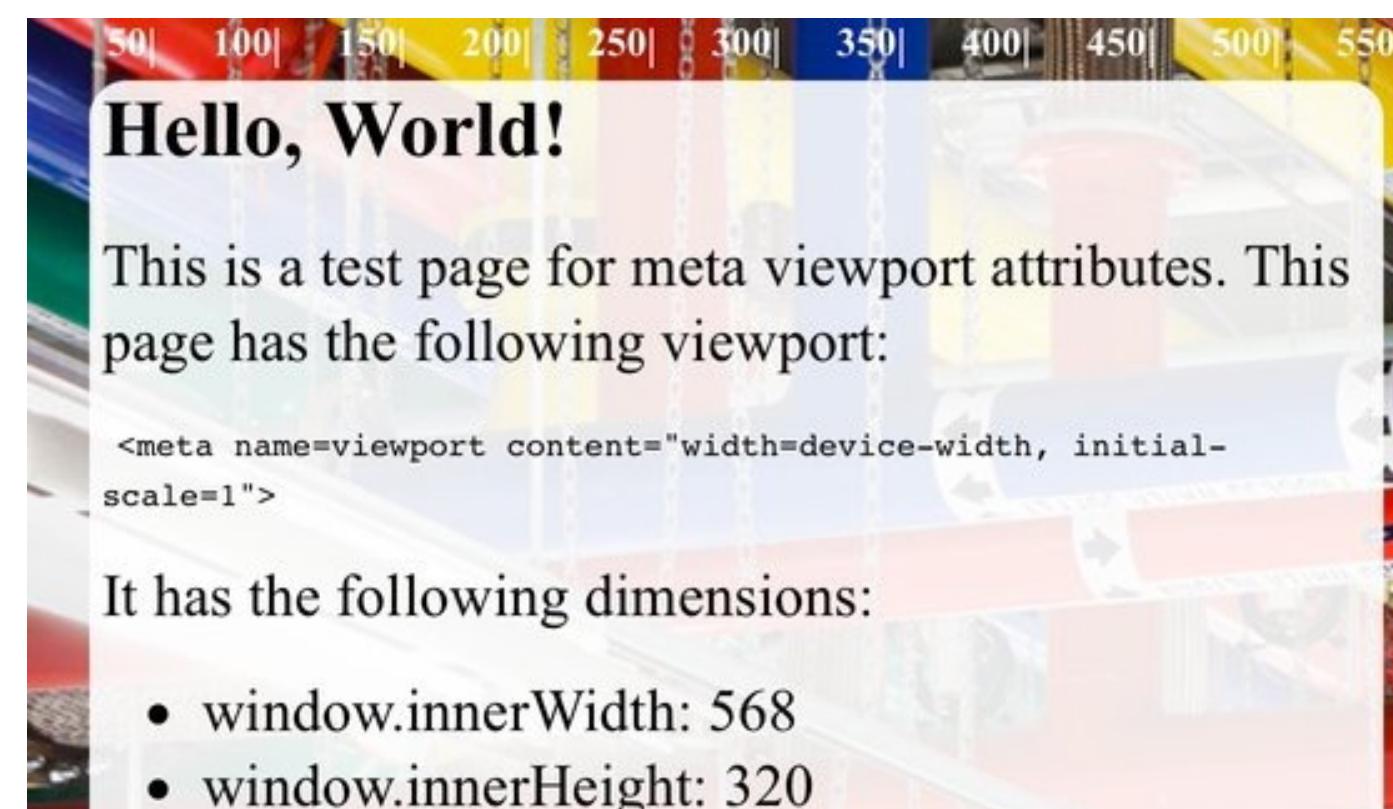
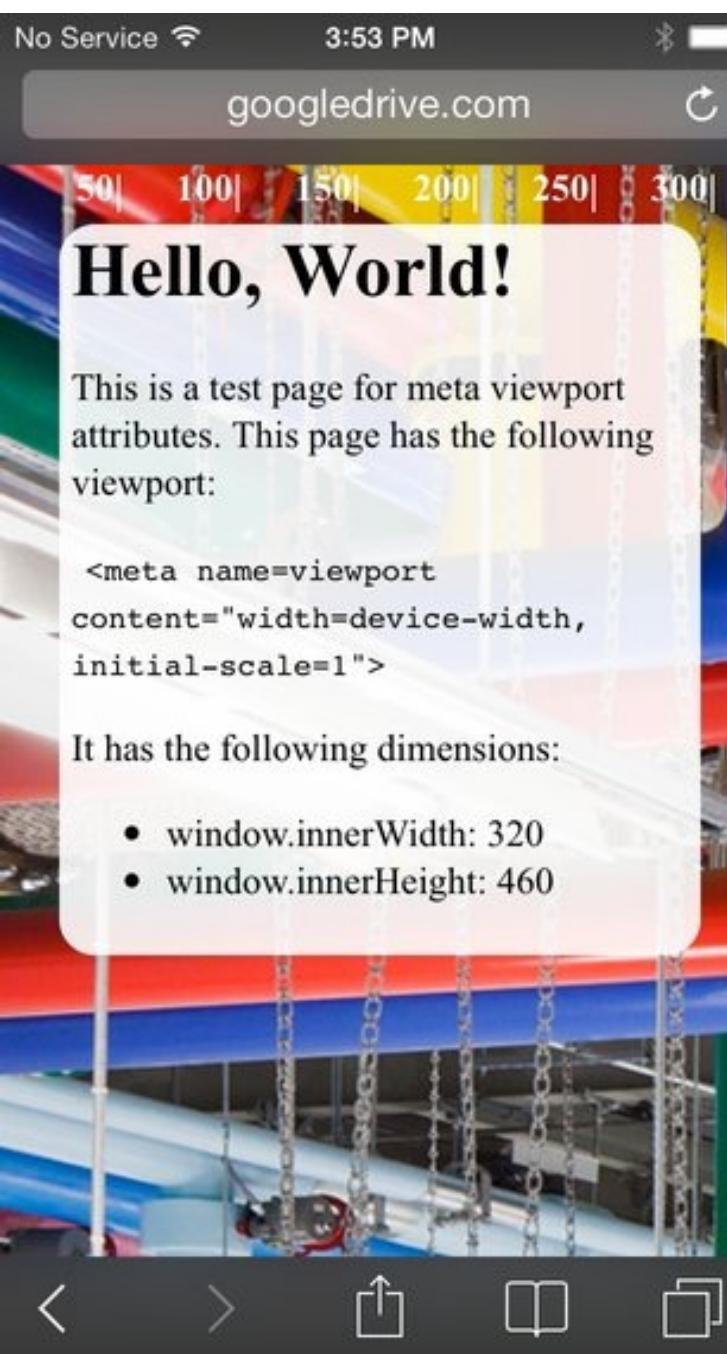
- Pages optimized to display well on mobile devices should include a meta viewport in the head of the document
- Gives the browser instructions on how to control the page's dimensions and scaling
  - Fixed-width or responsive
  - Zoom level

# Typical setting

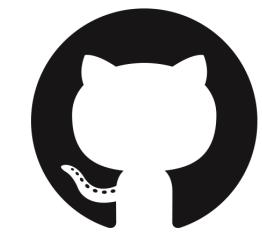
```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
```

width of the page follows the screen-width of the device

initial zoom level when the page is first loaded by the browser



# **Exercise #5**



[github.com/dat310-spring20/course-info/tree/master/  
exercises/css/positioning](https://github.com/dat310-spring20/course-info/tree/master/exercises/css/positioning)

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