Media Queries & Breakpoints in Tailwind CSS

What are Media Queries and Breakpoints?

Media Queries are CSS rules that apply styles based on screen size, orientation, resolution, etc.

Breakpoints are specific screen widths where layout/design changes to fit the device better.

Tailwind CSS simplifies responsive design using **built-in breakpoint prefixes** like sm:, md:, lg:, xl:, and 2xl:.

Breakpoints in Tailwind CSS v4

Prefix	Min-Width	Usage
sm	640рх	Small (mobile)
md	768px	Medium (tablet)
lg	1024рх	Large (laptop)
xl	1280рх	Extra large (desktop)
2xl	1536рх	Ultra-wide screens

Code Snippets

Add Style for All Screen Sizes

<div class="bg-blue-500 text-white p-4">Responsive for All Devices</div>

Add Style for Specific Screen Sizes

<div class="bg-green-500 text-white p-4

sm:bg-red-500

md:bg-yellow-500

lg:bg-blue-500

xl:bg-purple-500">

This background changes with screen size

</div>

Responsive Text Example

<h1 class="text-lg sm:text-xl md:text-2xl lg:text-4xl">

Responsive Heading

</h1>

Responsive Flex Layout

<div class="flex flex-col md:flex-row gap-4">

<div class="bg-gray-200 p-4 w-full">Box 1</div>

<div class="bg-gray-400 p-4 w-full">Box 2</div>

</div>

Interview Questions

? What are breakpoints in Tailwind CSS?

Breakpoints are predefined screen widths that Tailwind uses to apply responsive design styles using prefixes like sm:, md:, etc.

What is the difference between hidden and invisible?

Class	Effect
hidden	Removes the element from layout (display: none)
invisible	Keeps layout space but hides element (visibility: hidden)

? How do you apply styles conditionally based on screen size?

Use breakpoint prefixes:

This is responsive text