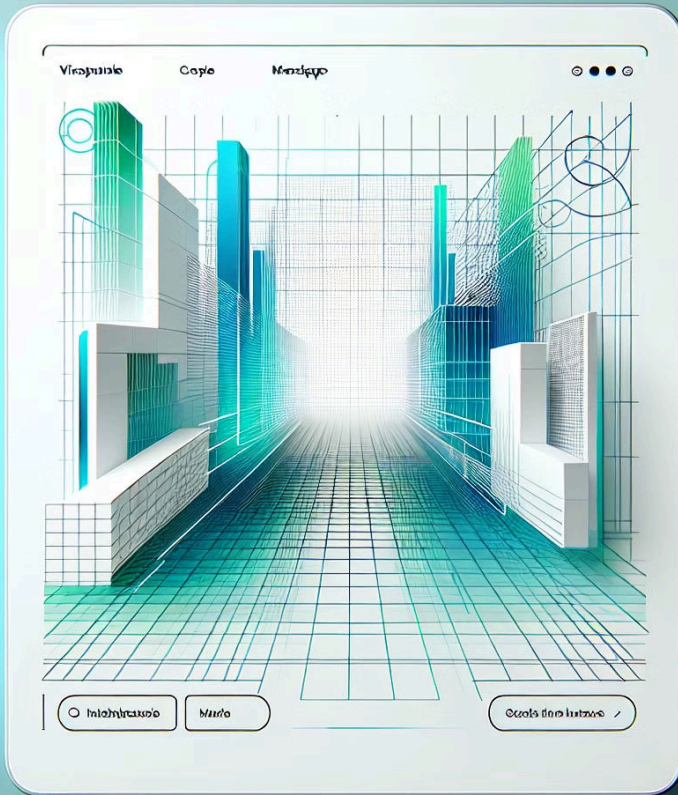# Introduction to Margin and Padding

Margin and padding are fundamental CSS properties that control the spacing around and within HTML elements. Understanding how to use them effectively is crucial for creating well-structured and visually appealing web layouts.

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Defining Margin

1 External Spacing

Margin is the space outside an element, creating distance between it and neighboring elements.

2 Control Positioning

Margin can be used to position elements on the page, allowing for flexible and responsive layouts.

3 Collapsing Behavior

Vertically adjacent margins can collapse, resulting in the larger margin being used between elements.

Defining Padding

1 **Internal Spacing**

Padding is the space inside an element, creating distance between the content and the element's borders.

2 **Visual Appearance**

Padding can be used to adjust the visual size of an element and create breathing room for the content.

3 **Accessibility**

Proper padding can improve the accessibility of an element, making it easier for users to interact with.

Margin and Padding in CSS

Margin Properties

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Inheritance and Cascading

Margin and padding can be inherited and overridden through the cascading nature of CSS.

Practical Examples and Best Practices

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Spacing Consistency

Apply consistent margin and padding values throughout the design to create a harmonious and cohesive layout.

Responsive Adjustment

Adjust margin and padding values based on screen size to ensure optimal spacing for different devices.

Avoiding Overflow

Use margin and padding judiciously to prevent content from overflowing or feeling cramped within its container.