



Display and Visibility





Display is Key to Layout

- Every element is a box
- Display affects the layout of neighboring elements





Common Values

- inline: sits next to other elements
 - · takes up "just enough" width and height
- block: forces line break
 - default: take up all horizontal width and "just enough" height
 - rules can set height and width





Common Values

- inline-block:
 - same as inline, but accepts height and width
- none: removed from page
 - Still in DOM, but not visual (even to SRs)





Complementary Properties

- float
 - Reposition elements to the right or left.
 - Elements are aware of one another and will not overlap.
 - Values: left, right
- clear
 - Used to keep floating elements away
 - Values: left, right, both





Element Overflow

- What happens when you set a height/width and the content doesn't fit any longer?
- Use overflow to determine access



Overflow

- visible: Can cause text to show up "on top" of other text
- hidden: Hides anything that goes beyond bounding box
 - This can cause problems since if the user increases font size, they may not be able to see content
- scroll: Gives horizontal and vertical scrollbars
- auto: Adds scrollbars as needed





Other Display Values

- New display properties are available, but not always supported:
 - Table
 - Grid
 - Flexbox





display:table

Sometimes you want to have table-like layout
 without using table structure, use display:table along
 with display:table-cell for elements.





Visibility

- Specifies whether or not element is visible
- Options include:
 - visible
 - hidden
 - collapse (only for table elements)
- Unlike display:none a hidden element is still part of the DOM and still takes up space





Review

- Display is just one tool for positioning our elements on the page
- Early design will make the coding easier
- Utilize tools to see the different options





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