

# Interactive Web Programming

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# Today's schedule

## Schedule:

- HTML and CSS
- Inline vs block
- Classes and Ids

## Reminders:

- [HW0](#) is due next Tuesday (09/03)

# HTML and CSS

## Quick Review

# Recall: HTML

## HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)

- Describes the **content** and **structure** of a web page; not a programming language.
- Made up of building blocks called **elements**.

<p>

HTML is <em>awesome!!!</em>



</p>

# Some HTML elements

Top-level heading: **h1**, **h2**, ... **h6**

```
<h1>Moby Dick</h1>  
<h2>Or, the Whale</h2>
```

**Moby Dick**

**Or, the Whale**

Paragraph: **p**

```
<p>Call me Ishmael.</p>
```

Call me Ishmael.

Line break: **br**

```
since feeling is first<br/>  
who pays any attention<br/>  
to the syntax of things
```

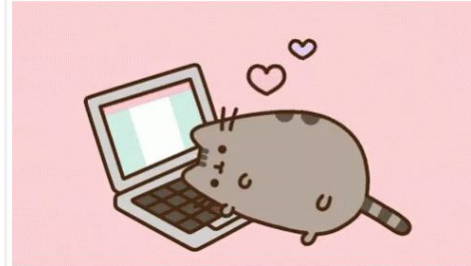
since feeling is first  
who pays any attention  
to the syntax of things

# Some HTML elements

Image: **img**

```

```



Link: **a** (note: not **link**)

```
<a href="google.com">click here!</a>
```

[click here!](https://www.google.com)

Strong (bold): **strong** (note: don't use **b**)

```
<strong>Be BOLD</strong>
```

**Be BOLD**

Emphasis (italic): **em** (note: don't use **i**)

```
He's my <em>brother</em> and all
```

He's my *brother* and all

# Recall: Course web page

We wrote [some HTML](#) to make the following page:



# That was weird

- We saw that HTML whitespace collapses into one space...

```
<h1>Programação Web Interativa</h1>  
<strong>Avisos</strong><br />  
01/03: Começaram nossas aulas!<br />
```

- Except weirdly the `<h1>` heading was on a line of its own, and `<strong>` was not.



# Recall: CSS

## **CSS:** Cascading Style Sheets

- Describes the **appearance** and **layout** of a web page
- Composed of CSS **rules**, which define sets of styles

```
selector {  
    property: value;  
}
```

# Some CSS properties

Font face: **font-family**

```
h1 {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
}
```

**Moby Dick**

Font color: **color**

```
h1 {  
  color: green;  
}
```

**Moby Dick**

Note that **color** always refers to **font** color, and there's no way to make it mean anything other than font color.

Background color: **background-color**

```
body {  
  background-color: pink;  
}
```

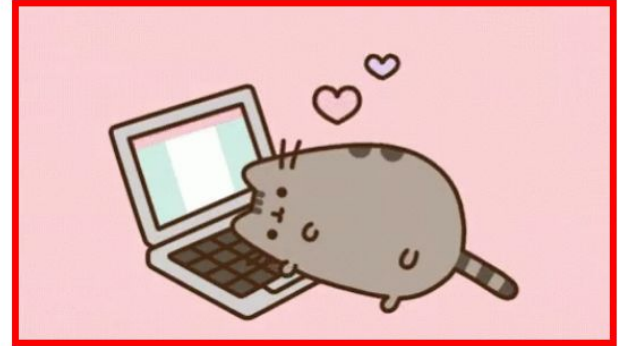
**Moby Dick**

Assign a **background-color** to **body** to make the page a different color.

# Some CSS properties

Border: **border** ([border shorthand syntax](#))

```
img {  
  border: 3px solid red;  
}
```



Text alignment: **text-align** (note: don't use <center>)

```
p {  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

Welcome to CS193X: Web Programming Fundamentals! In this class, you will learn modern full-stack web development techniques.

# CSS colors

**140 predefined names ([list](#))**

```
color: black;
```

**Hex values**

```
color: #00ff00;
```

```
color: #0f0;
```

```
color: #00ff0080;
```

**rgb() and rgba()**

```
color: rgb(34, 12, 64);
```

```
color: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.5);
```

- The "a" in rgba stands for alpha channel and is a transparency value
- Prefer more descriptive:
  1. Predefined name
  2. rgb / rgba
  3. Hex

# Exercise: Course web page

Let's write some CSS to style our page:

**Font face:** Helvetica

**Border:** hotpink 3px

**Background color:**

lavenderblush

**Highlight:** yellow

- Box is **centered**
- Header and link are **centered**
- Box contents are **left-aligned**



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# Solution?!

```
body {  
  font-family: Helvetica;  
}  
h1 {  
  text-align: center;  
}  
a {  
  text-align: center;  
}  
p {  
  border: 3px solid hotpink;  
  background-color: lavenderblush;  
}
```

Produces:

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# CSS exercise debrief

We used some **key techniques**:

- Add invisible containers in HTML to select groups of elements in CSS.
- Apply styles to parent / ancestor element to style parent and all its children. (Will talk more about this later.)

# CSS exercise debrief

But we encountered **more weirdness...**

- `text-align: center;` didn't work on the `<a>` tag
- The box was really wide!
- How to center the box?!
- How do you highlight?!

How do we get from this...

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... to this?

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Q: Why is HTML/CSS so bizarre??

A: There is one crucial set of rules  
we haven't learned yet...

**block** vs **inline** display

# What is HTML?

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- Describes the **content** and **structure** of a web page
- Made up of building blocks called **elements**.

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HTML is <em>awesome!!!</em>



</p>

**And there are 3 basic types.**

# Types of HTML elements

Each HTML element is categorized by the HTML spec into one of three-ish categories:

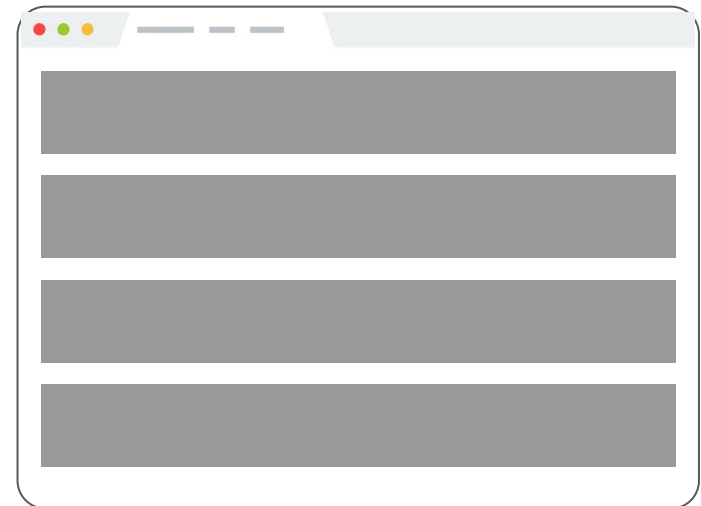
1. **block**: large blocks of content, has height and width  
`<p>`, `<h1>`, `<blockquote>`, `<ol>`, `<ul>`, `<table>`
2. **inline**: small amount of content, no height or width  
`<a>`, `<em>`, `<strong>`, `<br>`
  - a. **inline block**: inline content with height and width  
`<img>`
3. **metadata**: information about the page, usually not visible  
`<title>`, `<meta>`

# Block elements

Examples:

`<p>`, `<h1>`, `<blockquote>`, `<ol>`, `<ul>`, `<table>`

- Take up the full width of the page (**flows top to bottom**)
- Have a height and width
- Can have block or inline elements as children



# Example: Block



Q: What does this  
look like in the  
browser?

```
h1 {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
}
```



```
<h1>Título 1</h1>  
<p>  
  Texto <em>enfatizado</em>!  
</p>
```



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# Título 1

Texto *ênfatisado!*



# Block-level:

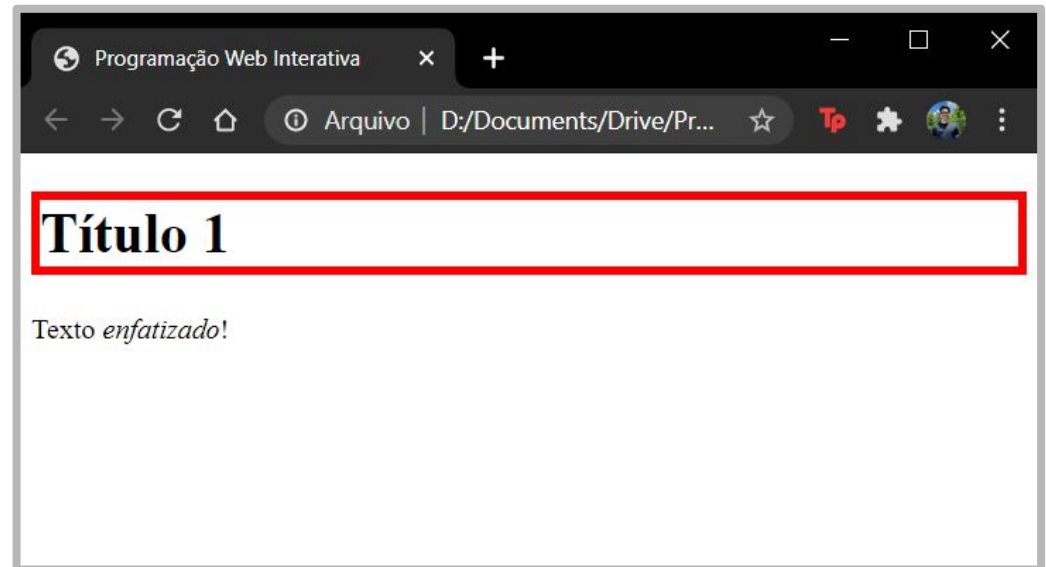
extends the full width of the page

```
h1 {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
}
```

```
<h1>Título 1</h1>  
<p>  
  Texto <em>enfático</em>!  
</p>
```

**<h1>** is block-level, so it extends the full width of the page by default

Note how block-level elements (**h1**, **p**) flow top to bottom



Q: What does this look like in the browser?

```
h1 {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
  width: 50%;  
}
```



```
<h1>Título 1</h1>  
<p>  
  Texto <em>ênfatizado</em>!  
</p>
```



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# Título 1

Texto *ênfatisado!*

# Block-level

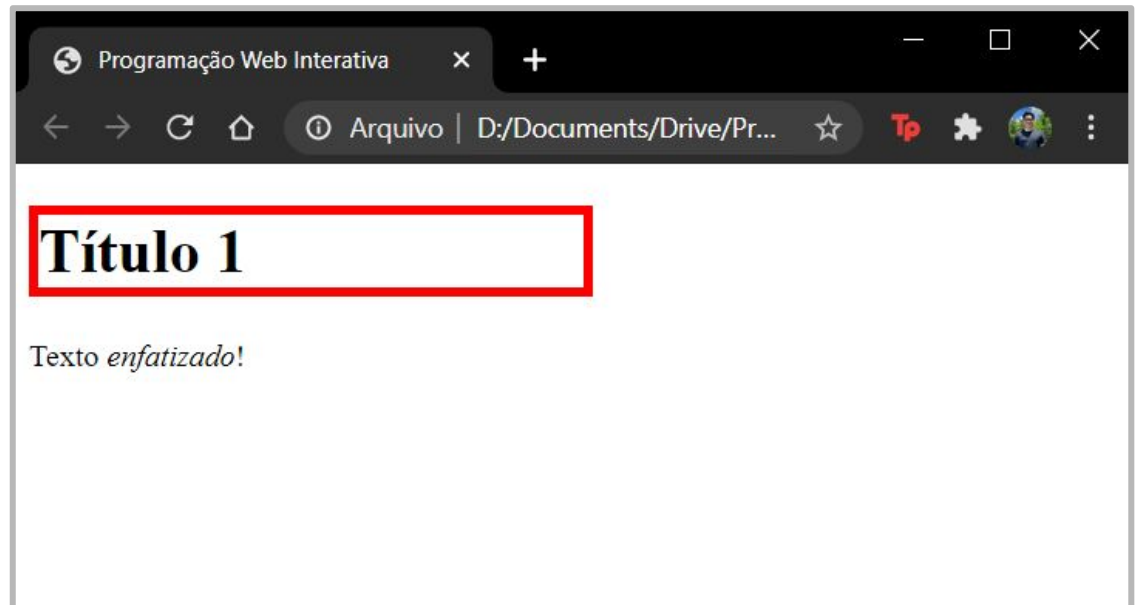
width can be modified

```
h1 {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
  width: 50%;  
}
```

```
<h1>Título 1</h1>  
<p>  
  Texto <em>enfaticado</em>!  
</p>
```

**<h1>** is block-level,  
so its **width** can be  
modified

Block-level elements  
still flow top to  
bottom

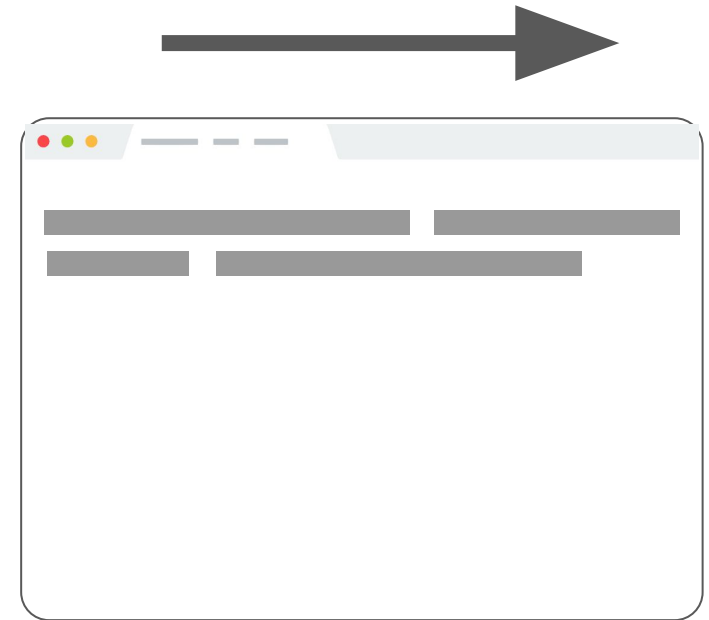


# Inline elements

## Examples:

`<a>`, `<em>`, `<strong>`, `<br>`

- Take up only as much width as needed (flows left to right)
- **Cannot** have height and width
- **Cannot** have a block element child
- **Cannot** be positioned (i.e. CSS properties like `float` and `position` do not apply to inline elements)
  - Must position **its containing block element** instead



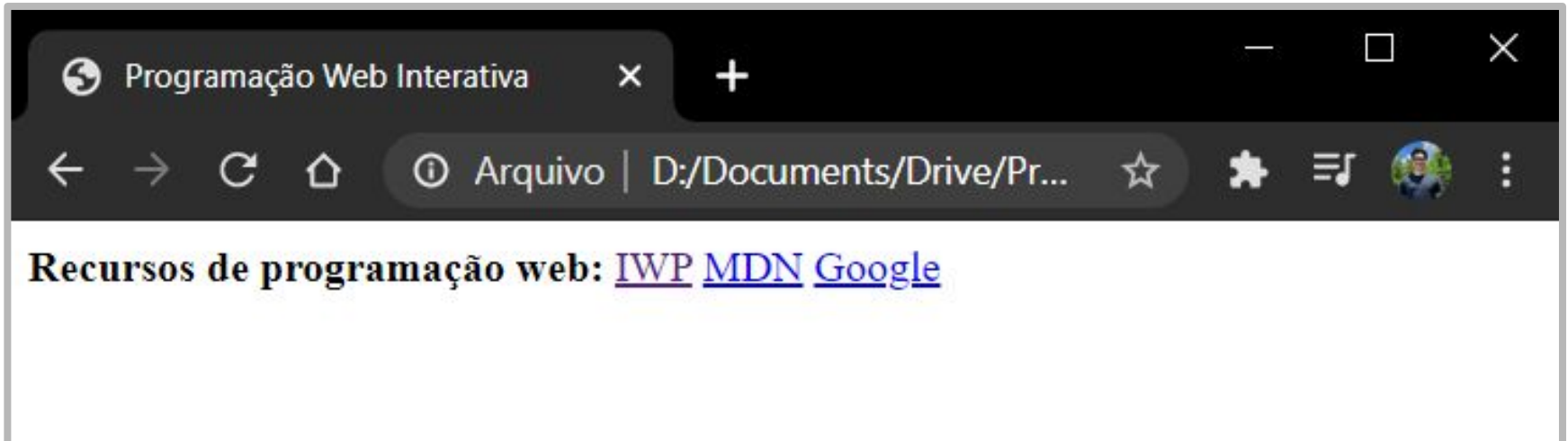
# Example: Inline



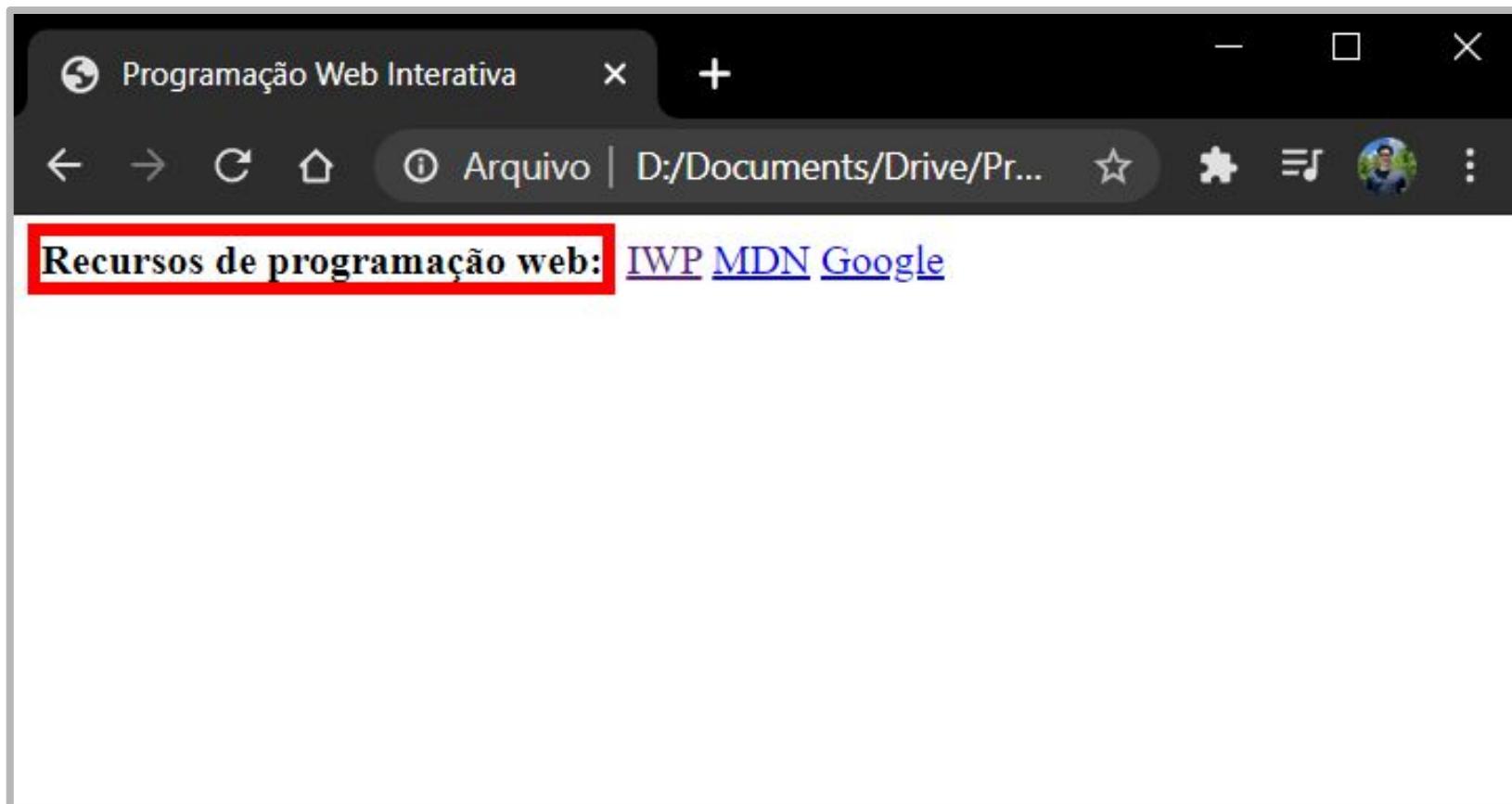
```
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<a href="https://murilocamargos.github.io/iwp">IWP</a>  
<a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/">MDN</a>  
<a href="http://google.com">Google</a>
```

**Q: What does this  
look like in the  
browser?**

```
strong {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
  width: 1000px;  
}
```



```
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<a href="http://google.com">Google</a>
```

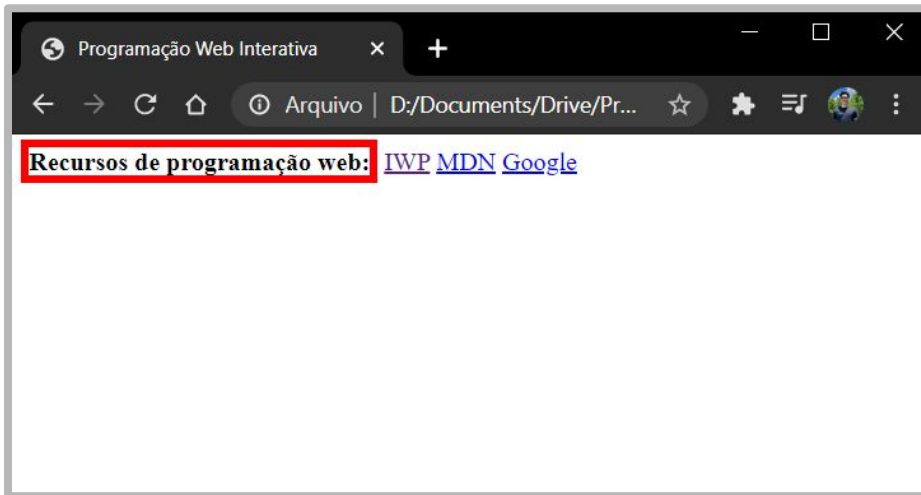




# Inline elements ignore width

width cannot be modified

```
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<a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/">MDN</a>  
<a href="http://google.com">Google</a>
```



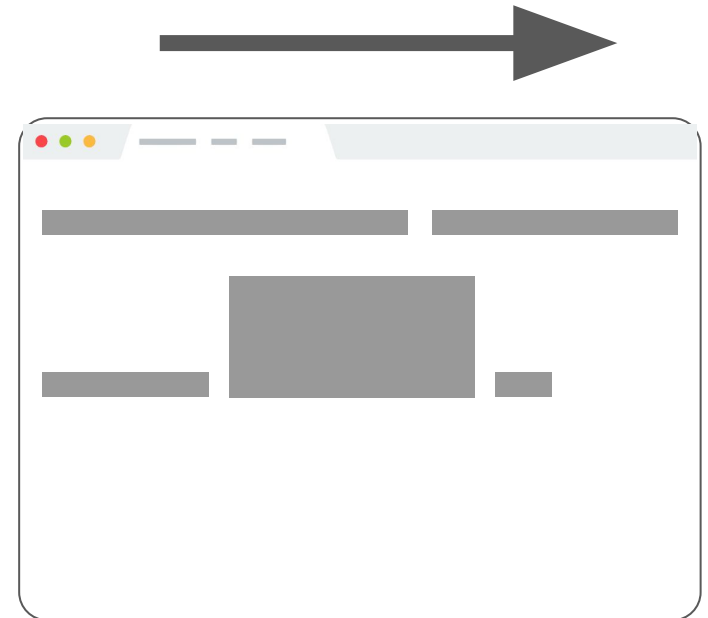
```
strong {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
  width: 1000px;  
  /* Will not work; strong  
  is inline! */  
}
```

**Cannot** set **width** on inline element, so it is ignored.

# inline-block

Examples: `<img>`, any element with `display: inline-block;`

- Width is the size of the content, i.e. it takes only as much space as needed (flows left to right)
- **Can** have height and width
- **Can** have a block element as a child
- **Can** be positioned (i.e. CSS properties like `float` and `position` apply)



# Example: Inline-block

```
img {  
  width: 50px;  
}
```

**Q: What does this look like in the browser?**

```
  
  
  
  

```

<http://i.imgur.com/a2mAkYQs.jpg> =





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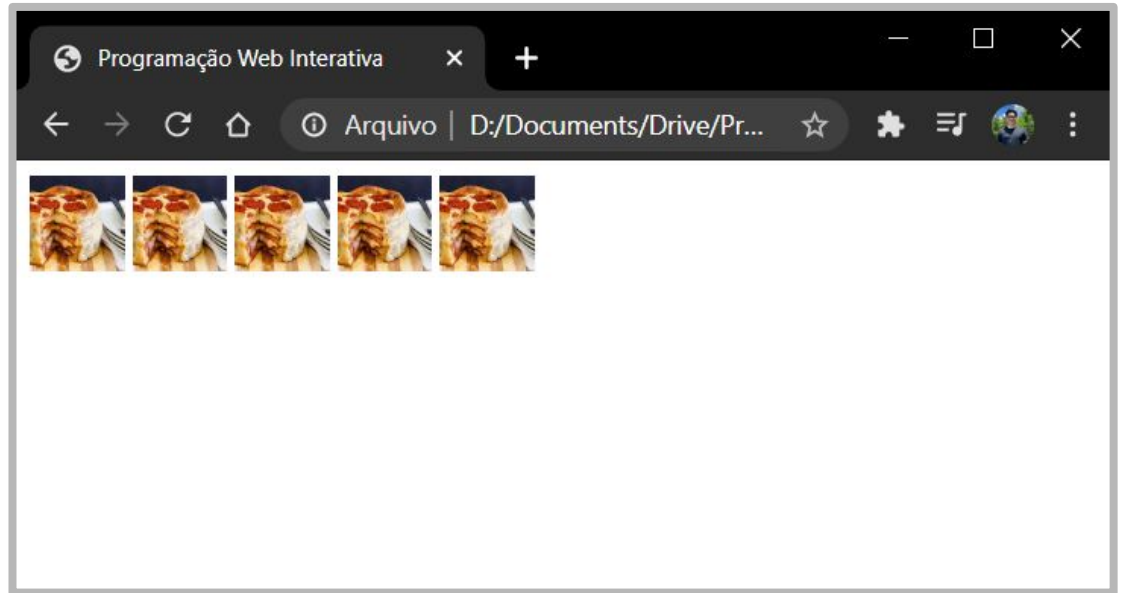


# Inline-block

Has width and height; flows left to right

**Can** set **width** on inline-block element, so image width is set to 50px. ([Codepen](#))

**inline-block** flows left to right, so images are right next to each other.



```
img {  
  width: 50px;  
}
```

```
  
  
  
  

```

# Addendum: **paths**

`img src`, `a href`, and `link href` can all take either **relative** or **absolute** paths to the resource:

- `<a href="about.html">About</a>`
- ``
- `<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css"/>`

If you are unfamiliar with paths, check out the following:

- [Absolute vs relative paths](#)
- [Unix directories and file paths](#)

# The display CSS property

You can change an element's default rendering type by changing the **display** property. Examples:

```
p {  
  display: inline;  
}
```

```
a {  
  display: block;  
}
```

Possible values for display:

- block
- inline
- inline-block
- some others: [link](#)

# Review

1. **block**: flows **top-to-bottom**; **has** height and width  
`<p>`, `<h1>`, `<blockquote>`, `<ol>`, `<ul>`, `<table>`
2. **inline**: flows **left-to-right**; **does not have** height and width  
`<a>`, `<em>`, `<strong>`, `<br>`
  - a. **inline block**: flows **left-to-right**; **has** height and width equal to size of the content  
`<img>`

Questions?



## **Moral of the story:**

If your CSS isn't working, see if you're trying to apply block-level properties to inline elements

# h1 vs strong mystery

Recall: Weirdly the `<h1>` heading was on a line of its own, and `<strong>` was not. -- **Why?**

```
<h1>Programação Web Interativa</h1>
<strong>Avisos:</strong>
01/03: Começaram nossas aulas!
```

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```
<h1>Programação Web Interativa</h1>
<strong>Avisos:</strong><br />
01/03: Começaram nossas aulas!
```

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# h1 vs strong demystified!

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```

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```
<h1>Programação Web Interativa</h1>
<strong>Avisos:</strong><br />
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```

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**Because h1 is a block-level element,  
and strong is an inline-level element**

# text-align mystery

Recall: We couldn't set `text-align: center;` on the `<a>` tag directly, but we could center `<h1>`. **Why?**

```
h1 { /* works */  
  text-align: center;  
}  
  
a { /* fails */  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

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Let's try looking at the [MDN description of text-align](#)...

# text-align mystery

## Summary

The **text-align** CSS property describes how inline content like text is aligned in its parent block element. **text-align** does not control the alignment of block elements, only their inline content.

### Initial value

start, or a nameless value that acts as left if **direction** is ltr, right if **direction** is rtl if start is not supported by the browser.

### Applies to

block containers

([source](#))

# text-align demystified!

**Why?** From the [spec](#), **can't apply text-align to an inline element**; must apply text-align to its block container, or set `a { display : block; }`

```
h1 { /* works */  
  text-align: center;  
}  
a { /* works :D */  
  text-align: center;  
  display: block;  
}
```

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### HTML

```
<p>  
  <a href="url">  
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  </a>  
</p>
```

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### CSS

```
h1 { /* works */  
  text-align: center;  
}  
p { /* works :D */  
  text-align: center;  
}
```

# Box size mystery

Recall: The pink box we put around the announcements extended the entirety of the page.

```
p {  
  border: 3px solid  hotpink;  
  background-color:  lavenderblush;  
}
```

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Why?

How do we fix this?

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**Why?** Because p is block-level, so width == width of the page

**How do we fix this?**



# Box size mystery: demystified!

Recall: The pink box we put around the announcements extended the entirety of the page.

```
p {  
  border: 3px solid pink;  
  background-color: lavenderblush;  
  display: inline-block;  
}
```

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**Why?** Because `p` is block-level, so `width == width of the page`

**How do we fix this?** Change `display` to `inline-block` (though now the space above the box has increased... will address later!)

# Centering the box

We can also center the box by centering the body tag, since p is now inline-block.

```
body {  
  text-align: center;  
}  
p {  
  border: 3px solid hotpink;  
  background-color: lavenderblush;  
  display: inline-block;  
}
```

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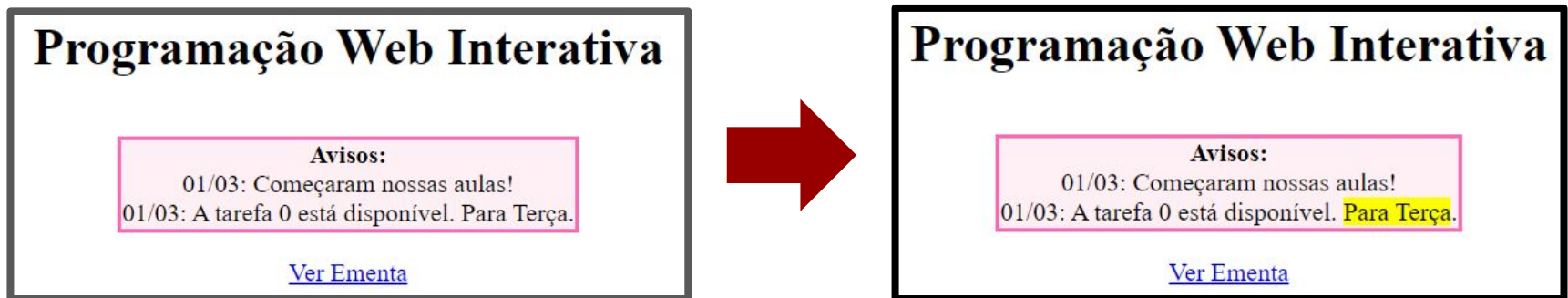
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# Highlight mystery

Recall: We didn't know how to select a random snippet of text to change its background.



How do we fix this?

# Highlight: demystified!

We can select a random segment of text by wrapping it in an **inline element**:

```
<strong>Avisos:</strong><br/>  
01/03: Começaram nossas aulas!<br/>  
01/03: A tarefa 0 está disponível.  
<em>Para Terça</em>.
```

```
em {  
  background-color: yellow;  
  /* undoes italics */  
  font-style: normal;  
}
```

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Hmmm... but wouldn't it be better to have a "highlight" element?

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Hmmm... but wouldn't it be better to have a "highlight" element?  
How do we make a generic HTML element?

Have you heard of `<div>` and `<span>`?

What are they?

# <div> and <span>

Two generic tags with no intended purpose or style:

- <div>: a generic **block** element
- <span>: a generic **inline** element

# <span> in action

We can use <span> as a generic inline HTML container:

```
<strong>Avisos:</strong><br/>  
01/03: Começaram nossas aulas!<br/>  
01/03: A tarefa 0 está disponível.  
<span>Para Terça</span>.
```

```
span {  
  background-color: yellow;  
}
```

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# Multiple generic containers?

But won't we often want multiple generic containers?

How do we distinguish two generic containers?

In other words, how do we select a subset of elements instead of **all** elements on the page?

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# CSS Selectors: Classes and Ids

# Classes and ids

There are 3 basic types of CSS selectors:

Element selector (this is the one we've been using)	<b>p</b>	All <b>&lt;p&gt;</b> elements
✨ ID selector ✨	<b>#abc</b>	element with <b>id="abc"</b>
✨ Class selector ✨	<b>.abc</b>	elements with <b>class="abc"</b>

```
<h1 id="title">Homework</h1>
<em class="hw">HW0</em> is due Friday.<br/>
<em class="hw">HW1</em> goes out Monday.<br/>
<em>All homework due at 11:59pm.</em>
```

# Classes and ids

```
<h1 id="title">Homework</h1>  
<em class="hw">HW0</em> is due Tue.<br/>  
<em class="hw">HW1</em> goes out Thu.<br/>  
<em>All homework due at 11:59pm.</em>
```

```
.hw {  
  color: hotpink;  
}  
  
#title {  
  color: purple;  
}
```

**Homework**

*HW0* is due Tue.

*HW1* goes out Thu.

*All homework due at 11:59pm.*

# More on `class` and `id`

- `class` and `id` are special HTML attributes that can be used on any HTML element
  - `class`: Used on 1 or more elements; identifies a **collection** of elements
  - `id`: Used on exactly 1 element per page; identifies **one unique** element
- Can apply multiple classes by space-separating them:  
`<span class="hw new">HW1</span>`
- Often used with `span` and `div` to create generic elements: e.g. `<span class="highlight">` is like creating a "highlight" element

Other selectors:  
Next time!