

## 3. Introduction to CSS

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#### What is CSS?

- CSS is a W3C standard for describing the presentation (or appearance) of HTML elements.
- With CSS, we can assign
  - font properties,
  - colors,
  - sizes,
  - borders,
  - background images,
  - even the position of elements.
- CSS is a language in that it has its own syntax rules.
- CSS can be added directly to any HTML element (via the style attribute), within the <head> element, or, most commonly, in a separate text file that contains only CSS.

#### **Benefits of CSS**

- The degree of formatting control in CSS is significantly better than that provided in HTML.
- Web sites become significantly more maintainable because all formatting can be centralized into one, or a small handful, of CSS files.
- CSS-driven sites are more accessible.
- A site built using a centralized set of CSS files for all presentation will also be quicker to download because each individual HTML file will contain less markup.
- CSS can be used to adopt a page for different output mediums.
  - https://www.w3schools.com/css/css\_intro.asp





# **CSS Syntax**



## **CSS Syntax**

- A CSS document consists of one or more style rules.
- A rule consists of a selector that identifies the HTML element or elements that will be affected, followed by a series of **property** and **value** pairs (each pair is also called a **declaration**).
- The series of declarations is also called the declaration block.
  - A declaration block can be together on a single line, or spread across multiple lines.
  - The browser ignores white space
  - Each declaration is terminated with a semicolon.

```
declaration

selector { property: value; property2: value2; } rule

declaration block

selector

em { color: red; }
 property value

p {
 margin: 5px 0 10px 0;
 font-weight: bold;
 font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

## **CSS Syntax**

- Every CSS rule begins with a selector.
  - The selector identifies which element or elements in the HTML document will be affected by the declarations in the rule.
  - Another way of thinking of selectors is that they are a pattern which is used by the browser to select the HTML elements that will receive the style.
- Each individual CSS declaration must contain a property.
  - These property names are predefined by the CSS standard.
  - The CSS2.1 Recommendation defines over a hundred different property names.

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```

## **Properties**

<b>Property Type</b>	Property
Fonts	font
	font-family
	font-size
	font-style
	font-weight
	@font-face
Text	letter-spacing
	line-height
	text-align
	text-decoration
	text-indent
Color and background	background
	background-color
	background-image
	background-position
	background-repeat
	color
Borders	border
	border-color
	border-width
	border-style
	border-top
	border-top-color
	border-top-width
	etc

## **Properties**

<b>Property Type</b>	Property
Spacing	padding
	padding-bottom, padding-left, padding-right, padding-top
	margin
	margin-bottom, margin-left, margin-right, margin-top
Sizing	height
	max-height
	max-width
	min-height
	min-width
	width
Layout	bottom, left, right, top
Layout	clear
	display
	float
	overflow
	position
	visibility
	z-index
Lists	list-style
	list-style-image
	list-style-type

#### **Values**

- Each CSS declaration also contains a value for a property.
  - The unit of any given value is dependent upon the property.
  - Some property values are from a predefined list of keywords.
  - Others are values such as length measurements, percentages, numbers without units, color values, and URLs.
- Some of these are relative units, in that they are based on the value of something else, such as the size of a parent element.
- Others are absolute units, in that they have a real-world size.

#### **Color Values**

CSS supports a variety of different ways of describing color

Method	Description	Example
Name	Use one of 17 standard color names.	color: red;
	CSS3 has 140 standard names.	color: hotpink; /* CSS3 only */
RGB	Uses three different numbers between	color: rgb(255,0,0);
	0 and 255 to describe the Red, Green,	color: rgb(255,105,180);
	and Blue values for the color.	
Hexadecim	Uses a six-digit hexadecimal number to	color: #FF0000;
al	describe the red, green, and blue value	color: #FF69B4;
	of the color; each of the three RGB	
	values is between 0 and FF (which is	
	255 in decimal). Notice that the	
	hexadecimal number is preceded by a	
	hash or pound symbol (#).	
RGBa	Allows you to add an alpha, or	color: rgb(255,0,0, 0.5);
NODu	transparency, value. This allows a	00101. 195(230,0,0, 0.0),
	•	
	background color or image to "show	
	through" the color. Transparency is a	
	value between 0.0 (fully transparent)	
	and 1.0 (fully opaque).	
HSL	Allows you to specify a color using Hue	color: hsl(0,100%,100%);
	Saturation and Light values. This is	color: hsl(330,59%,100%);
	available only in CSS3. HSLA is also	
	available as well.	

## **Absolute Units**

Unit	Description	Туре
in	Inches (1in = 96px = 2.54cm)	Absolute
cm	Centimeters	Absolute
mm	Millimeters	Absolute
pt	Points (equal to 1/72 of an inch)	Absolute
рс	Pica (equal to 1/6 of an inch)	Absolute
рх	Pixesl (1px = 1/96 of an inch)	Absolute*

## **Relative Units**

Unit	Description	Туре
em	Relative to the font-size of the element (2em means 2 times the size of the current font)	Relative
%	Relative to the parent element	Relative
ех	Relative to the x-height of the current font (rarely used)	Relative
ch	Relative to the width of the "0" (zero)	Relative (CSS3 only)
rem	Relative to font-size of the root element	Relative (CSS3 only)
vw, vh	Relative to 1% of the width of the viewport*	Relative
	Relative to 1% of the height of the viewport*  * Viewport = the browser window size. If the viewport is 50cm wide, 1vw = 0.5cm.	(CSS3 only)

#### **Relative Units**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<style>
 font-size: 16px;
 line-height: 2em;
div {
 font-size: 30px;
 border: 1px solid black;
span {
  font-size: 0.5em;
</style>
</head>
<body>
This paragraph has a calculated line-height of: 2x16px =
32px.
<div>The font-size of the div element is set to 30px.
<span>The span element inside the div element has a font-size
of 0.5em, which equals to 0.5x30 = 15px</span>.</div>
</body>
</html>
```

참조: https://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css\_units.asp

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The font-size of the div element is set to 30px. The span element inside the div element has a

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#### **Comments in CSS**

It is often helpful to add comments to your style sheets. Comments take the form:

/\* comment goes here \*/

## **Selectors**



#### **Selectors**

- When defining CSS rules, you will need to first need to use a selector to tell the browser which elements will be affected.
- CSS selectors allow you to select
  - individual elements
  - multiple HTML elements,
  - elements that belong together in some way, or
  - elements that are positioned in specific ways in the document hierarchy.
- There are a number of different selector types.

#### **Element Selectors**

- Selects all instances of a given HTML element
- Uses the HTML element name.
- You can select all elements by using the universal element selector, which is the \* (asterisk) character.

```
declaration

selector { property: value; property2: value2; } rule

declaration block

selector

em { color: red; }

property value

p {

margin: 5px 0 10px 0;

font-weight: bold;

font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

### **Grouped Selectors**

- You can select a group of elements by separating the different element names with commas.
- This is a sensible way to reduce the size and complexity of your CSS files, by combining multiple identical rules into a single rule.

```
/* commas allow you to group selectors */
p, div, aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
/* the above single grouped selector is equivalent to the
    following: */
p {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
div {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
aside {
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}
```

LISTING 3.4 Sample grouped selector

#### Reset

- Grouped selectors are often used as a way to quickly reset or remove browser defaults.
- The goal of doing so is to reduce browser inconsistencies with things such as margins, line heights, and font sizes.
- These reset styles can be placed in their own css file (perhaps called reset.css) and linked to the page **before** any other external styles sheets.

```
html, body, div, span, h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  border: 0;
  font-size: 100%;
  vertical-align: baseline;
}
```

#### **Class Selectors**

- A class selector allows you to simultaneously target different HTML elements regardless of their position in the document tree.
- If a series of HTML element have been labeled with the same class attribute value, then you can target them for styling by using a class selector, which takes the form: period (.) followed by the class name.

```
<head>
   <title>Share Your Travels </title>
                                                                   Share Your Travell -- New 1
                                                                     C 9, listing03-06.html
     <style>
                                                                                             * Other Ecolorus
           .first {
                                                                 Reviews
                                                                                                             .first {
                font-style: italic;
                                                                                                                font-style: italic;
                                                                 By Exactle on September 13, 2012
                color: brown;
                                                                 East on the HDR boddy
                                                                                                                color: brown;
                                                                 By Supan on October 1, 2012
     </style>
                                                                 Hove Central Park
</head>
<body>
   <h1 class="first">Reviews</h1>
   <div>
      By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
      Easy on the HDR buddy.
   </div>
   <hr/>
   <div>
      By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
      I love Central Park.
   </div>
   <hr/>
</body>
```

#### **Id Selectors**

- An id selector allows you to target a specific element by its id attribute regardless of its type or position.
  - If an HTML element has been labeled with an id attribute, then you can target it for styling by using an id selector, which takes the form: pound/hash (#) followed by the id name.
  - Note: You should only be using an id once per page

```
<head lang="en">
   <meta charset="utf-8">
   <title>Share Your Travels -- New York - Central Park</title>
     <style>
           #latestComment {

→ C □ file:///T:/Comp5ci/Research/web/$20development%20textb ○
                font-style: italic;
                color: brown:
                                                                      Reviews
                                                                                                                   #latestComment {
     </style>
                                                                      By Ricardo on September 13, 2012
                                                                                                                      font-style: italic;
                                                                      Easy on the HDR hoolts
</head>
                                                                                                                      color: brown;
<body>
                                                                      By Susan on October 1, 2012
   <h1>Reviews</h1>
                                                                      Hove Central Park.
   <div id="latestComment">
      By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
      Easy on the HDR buddy.
   </div>
   <hr/>
   <div>
      Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
      I love Central Park.
   </div>
   <hr/>
</body>
```

#### **Id versus Class Selectors**

- Id selectors should only be used when referencing a single HTML element since an id attribute can only be assigned to a single HTML element.
- Class selectors should be used when (potentially) referencing several related elements.

#### **Attribute Selectors**

- An attribute selector provides a way to select HTML elements by either the presence of an element attribute or by the value of an attribute.
  - This can be a very powerful technique, but because of uneven support by some of the browsers, not all web authors have used them.
  - Attribute selectors can be a very helpful technique in the styling of hyperlinks and images.

```
<head lang="en">
   <meta charset="utf-8">
   <title>Share Your Travels</title>
      <style>
                                                              [title] {
            [title] {
                                                                  cursor: help;
                  cursor: help;
                                                                  padding-bottom: 3px;
                  padding-bottom: 3px;
                                                                  border-bottom: 2px dotted blue;
                  border-bottom: 2px dotted blue;
                                                                  text-decoration: none;
                  text-decoration: none;
      </style>
</head>
<body>
   <div>
      <img src="images/flags/CA.png" title="Canada Flag" />
                                                                                                                      cated in the northern part of the continent, it extends from the Atlantic to the Pecific
                                                                                                                     of northward into the Arctic Ocean. Counts in the world's record-largest country
        <h2><a href="countries.php?id=CA" title="see posts from Canada">
            Canada</a>
        </h2>
        Canada is a North American country consisting of ... 
        <div>
            <img src="images/square/6114907897.jpg" title="At top of Sulpher Mountain">
            <img src="images/square/6592317633.jpg" title="Grace Presbyterian Church">
            <img src="images/square/6592914823.jpg" title="Calgary Downtown">
        </div>
   </div>
</body>
```

#### Pseudo Selectors

- A pseudo-element selector is a way to select something that does not exist explicitly as an element in the HTML document tree but which is still a recognizable selectable object.
- A pseudo-class selector does apply to an HTML element, but targets either a particular state or, in CSS3, a variety of family relationships.
- The most common use of this type of selectors is for targeting link states.

## **Pseudo Selectors**

Selector	Туре	Description
a:link	Pseudo-class	Selects links that have not been visited
a:visited	Pseudo-class	Selects links that have been visited
:focus	Pseudo-class	Selects elements that have the input focus
:hover	Pseudo-class	Selects elements that the mouse pointer is currently above
:active	Pseudo-class	Selects an element that is being activated by the user (e.g., a link that is being clicked)
:checked	Pseudo-class	Selects a form element that is currently checked. (e.g., radio button or check box)
:first-child	Pseudo-class	Selects an element that is the first child of its parent
:first-letter	Pseudo-element	Selects the first letter of an element
:first-line	Pseudo-elemetn	Selects the first line of an element

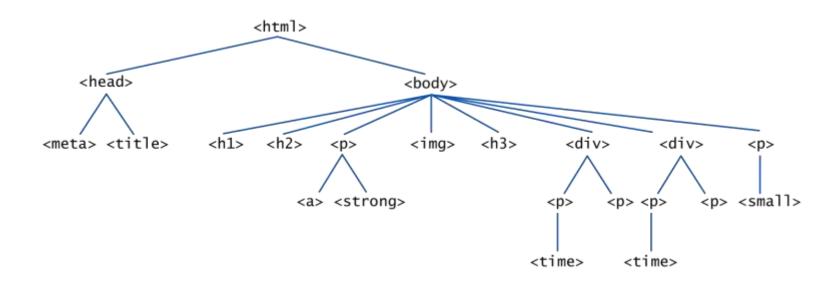
#### **Pseudo Selectors**

```
<head>
  <title>Share Your Travels</title>
  <style>
      a:link {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: blue;
      a:visited {
      text-decoration: underline;
      color: purple;
      a:hover {
      text-decoration: none;
      font-weight: bold;
      a:active {
      background-color: yellow;
  </style>
</head>
<body>
    Links are an important part of any web page. To learn more about
       links visit the <a href="#">W3C</a> website.
  <nav>
    <u1>
      <a href="#">Canada</a>
      <a href="#">Germany</a>
      <a href="#">United States</a>
    </nav>
</body>
```

LISTING 3.8 Styling a link using pseudo-class selectors

#### **Contextual Selectors**

- A contextual selector (in CSS3 also called combinators) allows you to select elements based on their ancestors, descendants, or siblings.
- That is, it selects elements based on their context or their relation to other elements in the document tree.

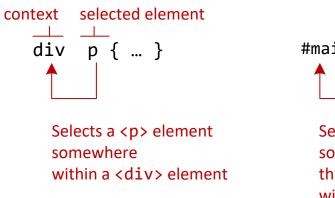


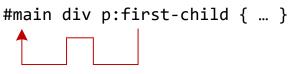
## **Contextual Selectors**

Selector	Matches	Example
Descendant	A specified element that is contained somewhere within another specified element	div p  Selects a  element that is contained somewhere within a <div> element. That is, the  can be any descendant, not just a child.</div>
Child	A specified element that is a direct child of the specified element	div>h2  Selects an <h2> element that is a child of a <div> element.</div></h2>
Adjacent Sibling	A specified element that is the next sibling (i.e., comes directly after) of the specified element.	h3+p Selects the first  after any <h3>.</h3>
General Sibling	A specified element that shares the same parent as the specified element.	h3~p  Selects all the  elements that share the same parent as the <h3>.</h3>

#### **Descendant Selector**

- While some of these contextual selectors are used relatively infrequently, almost all web authors find themselves using descendant selectors.
- A descendant selector matches all elements that are contained within another element. The character used to indicate descendant selection is the space character.





Selects the first element somewhere within a <div> element that is somewhere within an element with an id="main"

#### **Contextual Selectors in Action**

```
<body>
                                <nav>
                                  <l
                                    <a href="#">Canada</a>
                                    <a href="#">Germany</a>
ul a:link { color: blue; }
                                    <a href="#">United States</a>
                                                                           #main time { color: red; }
                                  </nav>
                                <div id="main">
                                  Comments as of <time>November 15, 2012</time>
                                  <div>
   #main>time { color: purple; }
                                     September 15, 2012</time>
                                     Easy on the HDR buddy.
                                  </div>
                                  <hr/>
                                  <div>
                                    By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
   #main div p:first-child {
      color: green;
                                     I love Central Park.
                                  </div>
                                  <hr/>
                                </div>
                                <footer>
                                  <l
                                     <a href="#">Home</a> | 
                                     <a href="#">Browse</a> | 
                                  </footer>
                             </body>
```

# **Location of Styles**



## **Actually there are three ...**

- Author-created style sheets (what we are learning in this presentation).
  - three different locations.
    - Inline
    - Embedded
    - External
  - You can combine all 3!
- User style sheets allow the individual user to tell the browser to display pages using that individual's own custom style sheet. This option is available in a browser usually in its accessibility options area.
- The browser style sheet defines the default styles the browser uses for each HTML element.
- (NOTE) Order: Browser < User < Author</li>

## **Inline Styles**

- An inline style only affects the element it is defined within and will override any other style definitions for the properties used in the inline style.
- Using inline styles is generally discouraged since they increase bandwidth and decrease maintainability.
- Inline styles can however be handy for quickly testing out a style change.

```
<h1 style="color:blue;text-align:center;">This is a heading</h1>
This is a paragraph.
```

## **Embedded Style Sheet**

- While better than inline styles, using embedded styles is also by and large discouraged.
- Since each HTML document has its own <style> element, it is more difficult to consistently style multiple documents when using embedded styles.

```
<head lang="en">
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Share Your Travels -- New York - Central Park</title>
  <style>
    h1 { font-size: 24pt; }
    h2 {
        font-size: 18pt;
        font-weight: bold;
    }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Share Your Travels</h1>
    <h2>New York - Central Park</h2>
    ...
```

LISTING 3.2 Embedded styles example

## **External Style Sheet**

- This is by far the most common place to locate style rules because it provides the best maintainability.
  - When you make a change to an external style sheet, all HTML documents that reference that style sheet will automatically use the updated version.
  - The browser is able to cache the external style sheet which can improve the performance of the site

```
<head lang="en">
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta charset="utf-8">
        <title>Share Your Travels -- New York - Central Park</title>
        link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" />
        </head>
```

LISTING 3.3 Referencing an external style sheet

## The Cascade: How Styles Interact



### Why Conflict Happens

- there are three different types of style sheets (author-created, user-defined, and the default browser style sheet),
- author-created stylesheets can define multiple rules for the same HTML element,
- → CSS has a system to help the browser determine how to display elements when different style rules conflict.

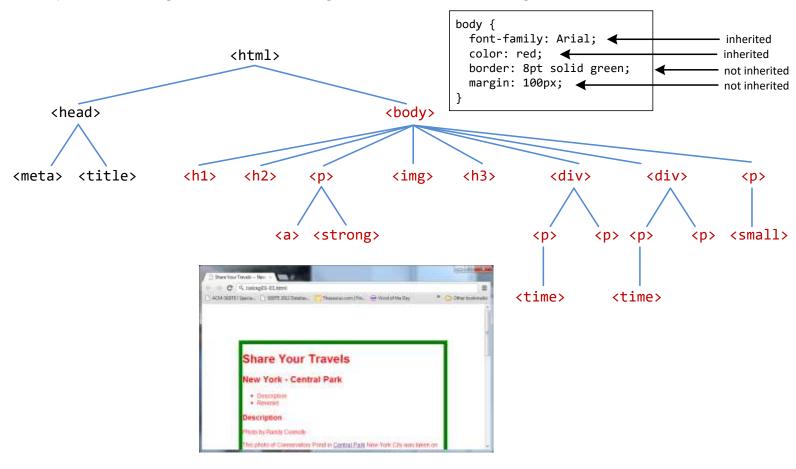
#### Cascade

- The "Cascade" in CSS refers to how conflicting rules are handled.
- The visual metaphor behind the term cascade is that of a mountain stream progressing downstream over rocks.
- The downward movement of water down a cascade is meant to be analogous to how a given style rule will continue to take precedence with child elements.
- CSS uses the following cascade principles to help it deal with conflicts:
  - inheritance, specificity, location

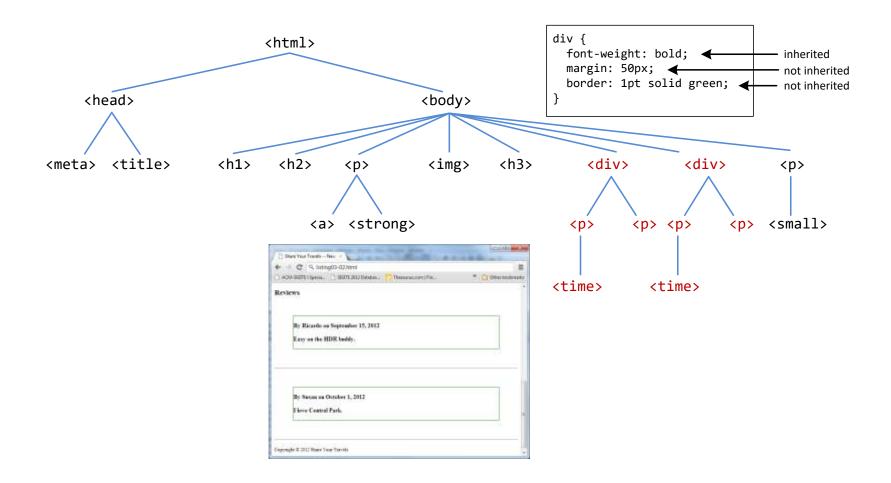


#### Inheritance

- Many (but not all) CSS properties affect not only themselves but their descendants as well.
- Font, color, list, and text properties are inheritable.
- Layout, sizing, border, background and spacing properties are not.



#### **Inheritance**



#### **Inheritance**

It is possible to tell elements to inherit properties that are normally not inheritable.



```
div {
 font-weight: bold;
 margin: 50px; ←
 border: 1pt solid green; ←
 border: inherit;
 margin: inherit; -
<h3>Reviews</h3>
<div>
   By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
   Easy on the HDR buddy.
</div>
<hr/>
<div>
  By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
   I love Central Park.
</div>
<hr/>
```

### **Specificity**

- Specificity is how the browser determines which style rule takes precedence when more than one style rule could be applied to the same element.
- The more specific the selector, the more it takes precedence (i.e., overrides the previous definition).
- The way that specificity works in the browser is that the browser assigns a weight to each style rule.
- When several rules apply, the one with the greatest weight takes precedence.

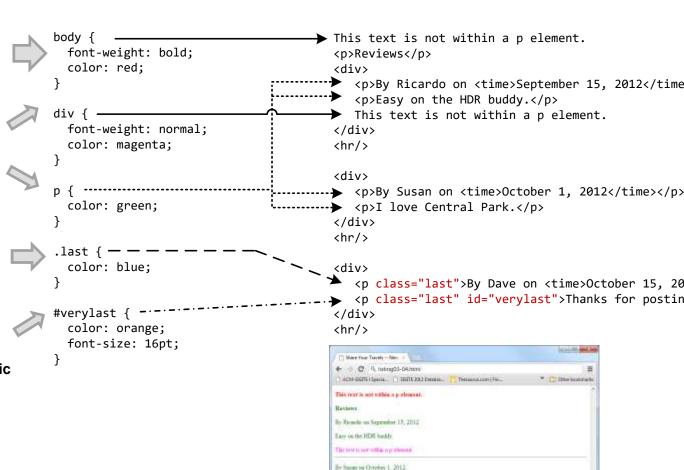
### **Specificity**

These color and font-weight properties are inheritable and thus potentially applicable to all the child elements contained within the body.

However, because the <div> and elements also have the same properties set, they *override* the value defined for the <body> element because their selectors (div and p) are more **specific**.

Class selectors are more specific than element selectors, and thus take precedence and override element selectors.

Id selectors are more specific than class selectors, and thus take precedence and override class selectors.



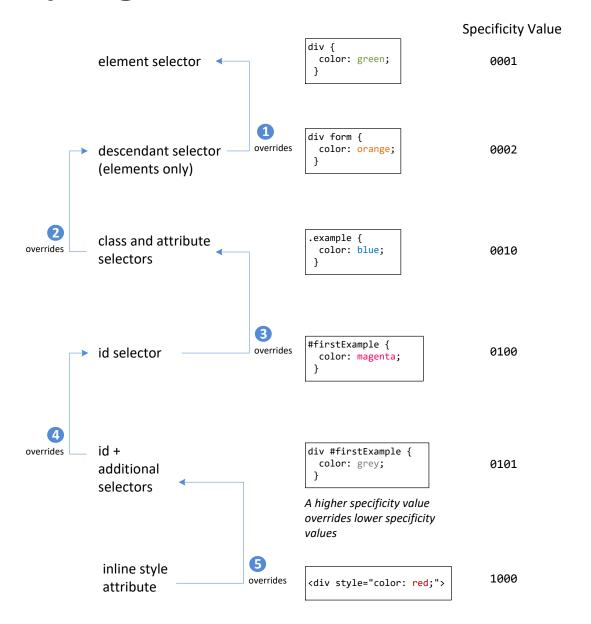
Nove Cestral Path

By Barry on October 15, 2012

### **Specificity Algorithm**

- 1.First count 1 if the declaration is from a 'style' attribute in the HTML, 0 otherwise (let that value = a).
- 2.Count the number of ID attributes in the selector (let that value = b).
- 3.Count the number of other attributes and pseudo-classes in the selector (let that value = c).
- 4.Count the number of element names and pseudo-elements in the selector (let that value = d).
- 5.Finally, concatenate the four numbers a+b+c+d together to calculate the selector's specificity.

### **Specificity Algorithm**

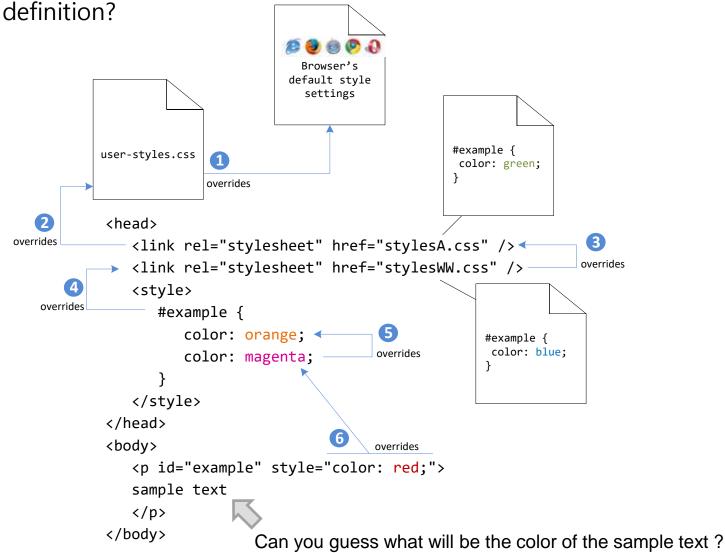


#### Location

- When inheritance and specificity cannot determine style precedence, the principle of location will be used.
- The principle of location is that when rules have the same specificity, then the latest are given more weight.

#### Location

What color would the sample text be if there wasn't an inline style

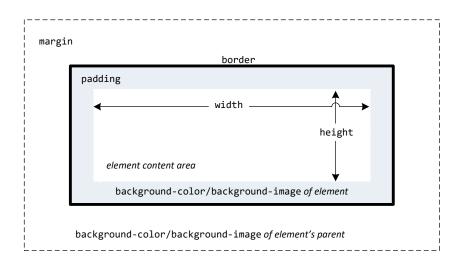


## The Box Model



#### The Box Model

- In CSS, all HTML elements exist within an element box.
- It is absolutely essential that you familiarize yourself with the terminology and relationship of the CSS properties within the element box.
- The background color or image of an element fills an element out to its border (if it has one that is).
  - In contemporary web design, it has become extremely common to use CSS to display purely presentational images (such as background gradients and patterns, decorative images, etc) rather than using the <img> element.

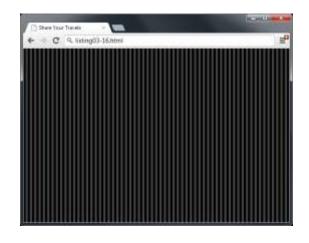


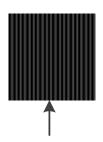
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### **Background Properties**

Property	Description
background	A combined short-hand property that allows you to set the background values in one property. While you can omit properties with the short-hand, do remember that any omitted properties will be set to their default value.
	Order: color image repeat attachment position
background-attachment	Specifies whether the background image scrolls with the document (default) or remains fixed. Possible values are: fixed, scroll.
background-color	Sets the background color of the element.
background-image	Specifies the background image (which is generally a jpeg, gif, or png file) for the element. Note that the URL is relative to the CSS file and not the HTML. CSS3 introduced the ability to specify multiple background images.
background-position	Specifies where on the element the background image will be placed. Some possible values include: bottom, center, left, and right. You can also supply a pixel or percentage numeric position value as well. When supplying a numeric value, you must supply a horizontal/vertical pair; this value indicates its distance from the top left corner of the element.
background-repeat	Determines whether the background image will be repeated. This is a common technique for creating a tiled background (it is in fact the default behavior). Possible values are: repeat, repeat-x, repeat-y, and no-repeat.
background-size	New to CSS3, this property lets you modify the size of the background image.

### **Background Repeat**

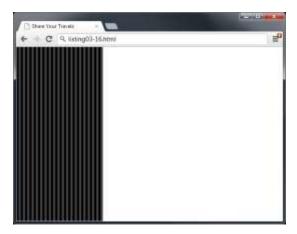




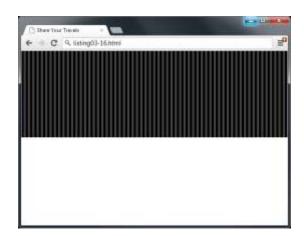
background-image: url(../images/backgrounds/body-background-tile.gif);
background-repeat: repeat;



background-repeat: no-repeat;

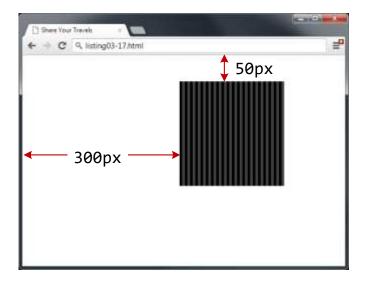


background-repeat: repeat-y;



background-repeat: repeat-x;

### **Background Position**



#### **Borders**

- Borders provide a way to visually separate elements.
- You can put borders around all four sides of an element, or just one, two, or three of the sides.

Property	Description
border	A combined short-hand property that allows you to set the style, width, and color of a border in one property. The order is important and must be:
	border-style border-width border-color
border-style	Specifies the line type of the border. Possible values are: solid, dotted, dashed, double, groove, ridge, inset, and outset.
border-width	The width of the border in a unit (but not percents). A variety of keywords (thin, medium, etc) are also supported.
border-color	The color of the border in a color unit.
border-radius	The radius of a rounded corner.
border-image	The URL of an image to use as a border.

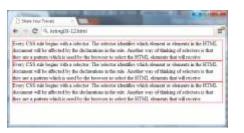
#### **Shortcut notation**

 With border, margin, and padding properties, there are long-form and shortcut methods to set the 4 sides

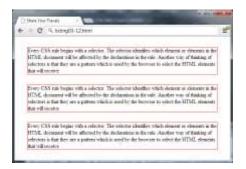


### **Margins and Padding**

Box Model Properties #3 and #4



```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
}
```



```
p {
  border: solid 1pt red;
  margin: 30px;
  padding: 0;
}
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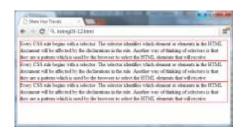
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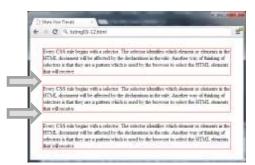
```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 30px;
   padding: 30px;
}
```

### **Margins**

- Did you notice that the space between paragraphs one and two and between two and three is the same as the space before paragraph one and after paragraph three?
- This is due to the fact that adjoining vertical margins collapse.



```
p {
  border: solid 1pt red;
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}
```

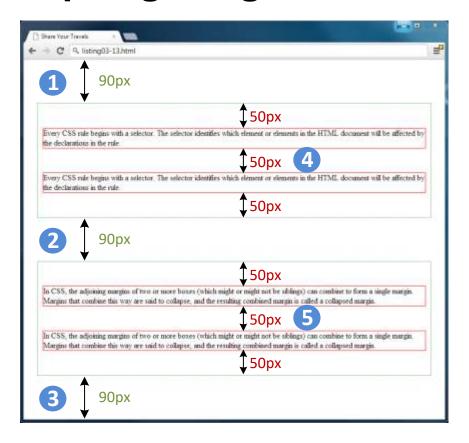


```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 30px;
   padding: 0;
}
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```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   margin: 30px;
   padding: 30px;
}
```

### **Collapsing Margins**



```
<div>
  Every CSS rule ...
  Every CSS rule ...
  </div>
  <div>
  In CSS, the adjoining ... 
  In CSS, the adjoining ... 
  (div)
```

```
div {
   border: dotted 1pt green;
   padding: 0;
   margin: 90px 20px;
}
```

```
p {
   border: solid 1pt red;
   padding: 0;
   margin: 50px 20px;
}
```

If overlapping margins did not collapse, then margin space for 2 would be 180p (90pixels for the bottom margin of the first <div> + 90 pixels for the top margin of the second <div>), while the margins 4 and 5 for would be 100px.

However, as you can see this is not the case.

### **Collapsing Margins**

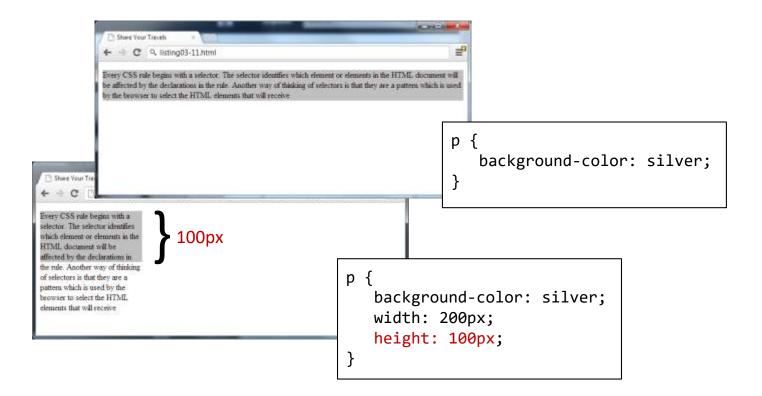
- When the vertical margins of two elements touch,
  - the largest margin value of the elements will be displayed
  - the smaller margin value will be collapsed to zero.
- Horizontal margins, on the other hand, never collapse.
- To complicate matters even further, there are a large number of special cases in which adjoining vertical margins do not collapse.

### Width and Height

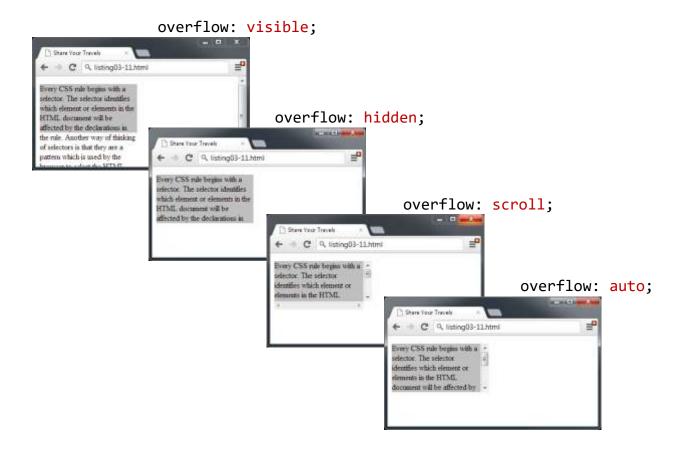
- The width and height properties specify the size of the element's content area.
- Perhaps the only rival for collapsing margins in troubling our students, box dimensions have a number of potential issues.
- Since the width and the height refer to the size of the content area, by default, the total size of an element is equal to not only its content area, but also to the sum of its padding, borders, and margins.

```
div {
  box-sizing: content-box;
  width: 200px;
  height: 100px;
  padding: 5px;
  margin: 10px;
                                True element width = 10 + 2 + 5 + 200 + 5 + 2 + 10 = 234 \text{ px}
  border: solid 2pt black;
                                True element height = 10 + 2 + 5 + 100 + 5 + 2 + 10 = 134 \text{ px}
← 10px → ← 5→
                                                  100px
                                                                                              Default
div {
                                True element width = 10 + 200 + 10 = 220 px
  box-sizing: border-box;
                                True element height = 10 + 100 + 10 = 120 \text{ px}
                                                  100px
← 10px → ←
                               200px
```

### Width and Height



### **Overflow Property**



### **Sizing Elements**

- While the previous examples used pixels for its measurement, many contemporary designers prefer to use percentages or em units for widths and heights.
  - When you use percentages, the size is relative to the size of the parent element.
  - When you use ems, the size of the box is relative to the size of the text within it.
- The rationale behind using these relative measures is to make one's design scalable to the size of the browser or device that is viewing it.

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 html,body {
     margin:0;
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     height:100%;
     background: silver;
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     width:200px;
     height:50px;
     background: teal;
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  .percent {
     width:50%;
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     height:50%;
     background: olive;
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     width:400px;
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     background: beige;
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  .parentRelative {
     width:50%;
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     height:50%;
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     background: yellow;
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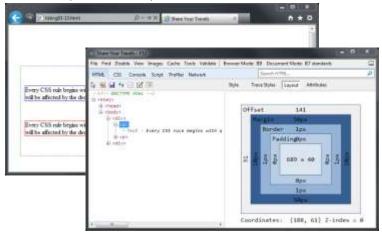
<body>

### **Developer Tools**

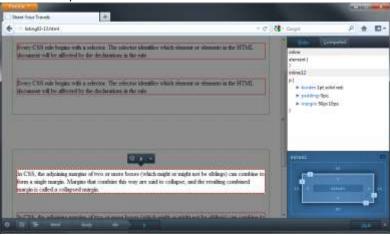




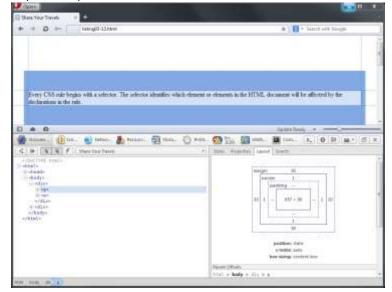
Internet Explorer – Developer Tools



Firefox – Inspect



Opera – Inspect Element



# **Layout: Normal Flow**



#### **Normal Flow**

- Normal flow refers here to how the browser will normally display blocklevel elements and inline elements from left to right and from top to bottom
  - Block-level elements are each contained on their own line
    - , <div>, <h2>, , and
  - Inline elements do not form their own blocks but instead are displayed within lines
    - as <em>, <a>, <img>, and <span>

#### **Normal Flow**



Each block exists on its own line and is displayed in normal flow from the browser window's top to its bottom.

By default each block-level element fills up the entire width of its parent (in this case, it is the <body>, which is equivalent to the width of the browser window).

You can use CSS box model properties to customize, for instance, the width of the box and the margin space between other block-level elements.

#### **Normal Flow**

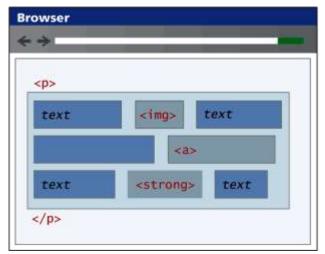
This photo <img src="photo-con.png" alt="" /> of Conservatory Pond in <a href="http://www.centralpark.com/">Central Park</a> New York City was taken on October 22, 2015 with a <strong>Canon EOS 30D</strong> camera.



Inline content is laid out horizontally left to right within its container.

Once a line is filled with content, the next line will receive the remaining content, and so on.

Here the content of this element is displayed on two lines.



If the browser window resizes, then inline content will be "reflowed" based on the new width.

Here the content of this element is now displayed on three lines.

### **Working Together**



A document consists of block-level elements stacked from top to bottom.

Within a block, inline content is horizontally placed left to right.

Some block-level elements can contain other block-level elements (in this example, a <div> can contain other blocks).

In such a case, the block-level content inside the parent is stacked from top to bottom within the container (<div>).

#### **Inline Elements**

- There are actually two types of inline elements: replaced and nonreplaced.
  - Replaced inline elements are elements whose content and thus appearance is defined by some external resource, such as <img> and the various form elements.
  - Nonreplaced inline elements are those elements whose content is defined within the document, which includes all the other inline elements.

#### Take control

- It is possible to change whether an element is block-level or inline via the CSS display property. Consider the following two CSS rules:
  - span { display: block; }
  - li { display: inline; }
- These two rules will make all <span> elements behave like block-level elements and all elements like inline (that is, each list item will be displayed on the same line).

# **Layout: Positioning Elements**



#### **Positioning Elements**

- It is possible to move an item from its regular position in the normal flow, and
  - move an item outside of the browser viewport so it is not visible
  - position it so it is always visible in a fixed position while the rest of the content scrolls.
- The position property is used to specify the type of positioning

Value	Description
absolute	The element is removed from normal flow and positioned in relation to its nearest positioned ancestor.
fixed	The element is fixed in a specific position in the window even when the document is scrolled.
relative	The element is moved relative to where it would be in the normal flow.
static	The element is positioned according to the normal flow. This is the default.

#### **Relative Positioning**

- In relative positioning an element is displaced out of its normal flow position and moved relative to where it would have been placed
- The other content around the relatively positioned element "remembers" the element's old position in the flow; thus the space the element would have occupied is preserved

#### **Relative Positioning**



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A wenderful screnity has taken possession of my entire soul, Ree these sweet mornings of spring which
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created for the bliss of souls like mine. I am so happy, my dear friend, so absorbed in the exquisite
sense of mere transpill existence, that I amplest my talents. I should be incapable of drawing a single
stroke at the present moment, and yet I feel that I never was a greater artist than now,
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```

```
figure {
   border: 1pt solid #A8A8A8;
   background-color: #EDEDDD;
   padding: 5px;
   width: 150px;
   position: relative;
   top: 150px;
   left: 200px;
}
```

#### **Absolute Positioning**

- When an element is positioned absolutely, it is removed completely from normal flow.
- Unlike with relative positioning, space is not left for the moved element, as it is no longer in the normal flow.
- absolute positioning can get confusing

#### **Absolute Positioning**



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```
figure {
   margin: 0;
   border: 1pt solid #A8A8A8;
   background-color: #EDEDDD;
   padding: 5px;
   width: 150px;
   position: absolute;
   top: 150px;
   left: 200px;
}
```

#### **Absolute Positioning**

 A moved element via absolute position is actually positioned relative to its nearest positioned ancestor container



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```
figure {
    margin: 0;
    border: 1pt solid #A8A8A8;
    background-color: #EDEDDD;
    padding: 5px;
    width: 150px;
    position: absolute;
    top: 150px;
    left: 200px;
}

figcaption {
    background-color: #EDEDDD;
    padding: 5px;
    position: absolute;
    top: 150px;
    left: 200px;
}
```

#### **Z-Index**

- When overlapping elements items closest to the viewer (and thus on the top) have a larger z-index
  - only positioned elements will make use of their z-index
  - simply setting the z-index value of elements will not necessarily move them on top or behind other items.



```
figure {
    position: absolute;
    top: 150px;
    left: 200px;
}
figcaption {
    position: absolute;
    top: 90px;
    left: 140px;
}
```

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                                                       so full and were within me, that it might be the
 nimer of my seed, as any seed in the mirror of the infinite God!
```

```
figure {
    z-index: 5;
}
figcaption {
    z-index: 1;
}
```

Note that this did **not** move the <figure> on top of the <figcaption> as one might expect. This is due to the nesting of the caption within the figure.



Instead the <figcaption> z-index must be set below 0. The <figure> z-index could be any value equal to or above 0.



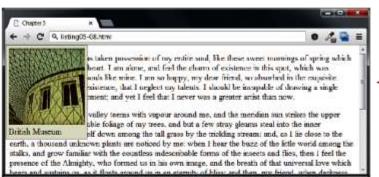
If the <figure> z-index is given a value less than 0, then any of its positioned descendants change as well. Thus both the <figure> and <figcaption> move underneath the body text.

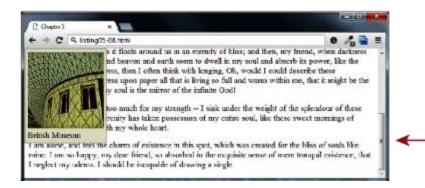
#### **Fixed Position**

 Elements with fixed positioning do not move when the user scrolls up or down the page

```
figure {
    ...
    position: fixed;
    top: 0;
    left: 0;
}
```

Notice that figure is fixed in its position regardless of what part of the page is being viewed.



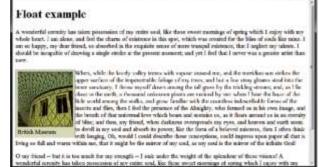


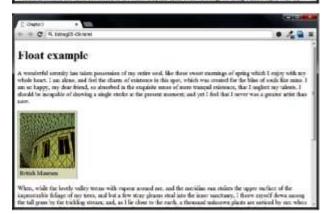


- It is possible to displace an element out of its position in the normal flow via the CSS float property
- An element can be floated to the left or floated to the right
- When an item is floated, it is moved all the way to the far left or far right
  of its containing block and the rest of the content is "re-flowed" around the
  floated element

Value	Description
left	The left-hand edge of the element cannot be adjacent to another element.
right	The right-hand edge of the element cannot be adjacent to another element.
both	Both the left-hand and right-hand edges of the element cannot be adjacent to another element.
none	The element can be adjacent to other elements.

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```
<h1>Float example</h1>
A wonderful serenity has taken ...
<figure>
  <imq src="images/828.jpg" alt="" />
   <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
</figure>
When, while the lovely valley ...
figure {
   border: 1pt solid #A8A8A8:
   background-color: #EDEDDD;
   margin: 0;
   padding: 5px:
   width: 150px;
    Notice that a floated block-level
    element must have a width
    specified.
figure {
  width: 150px:
   float: left;
```

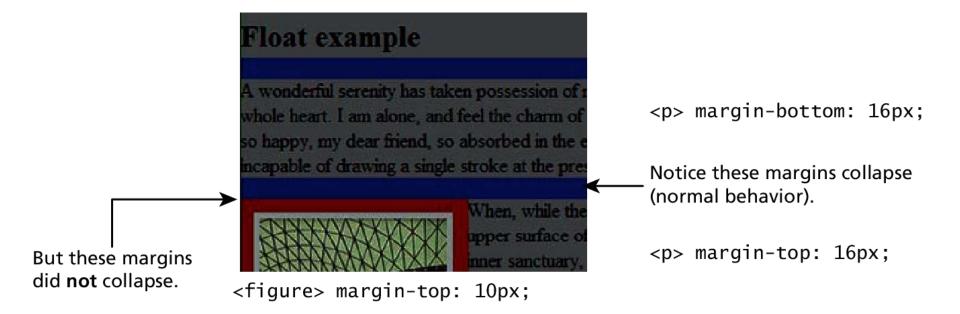
```
figure {
    ...
    width: 150px;
    float: right;
    margin: 10px;
}
```

- Notice that a floated block-level element must have a width specified, if you do not, then the width will be set to auto, which will mean it implicitly fills the entire width of the containing block, and there thus will be no room available to flow content around the floated item.
- It should be reiterated that a floated item moves to the left or right of its container (also called its containing block).

#### Floating within a container

```
<article>
 <h1>Float example</h1>
 A wonderful serenity has taken possession of ... 
 <figure>
   <img src="images/828.jpg" alt="" />
   <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
  </figure>
 When, while the lovely valley teems with ...
  o my friend -- but it is too much for my ...
</article>
                                             article {
                                                background-color: #898989;
                                                margin: 5px 50px;
                                                padding: 5px 20px; ·
                                             p { margin: 16px 0; }
                                             figure {
                                                border: 1pt solid #262626;
                                                background-color: #c1c1c1;
                                                padding: 5px;
                                                width: 150px;
                                                float: left;
                                                margin: 10px;
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```

### Floating within a container



#### Floating Multiple Items side by side

- When you float multiple items that are in proximity, each floated item in the container will be nestled up beside the previously floated item
- All other content in the containing block (including other floated elements) will flow around all the floated elements

#### Floating side by side

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```
<article>
  <figure>
    <imq src="images/tiny/275.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>Westminister</figcaption>
  </figure>
  <fiqure>
    <img src="images/tiny/700.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>Emirates Stadium</figcaption>
  </figure>
  <figure>
    <img src="images/tiny/537.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>Albert Hall</figcaption>
  </figure>
  <figure>
    <img src="images/tiny/828.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
  </figure>
  <figure>
    <img src="images/tiny/464.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>Wellington Monument</figcaption>
  </figure>
  <figure>
     <img src="images/tiny/224.jpg" alt="" />
     <figcaption>Lewes Castle</figcaption>
  </figure>
  When, while the lovely valley teems ...
</article>
figure {
  width: 150px:
   float: left;
```



As the window resizes, the content in the containing block (the <article> element), will try to fill the space that is available to the right of the floated elements.

#### The Clear Property

 You can stop elements from flowing around a floated element by using the clear property

```
<article>
                                                       <figure>
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/275.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>Westminister</figcaption>
.first { clear: left; }
                                                       </figure>
                                                       <figure>
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/700.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>Emirates Stadium</figcaption>
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                                                       </figure>
                                                       <figure>
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/537.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>Albert Hall</figcaption>
                                                       </figure>
                                                       <figure class="first">
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/828.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
                                                       </figure>
                                                       <figure>
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/464.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>Wellington Monument</figcaption>
                                                       </figure>
                                                       <figure>
                                                          <img src="images/tiny/224.jpg" alt="" />
                                                          <figcaption>Lewes Castle</figcaption>
                                                       </figure>
```

</article>

When, while the lovely valley ...

#### **Containing Floats**

 Another problem that can occur with floats is when an element is floated within a containing block that contains only floated content. In such a case, the containing block essentially disappears

```
<article>
  <figure>
    <img src="images/828.jpg" alt="" />
        <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
    </figure>
    When, while the lovely valley ...
</article>
```

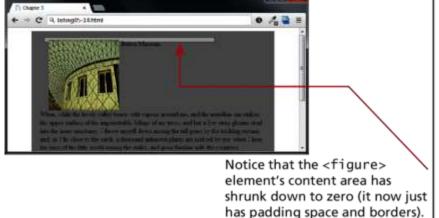
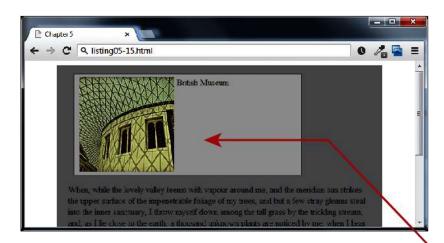


figure img {
 width: 170px;
 float: left;
 margin: 0 5px;
}
figure figcaption {
 width: 100px;
 float: left;
}
figure {
 border: 1pt solid #262626;
 background-color: #c1c1c1;
 padding: 5px;
 width: 400px;
 margin: 10px;
}
.first { clear: left; }

#### **Containing Floats**

 One solution would be to float the container as well, but depending on the layout this might not be possible. A better solution would be to use the overflow property



Setting the overflow property to auto solves the problem.

```
figure img {
   width: 170px;
   float: left;
   margin: 0 5px;
figure figcaption {
   width: 100px;
   float: left;
figure {
   border: 1pt solid #262626;
   background-color: #c1c1c1;
   padding: 5px;
   width: 400px;
   margin: 10px;
   overflow: auto;
```

#### **Overlaying and Hiding Elements**

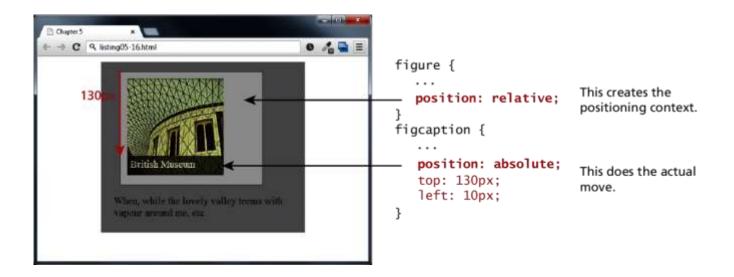
- One of the more common design tasks with CSS is to place two elements on top of each other, or to selectively hide and display elements. Positioning is important to both of these tasks.
- Positioning is often used for smaller design changes, such as moving items relative to other elements within a container
- In such a case, relative positioning is used to create the positioning context for a subsequent absolute positioning move

#### **Positioning Context**

```
figure {
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                                                          border: 1pt solid #262626;

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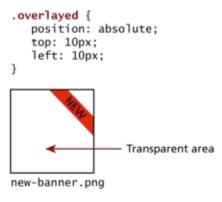
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                                                         background-color: #c1c1c1;
                                                         padding: 10px;
                                                         width: 200px;
                                                         margin: 10px;
                                                      figcaption {
                                                         background-color: black;
                                                          color: white;
                                                         opacity: 0.6;
             British Museum
                                                         width: 140px;
                                                         height: 20px;
           When, while the lovely valley teems with
                                                         padding: 5px;
           vapour around me, etc.
```



#### **Positioning Context**

```
<figure>
    <img src="images/828.jpg" alt="" />
    <figcaption>British Museum</figcaption>
    <img src="images/new-banner.png" alt="" class="overlayed"/>
</figure>
```







```
.overlayed {
    position: absolute;
    top: 10px;
    left: 10px;
    display: none;
}

This hides the overlayed image.
.hide {
    display: none;
}

This is the preferred way to hide: by adding this class to another element.
This makes it clear in the markup that an element is not visible.
```

<img ... class="overlayed hide"/>

#### **Hiding elements**

- Two different ways to hide elements in CSS:
- 1. using the display property
  - The display property takes an item out of the flow: it is as if the element no longer exists
- using the visibility property
  - The visibility property just hides the element, but the space for that element remains.

## **Hiding elements**

Two ways to hide: display and visibility



```
figure {
    ...
    display: auto;
}
```



```
figure {
    ...
    display: none;
}
```



```
figure {
    ...
    visibility: hidden;
}
```

#### Using :hover to make thumbnails

```
<figure class="thumbnail">
    <img src="images/828.jpg" alt="" />
    <figcaption class="popup">
        <img src="images/828-bigger.jpg" alt="" />
        The library in the British Museum in London
    </figcaption>
</figure>
```



When the page is displayed, the larger version of the image, which is within the <figcaption> element, is hidden.



When the user moves/hovers the mouse over the thumbnail image, the visibility property of the <figcaption> element is set to visible.

```
figcaption.popup {
  padding: 10px;
  background: #elelel;
  position: absolute;

  /* add a drop shadow to the frame */
  -webkit-box-shadow: 0 0 15px #A9A9A9);
  -moz-box-shadow: 0 0 15px #A9A9A9;
  box-shadow: 0 0 15px #A9A9A9;

  /* hide it until there is a hover */
  visibility: hidden;
}
```

```
figure.thumbnail:hover figcaption.popup {
  position: absolute;
  top: 0;
  left: 100px;

  /* display image upon hover */
   visibility: visible;
}
```

# Constructing Multicolumn Layouts

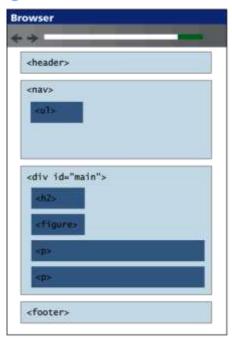


#### **Constructing Multicolumn Layouts**

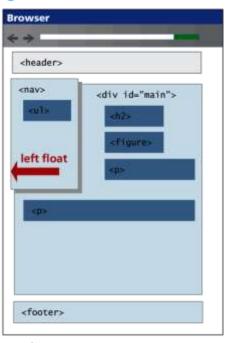
- There is unfortunately no simple and easy way to create robust multicolumn page layouts. There are tradeoffs with each approach:
  - Using Floats to Create Columns
  - Using Positioning to Create Columns
- The most common way to create columns of content is using floats.
  - **The first step** is to float the content container that will be on the left-hand side. Remember that the floated container needs to have a width specified.

#### **Using Floats to create Columns**

1 HTML source order (normal flow)



2 Two-column layout (left float)



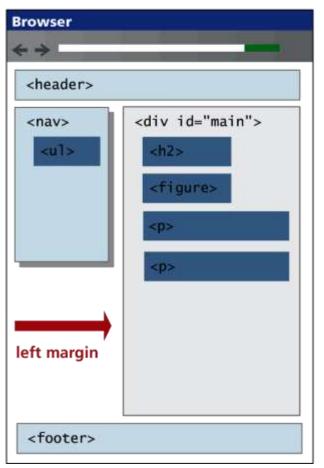
```
nav {
...
width: 12em;
float: left;
}
```





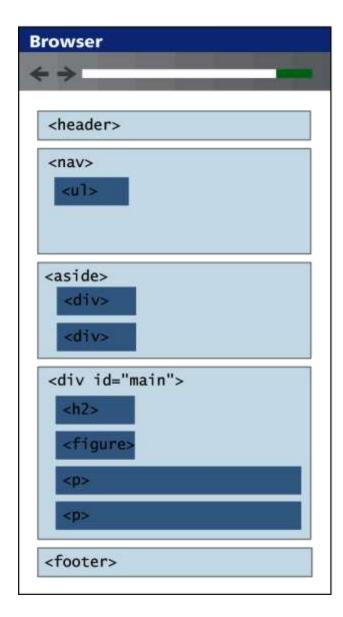
#### **Using Floats to create Columns**

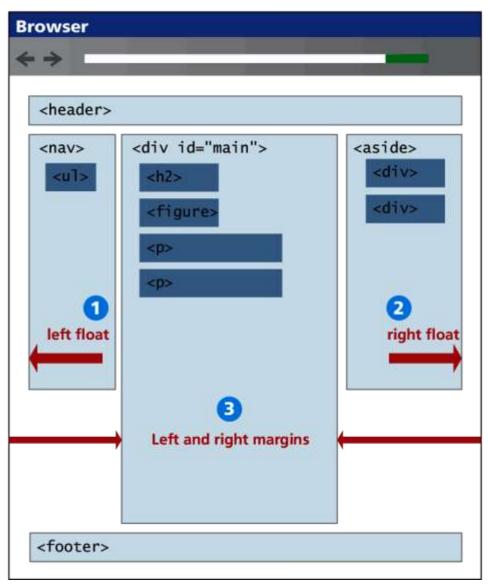
- The other key step is changing the left-margin so that it no longer flows back under the floated content.
  - 3 Set the left margin of non-floated content





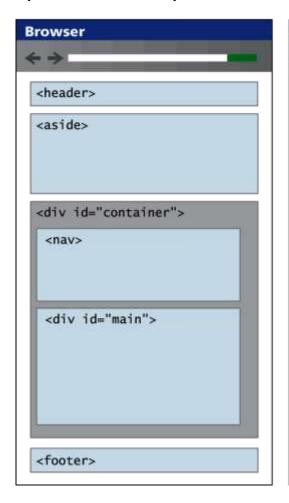
## **Using Floats for Columns**

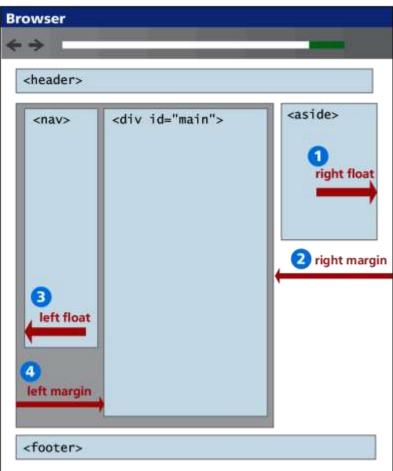




#### **Using Positioning to Create Columns**

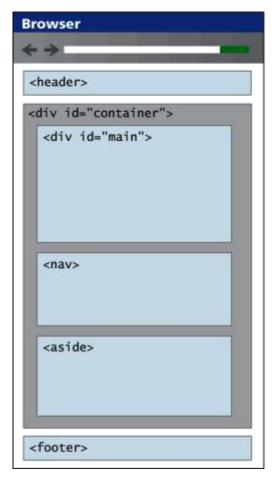
 Positioning can also be used to create a multicolumn layout. Typically, the approach will be to absolute position the elements that were floated in the examples from the previous section

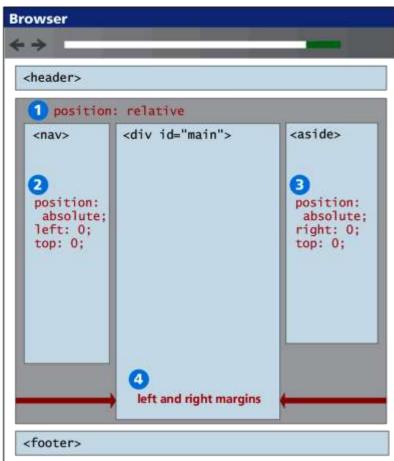




#### **Positioning discussion**

 Notice that with positioning it is easier to construct our source document with content in a more SEO-friendly manner; in this case, the main <div> can be placed first.

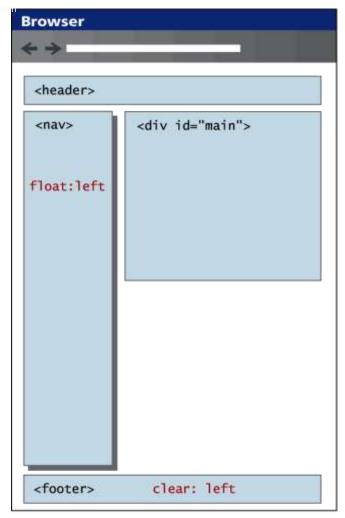




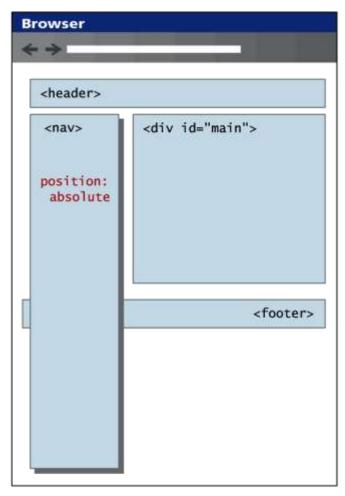
#### **Positioning discussion**

- What would happen if one of the sidebars had a lot of content and was thus quite long?
  - In the floated layout, this would not be a problem at all, because when an item is floated, blank space is left behind.
  - But when an item is positioned, it is removed entirely from normal flow, so subsequent items will have no "knowledge" of the positioned item.

#### **Positioning Discussion**



Elements that are floated leave behind space for them in the normal flow. We can also use the clear property to ensure later elements are below the floated element.



Absolute positioned elements are taken completely out of normal flow, meaning that the positioned element may overlap subsequent content. The clear property will have no effect since it only responds to floated elements.