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We want to create a web-page as shown below, using layouts.

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Since I am not a web designer with little knowledge of css, I have picked up one of the free css available on the internet, for our web-page. You can download all the files required for this exercise from [here](#).

I have created a **main.erb** file in the *views* folder and which can be downloaded from the above link.

I have also created a new application **day5_2_p1.rb** as:

```
require 'sinatra'

get '/' do

  erb :main

end
```

Finally, I have edited **config.ru** in the *root-directory* and its contents are:

```
require './day5_2_p1'

run Sinatra::Application
```

To jazz up the web-page, we are going to create a **layout.erb** file in the **views** folder.

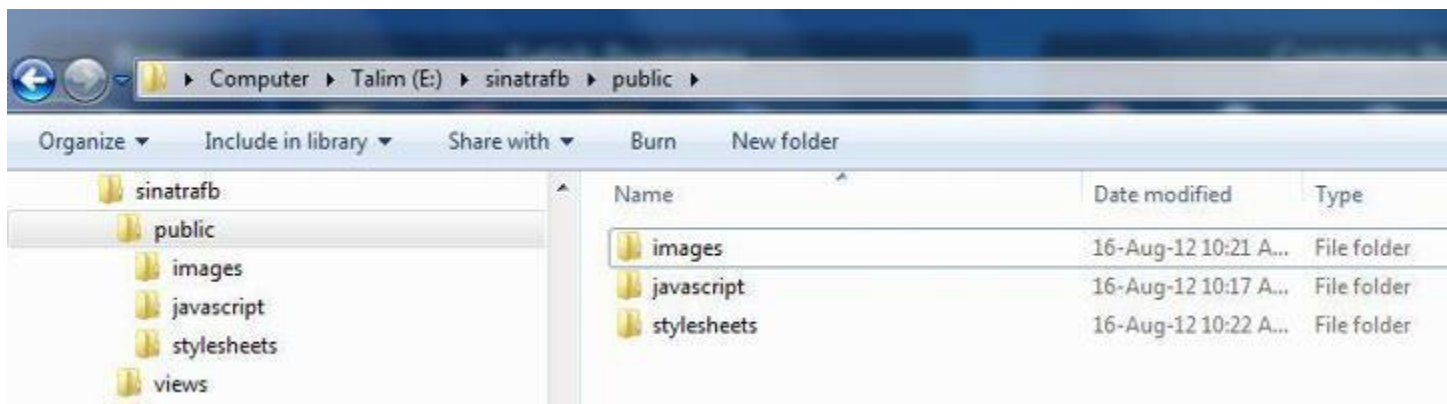
Layouts are simple in Sinatra. Put a file "**layout.erb**" in your *views* directory. When you render a page, the appropriate layout will be grabbed (of the same filetype), and used. The **layout.erb** file can be downloaded from the above link.

In the above file, note the usage of **yield**. The **layout.erb** file calls **yield** at the point you want the content to be included i.e. it refers to **main.erb** and the results of **main.erb** are stuck at the place, where you called **yield**.

All static files are served from the **./public** directory. Note that the public directory name is not included in the URL. A file **./public/css/style.css** is made available as **example.com/css/style.css**.

Let's create a **public** directory and under it the following sub-directories – **images**, **javascript**, **stylesheets**. It is important to note that we can have any directory layout under the public folder.

See image below:



When you download the zip file from the link mentioned above, the **images** and **stylesheets** folders will have the relevant files required for our web-page. Please use them.

Finally, deploy your app to Heroku and **post the URL of your app as comments to this page**.

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