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CSS Nav Bar and Responsive web Design



Navigation Bar

- Navigation bar comes under Graphical User Interface.
- It helps the webpage user to access information by navigating to other sections of the website using links.
- Usually the navigation bar is on the top of the web page as a horizontal list of links.
- It can be placed below the header or logo, but it must always be placed before the main content.
- A website with easy-to-use navigation bar allows the user to visit any section easily and quickly.
- **Standard HTML** is the base for the Navigation Bar.
- Basically **Navigation Bar** is a **list of links**.

Example: Creating a Nav bar using HTML list element

```
<html>
2 > <!-- <header>...
    <body>
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       <a href="#home">Home</a>
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          <a href="#about">About Us</a>
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          <a href="#products">Our Products</a>
          <a href="#careers">Careers</a>
          <a href="#conatct">Contact Us</a>
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       In a real web site instead of href="#" we would be using URLs.
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    </body>
32
    </html>
```

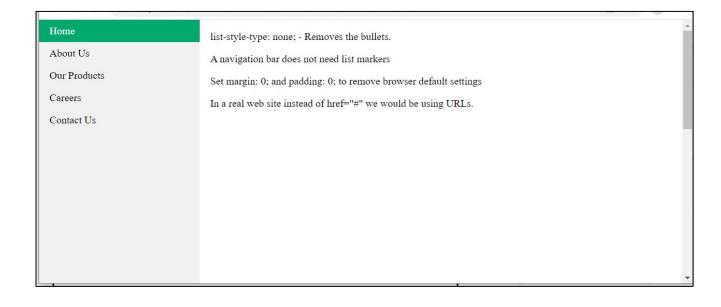
- Home
- About Us
- Our Products
- Careers
- Contact Us

In a real web site instead of href="#" we would be using URLs.

- Vertical Navigation Bar
- Horizontal Navigation Bar

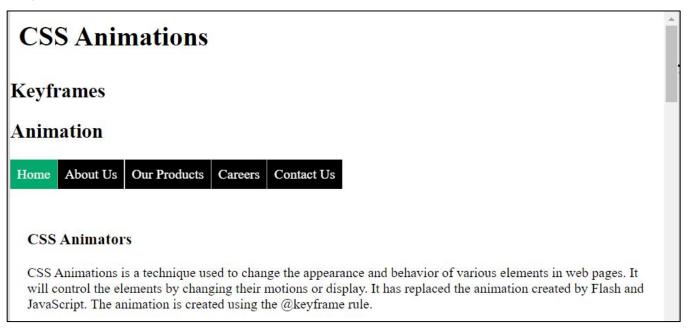
Styles applied to the same code and the difference in output:

```
body {margin: 0;}
 list-style-type: none;
 margin: 0;
 padding: 0;
 width: 25%;
 background-color: □#f1f1f1:
 position: fixed;
 height: 100%;
 overflow: auto;
li a {
 display: block;
 color: #000;
 padding: 8px 16px;
  text-decoration: none;
li a.active {
 background-color: ■#04AA6D;
 color: □white;
li a:hover:not(.active) {
 background-color: ■#555;
 color: □white;
```



Styles applied and output:

```
<style>
   body {margin:0;}
     list-style-type: none;
     margin: 0;
     padding: 0:
     overflow: hidden;
     top: 0;
     position: sticky;
     width: 100%;
    li{
     float: left;
     border-right:1px solid ■#bbb;
    li a {
     display: block;
     color: □white;
     text-align: center;
     text-decoration: none:
     padding: 8px;
     background-color: ■black;
    li a.active {
     background-color: #04AA6D;
     color: Dwhite:
    li a:hover:not(.active) {
     background-color: ■#555;
     color: □white;
    </style>
```



- To create a horizontal navigation bar there are two ways.
- They are
 - Inline List Items
 - Float List Items

- Horizontal Navigation Bar is created by specifying element as inline.
- The line breaks before and after each item in the list is removed to display in one line.
- elements are displayed as block by default.

```
li{
  display: inline;
}
```

- Horizontal Navigation Bar is created by specifying element as *float: left;*.
- Setting float: left; will make the block elements float next to each other.
- display: block; We display the links as block elements which allows us to specify the width, padding, margin, height, etc.
- Setting the navigation bar background color to black and when the user moves the cursor over the menu the background color of the link has to change to gray.

```
li{
    float: left;
}

li a {
    display: block;
    padding: 8px;
    background-color: ■black;
}
```

```
li a {
    display: block;
    color: □white;
    text-align: center;
    text-decoration: none;
    padding: 8px;
    background-color: ■black;
}
li a:hover {
    background-color: ■#555;
    color: □white;
}
```

- Web Pages can be viewed on any device like mobile, laptop, tablet, etc. Regardless of the device, our web page should look good and easy to use for this we go for Responsive Web Design.
- Responsive Web Design uses only HTML and CSS to create a web page that looks good on all devices.
- While viewing on smaller devices, the web page should not leave any information.
 Instead, the content should fit any device.
- To resize, hide, shrink, enlarge or move the content using HTML and CSS to look good on any screen is called Responsive Web Design.

- The **Visible area** of a web page is called **Viewport**.
- The viewport differs from device to device. **Mobile phones** have **smaller** viewports when compared to computers.
- Initially, Web pages are designed only for computers by having static design and fixed size.
- Fixed-size web pages are too large for the viewport of mobiles and tablets.
- <meta> tag in HTML5 helped web designers by taking control over the viewport.

<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

- Elements with large fixed widths should not be used.
- The content should not rely on particular viewport width to render well.
- Page elements should not have large absolute CSS width. Instead, use relative width values such as width: 100%. Large absolute values cause the element to fall outside the viewport.

Ingredients of Responsive Web Design

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- Media Queries
- Fluid Grids
- Flexible Images

- Media Query is a technique in CSS3
- If a condition is true, the @media rule is used to include a block of CSS properties.
- Media queries are used to make images smaller on all mobiles but larger on other devices like ipads, desktops, etc.
- If the browser window is within 600px the background color is light blue or else the background color will be light green.

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

@media only screen and (max-width: 600px) {
  body {
   background-color: lightblue;
  }
```

The rearrangement of columns themselves to fit the screen size is possible only by

Flexible Grid. These Flexible Grids are created using CSS.

Images will scale up and down if width: 100%; and height: auto; is set.

```
img {
  width: 100%;
  height: auto;
}
```

Responsive Web Design - Examples

- Drop Box: DropBox uses fluid grid and flexible
 visuals to achieve this responsive website.
- Dribbble: Dribbble website uses a flexible grid that condenses from 5 columns on computers to 2 columns on mobiles and tablets.

