

Reviewing basic-layout

- Covering only common points
- Remember assignments are to **learn**
 - Not a "test"
 - Focusing on "it works" not helpful
 - Needs to use intended skills
 - You do it right through experience
 - Experience comes from doing it wrong

Common Issues!

- Loading CSS
- Where do I start?
- Failure to pad
- Clickable areas
- Won't shrink

Loading the CSS

- Absolute path a deliberate choice!
- People will include local file
 - `<link href="/Users/jorts/Documents/etc/etc/styles.css">`
 - Only works on your machine, with File => Open
- Absolute path requires web server
 - Requires it be run in correct folder
 - This was in instructions!
 - Details matter, read carefully!

Where do I start?

Most common, important question

I recommend a "top down" approach:

- Arrange the biggest, outermost elements
 - Positions, sizes
- Give those basics like padding, colors, typography
 - Don't worry about pieces inside yet
- Then take one of those and do the next inner layer
 - One layer at a time
 - Arrange, box model, colors, and text

Why this?

Two Goals:

- You want to break up into solvable problems
 - "Do it all" isn't solvable
 - "Arrange these child elements" is solvable
- You don't want to waste effort
 - Child first can look wrong after styling parent
 - May involve a bit of judgment
 - Move back and forth as helpful
 - Minimize work you have to redo
 - But doing work is better than being stuck