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The Basics of Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

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Goals

Introduction to Front-End Development:

- HTML to create the document structure and content
- **CSS** to **control** its **visual/stylist** aspect
- Javascript for interactivity

HTML



CSS

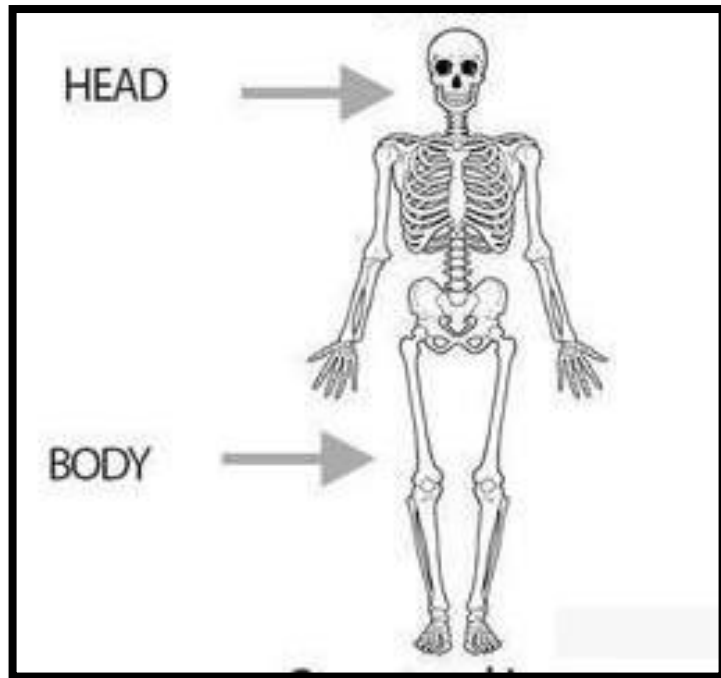


JS



Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- ❑ CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is the **code** that **styles** web content.



HTML

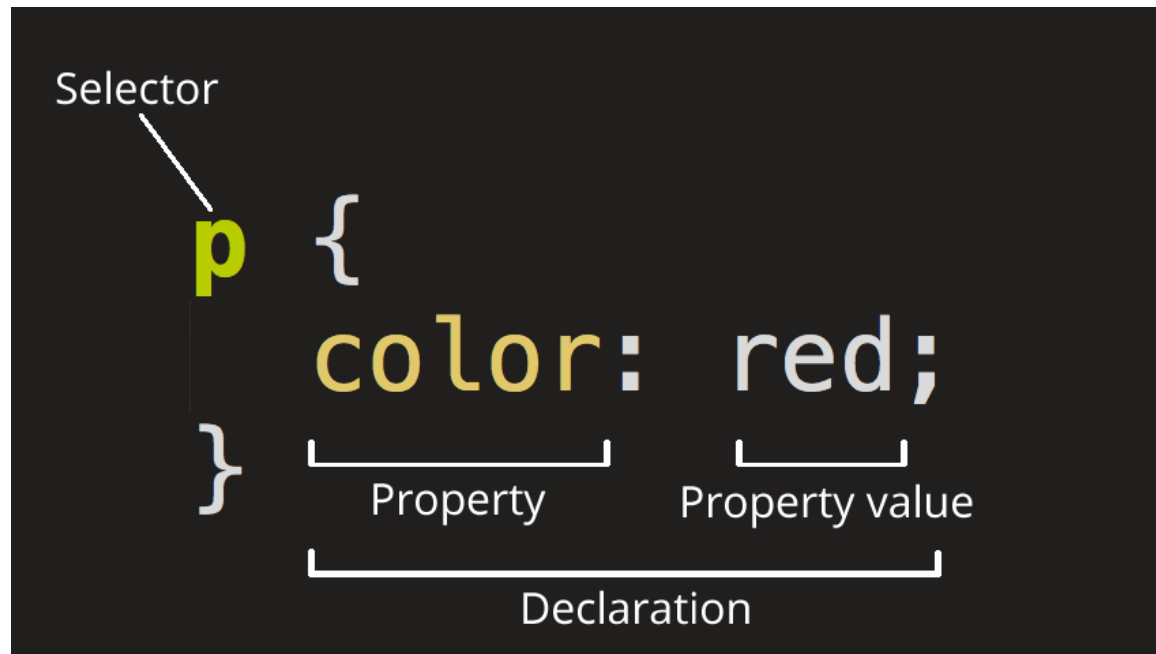


HTML + CSS

What is Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)?

- ❑ Like HTML, CSS is **NOT** a programming language. It's **NOT** a markup language either. CSS is a **style sheet language**.
- ❑ CSS is what you use to **selectively style HTML elements**.

Anatomy of a CSS ruleset



The whole structure is called a **ruleset**.

HTML without CSS

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page</title>
</head>

<body>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```

London

London is the capital city of England.

Paris

Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.

Tokyo

Tokyo is the capital of Japan

HTML with CSS

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page With CSS</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
</head>

<body>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```

```
div.cities {
  text-align: center;
  background-color: black;
  color: white;
  margin: 10px;
  padding: 10px;
}

h2 {
  text-align: center;
  margin-top: 0;
  font-size: xx-large;
  line-height: 1.2;
  color: red;
  background-color: #070707;
}

p {
  font-size: large;
  line-height: 1.2;
  color: white;
}
```

style1.css file
in **CSS** folder

To make the CSS code **to work**, we still need to **link** this **style1.css** file to our HTML document using the **<link>** element, anywhere between the **<head>** and **</head>** tags.

London

London is the capital city of England.

Paris

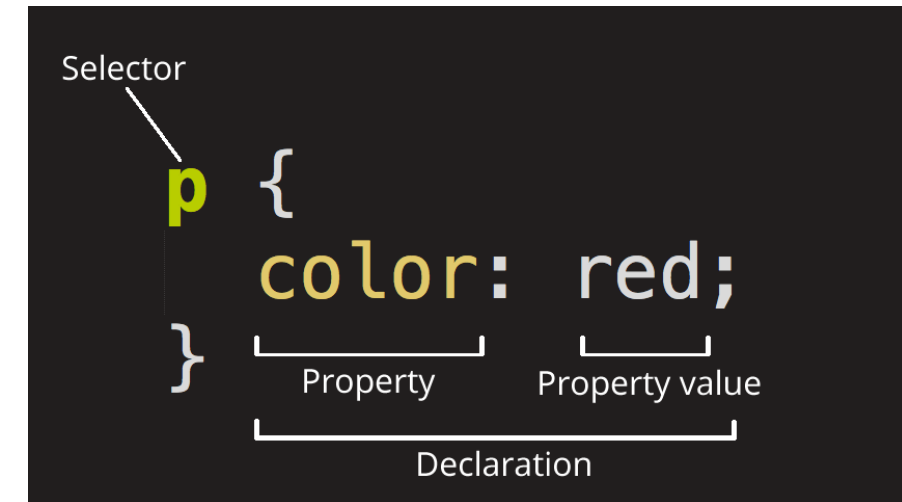
Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.

Tokyo

Tokyo is the capital of Japan

Anatomy of a CSS ruleset

- ❑ **Selector**: This is the **HTML element name** at the start of the ruleset. It defines the element(s) **to be styled...** In this example, is all **<p>** elements. To style **different element(s)**, change the **selector**.

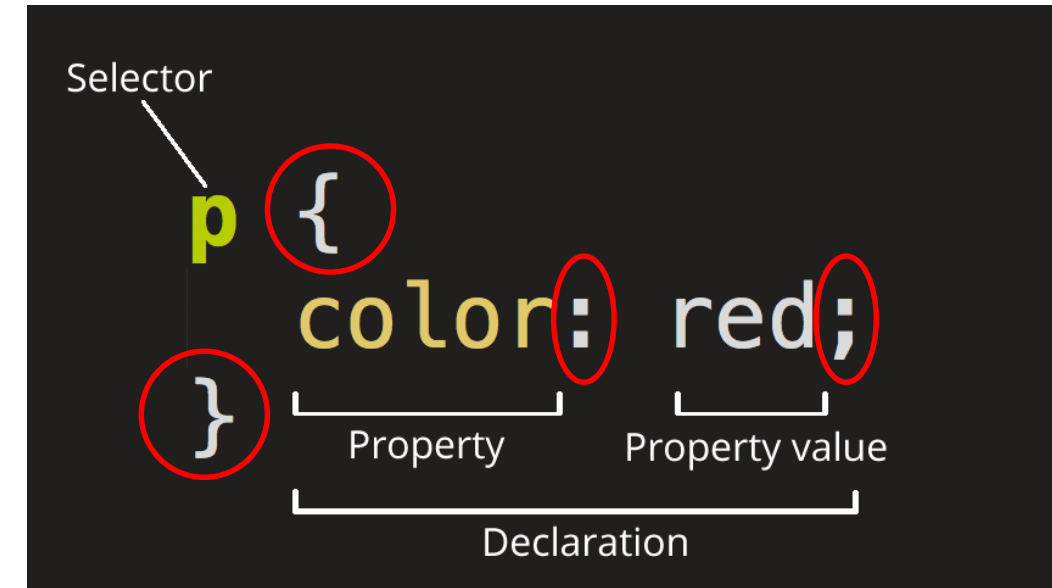


- ❑ **Declaration**: This is a single rule like **color: red;**
- ❑ It **specifies** which of the element's **property** you want to **affect** (in this case is the **color** of the **text** included in the **<p> element**) and the **property value** of how to **style** it (in this case the text of **<p> elements** will be **red**).

Anatomy of a CSS ruleset

Note the important parts of the **syntax**:

- ❑ Apart from the selector, each ruleset **must be wrapped** in curly braces `{ }`
- ❑ Within each declaration, you must use a colon `:` to **separate** the **property** from its **value** or **values**.
- ❑ Each **declaration** should be followed by a **semi colon** `;`



Types of Selectors

- ❑ There are **3 basic types** of CSS selectors:

Element selector (this is the one we've been using)	p	All <p> elements
ID selector	#parag1	element with id="parag1"
Class selector	.parags	elements with class="parags"

- ❑ **class** and **id** are **HTML attributes** that can be used on any HTML element:
 - ❑ **class**: Used on 1 or more elements; identifies a **collection of elements**
 - ❑ **id**: Used on **exactly 1 element** per page; identifies **one unique element**

Types of Selectors

- ❑ In case of **multiple declarations** in one ruleset, you must **use a semicolon (;)** to **separate** each declaration from the next one.
- ❑ You can also select **multiple HTML elements** and apply **a single CSS ruleset** to all of them. **Separate multiple selectors by commas ,**

```
p {  
    font-size: large;  
    line-height: 1.2;  
    color: white;  
}
```

```
p, h1, h2 {  
    color: red;  
    text-align: center;  
}
```

Types of Selectors

- ❑ To select an element with a **specific id** use the **#**. Note that on a given HTML page, each **id** value **should be UNIQUE**.
- ❑ The example at the right side will **apply the CSS ruleset** to the element with attribute **id="id1"**
- ❑ To select all elements with a **specified class** use the **dot .**
- ❑ The example at the right side will **apply the CSS ruleset** to all the elements with attribute **class="class1"**

```
#id1 {  
    color: red;  
    text-align: center;  
}
```

```
.class1 {  
    color: red;  
    text-align: center;  
}
```

Types of Selectors

- ❑ To select all the **<div>** elements with a **specified class** use the **type** of the **element** plus the **dot .** followed by the **class name**.
- ❑ The example at the right side will **apply** the **CSS ruleset** to elements of type **<div>** and with attribute **class="class1"**.

```
div.class1 {  
    color: red;  
    text-align: center;  
}
```

Types of Selectors

- ❑ To select an element but **only when it is in a specified state** use **two dots :**
- ❑ The example at the right side is referred as **pseudo-class selector**.
- ❑ It **applies the CSS ruleset** to an element of type **<a>** but **only** when the **cursor hovers over** the link.
- ❑ Pseudo-class selectors can also be applied on other HTML elements as well (e.g., **<h1>**, **<p>**, ****, etc.)

```
a:hover {  
    color:red;  
    text-decoration:underline  
}
```

Selector	Example	Example description	CSS
<i>.class</i>	.intro	Selects all elements with class="intro"	1
<i>#id</i>	#firstname	Selects the element with id="firstname"	1
<i>*</i>	*	Selects all elements	2
<i>element</i>	p	Selects all <p> elements	1
<i>element,element</i>	div,p	Selects all <div> elements and all <p> elements	1
<i>element element</i>	div p	Selects all <p> elements inside <div> elements	1
<i>element> element</i>	div>p	Selects all <p> elements where the parent is a <div> element	2
<i>element+ element</i>	div+p	Selects all <p> elements that are placed immediately after <div> elements	2
<i>[attribute]</i>	[target]	Selects all elements with a target attribute	2
<i>[attribute= value]</i>	[target=_blank]	Selects all elements with target="_blank"	2
<i>[attribute~= value]</i>	[title~=flower]	Selects all elements with a title attribute containing the word "flower"	2
<i>[attribute = language]</i>	[lang =en]	Selects all elements with a lang attribute value starting with "en"	2
<i>:link</i>	a:link	Selects all unvisited links	1
<i>:visited</i>	a:visited	Selects all visited links	1
<i>:active</i>	a:active	Selects the active link	1
<i>:hover</i>	a:hover	Selects links on mouse over	1
<i>:focus</i>	input:focus	Selects the input element which has focus	2
<i>:first-letter</i>	p:first-letter	Selects the first letter of every <p> element	1
<i>:first-line</i>	p:first-line	Selects the first line of every <p> element	1
<i>:first-child</i>	p:first-child	Selects every <p> elements that is the first child of its parent	2
<i>:before</i>	p:before	Insert content before every <p> element	2
<i>:after</i>	p:after	Insert content after every <p> element	2
<i>:lang(language)</i>	p:lang(it)	Selects every <p> element with a lang attribute value starting with "it"	2
<i>element1~element2</i>	p~ul	Selects every ul element that are preceded by a p element	3
<i>[attribute^= value]</i>	a[src^="https"]	Selects every a element whose src attribute value begins with "https"	3
<i>[attribute\$= value]</i>	a[src\$=".pdf"]	Selects every a element whose src attribute value ends with ".pdf"	3
<i>[attribute*= value]</i>	a[src*="w3schools"]	Selects every a element whose src attribute value contains the substring "w3schools"	3
<i>:first-of-type</i>	p:first-of-type	Selects every p element that is the first p element of its parent	3
<i>:last-of-type</i>	p:last-of-type	Selects every p element that is the last p element of its parent	3
<i>:only-of-type</i>	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
:nth-child(<i>n</i>)	p:nth-child(2)	Selects every p element that is the second child of its parent	3
:nth-last-child(<i>n</i>)	p:nth-last-child(2)	Selects every p element that is the second child of its parent, counting from the last child	3
:nth-of-type(<i>n</i>)	p:nth-of-type(2)	Selects every p element that is the second p element of its parent	3
:nth-last-of-type(<i>n</i>)	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
:last-child	p:last-child	Selects every p element that is the last child of its parent	3
:root	:root	Selects the document's root element	3
:empty	p:empty	Selects every p element that has no children (including text nodes)	3
:target	#news:target	Selects the current active #news element (clicked on a URL containing that anchor name)	3
:enabled	input:enabled	Selects every enabled input element	3
:disabled	input:disabled	Selects every disabled input element	3
:checked	input:checked	Selects every checked input element	3
:not(<i>selector</i>)	:not(p)	Selects every element that is not a p element	3
::selection	::selection	Selects the portion of an element that is selected by a user	3

There are many more selectors to discover....

Types of Selectors: Some Common confusions

```
div.class1 {  
  color: red;  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

Vs

```
div .class1 {  
  color: red;  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

Apply the CSS ruleset to all `<div>` elements with **class = "class1"**

Apply the CSS ruleset to all the elements with the **class = "class1"** that are **children** of `<div>` elements

Note that there is a
comma here

Vs

```
div, .class1 {  
  color: red;  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

Apply the CSS ruleset to **all** `<div>` elements and all the elements with **class = "class1"**

Colliding styles

- ❑ When **styles collide**, the **most specific** rule wins.

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

Specificity precedence rules ([details](#)):

- **ids** are more specific than **classes**
- **classes** are more specific than **element names**
- **Style rules** that **directly target elements** are more specific than style rules that are inherited.

```
<div>  
  <p>Hello EPL425 People!!</p>  
</div>
```

Q: What will be the color of the paragraph's text???

Colliding styles

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

```
<div>  
  <p>Hello EPL425 People!!</p>  
</div>
```

A: Red!

Colliding styles

- However, if style rules have the **same specificity**, the **later rule wins**.

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

```
<div>  
  <p>Hello EPL425 People!!</p>  
</div>
```

Q: What will be the color of the paragraph's text???

Colliding styles

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

```
<div>  
  <p>Hello EPL425 People!!</p>  
</div>
```

A: Blue!

Combining selectors

- ❑ You can **combine** selectors:

```
#notes p.important strong {  
    color: red;  
}
```

Q: What does this select?

Hint: Read from right to left

Combining selectors

```
#notes p.important strong {  
    color: red;  
}
```

A: This will apply the **CSS ruleset** to all **** elements **that are children** of **<p>** tags with attribute **class="important"** that are children of the element with the attribute **id="notes"**

Some CSS properties

There are over 500 CSS properties that you can use! Below are a few examples:

Font face (mdn)	font-family: Helvetica;
Font color (mdn)	color: gray;
Background color (mdn)	background-color: red;
Border (mdn)	border: 3px solid green;
Text alignment (mdn)	text-align: center;

Note: Mozilla Developer Network (MDN) is one of the **best reference** for HTML elements and CSS properties. The actual **W3 spec** is very hard to read (meant for browser developers, not web developers)

Inheritance

```
p {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
  text-align: center;  
  color: white;  
}  
  
h1 {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
  text-align: center;  
  color: white;  
}  
  
h2 {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
  text-align: center;  
  color: white;  
}
```

- ❑ CSS styles **can be inherited** from **parent** to **child**.
- ❑ For example if you want **some CSS styles** to be **used in all elements** included in the **<body>** of your **web page**....

...**Instead** of
selecting **all**
elements
individually

```
body {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
  text-align: center;  
  color: white;  
}
```

....**you can style the**
parent and the **children**
will inherit the styles...

Inheritance

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page With CSS</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
</head>

<body>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```

```
body {
  font-family: Helvetica;
  text-align: center;
  color: white;
}
```

With the above CSS ruleset, **all elements included in `body`** (e.g., `p`, `h1`, `h2`, etc.), will **inherit** the CSS styles declared in the **`body`** selector **CSS ruleset**.

Inheritance

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page With CSS</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
</head>

<body>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```

```
body {
  font-family: Helvetica;
  text-align: center;
  color: white;
}

h2 {
  font-size: 30px;
  color: red;
}
```

Then, you can **override** a style if you want. For example if you **want to make the text color of h2 red** and also declare a new font-size for this, you can declare a **specific CSS rule for h2**.

Inheritance

- ❑ Note that, while many CSS styles are inherited from parent to child, **sometimes NOT ALL CSS properties are inherited.**
- ❑ There's no rule for what properties are inherited or not; the inheritance behavior is defined in the CSS spec.

Generally:

- ❑ **text-related** properties (i.e., **font-family**, **text-align**, etc.) are inherited
- ❑ **layout-related** properties (i.e., **display**, etc.) are not.

Inheritance

- ❑ Also for some elements, the **browser has its own default styles**.
- ❑ For example for anchor **<a>** elements the browser **"silently" loads its own default stylesheet** on every webpage.
- ❑ So to style **<a>** links, we have to **override** the browser default **link style** by **explicitly** setting a color.

Link-related CSS

- ❑ Since we're on the topic of links, lets see how do we style them using CSS.
- ❑ Also we will discuss about pseudo-classes and **how these are used on styling** elements (and not only anchor `<a>` elements).

Link-related CSS

- ❑ When you move the mouse over a link, two things will normally happen:
 - ❑ The **mouse arrow** will turn into a **little hand**
 - ❑ The **color** of the **link element** will **change**
- ❑ **By default**, a link will appear like this (in all browsers):
 - ❑ An **unvisited link** is underlined and **blue**
 - ❑ A **visited link** is underlined and **purple**
 - ❑ An **active link** is underlined and **red**

Pseudo-classes

- ❑ **Pseudo-classes** are special keywords you can append to selectors, **specifying** a **special state** of the **selected element(s)**. For example, it can be used to:
 - ❑ **Style** an element when a **user move** the **mouse over it**
 - ❑ **Style** **visited** and **unvisited links** differently
 - ❑ **Etc.**
- ❑ The syntax of pseudo-classes:

```
selector:pseudo-class {  
    property: value;  
}
```

The **complete list** of **pseudo-classes** can be found [here](#)! Have a look!

Link related CSS pseudo-classes

Syntax	Explanation
a:link	Represents an element that has not yet been visited. Applies only for <a> and <area> elements that have an href attribute.
a:visited	Applies once the link has been visited by the user. Applies only for <a> and <area> elements that have an href attribute.
a:hover	Matches when a user designates an item with a pointing device, such as holding the mouse pointer over the item.
a:active	Matches when an item is being activated by the user. For example, when the item is clicked on.

Link related CSS pseudo-classes

- ❑ You can **change** the **default colors** a link will appear by using the following **CSS rulesets**.

```
a:link {color:green; background-color:transparent; text-decoration:none}  
a:visited {color:pink; background-color:transparent; text-decoration:none}  
a:hover {color:red; background-color:transparent; text-decoration:underline}  
a:active {color:yellow; background-color:transparent; text-decoration:underline}
```


Main ways to define CSS colors:

140 predefined color names (Check this [list](#))

```
color: black;
```

rgb() and rgba()

```
color: rgb(34, 12, 64);
```

```
color: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.5);
```

Hex values

```
color: #00ff00;
```

```
color: #0f0;
```

```
color: #00ff0080;
```

The "a" in **rgba ()** stands for **alpha channel** and is a **transparency** value!

Types of HTML elements: Block and Inline

Each **HTML element** is categorized by the HTML spec into one of following **three categories**:

- ❑ **block**: large blocks of content, has **height** and **width**. E.g., **<p>**, **<h1>**, **<div>**, ****, ****, **<table>**
- ❑ **inline**: small amount of content, with **no height** or **width**: E.g., **<a>**, ****, **** **
**
- ❑ **Inline-block**: inline content **with height** and **width**: E.g., ****
- ❑ **metadata**: information about the page, usually **not visible on the web page**: E.g., **<title>**, **<meta>**

Block elements

Examples:

`<p>`, `<h1>`, `<div>`, ``, ``, `<table>`

- ❑ Take up the **full width** of the page.
- ❑ **Flows from top to bottom**
- ❑ Have a **height** and **width**. Note that height and width **can be modified with CSS and JavaScript**.
- ❑ **Can have** block or inline elements as **children**.



Example: Block Elements

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>Block Vs Inline Elements</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style2.css">
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Great Cities!</h1>
  <h2>London</h2>
  <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
</body>

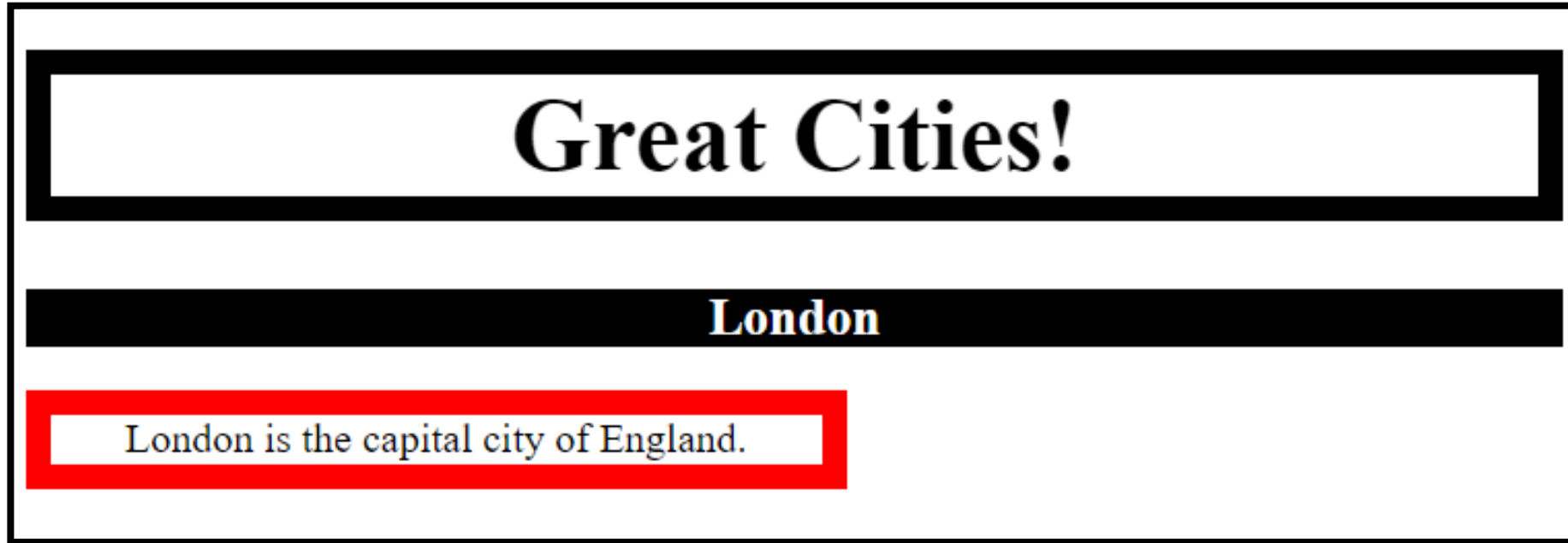
</html>
```

```
h1 {
  text-align: center;
  font-size: 40px;
  border: 10px solid black;
  padding: 20px auto;
}

h2 {
  text-align: center;
  color: white;
  font-size: 20px;
  background-color: black;
}

p {
  text-align: center;
  border: 10px solid red;
  padding: 20px auto;
  width: 50%;
}
```

Example: This is how it will look on the browser



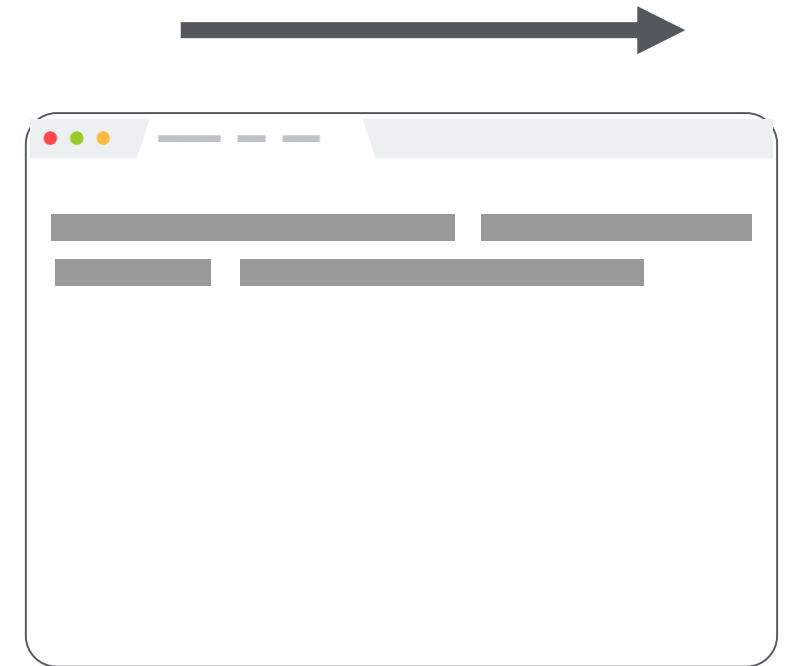
Block-level elements **by default**, unless stated otherwise (i.e., declare size of its width; **width: 50%;**), extends the **full width** of the page.

Also note how **block-level elements flow from top to bottom.**

Inline elements

Examples: `<a>`, ``, ``, ``

- ❑ Take up only **as much width** as needed
- ❑ Flows **from left to right**. If you want to put it on a **new line** then use `
`
- ❑ **CANNOT** have **height** and **width**
- ❑ **CANNOT** have a **block element** child
- ❑ **CANNOT** be **positioned** (i.e., CSS properties like **float** and **position** do not apply to inline elements) → However you can position its container **block** element instead.



Example: Inline

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>Block Vs Inline Elements</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style2.css">
</head>

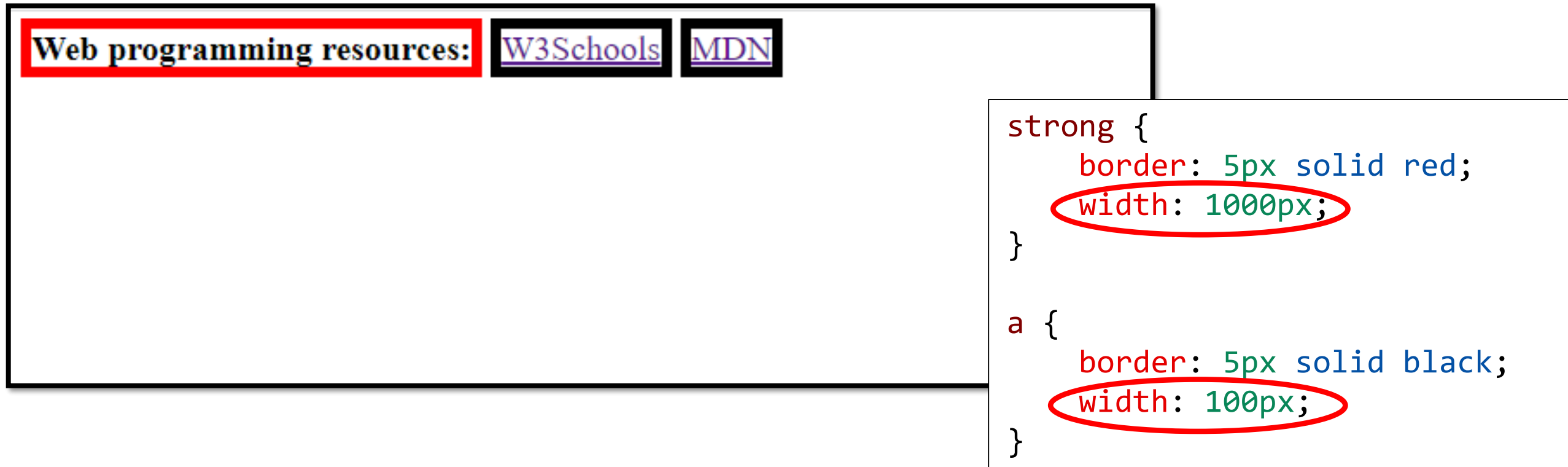
<body>
  <strong>Web programming resources:</strong>
  <a href="https://www.w3schools.com/" target="_blank">W3Schools</a>
  <a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/" target="_blank">MDN</a>
</body>

</html>
```

```
strong {
  border: 5px solid red;
  width: 1000px;
}

a {
  border: 5px solid black;
  width: 100px;
}
```

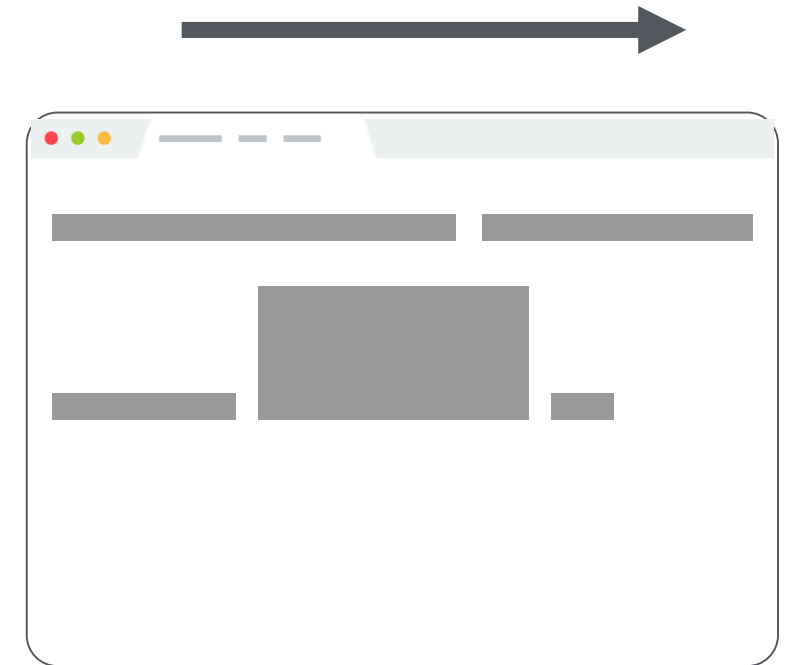
Example: This is how it will look on the browser



Remember **that you cannot** set **width** on an **inline** element, so in this case it is **ignored!**

Inline-block elements

- ❑ Examples: ``, and any element with property `display: inline-block`;
- ❑ Space allocated on the browser is the size of the content, i.e., it takes only as much space as needed!!!
- ❑ Flows from left to right.
- ❑ Can have height and width
- ❑ Can be positioned (i.e., CSS properties like `float` and `position` apply)



Example: Inline-block

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>Block Vs Inline Elements</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style2.css">
</head>

<body>
  
  
  
  
</body>

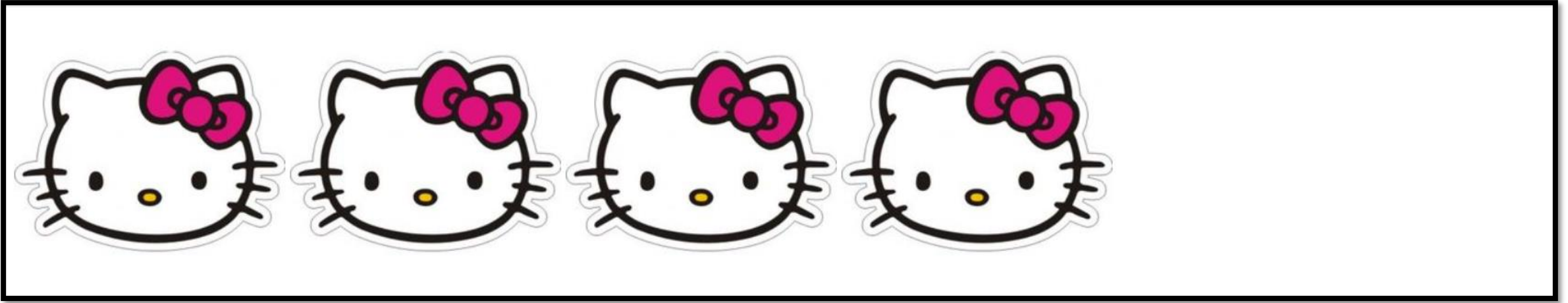
</html>
```

```
img {
  width: 40px;
  height: auto;
}
```

<http://i.imgur.com/WJToVGv.jpg> =



Example: This is how it will look on the browser



You can set **width** and **height** on **inline-block** elements, so image **width** is set to **40px** and **height** to **auto** to **lock ratio**.

inline-block elements flows **from left to right**, so images are right next to each other.

The **display** CSS property

- ❑ You can **change** an element's default **rendering type** by changing the **display property**. Examples:

```
p {  
    display: inline;  
}
```

```
img {  
    display: block;  
}
```

- ❑ The most used values for display are:
 - ❑ block
 - ❑ inline
 - ❑ inline-block
 - ❑ For more details check this [link](#)!

To Sum up

- ❑ **block**: flows **top-to-bottom**; **has height** and **width**. Takes the **whole line**. Examples: `<p>`, `<h1>`, `<blockquote>`, ``, ``, `<table>`
- ❑ **inline**: flows **left-to-right**; **does not have height** and **width**. Take up only **as much width** as needed. Examples: `<a>`, ``, ``
- ❑ **inline-block**: flows **left-to-right**; **has height** and **width** equal to size of the content. Takes only **as much space** as needed. Examples: ``

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

Now that we've explored some CSS fundamentals, let's **start an example** and see **how we can improve the appearance** of the following **HTML document...**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page With CSS</title>
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Great Cities!</h1>
  

  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

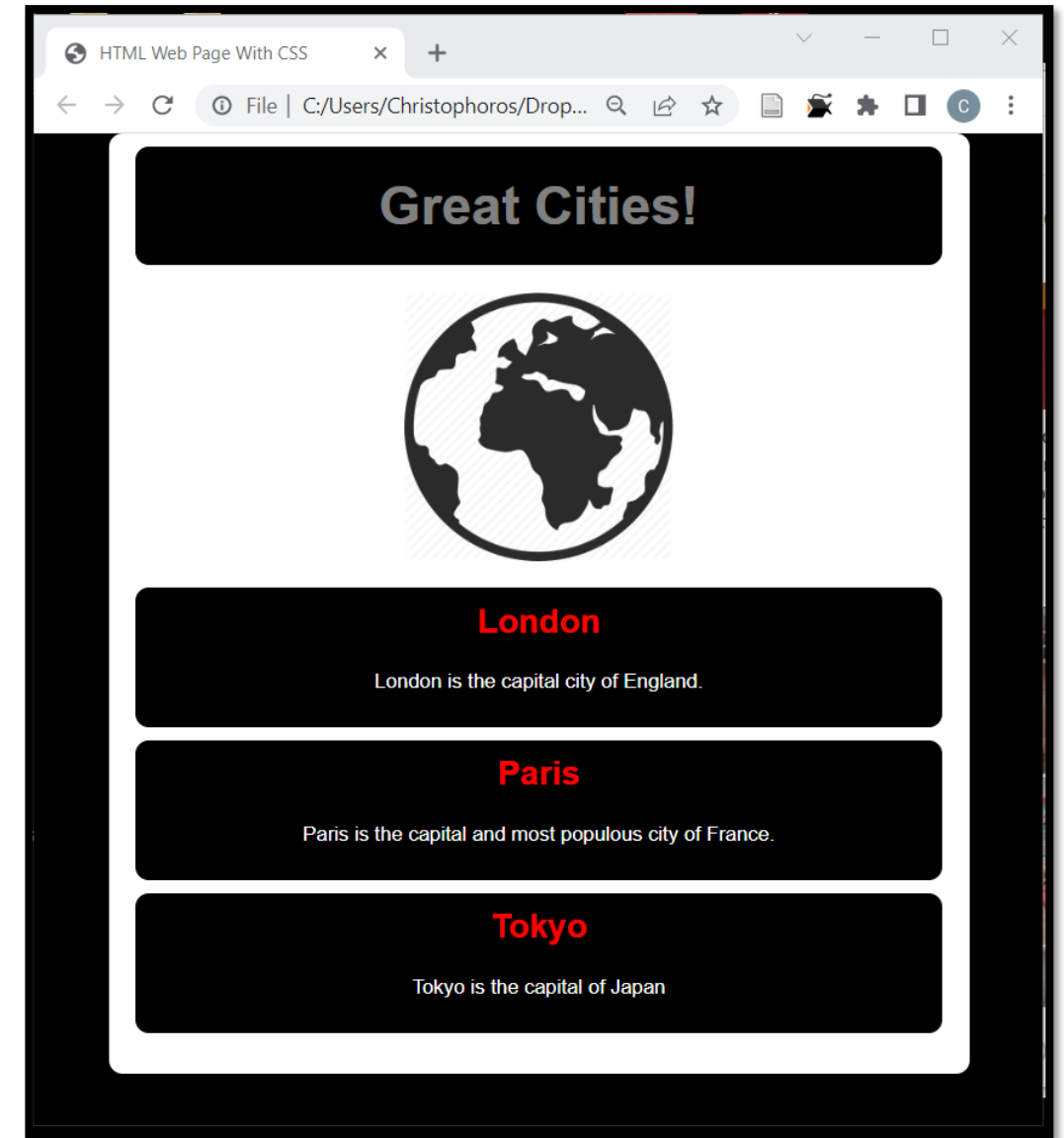
</html>
```

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

...into THIS!!!



...which will
look like this
in the
browser....



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ First we have to **link** the HTML file to the **style1.css** file in which the CSS rules will be coded.
- ❑ This **style1.css** is located in the **CSS folder** of our web site...
- ❑ Add the **<link>** element anywhere between the **<head>** and **</head>** tags.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
  <title>HTML Web Page With CSS</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
</head>

<body>
  <h1>Great Cities!</h1>
  

  <div class="cities">
    <h2>London</h2>
    <p>London is the capital city of England.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Paris</h2>
    <p>Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="cities">
    <h2>Tokyo</h2>
    <p>Tokyo is the capital of Japan </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```


Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ Then start **adding some rules and information** to the **style1.css** file based on **how we want our web page to look like**.
- ❑ Lets start from **changing the html page color**.
- ❑ This **first CSS ruleset**, which is applied on the whole html document, sets a **background-color** for the entire page to **black**.

```
html {  
    background-color: black;  
}
```

style1.css

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

□ Lets continue by styling the body:

□ **width: 600px;** This forces the body to always be 600 pixels wide.

□ **background-color: white;** This sets the `<body>` background color to white

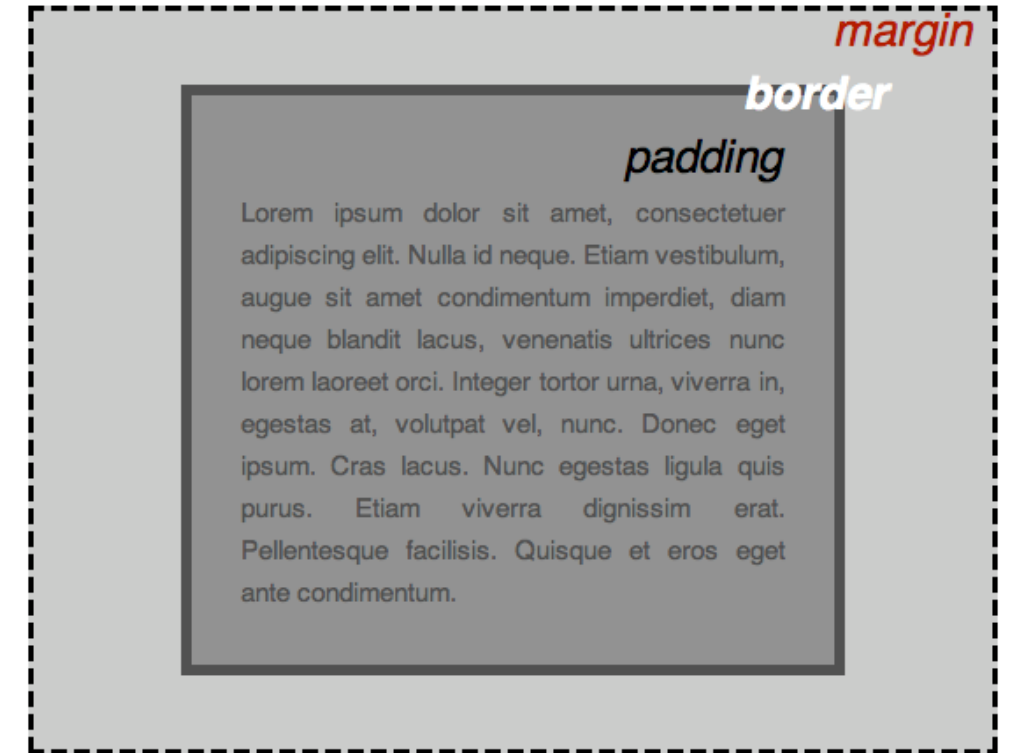
□ **text-align: center; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; line-height: 1.2;** These will style the text of the body.

```
body { style1.css  
  width: 600px;  
  background-color: white;  
  text-align: center;  
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
  line-height: 1.2;  
  margin: 0 auto;  
  padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;  
  border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

□ All the **text-related** attributes will be also **inherited** to the child elements of `<body>` element, like `<div>`, `<h1>`, `<h2>`, and `<p>` elements.

The Box Model (margin, padding and border)

- ❑ **CSS layout** is mostly based on the *box model*. Each element taking up space on your page has properties like:
 - ❑ **margin**, the **space outside** of the **element's border**.
 - ❑ **padding**, the **space around** **the element's content** from the **element's border**. In the example provided, it is the **space around** the **paragraph text**.
 - ❑ **border**, the solid line that defines the **space allocated** by the **element**.



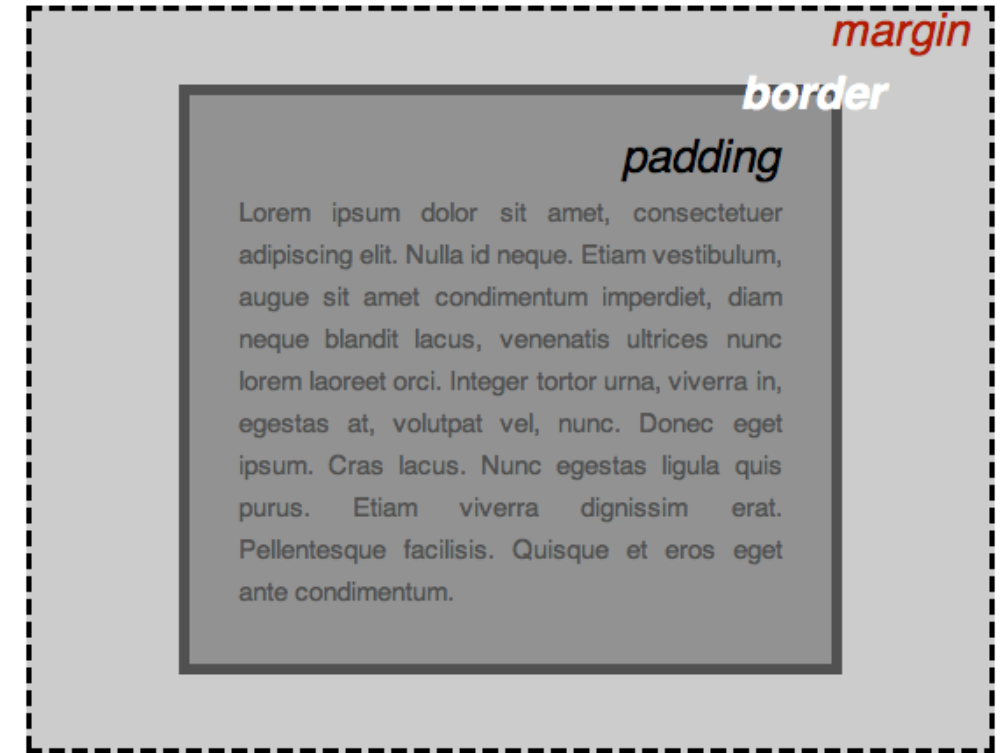
margin

margin is the space between the element's **border** and **other elements**.

- ❑ Can specify **margin-top**, **margin-bottom**, **margin-left**, **margin-right**, individually.

There's also a shorthand:

- ❑ **margin: 2px 4px 3px 1px;**
 top | right | bottom | left
- ❑ **margin: 10px 2px;**
 top+bottom | left+right



Note: There is also the case of a **negative margin!!! We try this later to see what happens!!!**

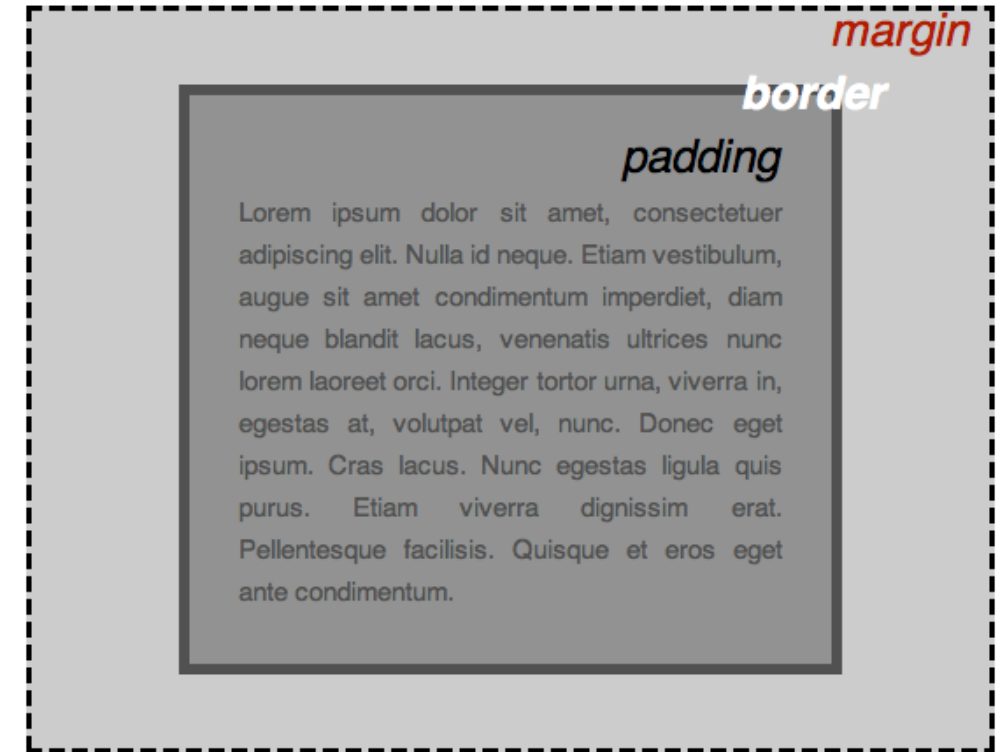
padding

padding is the space between the **element's border** and **the element's content**.

- ❑ Can specify **padding-top**, **padding-bottom**, **padding-left**, **padding-right**, **individually**

There's also a shorthand:

- ❑ **padding**: **2px** **4px** **3px** **1px**;
top | **right** | **bottom** | **left**
- ❑ **padding**: **10px** **2px**; <-
top+bottom | **left+right**



border (setting width style color)

Shorthand: border: *width style color*;

Example: border: 3px dotted black;

You can also **set each property individually** (See [all styles](#))

border-style: dotted;

border-width: 5px;

border-color: black;

Can also **specify each border individually:**

border-top

border-bottom

border-left

border-right

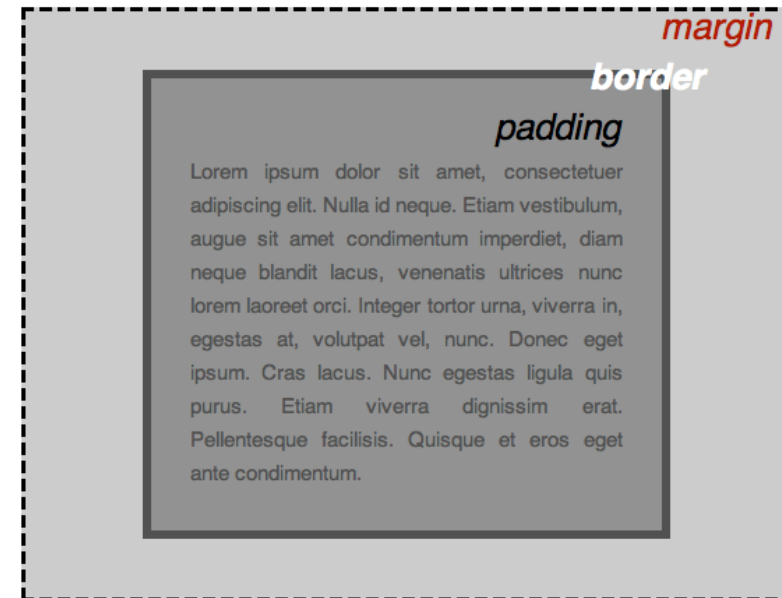
Can also specify the
border-radius to make
rounded corners:
border-radius: 5px;

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- **margin: 0 auto;** The **first value** affects the **element's top and bottom side** (setting it to 0 pixels in this case); the **second value** affects the **left and right side**.
- Here, **auto** is a special value that **divides the available horizontal space evenly** between **left** and **right**, thus putting the body **in the center of the HTML page**.

```
body {
    width: 600px;
    background-color: white;
    text-align: center;
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    line-height: 1.2;
    margin: 0 auto;
    padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;
    border-radius: 10px;
}
```

style1.css



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

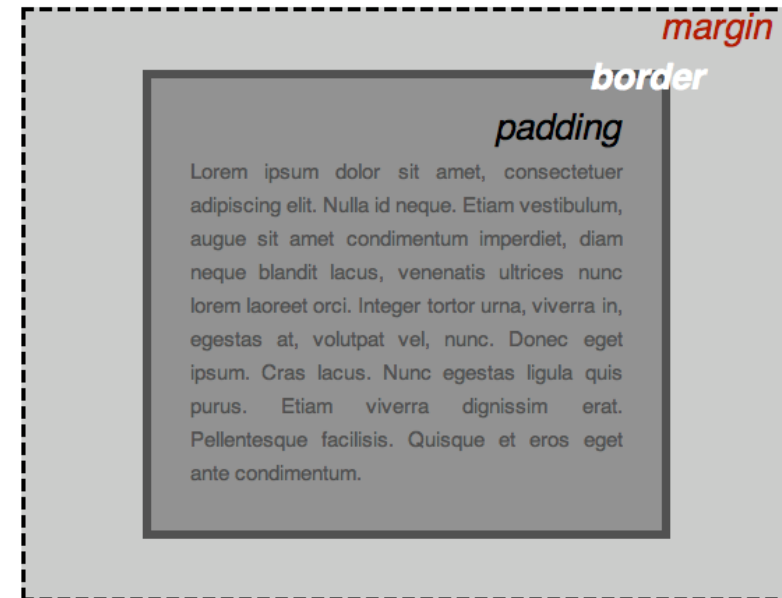
❑ **padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;**

This sets four values for padding.

❑ The goal is to **put some space around the content from the borders** of its container (i.e., from the **<body>** border).

❑ In this example, there is 10 pixels from the top of the body, and 20 pixels from the right, bottom and left.

```
body { style1.css
  width: 600px;
  background-color: white;
  text-align: center;
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
  line-height: 1.2;
  margin: 0 auto;
  padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;
  border-radius: 10px;
}
```



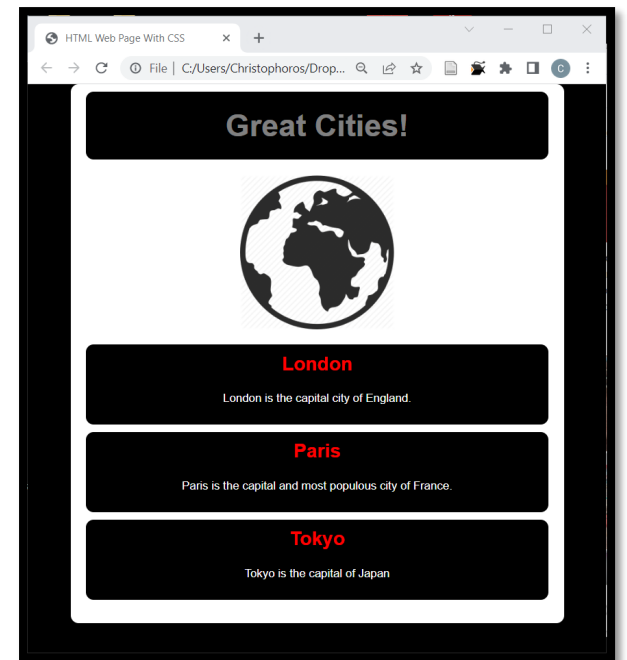
Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ **border-radius: 10px;** This property defines the radius of the element's **corners**.
- ❑ It allows you to add **rounded corners** to elements!
- ❑ This property can have from one to four values.
- ❑ One value **border-radius: 10px;** means that the value **applies to all four corners**, which are rounded equally.

```
body {  
    width: 600px;  
    background-color: white;  
    text-align: center;  
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
    line-height: 1.2;  
    margin: 0 auto;  
    padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

style1.css

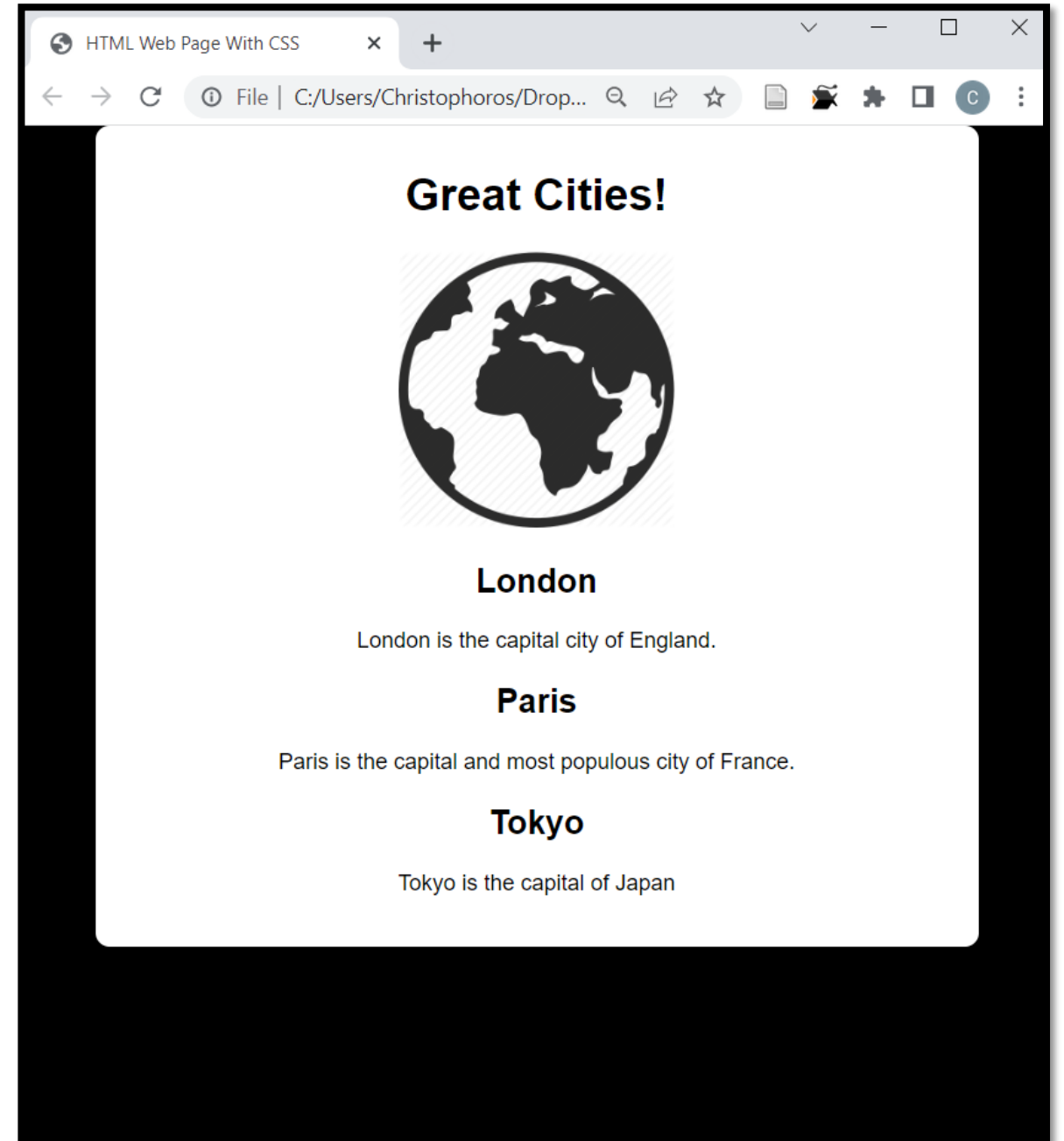
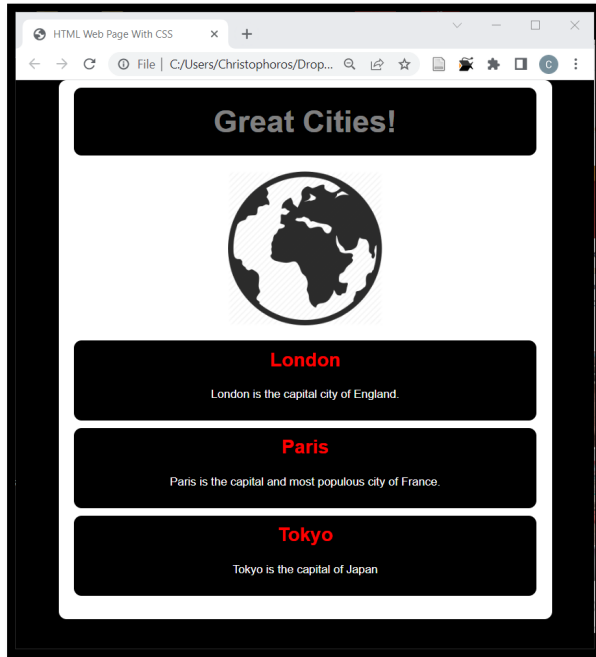
This is the
desired



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ Our work in progress, with the previous CSS rules applied will look like this....

This is the
desired

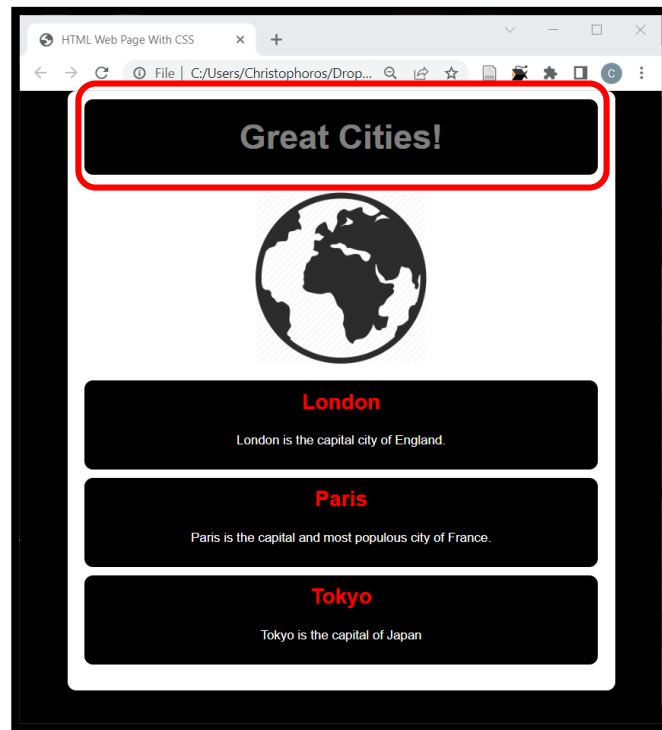


Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- Lets continue from styling the `<h1>` element, which **includes** the title that will be displayed on the top web page....

```
h1 {  
    font-size: 40px;  
    background-color: black;  
    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.5);  
    padding: 20px 20px;  
    margin: 0;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

style1.css



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

```
h1 {                                     style1.css
    font-size: 40px;
    background-color: black;
    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.5);
    padding: 20px 20px;
    margin: 0;
    border-radius: 10px;
}
```

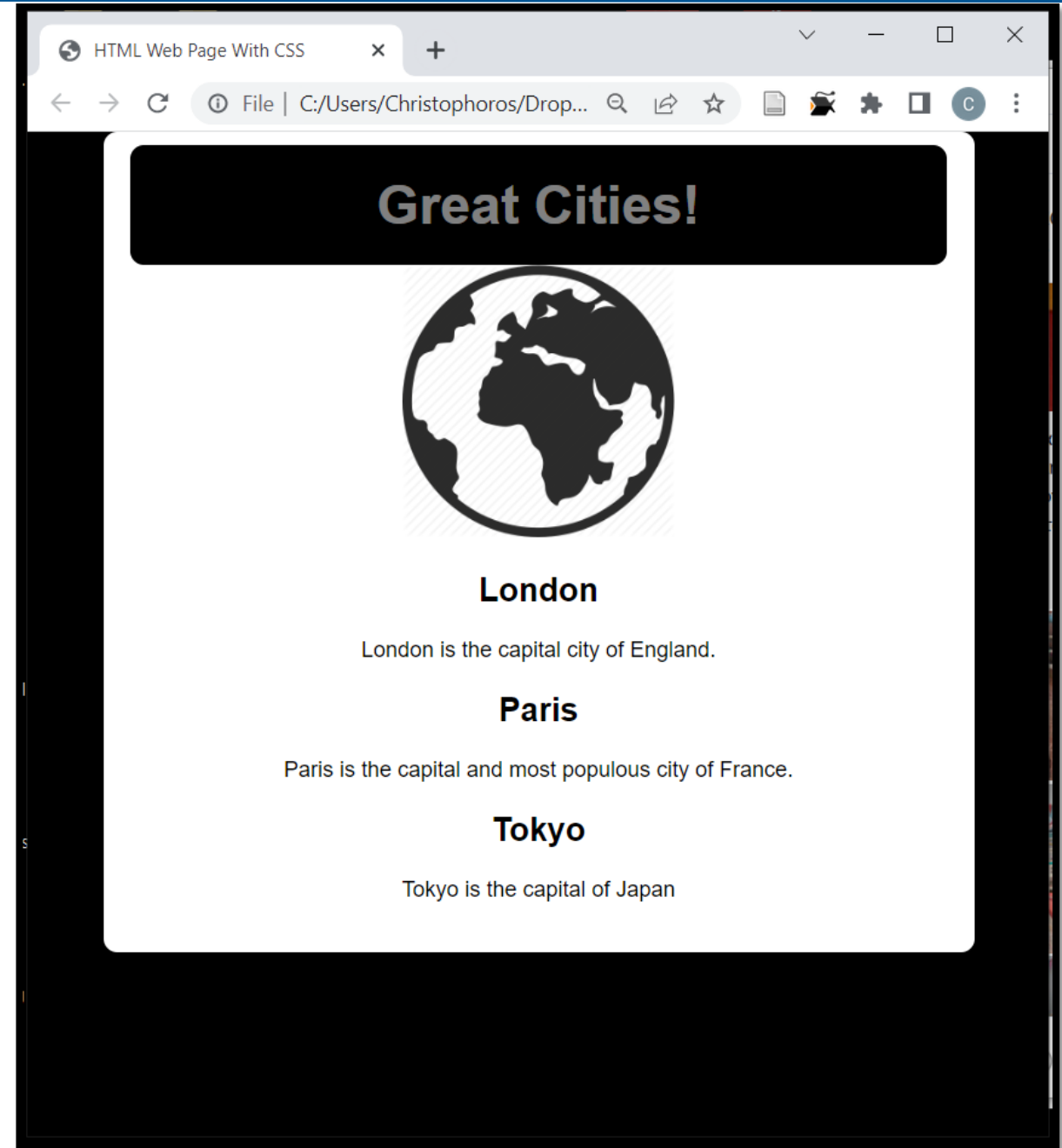
color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.5);

The text **color** of `<h1>` elements will be **white with transparency 50%!**

The "a" in rgba (), which has the value **0.5** in the declaration provided in the CSS ruleset, stands for **alpha channel** and is a **transparency**.

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ Our work in progress, with the h1 rule applied will now look like this....



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

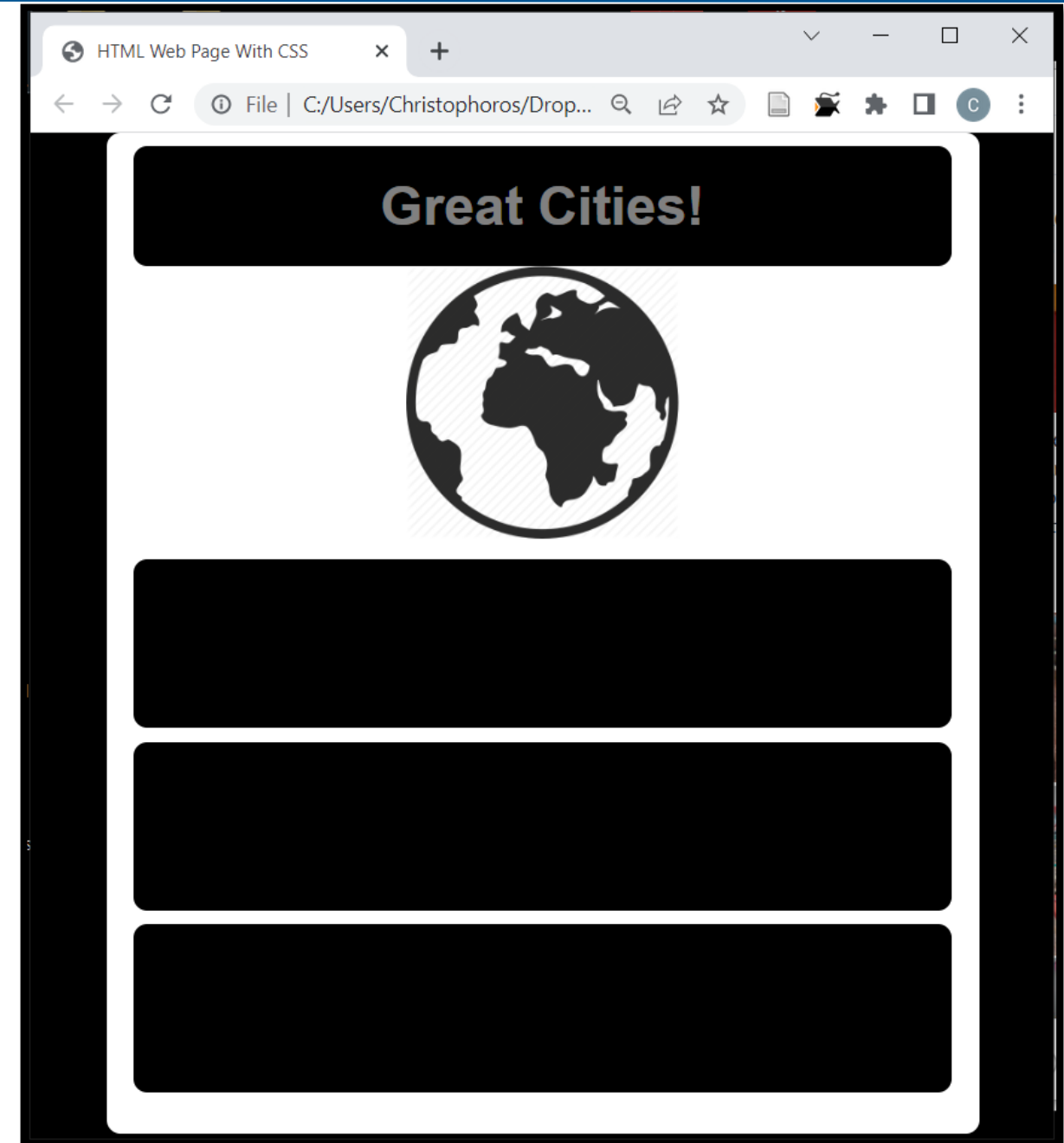
- Lets continue from styling the **<div>** elements with **class** name **cities**....

```
div.cities {  
    background-color: black;  
    margin: 10px 0;  
    padding: 10px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

style1.css

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ Our work in progress, with the **div.cities** **CSS ruleset** applied will now look like this....



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

```
div.cities {  
    background-color: black;  
    margin: 10px 0;  
    padding: 10px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

```
div.cities {  
    background-color: black;  
    padding: 10px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

style1.css

Note: With **margin** attribute we add space between the elements, so as not to **sit flush** against each other.

In the example at the right, we did not add **margins** between the **div.cities** elements....

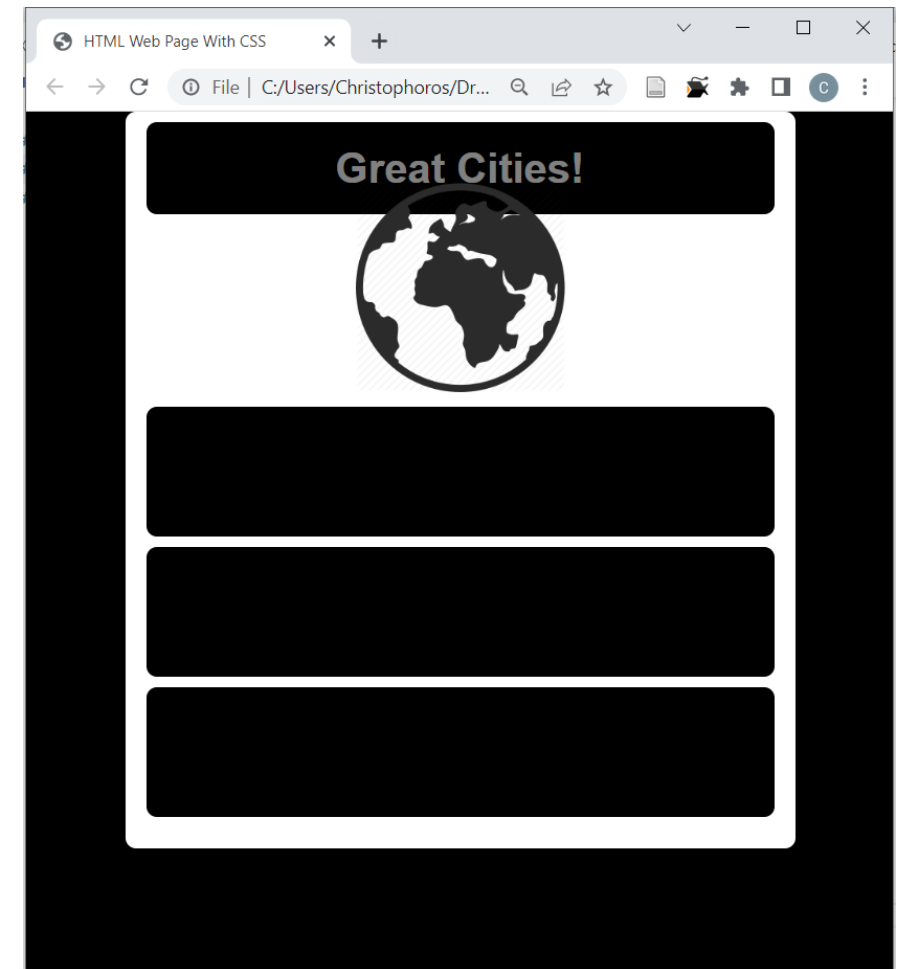


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```
img {  
    margin-top: -30px;  
}
```

style1.css

Note: Also **margins** can be **negative**.
See how the image flows on top of **<h1>** element



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

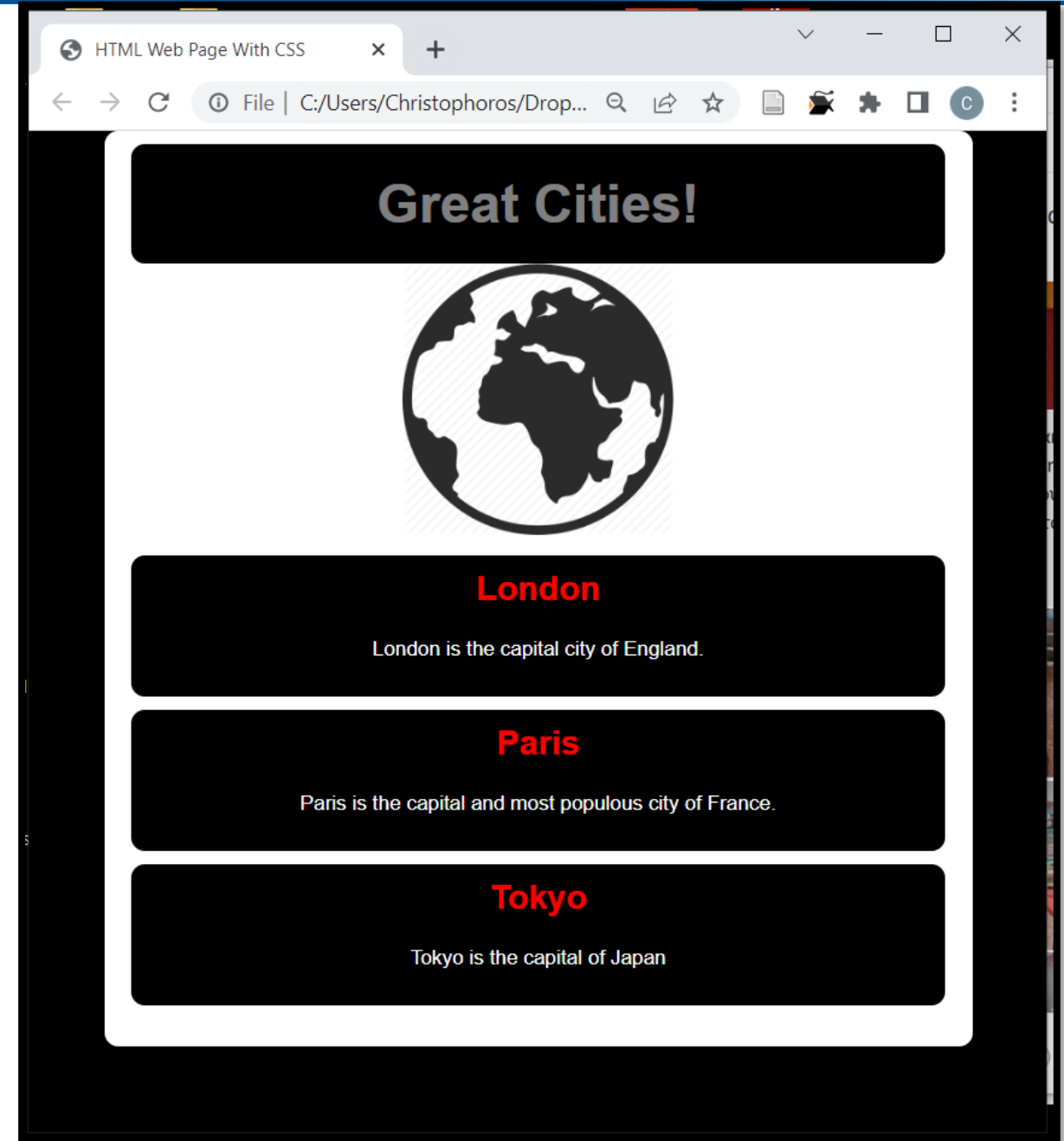
- Lets continue from styling the **<h2>** and **<p>** elements....

```
h2 {  
    margin-top: 0;  
    font-size: 25px;  
    color: red;  
}  
  
p {  
    font-size: 15px;  
    color: white;  
}
```

style1.css

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ Our work in progress, with the **h2** and **p** **CSS rulesets** applied will now look like this....



Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ And finally lets **put some margins around the image** to make it look better....

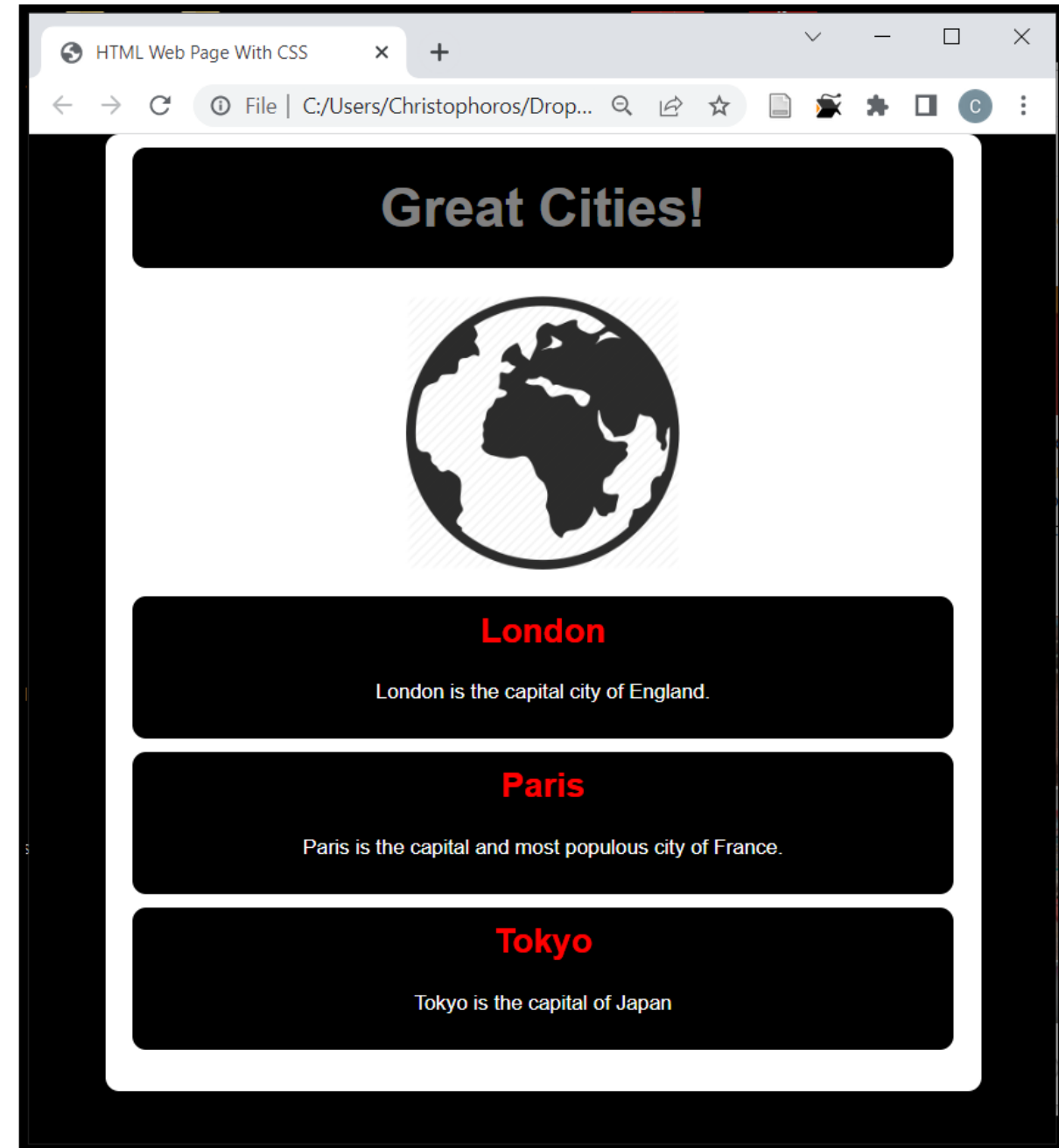
```
img {  
    margin: 20px auto;  
    display: block;  
}
```

style1.css

- ❑ **Note:** In case your image is not centered (with **margin: 20px auto;**), remember that the **<body>** is a **block element**, meaning it takes up the **full width** of the page. The **margin** applied to a **block element** will be **respected by other block elements** on the page.
- ❑ In **contrast**, images are mainly **inline elements**. For the **auto** margin trick to work on this image, we must **give it block-level behavior** using **display: block;**

Applying CSS in an HTML document – An example

- ❑ With this, **our work is done** and will now look like this....



CSS Custom Properties (CSS Variables)

- ❑ **Complex websites** have **very large amounts** of CSS, often with a lot of **repeated values**.
- ❑ For example, the **same color** might be **used in hundreds of different places**, requiring **global search** and **replace** if that color needs to change.
- ❑ **CSS custom properties** or **CSS variables** allow a value to be **stored in one place**, then **referenced** (using the **var()** function) in **multiple other places**.

CSS Custom Properties (CSS Variables)

- ❑ **Declaring** a custom CSS property is done using a custom **property name** that **begins** with a **double hyphen (--)** and a **property value** that can be **any valid CSS value**. Like any other property, this is **written inside a ruleset**.
- ❑ Note that the **selector** given to the **ruleset** defines the **scope** that the custom **property** can **be used within**.
- ❑ A common **best practice** is to define **CSS custom properties** on the **:root pseudo class**, so that it can be **applied globally across your HTML document**.

```
:root {  
    --main-color: brown;  
}
```

CSS Custom Properties (CSS Variables)

- ❑ You can **use** the custom property value **by specifying** your custom property name **inside** the **var()** function.

```
:root {  
    --main-color: brown;  
}  
  
div.cities {  
    background-color: var(--main-color);  
    margin: 10px 0;  
    padding: 10px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

The **:root** CSS pseudo-class matches the root element of a tree representing the **document**. In HTML, **:root** represents the `<html>` element and is identical to the selector **html**, except that **its specificity is higher**.

Mobile vs Desktop browsers

- ❑ Unless directed otherwise via HTML or CSS indications, mobile browsers **render** web pages **at a desktop screen width** (~1000px), then **"zooms out"** until the entire page fits on screen.
- ❑ That's why you sometimes get web pages with **teeny-tiny** font on your **phone**: these webpages have not added **support for mobile**.



Mobile vs Desktop browsers

- ❑ To prevent phone browsers from **rendering the page at desktop width** and **zooming out**, use the **meta viewport tag**:

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

- ❑ This belongs in the **<head>** section of your HTML, where the **<title>**, **<link>**, and **other metadata elements** are included.



Mobile vs Desktop browsers: Meta viewport tag

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

- ❑ `name="viewport"` → Browser, I am going to tell you how I want the viewport to look.
- ❑ `content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1"`:
 - ❑ `width=device-width` → The viewport's width should always start at the device's width.
 - ❑ `initial-scale=1` → Start at zoom level of 100%.

You should pretty much always include this tag in your HTML!!

Mobile vs Desktop browsers: Meta viewport tag

- ❑ The **meta viewport** tag gets us **almost** all the way there, but a **few more adjustments need to be made** to make web pages that **render well** on all screen **sizes** and **resolutions** while ensuring **good usability**.
- ❑ [For more details on Responsive Web Design* see this link.](#)

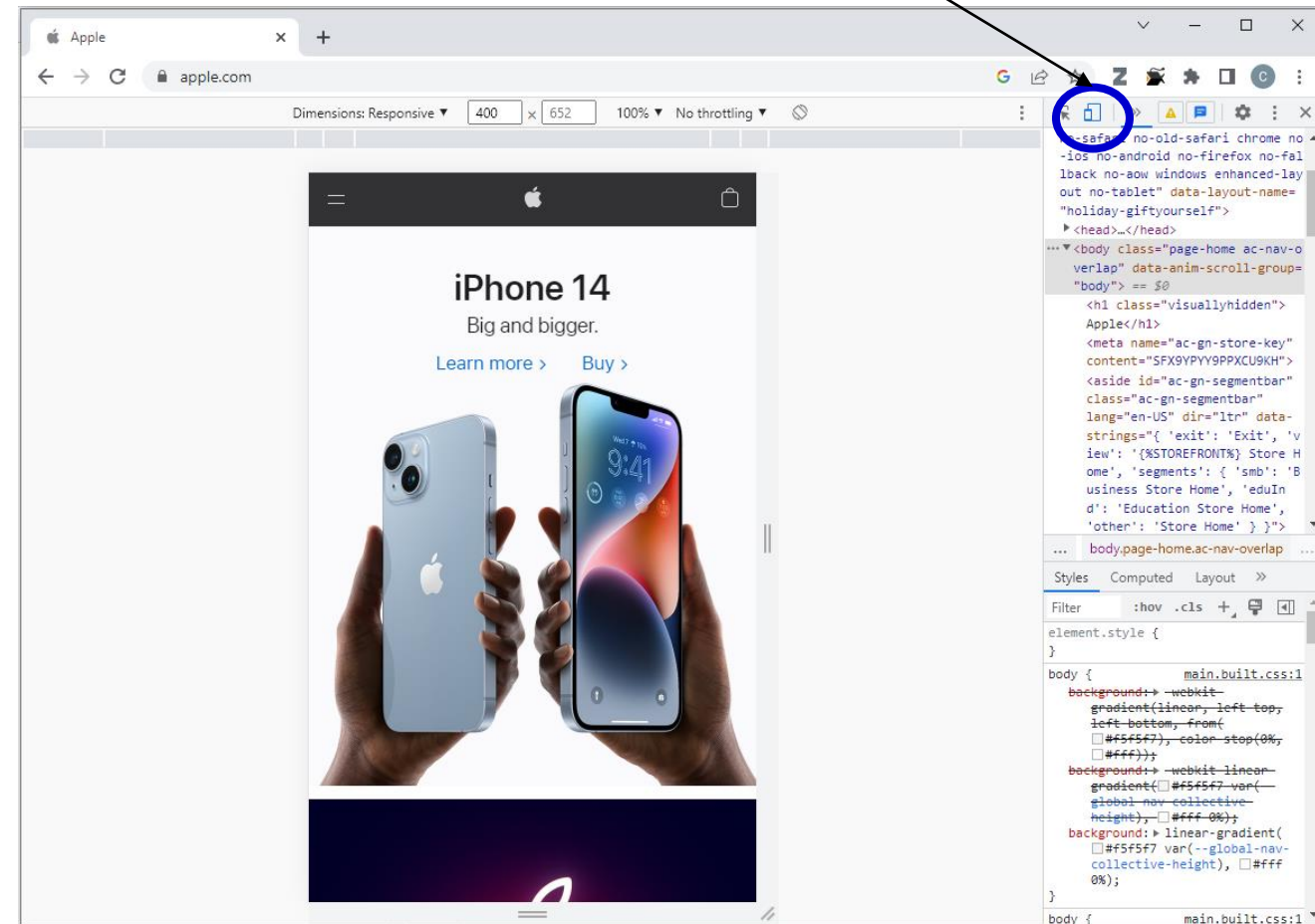
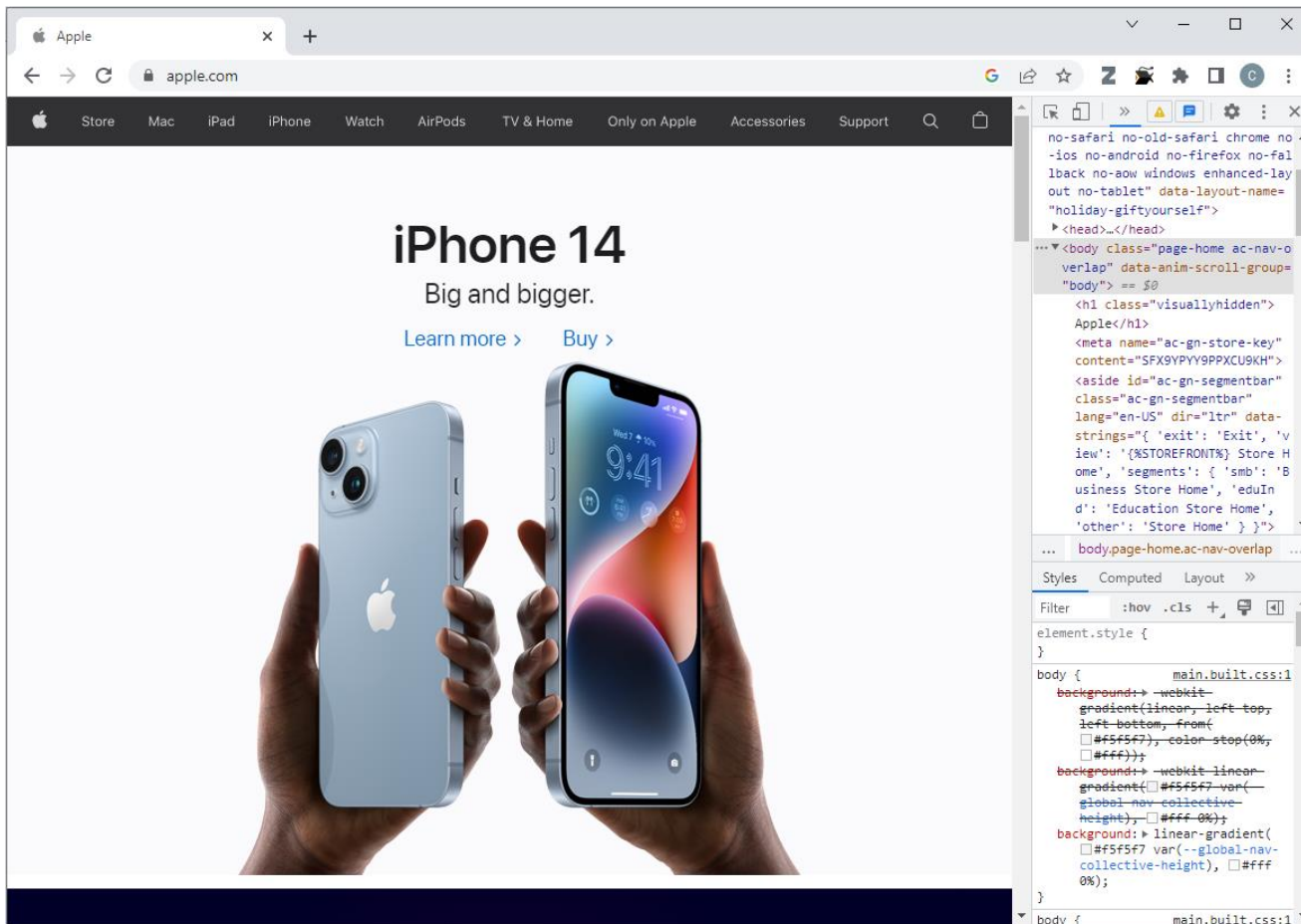
*** Responsive web design** is about creating web sites which **automatically adjust themselves** to **look good on all devices**, from small phones to large desktops.

Mobile vs Desktop browsers

- ❑ To check how your web page is **rendered** on **mobile devices**, you can **simulate** a web page in a **mobile layout** via **Chrome device mode**.

Right Click → Inspect

Select



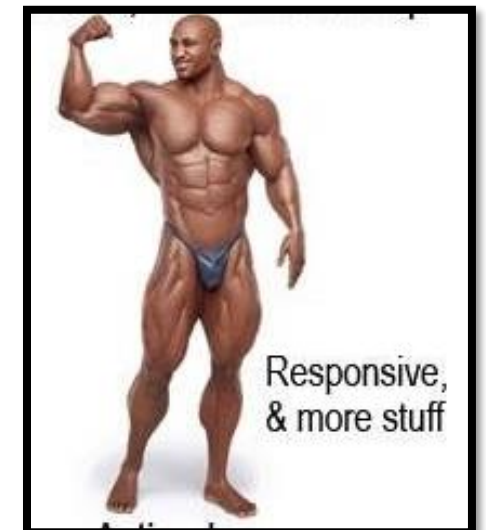
Bootstrap

- ❑ Bootstrap is the most popular open-source **front-end framework** for **faster** and **easier** web development. **Bootstrap 5** is the newest version.
- ❑ Bootstrap includes **HTML** and **CSS** based **design templates** for text/typography, forms, buttons, tables, navigation, modals, image carousels and many other, as well as optional **JavaScript plugins**.
- ❑ Bootstrap also gives you the **ability** to easily **create responsive designs**.

Note: Bootstrap 3 and Bootstrap 4 is still **supported** by the team for critical bugfixes and documentation changes, and it is perfectly safe to continue to use them. However, **new features will NOT be added** to them.



HTML + CSS



HTML + CSS + Bootstrap

Where to Get Bootstrap 5?

There are **two ways** to start **using Bootstrap 5** on **your own web site**.

- ❑ Download and host Bootstrap 5 yourself. Go to <https://getbootstrap.com/>, and follow the instructions there.
- ❑ If you **don't want to download and host** Bootstrap 5 yourself, you can **include it from a CDN** (Content Delivery Network).

```
<!-- Latest compiled and minified CSS -->
```

```
<link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet">
```

```
<!-- Latest compiled JavaScript -->
```

```
<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
```

Where to Get Bootstrap 5?

Advantages of using the Bootstrap 5 from a CDN:

- ❑ Many users **already have downloaded Bootstrap 5** from **jsDelivr** **when visiting another site**.
- ❑ As a result, it will be **loaded from cache** when **they visit your site**, which leads to **faster loading time**.
- ❑ Also, most CDN's will make sure that once a user requests a file from it, it will be **served from the server closest to them**, which also leads to **faster loading time**.

Create Your First Web Page With Bootstrap 5

1. Add the HTML5 doctype

- ❑ Bootstrap 5 uses HTML elements and CSS properties that require the HTML5 doctype.
- ❑ Always include the HTML5 doctype at the beginning of the page, along with the lang attribute and the correct title and character set:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html lang="en">  
  <head>  
    <title>Bootstrap 5 Example</title>  
    <meta charset="utf-8">  
  </head>  
</html>
```

Create Your First Web Page With Bootstrap 5

2. Bootstrap 5 is mobile-first*

- ❑ Bootstrap 5 is designed to be **responsive to mobile devices**. Mobile-first styles are part of the core framework.
- ❑ To ensure proper rendering and touch zooming, add the following

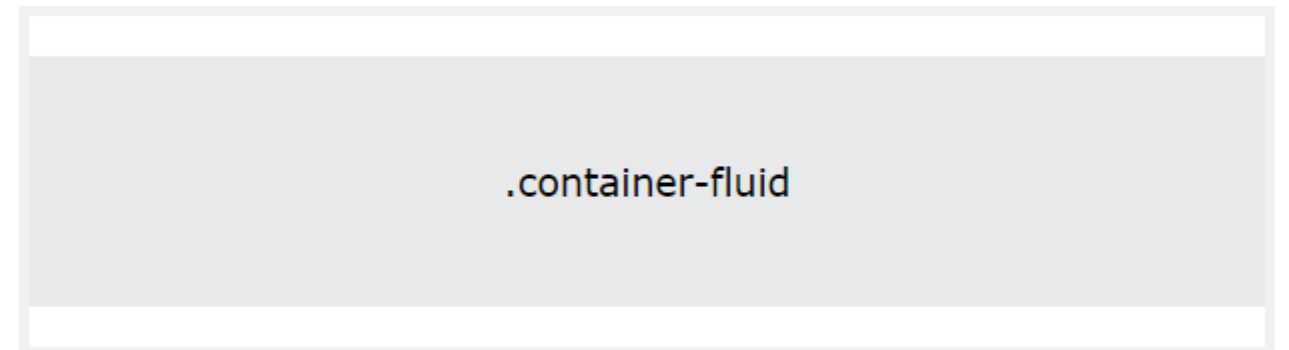
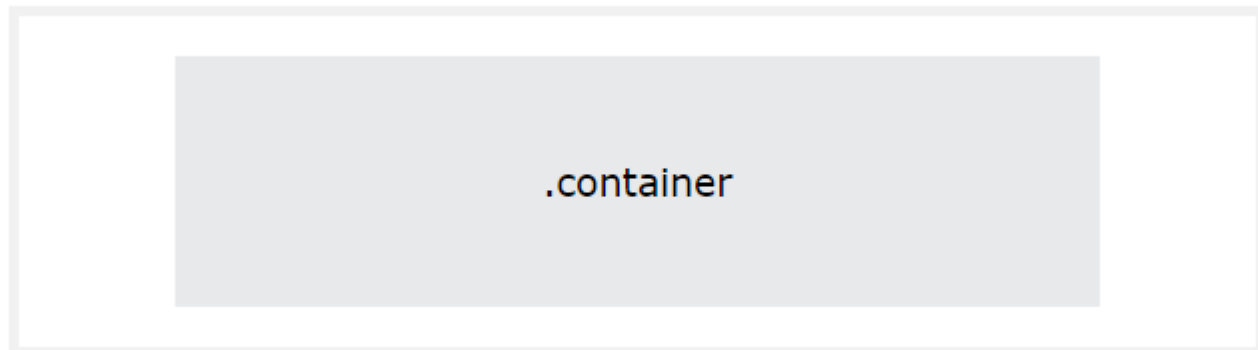
```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
```

* A "mobile-first" approach involves **designing a desktop site starting with the mobile version, which is then adapted to larger screens** (contrary to the traditional approach of starting with a desktop site and then adapting it to smaller screens).

Create Your First Web Page With Bootstrap 5

3. Containers

- ❑ Bootstrap 5 also requires a **containing element** to wrap site contents. There are **two container classes** to choose from:
 - ❑ The **container** class provides a responsive **fixed width container**
 - ❑ The **container-fluid** class provides a **full width container**, spanning the entire width of the viewport.

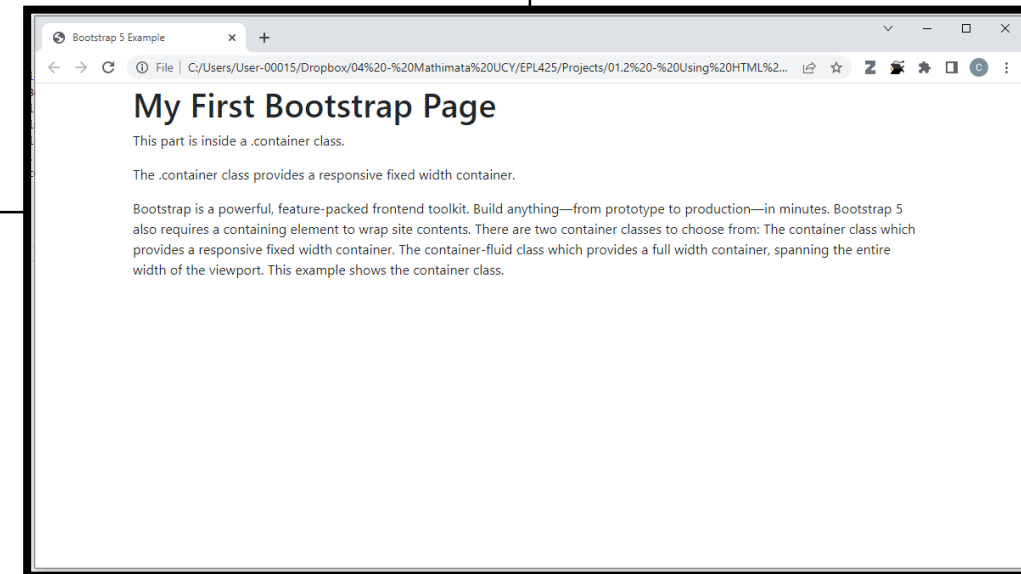


```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">

<head>
  <title>Bootstrap 5 Example</title>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
  <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet">
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
</head>

<body>
  <div class="container">
    <h1>My First Bootstrap Page</h1>
    <p>This part is inside a .container class.</p>
    <p>The .container class provides a responsive fixed width container.</p>
    <p>Bootstrap is a powerful, feature-packed frontend toolkit. Build anything—from prototype to
production—in minutes. Bootstrap 5 also requires a containing element to wrap site contents. There are two
container classes to choose from: The container class which provides a responsive fixed width container.
The container-fluid class which provides a full width container, spanning the entire width of the
viewport. This example shows the container class. </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
```

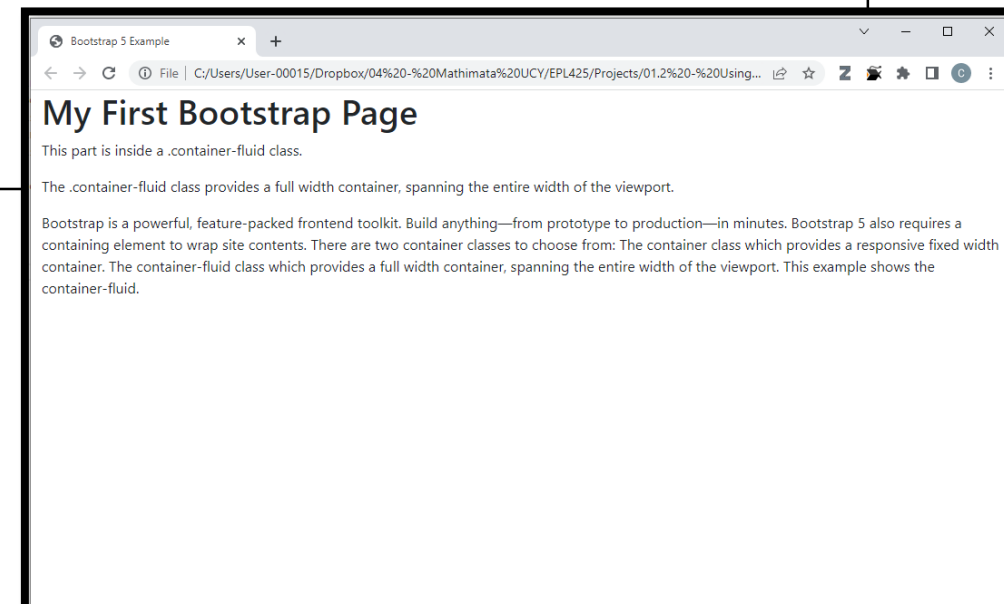


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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">

<head>
  <title>Bootstrap 5 Example</title>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
  <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet">
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.3/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
</head>

<body>
  <div class="container-fluid">
    <h1>My First Bootstrap Page</h1>
    <p>This part is inside a .container-fluid class.</p>
    <p>The .container-fluid class provides a full width container, spanning the entire width of the viewport.</p>
    <p>Bootstrap is a powerful, feature-packed frontend toolkit. Build anything—from prototype to production—in minutes.
Bootstrap 5 also requires a containing element to wrap site contents. There are two container classes to choose from: The
container class which provides a responsive fixed width container. The container-fluid class which provides a full width
container, spanning the entire width of the viewport. This example shows the container-fluid class. </p>
  </div>
</body>

</html>
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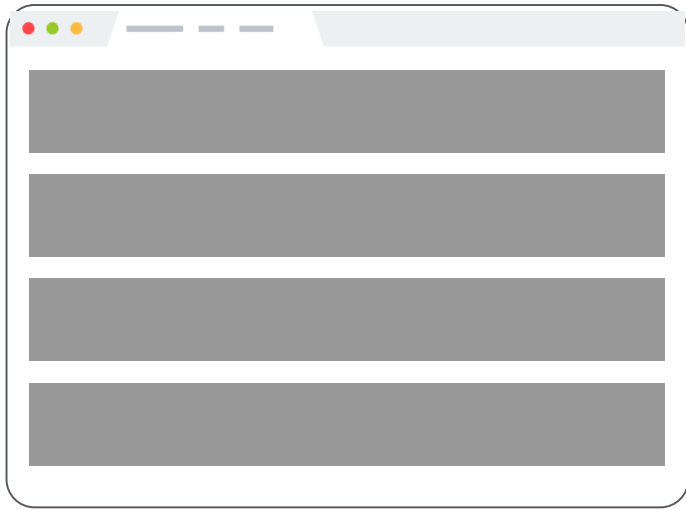
Bootstrap

- ❑ For more details on learning bootstrap check the following links:
 - ❑ <https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/index.php>
 - ❑ <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.3/getting-started/introduction/>

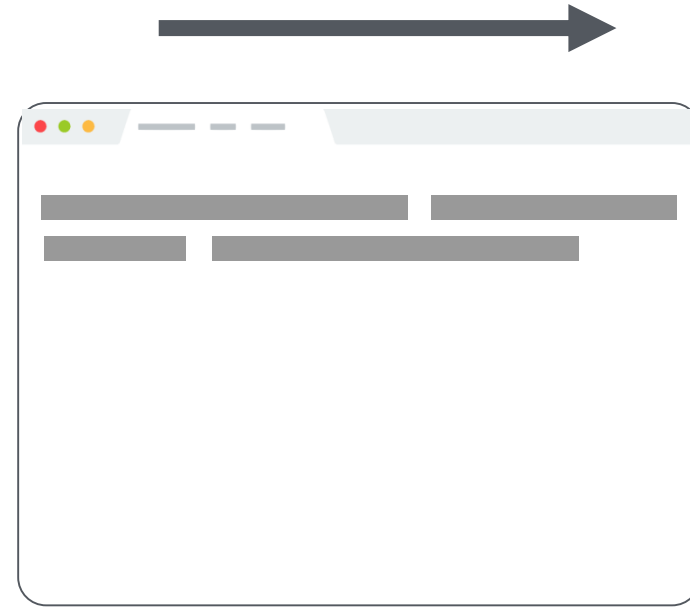
You will also learn how to use Bootstrap during the Labs!!!

Flex Layout

❑ CSS Layouts we saw so far...



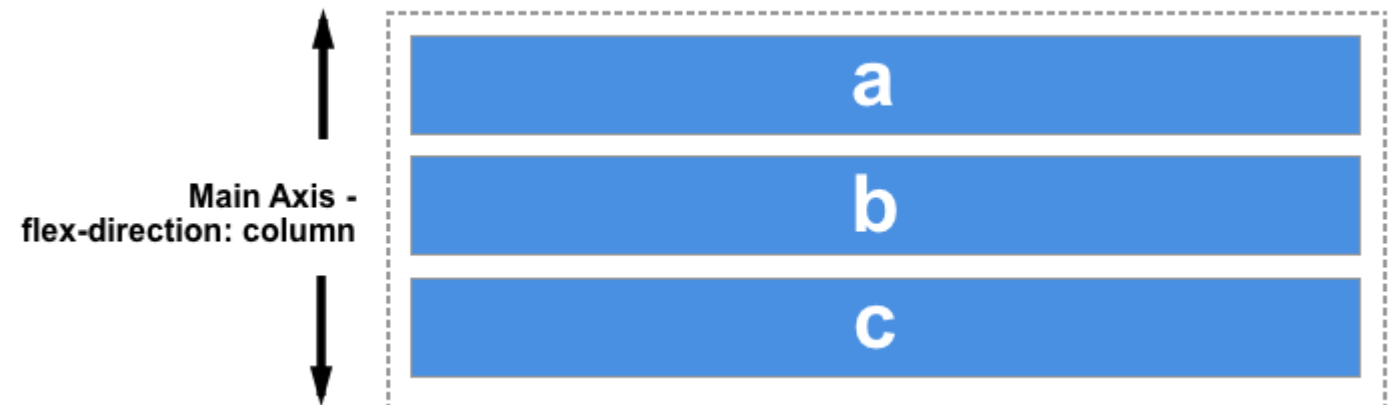
Block layout



Inline layout

Flex Layout

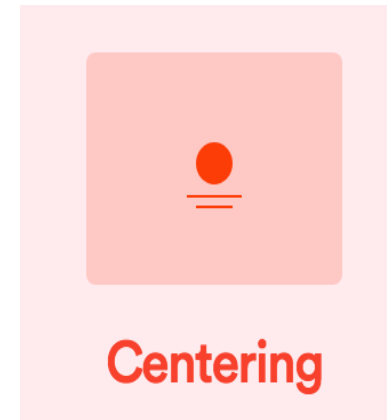
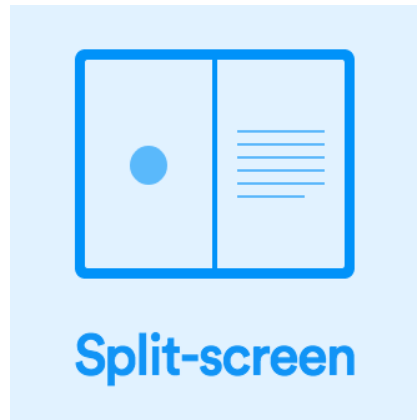
- ❑ To achieve more complicated layouts, we can enable a different kind of **CSS layout rendering mode: Flex layout**.
- ❑ Flex layout defines a special **set of rules** for laying out items in **rows** or **columns**.



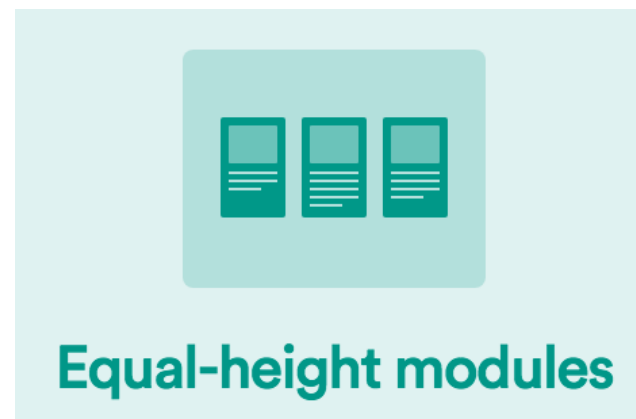
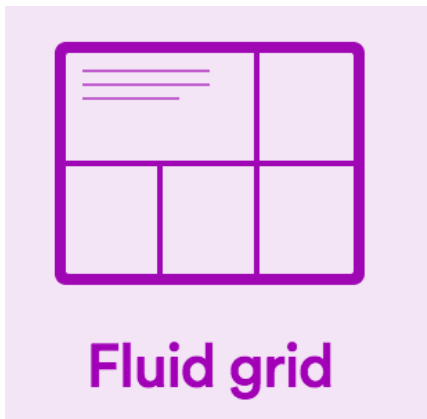
Flex layout

Flex layout solves all sorts of problems.

- ❑ Here are some examples of layouts that are easy to create with flex layout (and really difficult otherwise).



For more
details on flex
layout see this
link!



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