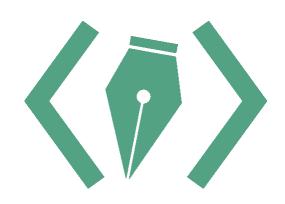
Week 2

# Visual Hierarchy Through Spacing



## Importance of Space

Macro- & Micro-Level Spacing

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## What's wrong with these User Interfaces (UI)?





## The UI is "cluttered"

## What's wrong with cluttering?

# Users won't see that much content Loss of visual hierarchy is overwhelming Quality > Quantity

User attention is a precious resource, and should be allocated accordingly.

# Using space intentionally establishes a Hierarchy of Information

## Lil' terminology

#### Positive space

Filled up by content

#### Negative (white) space

- Empty
- Space between positive space (UI elements)
- Defines content in a positive space
- Creates emphasis



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I'm Feeling Lucky

Google Search

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Negative Space



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More white space, more emphasis.

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Less Readable

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## Importance of Spacing

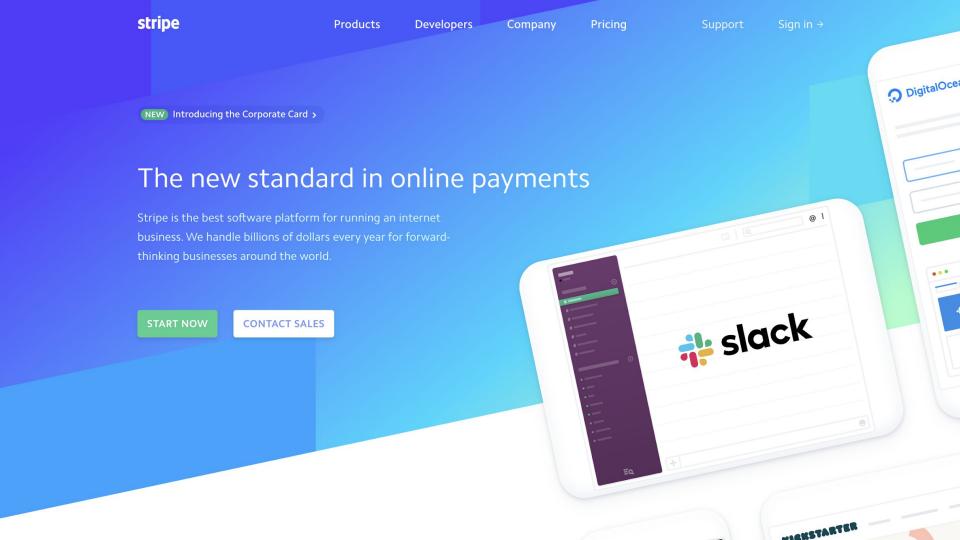
Macro- & Micro-Level Spacing

Spacing Demo

## Macro- & micro-level spacing

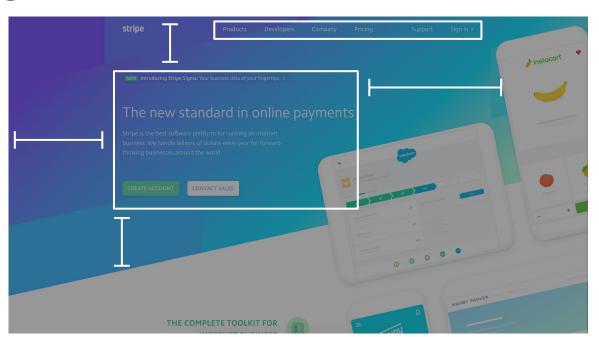
**Macro-level spacing:** Space between core elements of the page Creates structure, "breathing room"

**Micro-level spacing:** Increases legibility and understanding of text and information More on that in a few lectures



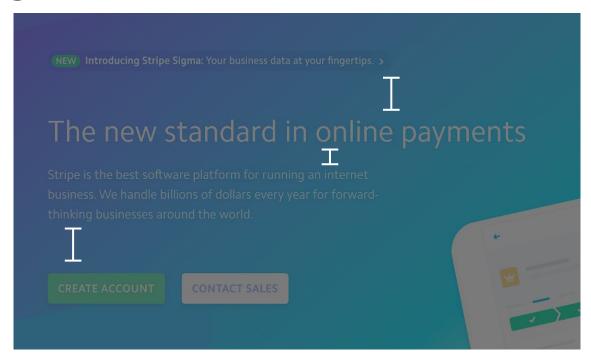
## Macro-level spacing

Page sections use background colors and whitespace to create separation



## Micro-level spacing

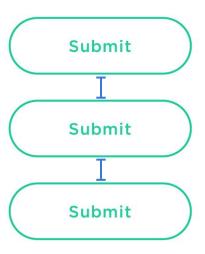
Individual sections of page use compositional spacing on **micro** scale



## Padding & margin



**Padding**Spacing within the border of an element

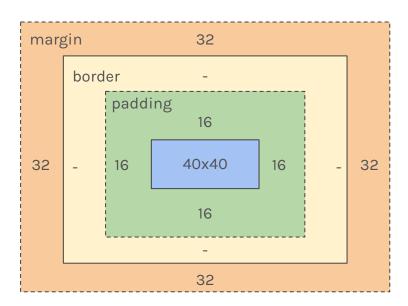


**Margin**Spacing between elements

## Spacing in CSS

**CSS Box Model** 

For spacing in web design



## Line width

Narrower paragraphs  $\rightarrow$  easier to read Less scanning for the eyes

Use a <div> to restrict width of text

"I realized that individual freedom, when it's not connected to some sort of community, or friends, or the world outside, ends up feeling pretty meaningless." —Bruce Springsteen, 1988

I clutch my black tea, fingers wrapped around a mug that's almost the size of my face, yearning for the caffeine to surge through my veins. The outside air frizzes my curls, the March wind howls, the threat of rain teases the afternoon. I tell people that I'm not a fan of March. Right now, a relationship in my life is under duress, just like piles of snow that trap us inside, that keep us stuck.

My eyes scan the pages of a novel—chick lit with dark undertones—but I'm fixated on an overt typo in the text above me. "Life's to short to drink cheap coffee."

I'm comfortable here because I'm reminded of a lounge in Brooklyn. It's

#### Hello.

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f.am a 22-year old UI designer and entrepreneur passionate about design, education, and online journalism.

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## **Metrics**

Margin and padding around an element should be consistent/equal

Use simple multiples for spacing (and other) metrics

- Ex: 20px padding, 10px margin
- Ex: 12px padding, 16px margin

## Simple is not the same as barren

Barren = overuse of spacing

Too much can "break" the relationship between elements

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Downloading Java.

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## CS 61B Data Structures, Spring 2021

Instructor: Josh Hug Live Q&A: 1-2 MW: Zoom Link 2-3 F: Zoom Link

Announcements [View All]

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#### Midterm 1

As you all know, Midterm 1 is this Wednesday from 8-10 PM. Expect to receive an email containing your personalized zoom link from cs61b@berkeley.edu by Tuesday, 2/9 11:59 PM PST. Please make a private post on Ed with your Berkeley email if you don't receive this email, but make sure to check your spam and trash first.

Week 4 Announcements

#### Calendar

| Week | Date       | Reading   | Lecture  | Discussion            | Lab  | Assignments/Exams     |
|------|------------|---|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
|      | No Classes |   |  |                       | HW0: Basic Java Programs (optional)                  |                       |
| 1    | Wed 01/20  | 1.1   | Intro, Hello World Java [video] [slides] [guide]               | No discussion week 1. | Setting Up Your Computer  IntelliJ Setup (due 01/26) | Project 0 (due 01/29) |
| *    | Fri 01/22  | 1.2   | Defining and Using Classes [video] [slides] [guide] [live Q&A] |                       |  |                       |
|      | Mon 01/25  | 3.1, Optional: TDD is dead, Unit Tests Are Waste, | 3. Testing   |                       |  |                       |

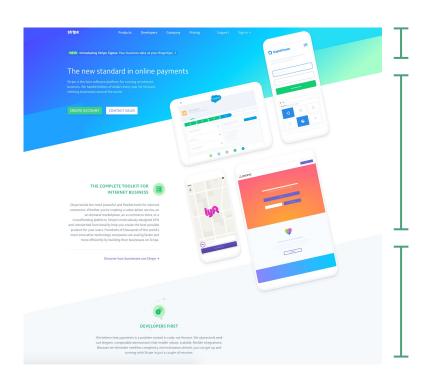
## Avoid the barren!

Make your spacing **intentional** through rhythm, (a)symmetry, and/or Gestalt principles

## Creating rhythmic structure

Rhythm creates structure and reliable patterns for content

Space and content structure are used to define this rhythmic pattern

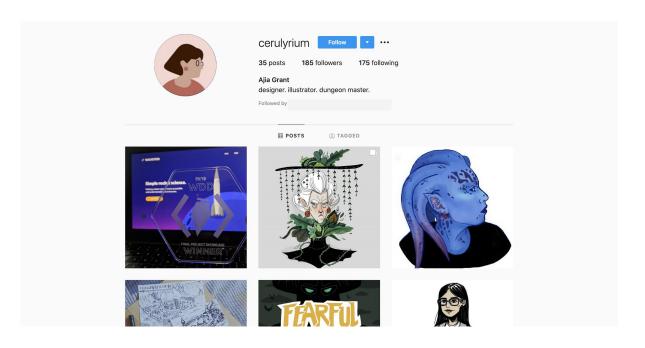


## Symmetry and asymmetry

## **Symmetry**

Creates balance with repeating patterns and rhythmic structure

Vast majority of macro layout of sites are symmetric



## Symmetry and asymmetry

#### **Asymmetry**

Use asymmetric designs to create emphasis

The larger thumbnail creates emphasis through size relational asymmetry



## Some things to note...

- We'll post **cheat sheets** for general topics in this class, typically for coding! Check Piazza for when we release them.
- Unleash the kraken: If you are interested in this topic, and feel ready for a challenge/more advanced topics check out <u>this Medium article</u> about design software
- Have a **Figma** account or have it downloaded on your computer for our Figma demo **next Thursday, 2/18**! We will make a post with further details next week.
- Reminder to fill our our anonymous feedback form! Your feedback is much appreciated especially during (yet another) remote semester.

## **Questions?**