

BOX MODEL

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**EVERYTHING IS RECTANGLES**

# EXPLORING THE BOX MODEL

- ▶ Inline/Block Elements Review
- ▶ How Elements are Displayed
- ▶ What the box model is
- ▶ Working with the box model
- ▶ Width, Height, Margin, Padding, Borders
- ▶ Box Sizing
  - ▶ border-box

# BEFORE WE BEGIN

- ▶ CSS Properties short-hand.
- ▶ CSS Selectors grouping.
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/RrxLLM?editors=110>

# BLOCK ELEMENTS VS. INLINE ELEMENTS

## ▶ Block Elements

- ▶ Begin on a "new line"
- ▶ Take up the whole width
- ▶ Stack on top of each other

## ▶ Inline Elements

- ▶ Do not begin on a "new line"
- ▶ Maintain the width of their content
- ▶ They fall *inline* with other elements

- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/vLJrQo?editors=110>

# THE DISPLAY PROPERTY

- ▶ Every element has a default **display** property.
- ▶ We can alter this display property in our CSS rules
  - ▶ This means...
    - ▶ We can change inline elements to block!
    - ▶ We can change block elements to inline.
    - ▶ We can hide elements

# THE DISPLAY PROPERTY

- ▶ The most common display property values used are:
  - ▶ display: **block**;
  - ▶ display: **inline**;
  - ▶ display: **none**;
  - ▶ display: **inline-block**;
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/wMpqPP?editors=110>

# REGARDING INLINE-BLOCK

- ▶ Will show an element *inline*
- ▶ Allows usage of the box-model properties
  - ▶ In the code-pen example, we added a **height** property  
<http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/wMpqPP?editors=110>
- ▶ Inline block elements have a space between them, they don't butt right up against each other by default

# BOX MODEL = BOXES

- ▶ Every element on a page is a **rectangular box**.  
<http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/EPovOx?editors=110>



# THE BOX MODEL

- ▶ Every element is a rectangular box
- ▶ There are a few properties that define the **true dimensions** of the box.
- ▶ width, height, padding, border and margin.
- ▶ padding/margin/border all have sides.
  - ▶ *padding/margin/border-top*
  - ▶ *padding/margin/border-right*
  - ▶ *padding/margin/border-bottom*
  - ▶ *padding/margin/border-left*

# CALCULATING DIMENSIONS

- ▶ Calculating the *true width* of an element:

margin-right + border-right + padding-right + width + padding-left + border-left + margin-left

- ▶ Calculating the *true height* of an element:

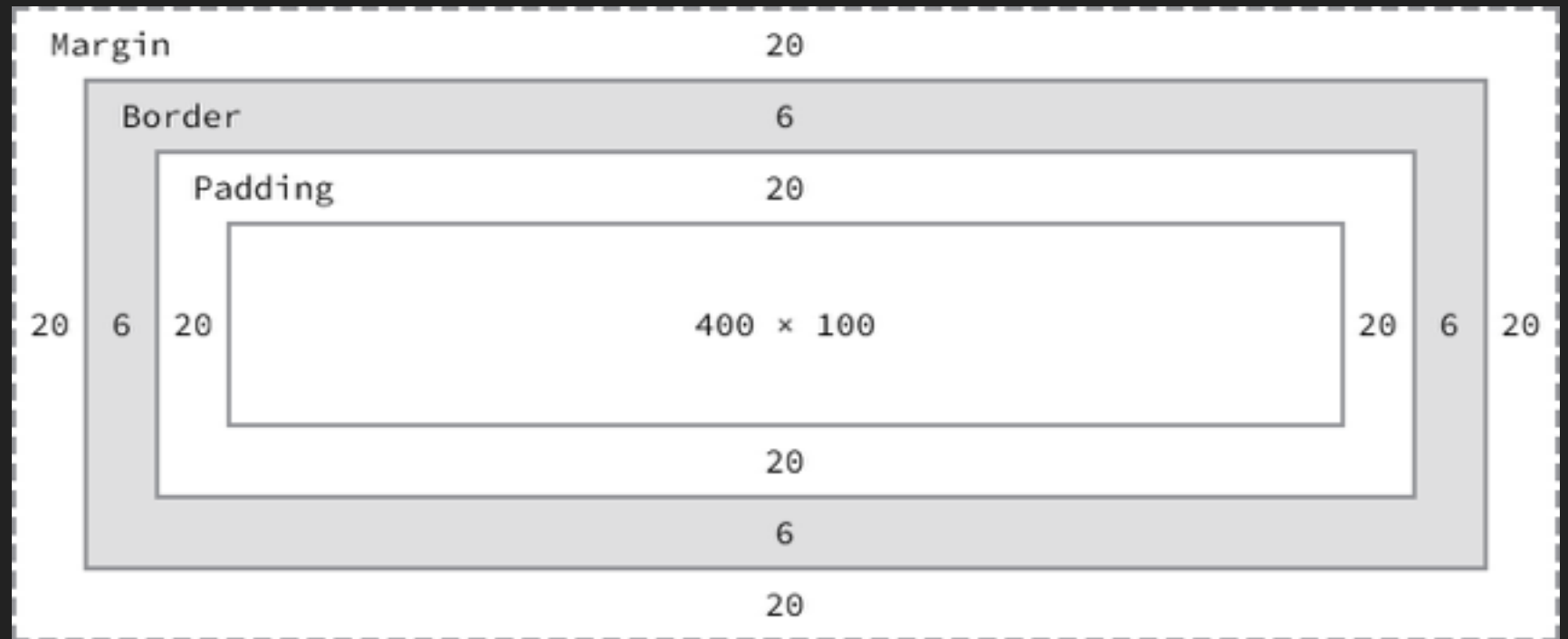
margin-top + border-top + padding-top + height + padding-bottom + border-bottom + margin-bottom

# CALCULATING DIMENSIONS

```
div {  
  border: 6px solid #949599;  
  width: 400px;  
  height: 100px;  
  padding: 20px;  
  margin: 20px;  
}
```

# BOX MODEL

```
div {  
  border: 6px ...  
  width: 400px;  
  height: 100px;  
  padding: 20px;  
  margin: 20px;  
}
```



## ► Width:

$$492\text{px} = 20\text{px} + 6\text{px} + 20\text{px} + 400\text{px} + 20\text{px} + 6\text{px} + 20\text{px}$$

## ► Height:

$$192\text{px} = 20\text{px} + 6\text{px} + 20\text{px} + 100\text{px} + 20\text{px} + 6\text{px} + 20\text{px}$$

# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: WIDTH/HEIGHT

## ▶ Width

- ▶ You can set width on `block` elements

*This means `inline-block` elements too!*

- ▶ Inline elements default to the width of the content.

*Example: a `<strong>` tag or `<span>` with content inside the tag.*

## ▶ Height

- ▶ Height is determined by content.

- ▶ You can set height on `block` elements.

*This means `inline-block` elements too!*

- ▶ Inline Elements **cannot** have a fixed size.

# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: MARGINS

- ▶ Provides:
  - ▶ Positioning elements
  - ▶ Space around elements
- ▶ Some elements have default margins.
  - ▶ Usually text elements, `<h1>`, `<p>`, etc.
- ▶ Is **outside** of the border of an element
- ▶ We set the amount of space that surrounds the element
- ▶ Unlike width/height - we can add to inline elements
- ▶ You cannot give the margin of an element a color
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/dGJVWz?editors=110>

# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: PADDING

- ▶ Provides:
  - ▶ Spacing within an element
- ▶ Is **inside** of the border of an element
- ▶ Unlike width/height - we can add to inline elements
- ▶ We set the amount of space between the content and the border and margin
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/VeyMbM?editors=110>

# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: PADDING/MARGIN SHORTHAND

- ▶ We can set padding/margin with shorthand to save our selves some typing.
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/WrdZzq?editors=110>
- ▶ The above example uses the **padding** property. The shorthand for the **margin** property works the exact same way.



# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: BORDERS

- ▶ Provide:
  - ▶ Borders for our HTML elements
- ▶ They come between the padding and the margin.
- ▶ There are different border appearances.
- ▶ We can control all sides of our elements border individually.
- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/BjJwGE?editors=110#0>

# BOX MODEL PROPERTIES: BORDERS

- ▶ Border Radius

- ▶ Rounds the corners of elements.

- ▶ But... does it make it truly rounded?

- Hint: No. All elements are rectangles.*

- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/OMzxqG?editors=110#0>

# BOX-SIZING

- ▶ There are 2 box-sizing properties.
  - ▶ content-box
  - ▶ border-box
- ▶ What do they do?
  - ▶ Change the way our width/padding/border is calculated.
- ▶ **Note: The reading is incorrect. `padding-box` is not a valid value for box-sizing and should not be used.**

### BOX-SIZING: CONTENT-BOX;

- ▶ `box-sizing: content-box;`
  - ▶ This is the default value for elements.
  - ▶ Starts with width/height and then adds in the padding, border and margin to calculate size.

```
div {  
  width: 320px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border: 5px solid gray;  
  margin: 0;  
}
```

320px (width)  
+ 20px (left + right padding)  
+ 10px (left + right border)  
+ 0px (left + right margin)  
= 350px

### BOX-SIZING: BORDER-BOX;

- ▶ `box-sizing: border-box;`
- ▶ Alters the calculation to include the padding AND border.

```
div {  
  width: 320px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border: 5px solid gray;  
  margin: 0;  
}
```

320px (width)  
+ 0 (left + right padding)  
+ 0 (left + right border)  
+ 0px (left + right margin)  
= 320px

# BOX-SIZING — CODEPEN EXAMPLE

- ▶ <http://codepen.io/ianshea/pen/PZEOov?editors=110>
- ▶ Note the difference in the way the sizes are calculated.
- ▶ We'll usually want to set our box-sizing property for all elements.
- ▶ The best box-sizing value to use is **border-box**.
- ▶ To set all of your elements to use border-box...

```
* {  
  box-sizing: border-box;  
}
```

**AND ONE LAST THING...**

# DEVELOPER TOOLS

- ▶ Chrome/Safari/Firefox/IE have inspectors
- ▶ For class we'll focus on Chrome's
- ▶ Allows us to **Inspect** our HTML/CSS in browser
- ▶ While in Chrome:
  - ▶ Right click on a page ( or an element! ) and click "Inspect"
  - ▶ or, Click View > Developer > Developer Tools



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