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That means when we're writing CSS we can't focus only on one element and what it looks like in isolation

**WE NEED TO TAKE INTO  
CONSIDERATION ITS  
RELATIONSHIPS**

**Is it defining a width?**

**Maybe its parent is defining a width instead?**



If the parent has a width and we declare a width to the child, it might overflow out the side, or it might be a percentage of the parent's width

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These relationships are controlled by a given  
elements **formatting context**

# A WHAT?

# That's the problem with CSS

Before we worry about that,  
always remember that

**LAYOUTS ARE ALL  
ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN ELEMENTS**