The CSS box model is essentially a box that wraps around HTML elements, and it consists of: margins, borders, padding, and the actual content.

The box model allows us to add a border around elements, and to define space between elements.

In a document, each element is represented as a rectangular box. In CSS, each of these rectangular boxes is described using the standard *box model*. Each box has four edges: the margin edge, border edge, padding edge, and content edge.

The content area is the area containing the real content of the element.

The padding area extends the content area with the empty area between the content and the eventual borders surrounding it.

The border area extends the padding area with the area containing the borders.

The margin area extends the border area with an empty area used to separate the element from its neighbors.

