

SESSION FOUR
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LAYOUTS I: THE BOX MODEL

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HC UPDATES

PLEASE submit your entries on time,
whatever you have.

**Late entries will get a 0 and no
feedback, starting next week.**

HC UPDATES

I left comments on several of your all's work that it's ok to expand and adapt your concepts if you've boxed yourself into a corner. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE, BUT IT WILL BE SOON.**

HC UPDATES

Remember that each entry should be **unique**, and explore **different aspects** of your concept.

**THESE SHOULD NOT BE
TEMPLATED ENTRIES.**

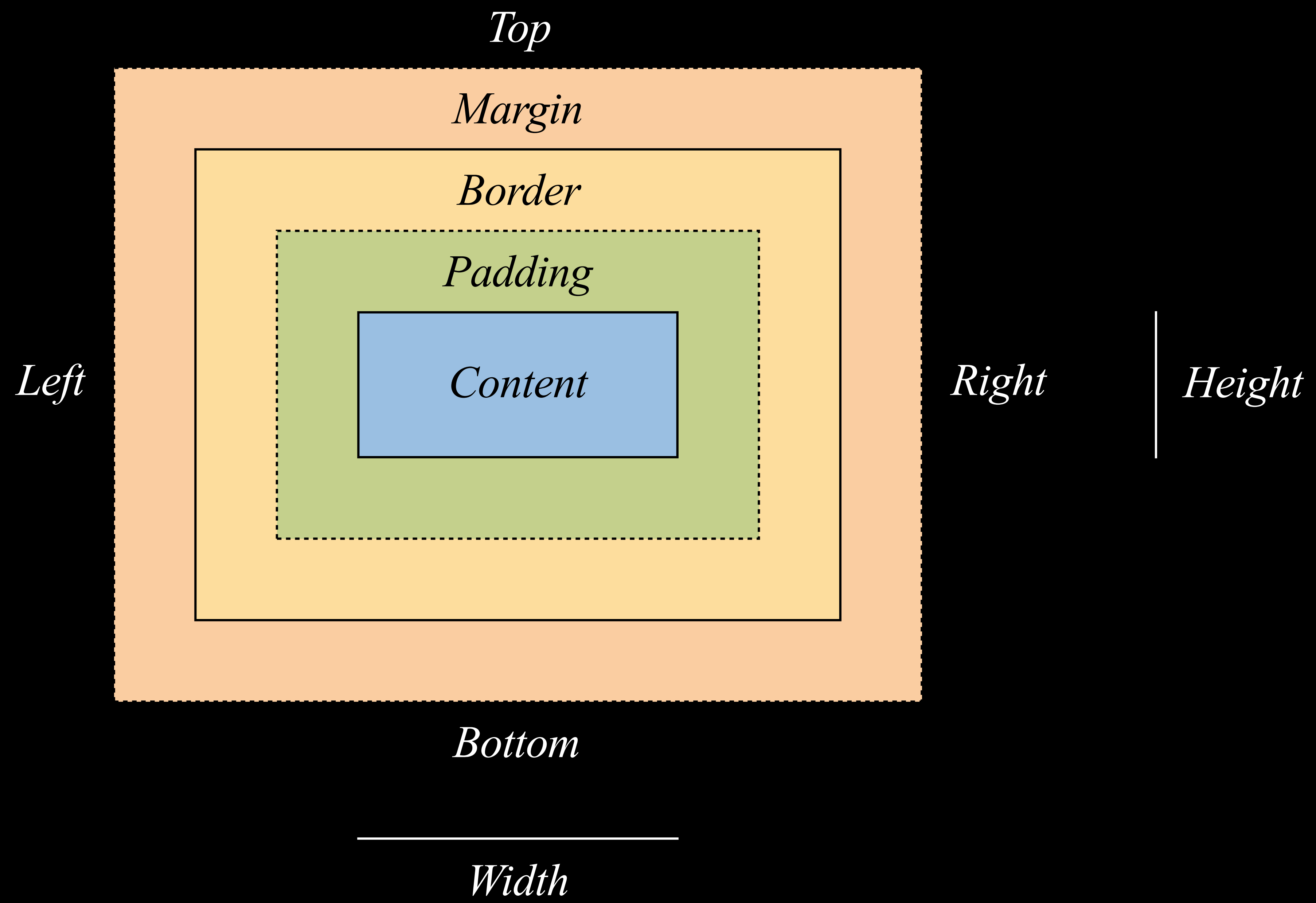
BOX MODEL

CSS sizes elements based on what is called the ‘box model.’

BOX MODEL

We talked a bit about block elements—
basically, everything on the web begins
as a rectangle.

BOX MODEL



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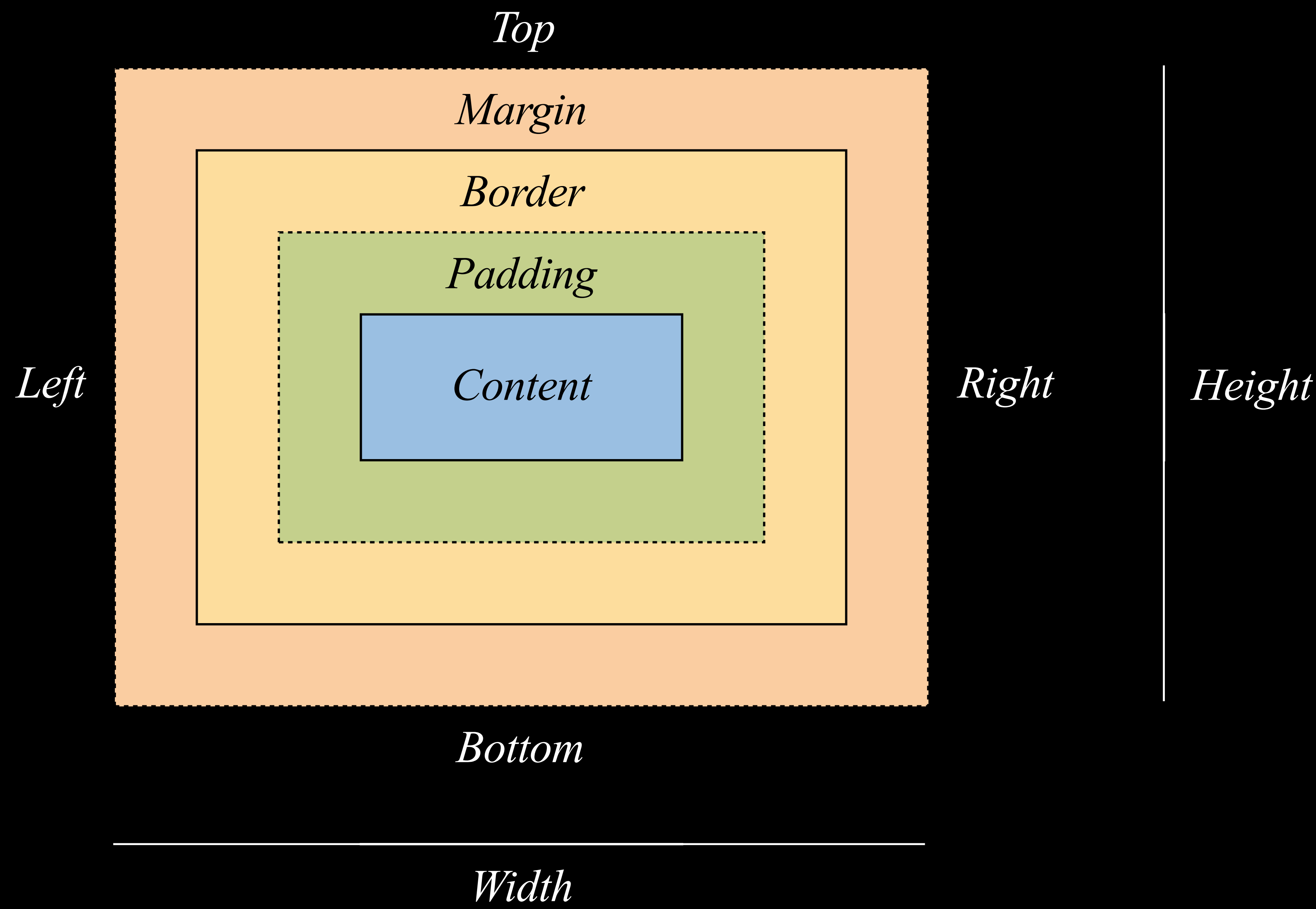
By default, browsers are set to `box-sizing: content-box;` which means that padding and the border exist outside of and in addition to the content's width & height

BOX MODEL

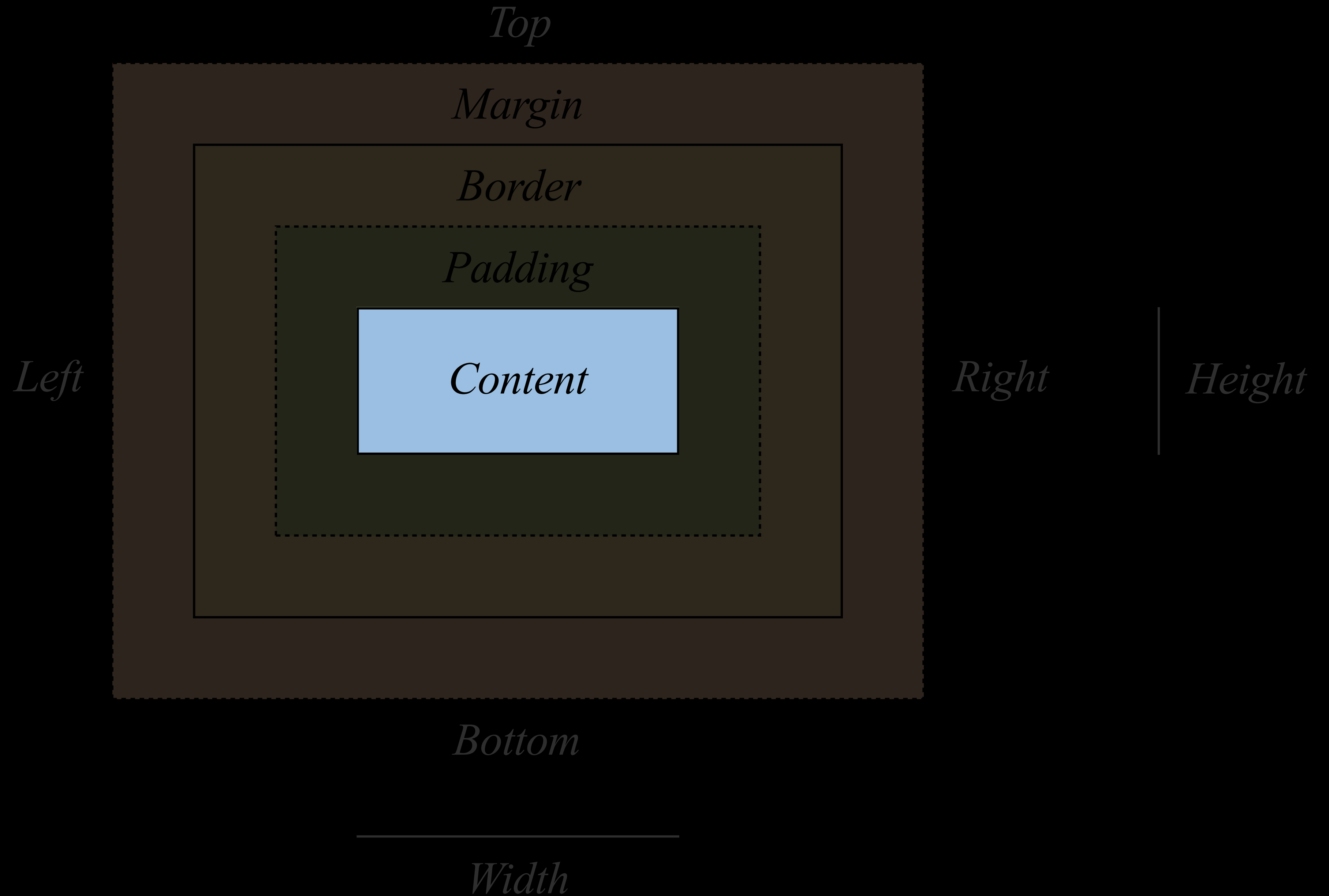
This isn't intuitive! To change that—
so padding and borders inset into
your content dimensions—

```
box-sizing: border-box;
```

BOX MODEL



1. CONTENT



1. CONTENT

The **content** area is what you're filling the element with—generally text or an image. Its dimensions are generally dictated by its fill, but can be specified with the `height` and `width` properties.

1. CONTENT

```
...  
<body>  
  <section>  
    <div>  
      <p>This is some text in the  
        first element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>And some more in the  
        second element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>Then a third one, too.</  
        p>  
    </div>  
  </section>  
</body>  
...
```

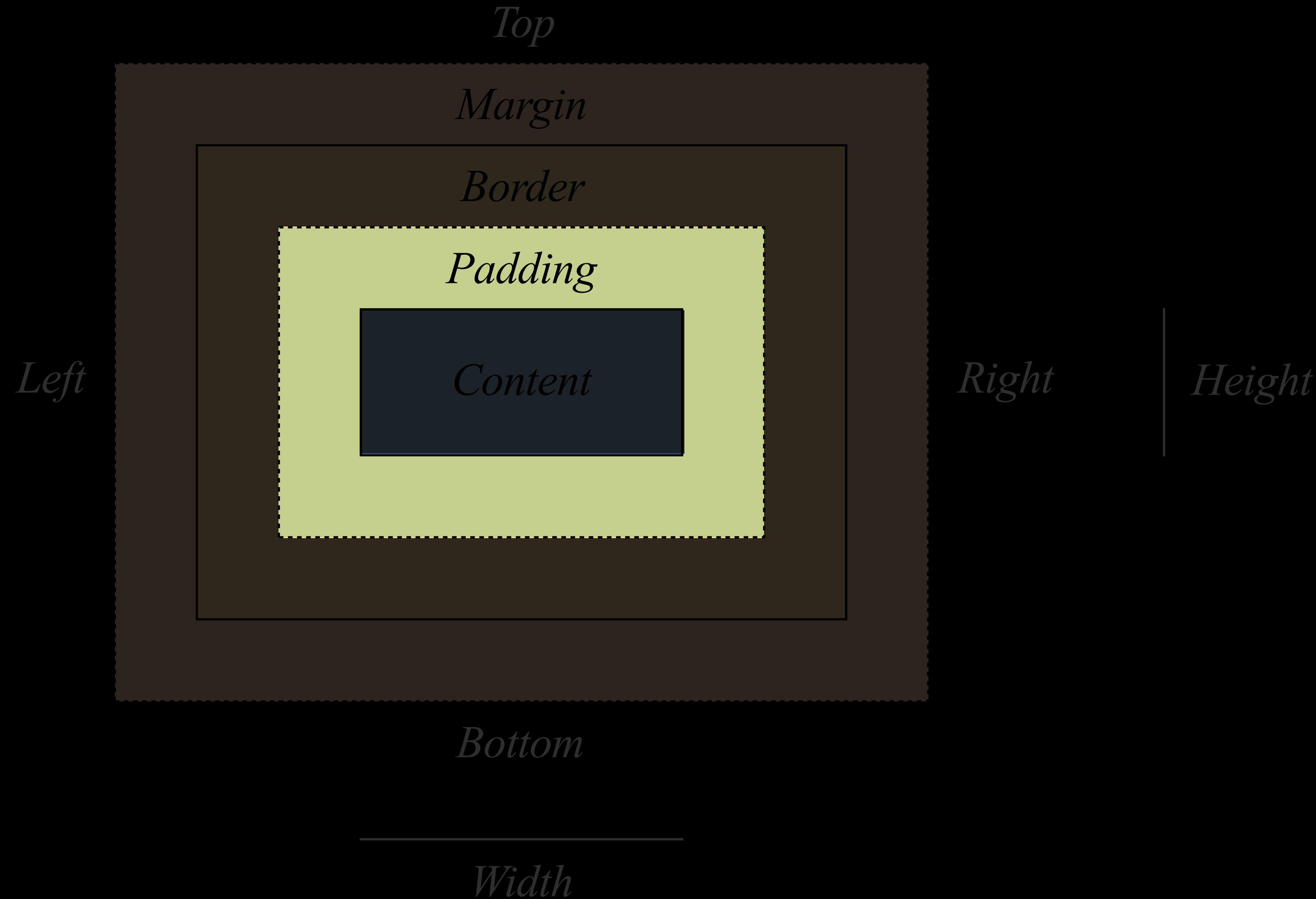
```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
}
```

1. CONTENT

This is some text in the first element.
And some more in the second element.
Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
}
```

2. PADDING



2. PADDING

The padding extends around the element's content. If we set `box-sizing` to `border-box`, it's essentially the inset.

2. PADDING

```
...  
<body>  
  <section>  
    <div>  
      <p>This is some text in the  
      first element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>And some more in the  
      second element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>Then a third one, too.</  
      p>  
    </div>  
  </section>  
</body>  
...
```

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
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}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  padding: 20px;  
}
```

2. PADDING

This is some text in the first element.
And some more in the second element.
Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  padding: 20px;  
}
```

(SHORTHAND)

Values for padding (or margin or border)
do not have to be applied evenly.
You can specify them one by one
(e.g. `margin-top: 20px;`), OR!

(SHORTHAND)

You can use a shorthand property to
name multiple at once.

(SHORTHAND)

1 value: all directions/sides

```
p { padding: 20px; }
```

2 values: top/bottom, left/right

```
p { padding: 20px 40px; }
```

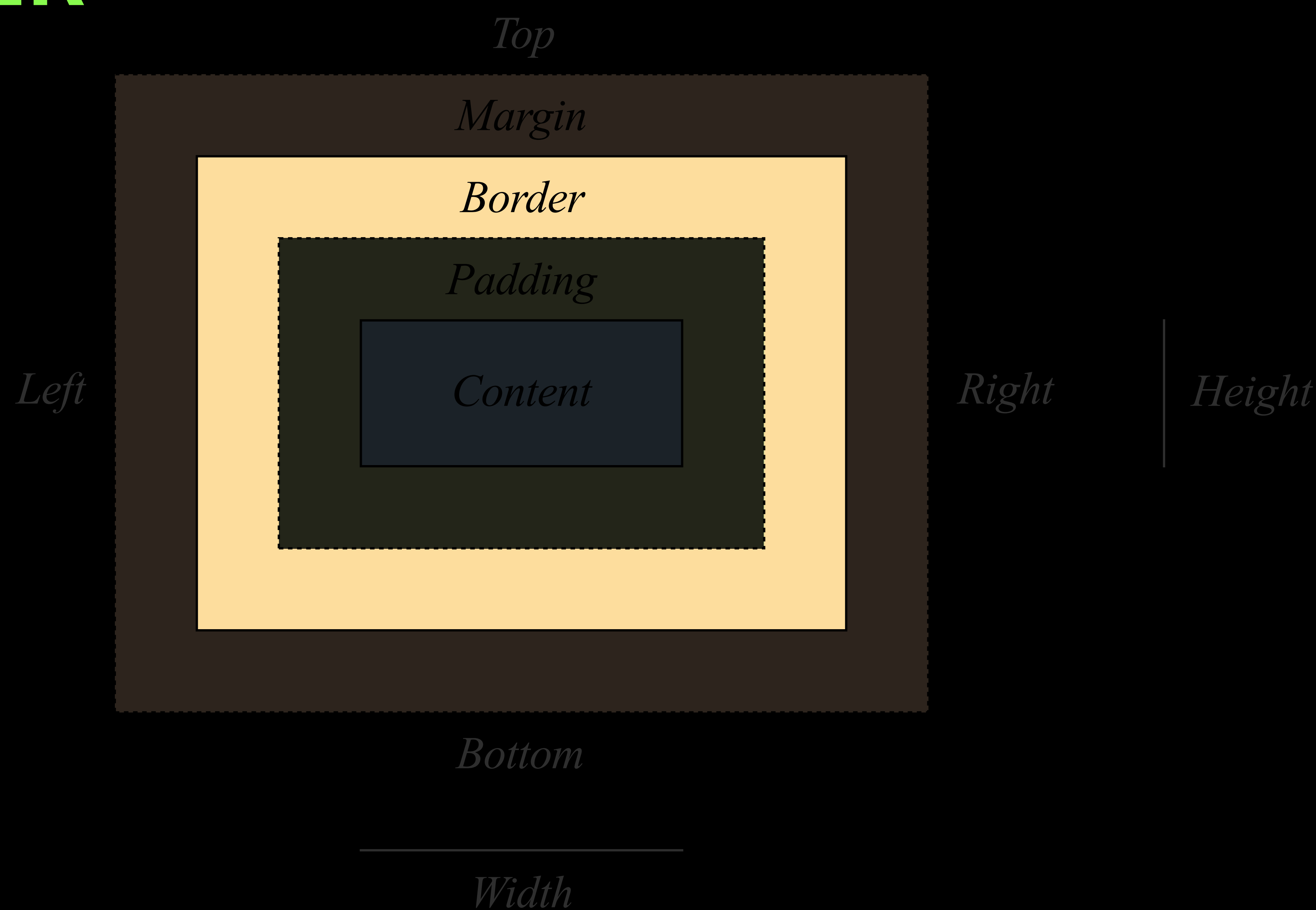
3 values: top, left/right, bottom

```
p { padding: 20px 40px 80px; }
```

4 values: top, left, bottom, left

```
p { padding: 20px 20px 40px 80px; }
```

3. BORDER



3. BORDER

Border is exactly what it sounds like, and typically is used for decoration or delineation. It has its own specific CSS properties such as `border-width`, `border-color`, `border-height`.

3. BORDER

```
...
<body>
  <section>
    <div>
      <p>This is some text in the
        first element.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>And some more in the
        second element.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Then a third one, too.</
        p>
    </div>
  </section>
</body>
...
```

```
body {
  font-family: sans-serif;
  padding: 20px;
}

div {
  background-color: deepskyblue;
  border-top: solid black 4px;
  padding: 10px;
}

/* Non-shorthand. */
/* div {
  border-top-color: black;
  border-top-style: solid;
  border-top-width: 4px;
} */
```


3. BORDER

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
/* Non-shorthand. */  
/* div {  
    border-top-color: black;  
    border-top-style: solid;  
    border-top-width: 4px;  
  } */
```

3. BORDER STYLES

none

hidden

dotted

dashed

solid

double

groove

ridge

inset

outset

```
border-style: none;
```

```
border-style: hidden;
```

```
border-style: dotted;
```

```
border-style: dashed;
```

```
border-style: solid;
```

```
border-style: double;
```

```
border-style: groove;
```

```
border-style: ridge;
```

```
border-style: inset;
```

```
border-style: outset;
```


3. BORDER STYLES

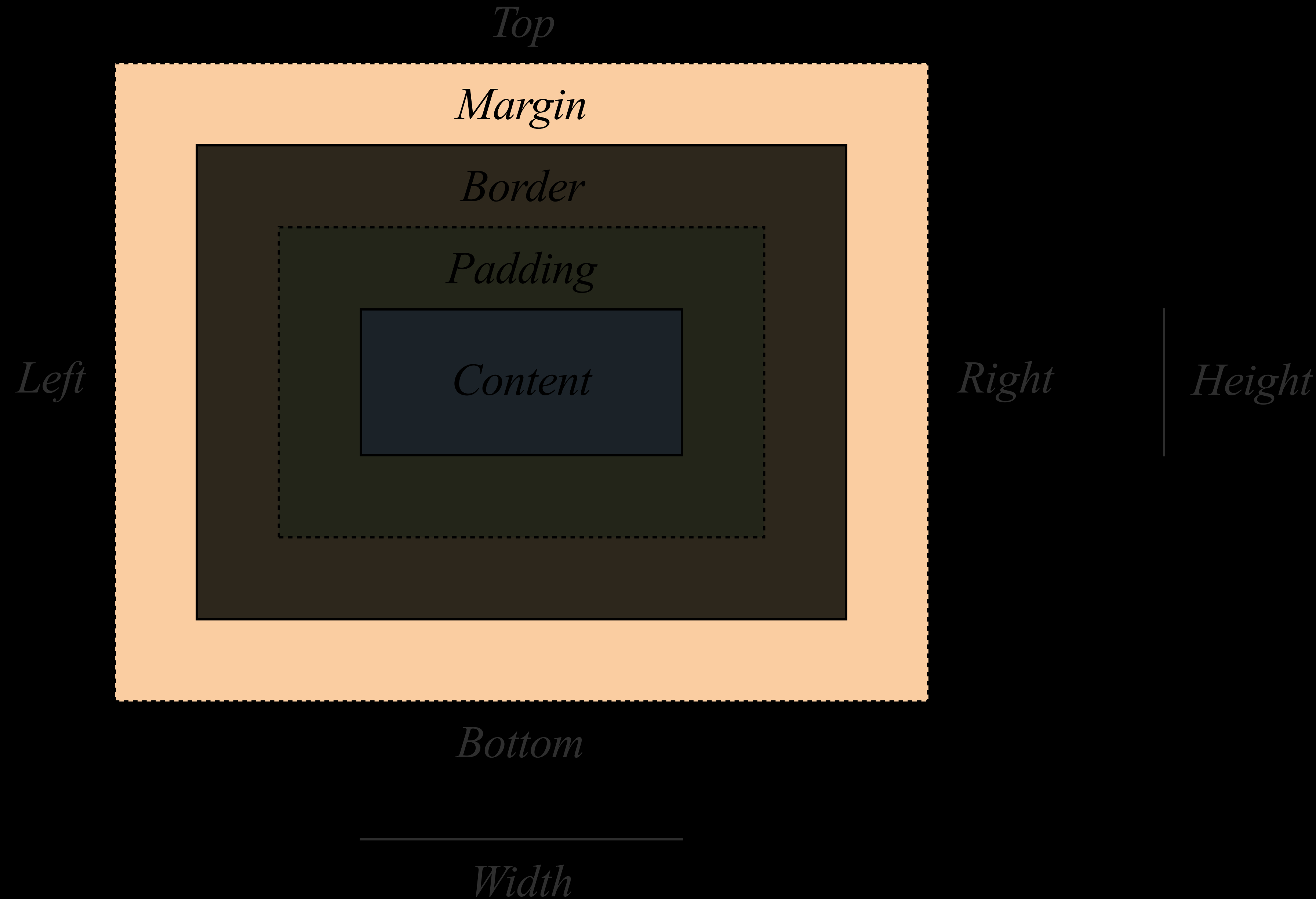
Unlike margin and padding, borders can be rounded.

This is often used in combination with a background.

It can also only adjust specific corners!

```
div:nth-child(1) {  
    border-radius: 50%;  
    /* Relative to size.*/  
    border-style: solid;  
}  
  
div:nth-child(2) {  
    background-color: deepskyblue;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
    /* Absolute amount. */  
}  
  
div:nth-child(3) {  
    background-color: gold;  
    border-bottom-right-radius: 25px;  
    border-top-left-radius: 25px;  
}
```

4. MARGIN



4. MARGIN

The **margin** is the last part of the box, and is the empty/negative/white space that separates one element from another. It can use the same shorthand and uneven application as padding.

4. MARGIN

```
...  
<body>  
  <section>  
    <div>  
      <p>This is some text in the  
        first element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>And some more in the  
        second element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>Then a third one, too.</  
        p>  
    </div>  
  </section>  
</body>  
...
```

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
/* Every one but the first one. */  
div:not(:first-child) {  
  margin-top: 40px;  
}
```

4. MARGIN

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element

Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
/* Every one but the first one. */  
div:not(:first-child) {  
  margin-top: 40px;  
}
```

4. MARGIN

Margins can be positive or negative—which is unique among the parts of the box. A negative margin will bring elements closer together (but will not overlap them—more on this later)

4. MARGIN

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element

Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
div:not(:first-child) {  
  margin-top: 40px;  
}  
  
/* But this negates some of it. */  
div:first-child  
{ margin-bottom: -30px; }
```

4. MARGIN

Margins defining the same space will
collapse rather than compound.

4. MARGIN

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element

Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
div:not(:first-child) {  
  margin-top: 40px;  
}  
  
div:first-child  
{ margin-bottom: 40px; }
```

4. MARGIN

This is some text in the first element.

40, not 80 px

And some more in the second element

40, not 80 px

Then a third one, too.

```
body {  
  font-family: sans-serif;  
  padding: 20px;  
}  
  
div {  
  background-color: deepskyblue;  
  border-top: solid black 4px;  
  padding: 10px;  
}  
  
div:not(:first-child) {  
  margin-top: 40px;  
}  
  
div:first-child  
{ margin-bottom: 40px; }
```

UNITS

We've used a lot of units in CSS so far, to specify dimensions, parts of the box, font sizes and typography... Let's go through some of them.

ABSOLUTE LENGTH

These units are fixed to actual, printable sizes—screen dimensions will vary them a bit.

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These units are fixed to actual, printable sizes—screen dimensions will vary them a bit.

```
.pixels {  
  height: 360px;  
  width: 720px;  
}  
  
.inches {  
  height: 5in;  
  width: 10in;  
}  
  
.mm {  
  height: 84mm;  
  width: 400mm;  
}
```

RELATIVE LENGTH

These units depend on context—they are explicitly and innately web-based measurements.

```
/* Relative to nearest sized ancestor. */
.percentage {
  height: 90%;
  width: 85%;
}

/* Relative to viewport height/width. */
.viewport {
  height: 75vh;
  width: 80vw;
}

/* Relative to element font-size. */
.em {
  height: 14em; /* 1em is one line. */
  width: 4.8em;
}

/* Also relative to font size */
.ch {
  width: 1ch; /* 1ch is one letter. */
}

/* Relative to :root font-size. */
.rem {
  height: 12rem;
  width: 2.4rem;
}
```


CALC

You could do some math
in CSS if you're so inclined...

```
.absolute-and-relative {  
  width: calc(50% - 20px);  
}  
  
.computer-do-the-math {  
  width: calc(100% / 12);  
}
```

LIMITS

You can also set **limits** or **constraints** on dimension—which will become key as we start to talk about responsive design. Your elements flex based on screen size, but maybe you want them to only do so within a range.

```
.constrained-width {  
  min-width: 200px;  
  width: 50%;  
  max-width: 400px;  
}  
  
.constrained-height {  
  min-height: 100px;  
  height: 100%;  
  max-height: 200px;  
}  
  
/* Handy to watch your line lengths! */  
p {  
  max-width: 65ch;  
  /* 65ish letters. */  
}
```

POSITION

We know how to **fill** and **size** elements, now... so let's talk about how they can flow together. The CSS property `position` sets this relationship.

POSITION: STATIC

Static is the default position—it's not something you set, it's something you change a position from.

POSITION: STATIC

```
...
<body>
  <section>
    <div>
      <p>This is some text in the first element.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>And some more in the second element.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Then a third one, too.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Let's add a fourth.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Even a fifth.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>This should let it scroll.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Scrolling is always fun.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>I guess that isn't true.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Sometimes it goes on and on, you know.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Okay, this is enough.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>One more, for good measure.</p>
    </div>
  </section>
</body>
...
```

```
body {
  font-family: sans-serif;
  padding: 20px;
}

div {
  background-color: deepskyblue;
  border-top: solid black 4px;
  padding: 10px;
}

div:not(:first-child) {
  margin-top: 20px;
}
```

POSITION: STATIC

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

Scrolling is always fun.

```
...  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  position: static;  
  width: 66%;  
}
```

POSITION: RELATIVE

Once you set `position: relative`, you can use the `top`, `left`, `right`, and `bottom` values (with any unit) to move elements away from their default positioning.

POSITION: RELATIVE

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

Scrolling is always fun.

```
...  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  position: relative;  
  left: 30px;  
  top: 30px;  
  width: 66%;  
}
```


POSITION: ABSOLUTE

position: absolute acts a bit like position: relative, except that rather than referring to its own default position, it is relative to the **next relatively-positioned ancestor** up the cascade.

POSITION: ABSOLUTE

Note that **absolute removes** the element from the normal document flow—it doesn't take up space in the page layout. Use this for specific design elements that need to be placed very careful.

POSITION: ABSOLUTE

This is some text in the first element.

And Then a third one, too.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

Scrolling is always fun.

Leave one that isn't true

```
...
section {
  position: relative;
}

div:nth-child(3) {
  background-color: gold;
  position: absolute;
  left: 30px;
  top: 30px;
  width: 66%;
}
```

POSITION: FIXED

Fixed positioning also removes an element from the flow, but positions the element **relative to the browser 'viewport'**, not the rest of the code.

It's like putting it on another layer. This is often used for things like navigations.

POSITION: FIXED

This is some text in the first element.

Then a third one, too.

And some more in the second element.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

Scrolling is always fun.

```
...  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  position: fixed;  
  left: 30px;  
  top: 30px;  
  width: 66%;  
}
```

POSITION: STICKY

Sticky is new to position, and will start an element in the flow of their document (like `static0` until their nearest ancestor moves past them (usually the viewport). The element 'sticks' in relation to that element. Try it for headers on tables and lists.

POSITION: STICKY

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

```
...  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  position: sticky;  
  left: 30px;  
  top: 30px;  
  width: 66%;  
}
```


DEPTH

This isn't exactly... position... but you can also define the `z-index` of any element as a separate property. This defines how things overlap, and in what order—you're ordering the layers along the z-axis.

DEPTH

By default, later elements are in front of earlier elements.

DEPTH

This is some text in the first element.

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

Let's add a fourth.

Even a fifth.

This should let it scroll.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

```
...  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  position: sticky;  
  left: 30px;  
  top: 30px;  
  width: 66%;  
}
```

```
div:nth-child(even) {  
  position: relative;  
  z-index: 1;  
}
```

DEPTH

Stacking can be tricky, as all sorts of CSS changes and elements will automatically add context to the stack.

FLOATS

Floats allow you to adjust the flow of an element within another element.

FLOATS

You can assign the property `float` the value `left` or `right`, which are exactly what they sound like.

FLOATS

`float: left or right;` takes the element out of the document flow (to the left or to the right), and its siblings will basically wrap around it.

FLOATS

This is an
aside
element.

This is some text in the first element. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Arcu risus quis varius quam. Egestas fringilla phasellus. Faucibus scelerisque eleifend donec

And some more in the second element. Ut etiam sit amet nisl. Sed libero enim sed faucibus turpis in eu. Congue nisi vitae suscipit tellus mauris. Nisi est sit amet facilisis magna etiam tempor orci. Leo urna molestie at elementum. Morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada.

This is an
aside
element,
but with
more
content

And a third one too.

```
...
aside {
  background-color: gold;
  float: left;
  margin-right: 10px;
  padding: 10px;
  width: 100px;
}

div:nth-child(2) aside {
  float: right;
  margin-left: 10px;
  margin-right: initial;
}
```

FLOATS

To keep a float from affecting its siblings' flows, you have to clear—

`clear: left;`

`clear: right;`

`clear: both;`

FLOATS

This will help the next element to sit entirely below a floated element.

FLOATS

This is an
aside
element.

This is some text.

And a second paragraph set to clear left, so it goes across the float.

And some more.
This one clears left, but the aside is to the right.

And
another
aside here
too, with a
lot more
text in it.

And a third one, too.

```
...  
aside {  
  background-color: gold;  
  float: left;  
  margin-right: 10px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  width: 100px;  
}
```

```
div:nth-child(2) aside {  
  float: right;  
  margin-left: 10px;  
  margin-right: initial;  
}
```

```
p:last-child {  
  clear: left;  
}
```

FLOATS: FIXES (CLEARFIX HACK)

This is an
aside
element.

This is some text.

And some more.

And
another
aside here
too, with a
lot more
text in it.

And a third one, too.

```
...  
aside {  
  background-color: gold;  
  float: left;  
  margin-right: 10px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  width: 100px;  
}
```

```
div:nth-child(2) aside {  
  float: right;  
  margin-left: 10px;  
  margin-right: initial;  
}
```

```
div: after{  
  clear: both;  
  content: '';  
  display: block;  
}
```

FLOATS

Like so many elements in HTML, floats aren't perfect, and there's often (BUT NOT ALWAYS) a better way to do what you need to do.

DISPLAY

We've talked about **block** and **inline** elements—these are actually values of the CSS property `display`

DISPLAY

Most elements are block by default, but you can assign `display: block;` on an inline element as well (and then set height, width, etc).

DISPLAY

```
...  
<body>  
  <section>  
    <div>  
      <p><a href="#">Links are  
usually inline.</a> This is  
some text in the first  
element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p><a href="#">But you'll often  
want them block →</a> And some  
more in the second element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>Then a third one, too.</p>  
    </div>  
  </section>  
</body>  
...
```

```
...  
a {  
  background-color: gold;  
  text-decoration: underline;  
}  
  
div:nth-child(2) a {  
  display: block;  
  margin-bottom: 10px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  text-decoration: none;  
}
```

DISPLAY

Links are usually inline. This is some text in the first element.

But you'll often want them block →

And some more in the second element.

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
a {  
  background-color: gold;  
  text-decoration: underline;  
}  
  
div:nth-child(2) a {  
  display: block;  
  margin-bottom: 10px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  text-decoration: none;  
}
```


DISPLAY

When a whole area (e.g. background and text) is a link, generally you'll want to make it's display block.

DISPLAY

```
...
<body>
  <section>
    <div>
      <p>This is some text in the first
      element.</p>
      <p>Paragraphs are normally block-
      level.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>And some more in the second
      element.</p>
      <p> But you </p>
      <p> might want </p>
      <p> inline </p>
      <p> for tags </p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Then a third one, too.</p>
    </div>
  </section>
</body>
```

...

```
...
p:not(:first-child) {
  background-color: gold;
  margin-top: 10px;
}

div:nth-child(2)
p:not(:first-child) {
  display: inline;
  white-space: pre;
}
```

DISPLAY

This is some text in the first element.

Paragraphs are normally block-level.

And some more in the second element.

But you might want inline for tags

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
p:not(:first-child) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  margin-top: 10px;  
}
```

```
div:nth-child(2)  
p:not(:first-child) {  
  display: inline;  
  white-space: pre;  
}
```

DISPLAY

The `white-space` property with the value `pre` keeps white space from being collapsed inline

DISPLAY

There's also `inline-block`. These elements get properties like `height` and `width`, but do not start on a new line.

DISPLAY

```
...
<body>
  <section>
    <div>
      <p>This is some text in the first
      element.</p>
      <p>Paragraphs are normally block-
      level.</p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>And some more in the second
      element.</p>
      <p> Inline-block </p>
      <p> will give </p>
      <p> you more </p>
      <p> control </p>
    </div>
    <div>
      <p>Then a third one, too.</p>
    </div>
  </section>
</body>
```

...

```
...
p:not(:first-child) {
  background-color: gold;
  margin-top: 10px;
}

div:nth-child(2)
p:not(:first-child) {
  display: inline-block;
  margin-top: 10px;
  padding: 5px;
  text-align: center;
  white-space: pre;
  width: 100px;
}
```


DISPLAY

This is some text in the first element.

Paragraphs are normally block-level.

And some more in the second element.

Inline-block

will give

you more

control

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
p:not(:first-child) {  
  background-color: gold;  
  margin-top: 10px;  
}
```

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div:nth-child(2)  
p:not(:first-child) {  
  display: inline-block;  
  margin-top: 10px;  
  padding: 5px;  
  text-align: center;  
  white-space: pre;  
  width: 100px;  
}
```

DISPLAY

And then there's `none`. `display: none` takes an element out of the flow entirely —and hides it from view.

DISPLAY

You can also do the inverse, and set a typically block element to be inline.

DISPLAY

```
...  
<body>  
  <section>  
    <div>  
      <p>This is some text in the first  
      element.</p>  
      <p>Paragraphs are normally block-  
      level.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>And some more in the second  
      element.</p>  
    </div>  
    <div>  
      <p>Then a third one, too.</p>  
    </div>  
  </section>  
</body>  
...
```

```
...  
div:nth-child(2) {  
  display: none;  
}
```

DISPLAY

This is some text in the first element.

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
div:nth-child(2) {  
  display: none;  
}
```

VISIBILITY

Another way to hide an element, without taking it out of the document's flow, is to declare `visibility: hidden`. This keeps the space that something takes up, but just hides the content.

VISIBILITY

This is some text in the first element.

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
div:nth-child(2) {  
  visibility: hidden;  
}
```

OPACITY

You can also set the opacity of a block to hide it (like we did with color). Elements with opacity (even 0 opacity) can still be interacted with.

OPACITY

This is some text in the first element.

Then a third one, too.

```
...  
div:nth-child(2) {  
  opacity: 0;  
}  
  
div:nth-child(3) {  
  opacity: 0.5;  
}
```

JUST WAIT... NEXT WEEK

We're going to talk a bit about **responsive design** and **web hosting**. You'll start to think about the structure of, and container for, your Harmonic Collection. We might also make GitHub accounts...
stay tuned

QUESTIONS?

BREAK (10 MINS)

EXERCISE 1

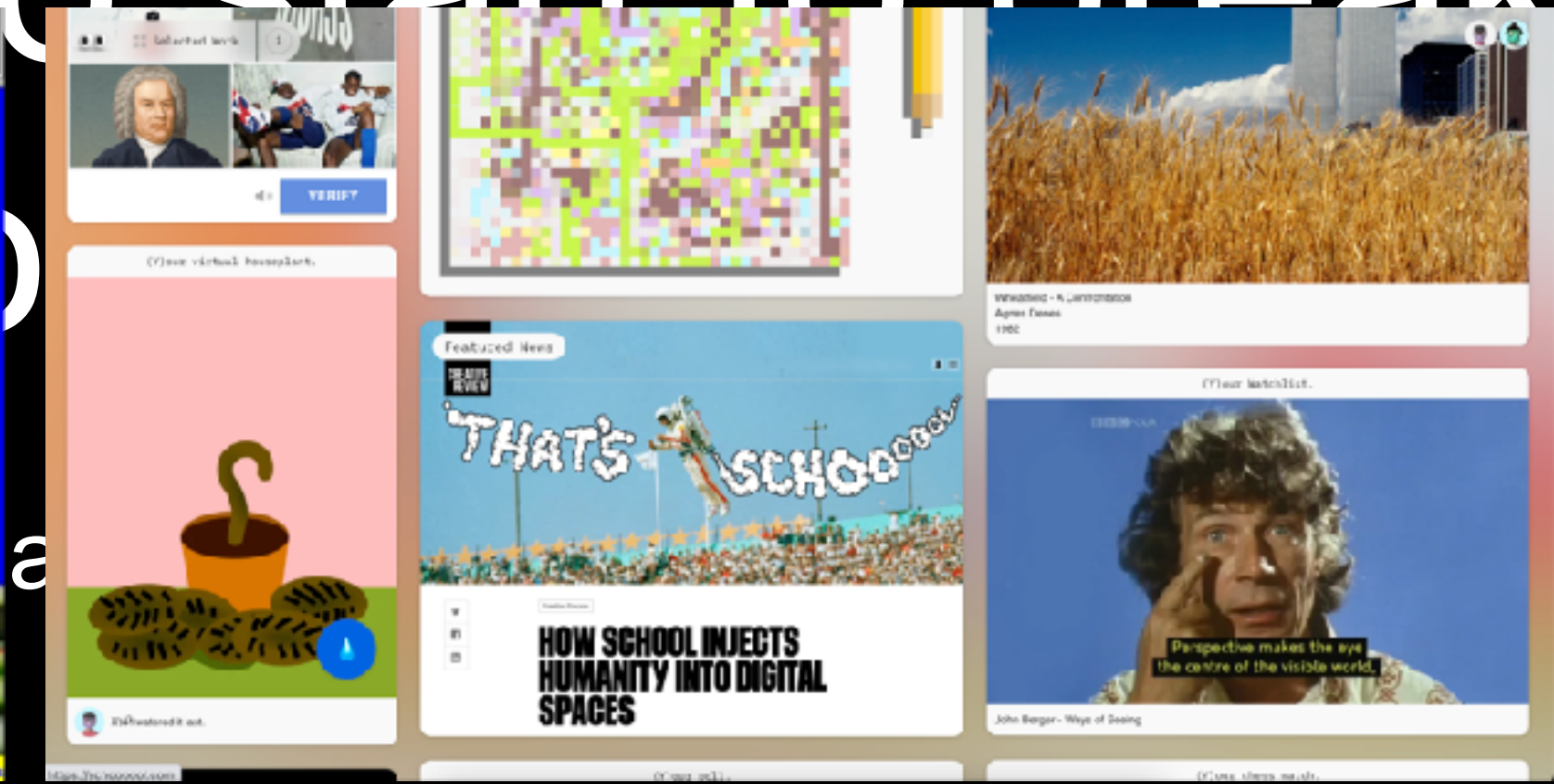
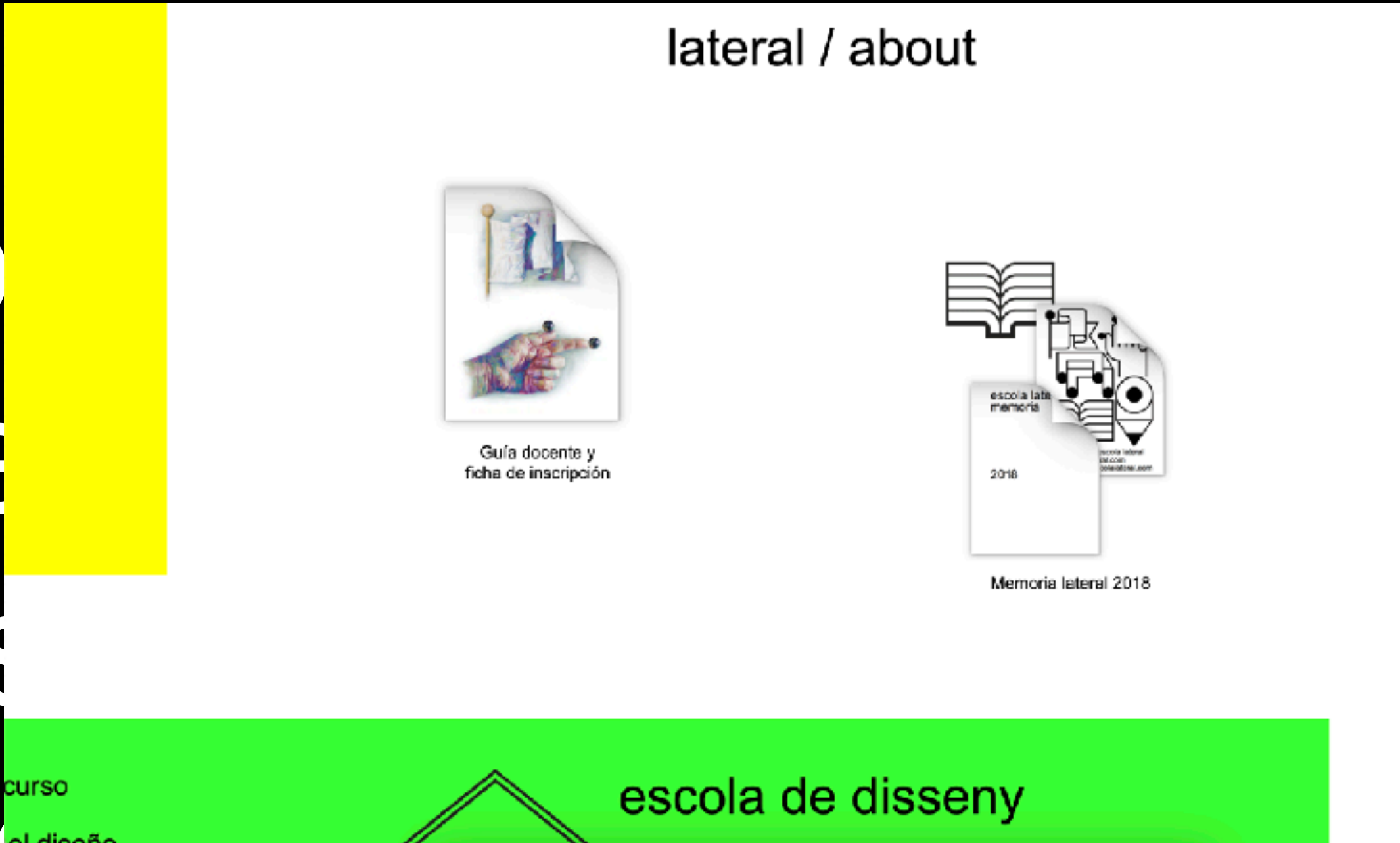
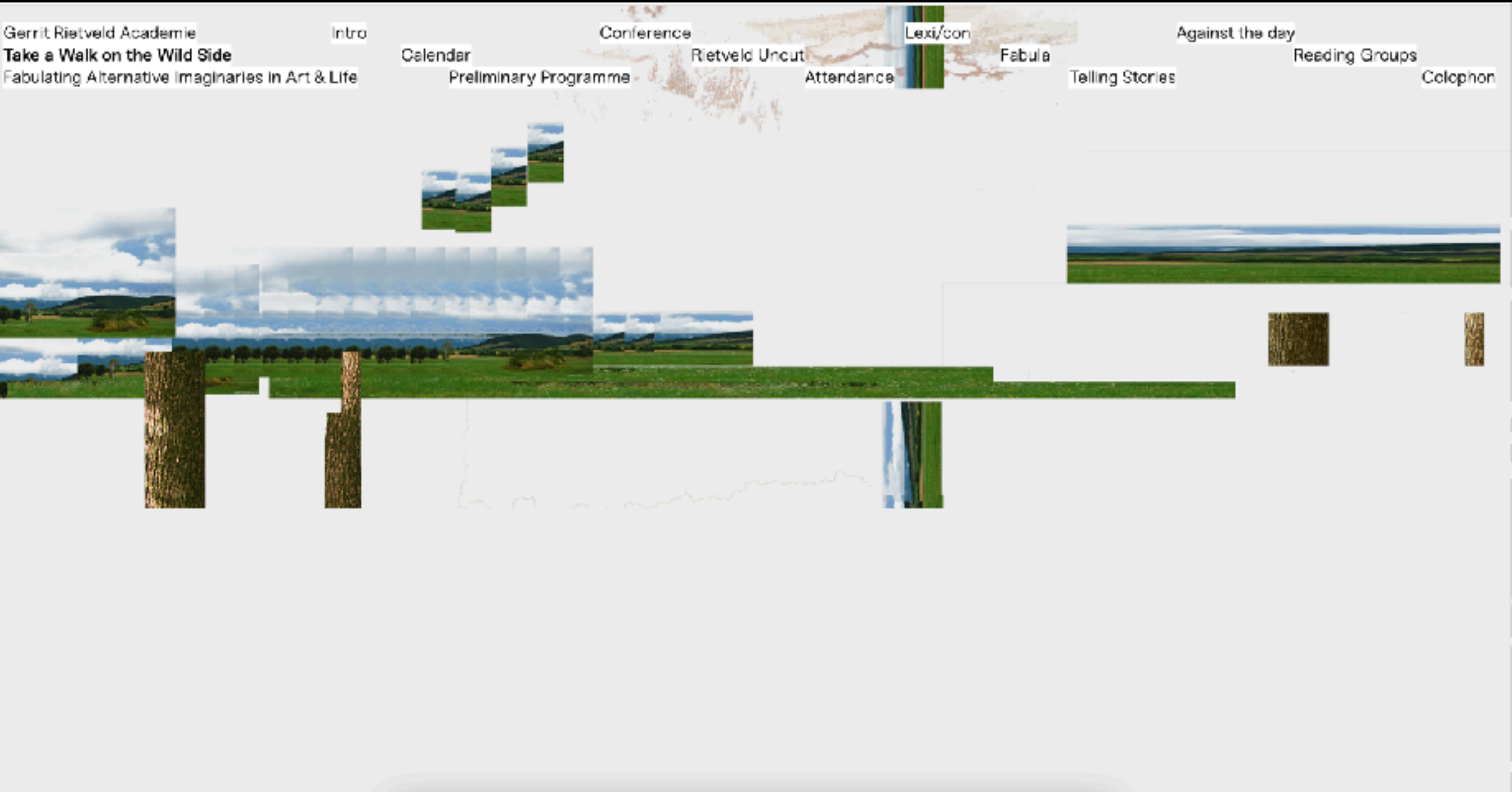
Let's set up some elements together.

EXERCISE 2

Compose a webpage made of divs arranged creatively. Perhaps it's a cityscape, a dreamscape, a mind map. I want you to start to break the mold of what you know the web to be.

If you're happy with what you've started, feel very free to adapt it into an HC entry.

EXERCISE 2



QUESTIONS?

HOMEWORK FOR YOU

- > Practice layouts using <https://learnlayout.com/>

FOR ME

- > Harmonic Collection Entry 3
- > Email me a webpage you find enticing—design-wise, functionally, in terms of content. Next week we're going to start about the web writ-large, and I want us to have some examples to talk about.
BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS.

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THANK YOU