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Should all images be part of HTML content?

A significant part of images on the Web are not used for any meaning. They merely serve a decorative purpose and fall under the presentation category. How do you identify these images? Well, if you have nothing relevant to put in your `alt` attribute or if you feel like it is not important to your or to the prospective reader, it should not be in your HTML.

We know we should keep content and style separate in HTML. Then how do we move these images out of content? Well, don't add them using the `` tag in HTML. Use CSS instead.

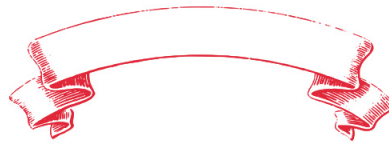
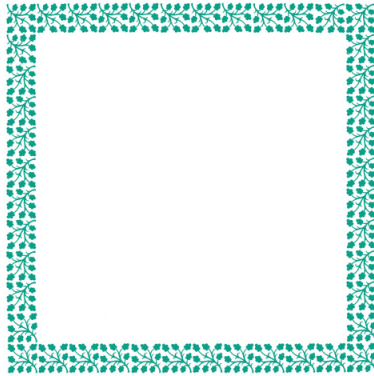
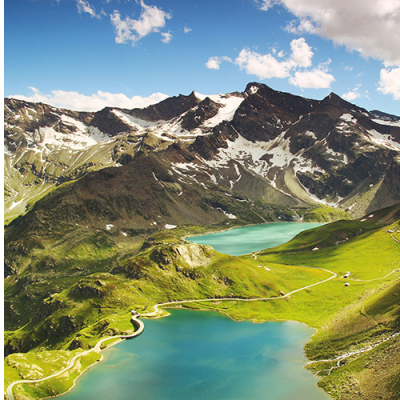
Examples of such images:

- background images
- fancy border graphics
- banner graphics
- pictures of landscapes or textures that are being used as elements behind or surrounding the content

Some pages (especially for video games, fancy magazines, etc) have a lot of eye-candy imagery that is not core to any of the semantic meaning of the page.


Can you identify these type of decorative images?

Find out from their tooltips!



Knowledge check 2.4.4 (not graded)

0 points possible (ungraded)

Suppose you have a small image that looks like a warning sign - . You want to place it near a particular paragraph on your Web page. Should you use an `img` tag for the warning sign, or should you add it via CSS commands?

☒ Image tag ✓

☐ CSS

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