

# CSS Positioning

Useful for pull-down menus and other things

# Position Property

- **static**
  - The default value for all elements
  - Normal flow
  - Scrolls along with everything else, normally
- **fixed**
  - Nailed to a spot
  - Unaffected by scrolling
- **relative**
  - Shifted (nudged) from where it would normally be
  - Still within the normal flow
  - Creates a "world" from which nested absolute-positioned elements cannot escape
  - Affected by scrolling
- **absolute**
  - Shifted (nudged) from where it would normally be (same as relative)
  - NOT within the normal flow
  - Limited by its container element - it's *world*: the browser viewport or a relative-positioned container
  - Affected by scrolling

Example:

```
.persistent {  
    position: fixed;  
    top: 0;  
    left: 0;  
}
```

*Helper properties*

Use a measurement value

- **top**
- **right**
- **bottom**
- **left**

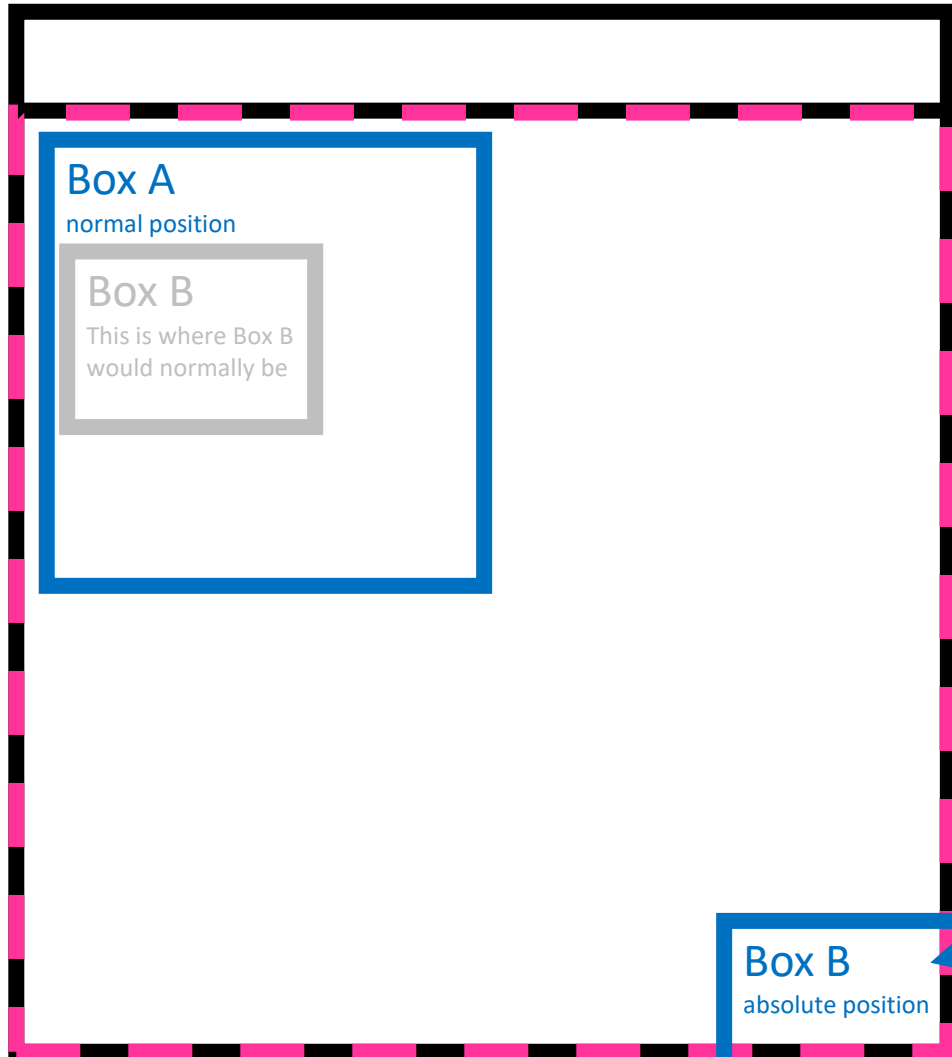
Example values: **10px; 2%; 1em**

- **z-index**
  - Defines stack-order of overlapping positioned elements

## HTML

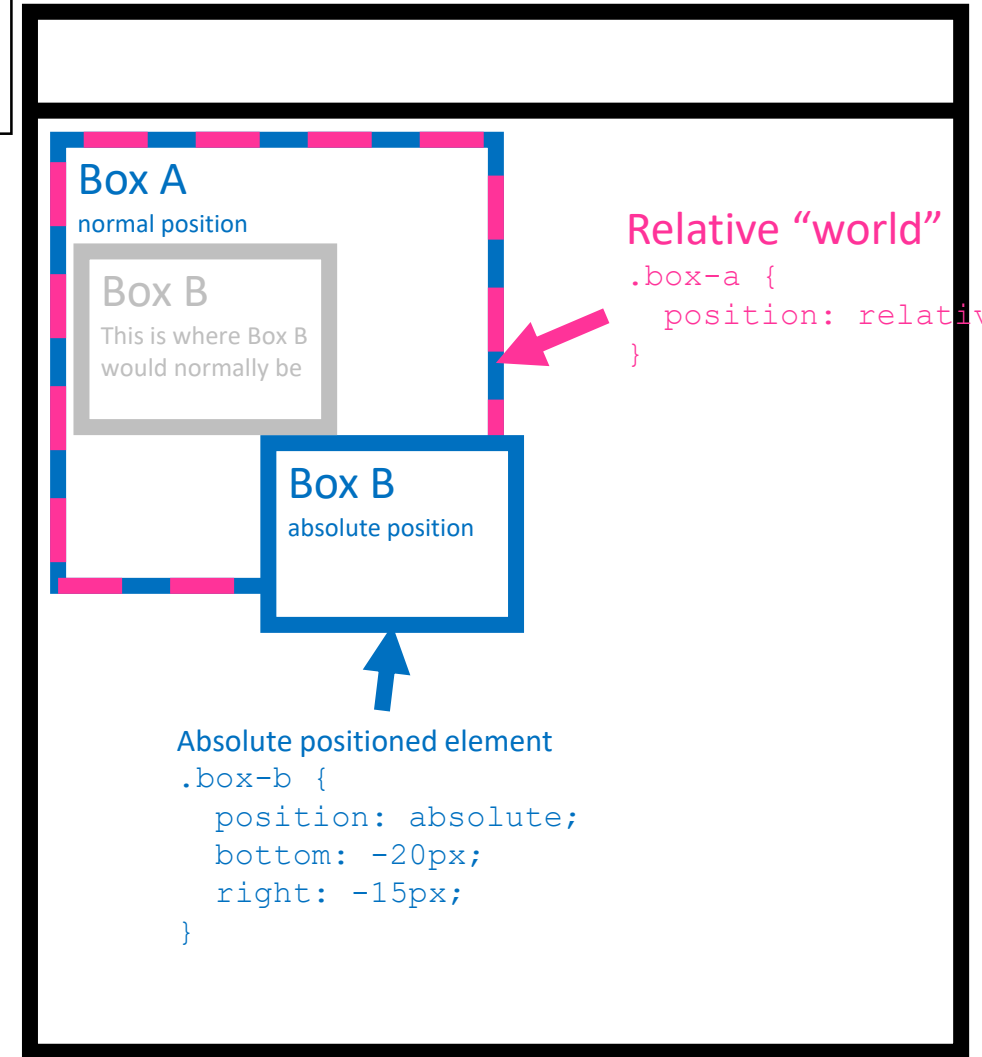
```
<div class="box-a">
  Box A
  <div class="box-b">
    Box B
  </div>
</div>
```

An absolute positioned element  
in a relative positioned element



Viewport "world"  
(default for absolute  
positioned elements)

Absolute positioned element  
.box-b {  
 position: absolute;  
 bottom: -20px;  
 right: -15px;  
}



Relative "world"  
.box-a {  
 position: relative;  
}

Absolute positioned element  
.box-b {  
 position: absolute;  
 bottom: -20px;  
 right: -15px;  
}

*one more thing...*

# display: none

- The default display properties:
  - display: block
  - display: inline
- Display properties used for CSS layout:
  - display: inline-block
  - display: table-cell
  - display: flex
  - display: grid
- And then there's this:
  - display: none
  - ...used for "tricks"