

CS 2033

Multimedia & Communications II

LECTURE 5 – ADVANCED CSS

CSS

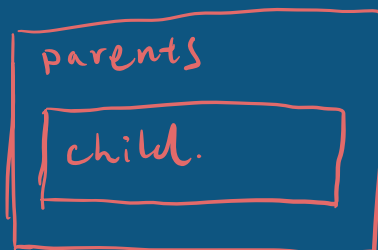
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- ▶ CSS is used for adding colours, borders, and other aesthetics to websites. But there's more to it...
- ▶ It is also used for creating layouts. There are several styles that control the size, position, or structure of the HTML elements.
- ▶ They allow us to create a layout without tables.

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- ▶ Remember that divs and many other HTML elements can be nested within one another.
- ▶ Important for creating layouts.
- ▶ This relationship is known as parent-child, where the parent is the container / outer element and the child is the inner element.



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- ▶ Dives are the best HTML elements (IMHO ☐)
- ▶ Don't be skimpy with them!
- ▶ Assign classes to each of the divs.
- ▶ Note that **elements can be assigned multiple classes.**

▶ i.e. `<div class="bigbox nav"></div>`
(1) class name. *(2) two classes names.*

CSS Layouts

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▶ Common layout style properties:

- ▶ position *absolute*
relative
- ▶ TRBL *values*
- ▶ display
- ▶ margin
- ▶ float
- ▶ width / height *size of the element.*

CSS Layouts

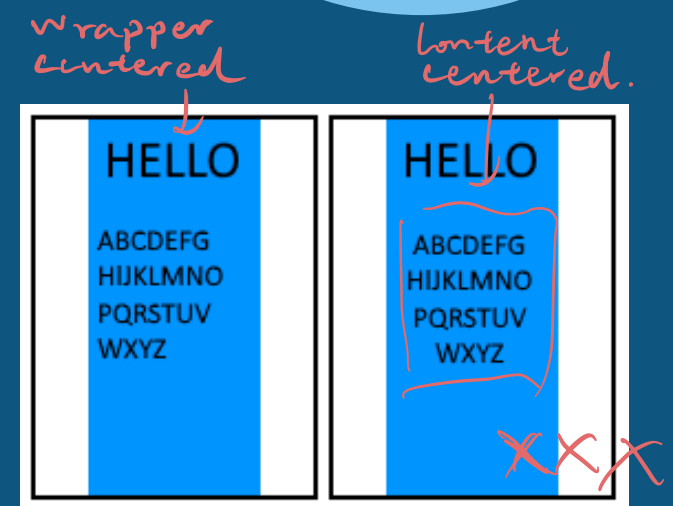
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- ▶ There are many ways to create a layout with divs and CSS.
- ▶ Within a page, some sections may be laid out different than others.
- ▶ Some of the common strategies will be explained here, but there are endless possibilities by combining these ideas and your creativity!

Wrapper

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- ▶ It is usually a good idea to include all or most of the content in a giant div. It is common to call this the wrapper or container.
- ▶ The wrapper is often centered to keep the content in the middle.
- ▶ This does NOT mean the content is centered!



Wrapper

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- ▶ The wrapper may be given a width in pixels or %. Either is fine.

- ▶ Pixels keep a rigid structure.

precise size & position.

- ▶ % is flexible for any window size.

- ▶ Either way, we should make it look good on different sized screens.

- ▶ We will talk more about **responsive** websites later in the term.

Sections

- ▶ Sections are HTML elements similar to divs but intended for keeping the different areas separated.
- ▶ It's good practice to use sections to contain each distinct portion of a page, and then use divs within them for more layout control.

Sections

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keep the →
code easy
to read.

```
<div class="wrapper">

  <section>
    <h1>About Us</h1>
    <div class="content">
      <p>ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ</p>
    </div>
  </section>

  <section>
    <h1>Services</h1>
    <div class="content">
      <p>ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ</p>
    </div>
  </section>

  <section>
    <h1>Contact</h1>
    <div class="content">
      <p>ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ</p>
    </div>
  </section>

</div>
```

Columns

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- ▶ Within sections, there are many options for placing text, images, and other multimedia.
- ▶ The most basic option is to have a single element across the entire width of the section / wrapper.
- ▶ Many sites have multiple columns of side-by-side content.

Columns

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The screenshot displays the Subway Canada website with a multi-column layout. At the top, the Subway logo is followed by a navigation bar containing links for 'Find A Store', 'Menu and nutrition', 'Catering', 'Stay Connected', 'Rewards', 'About Us', and 'Start Order'. To the right of the logo are links for 'Canada', 'Change', and 'English'. Further right are links for 'Careers', 'SUBWAY® Card', and 'Sign In'.

Below the navigation bar, the layout is divided into several columns:

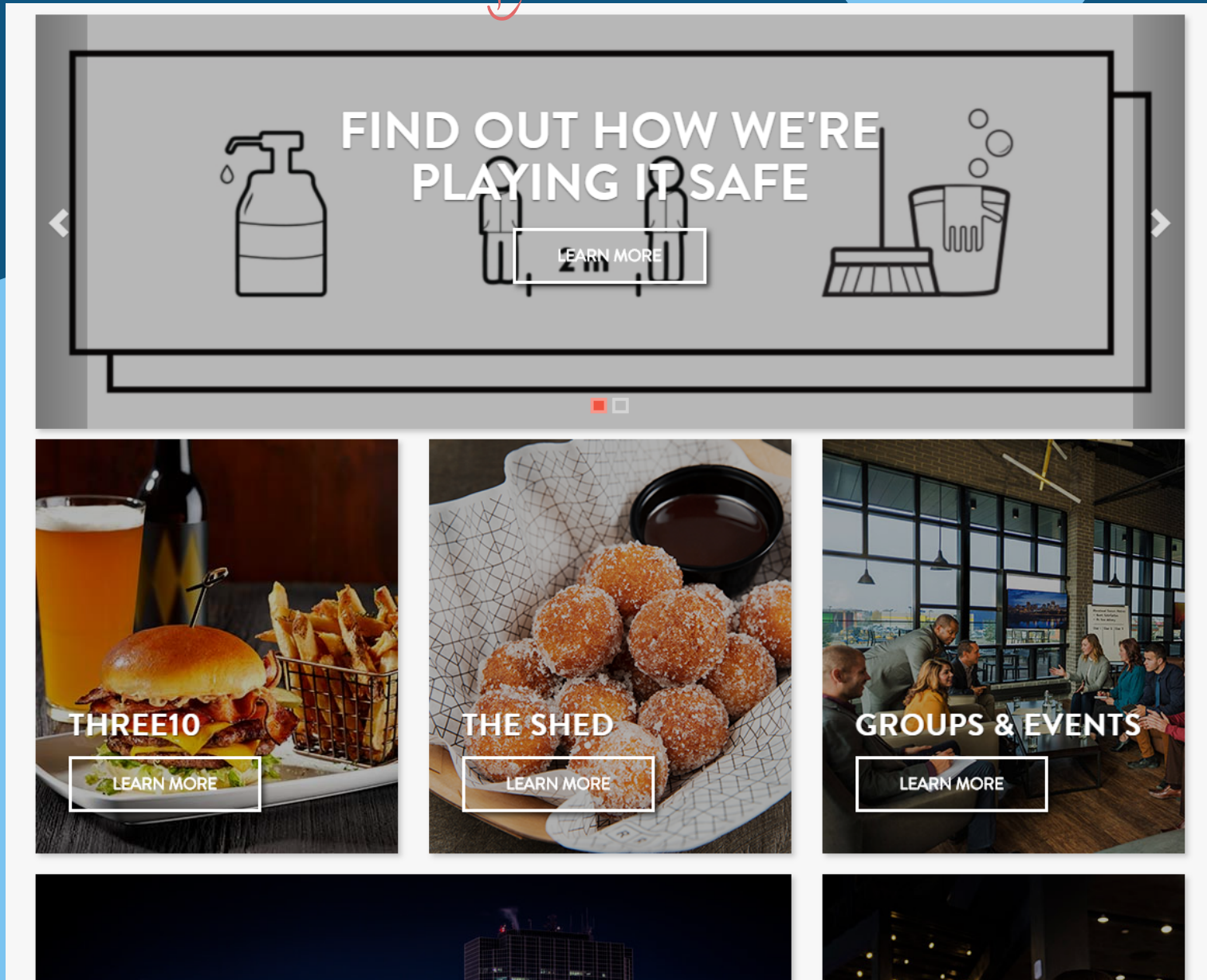
- Left Column (Promotional Tiles):** A vertical stack of four small promotional tiles, each with an image and text: 'You rock, Canada!', 'A legend is born.', 'Make it Merry.', and 'Join the club.'.
- Hero Banner:** A large central banner featuring a large sandwich with the text 'THE STUFF LEGENDS ARE MADE OF.' and 'WITH MONTREAL SPICES AND 100% CANADIAN STEAK.' Below the text is a button that says 'Taste the legend >'. A small note at the bottom of the banner states 'For a limited time at participating restaurants.'
- Franchise Section:** A green-tinted section titled 'Own a franchise Apply today' featuring a large 'OPEN' sign graphic. Below the graphic, it says 'New and Existing Franchise Opportunities Available Now' and lists three bullet points: 'All about franchising', 'Submit great locations', and 'Worldwide opportunities'. A yellow button at the bottom says 'Apply to own'.
- MyWay Rewards Section:** A section titled 'Earn while you eat with Subway MyWay™ Rewards.' featuring an image of a smartphone and a sandwich. A small note above the image says 'Subway MyWay™ Rewards available at participating restaurants outside of Quebec.'
- Quality Ingredients Section:** A section titled 'Dig into our quality ingredients.' featuring an image of fresh vegetables.
- Make it what you want™ Section:** A section titled 'Make it what you want™' featuring an image of a person holding a Subway bag.
- Ordering Section:** Two buttons at the bottom: 'Order ahead & pick up quick' with 'Order Online' and 'Order from anywhere, when hunger hits' with 'Download App'. A small note at the bottom of the 'Order Online' button says 'App ordering available at participating restaurants. Allow 15 minutes for pickup.'

The footer contains a grid of links organized into six columns: Management (Subway Partners™, Careers), Stay Connected (Facebook, Twitter), Related Sites (SUBWAY.com), Profile Management (Email Unsubscribe, Contact Us), Legal (Privacy Statement, Terms of Use), and Accessibility (Adobe PDF Reader, Adobe Flash Plugin).

Columns


one column
across the full width.



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Columns

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Columns

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- ▶ How do we place elements side by side?
 - ▶ Display: block, inline-block, table-cell
 - ▶ Float: left or right
 - ▶ Position: absolute
 - ▶ Within a relative position element
 - ▶ Usually not the best option

Display

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- ▶ The display style affects how elements are shown sequentially.
- ▶ There are several display options. The most common ones are:
 - ▶ **Block**: takes up the entire row
 - ▶ **Inline-block**: placed side by side if fits
 - ▶ **Table-cell**: placed side by side and resizes to fit in a row

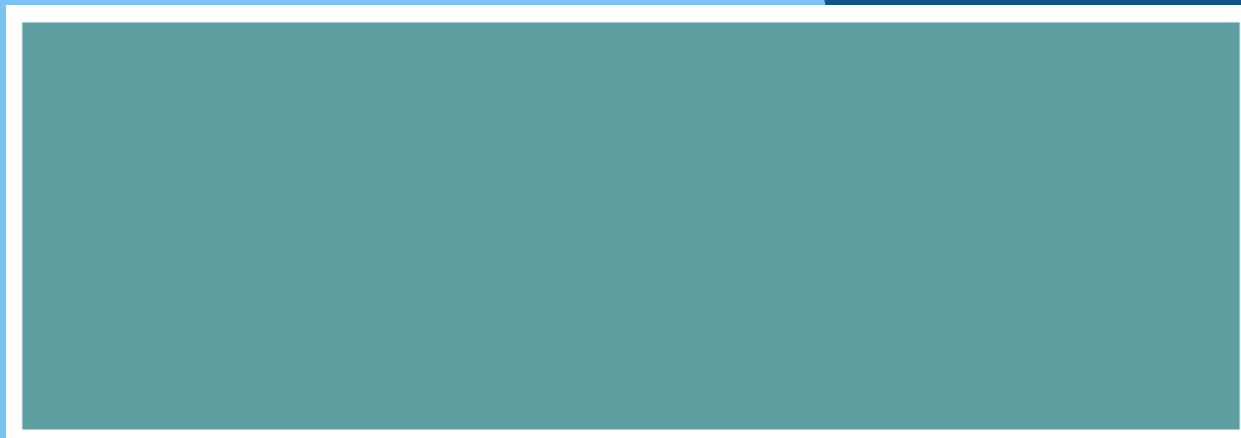
Display

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inline-block



table-cell



resize

block



A
lot
of
white
space
here.

Display

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- ▶ Inline-block and table-cell are great for creating columns.

block may not be the best choice.

- ▶ Which one is best? It depends...
 - ▶ Should they be spaced out?
 - ▶ Should they fall to the next line if the window/screen is small?

Display

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- ▶ Margins work with inline-block. Not so much with table-cell, although you can nest divs within and add margins that way.
- ▶ Inline-block elements will only stay together if they can fit. Table-cell elements remain together and just squish smaller.

Display

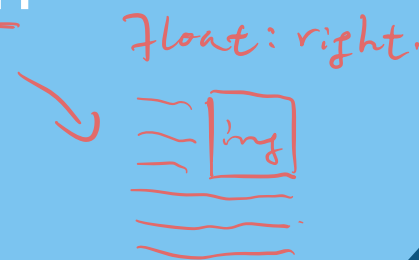
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- ▶ See the difference between table-cell, inline-block, and block.
- ▶ Sample: display

Float

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- ▶ Float is another layout style.
- ▶ Often used to let text wrap around an image on the left or right.
- ▶ Can also help with column layouts.
- ▶ Floating may break the natural flow and cause overlapping.
- ▶ Not the best option unless you know what you're doing!



Float

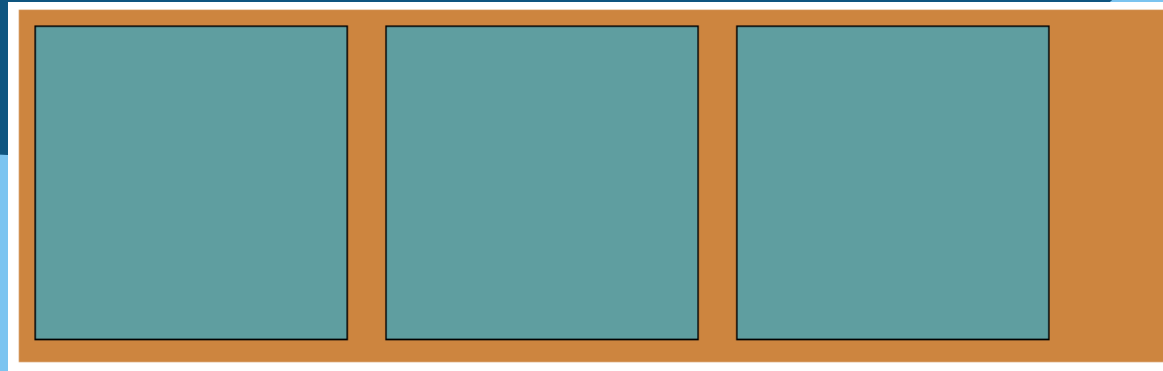
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- ▶ See the difference between left float, right float, and no float.
- ▶ Sample: float

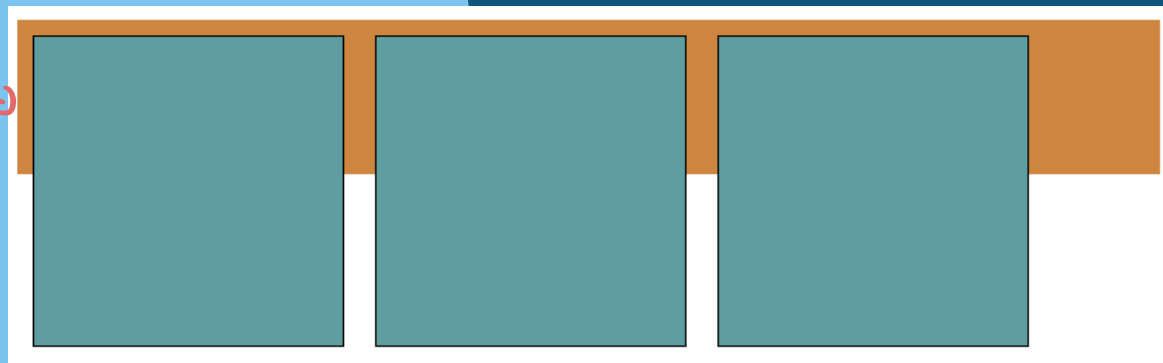
Float

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display: inline-block



float: left



not
suggested →

Position

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- ▶ The last main layout style is position (often used with TRBL)
- ▶ Static and relative position follow natural flow of elements (blocks).
- ▶ Fixed position remains when scrolling.
 - ▶ Useful for navigation bar, footer, feedback link, etc.

Position

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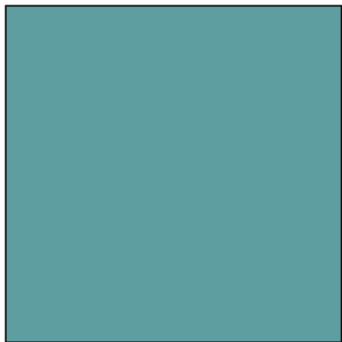
- ▶ For column-based layouts, absolute positioning can be used.
- ▶ They must be contained in a relative positioned element first!
- ▶ Absolute is a precise location, but it is actually relative to its parent. *absolute div in a relative div*
- ▶ Never use absolute if it's not inside a relative parent element.

Position

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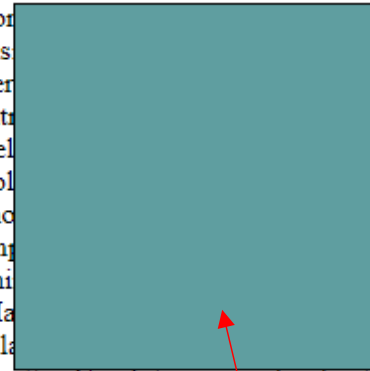
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position: absolute

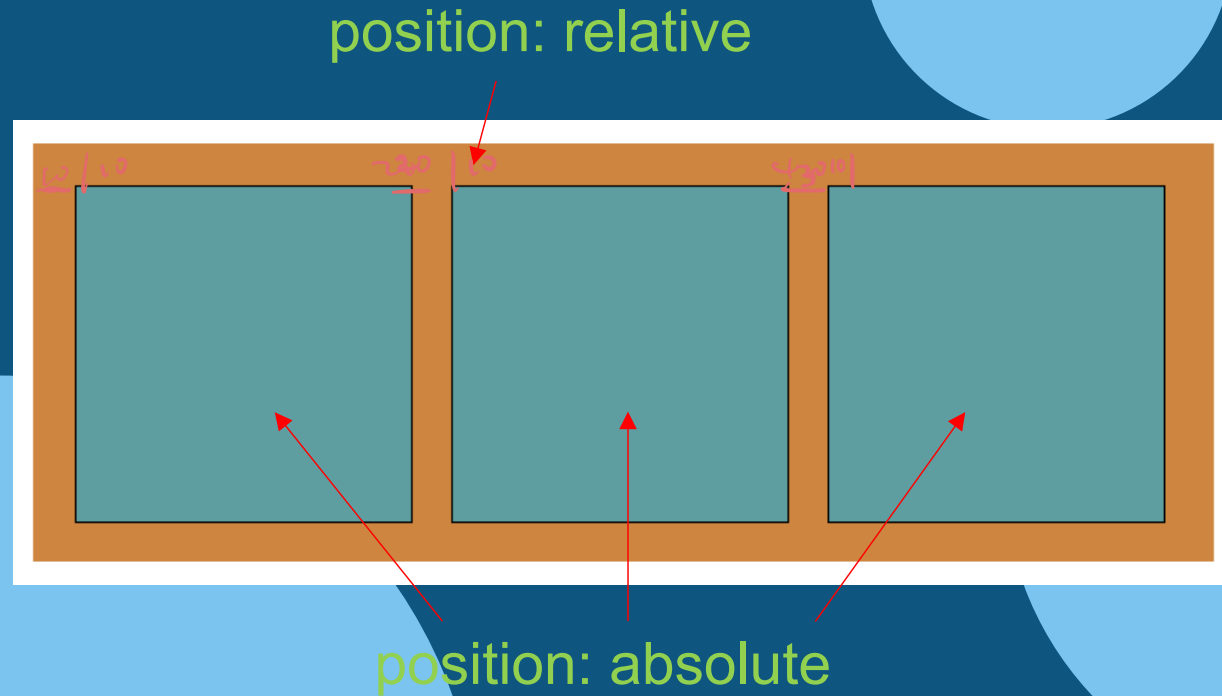
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Absolute positioning doesn't care what's underneath. It's a precise location.

Position

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- See the difference between relative and absolute positions.
- Sample: position

Position

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- ▶ Absolute within relative position can create side-by-side layouts.
- ▶ Disadvantages?
 - ▶ Sticks out of page on small windows.
 - ▶ Each element's location has to be calculated and specified.
 - ▶ Behaves like floats if height of parent is not known.



Layouts

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- ▶ Overall, better to avoid absolute positioning unless you know what you're doing.
- ▶ Floats should generally be avoided for layouts as well.

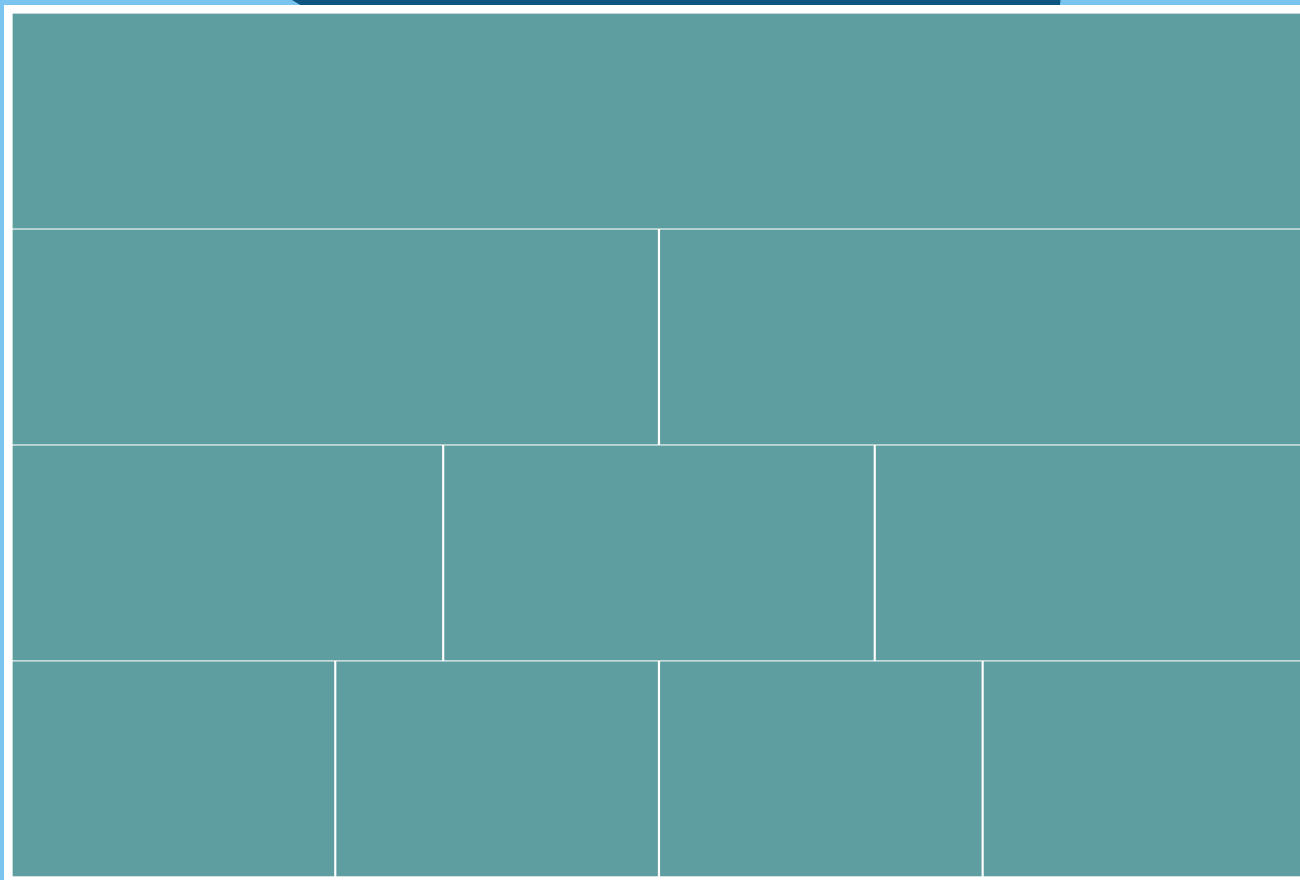
it is ok to use float for images.

- ▶ **Verdict:** inline-block or table-cell display are usually the best options!

Layouts

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- ▶ This was created with just sections and divs, and CSS styles.. No tables!



Layouts

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- ▶ We can use groups of the different sized elements as we want.
- ▶ Here's an example of a website structured using these blocks.
- ▶ Sample: layout example

Child selectors

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- ▶ We have seen several ways to select elements but there are more!
- ▶ The asterisk `*` is used to select everything at once.
 - ▶ i.e. `* { margin: 2px; }`
- ▶ Another approach is selecting all the children of parent elements.
 - ▶ i.e. all paragraphs within divs.

Child selectors

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- ▶ It is easy to select specific children.
- ▶ Write the parent selector, then a space, and the child selector.
 - ▶ Selectors can be any combination of types (tag, class, or ID) or the *
- ▶ `#wrapper p { }`
- ▶ `.red * { }`
- ▶ `ul li.link { }`

Child selectors

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- ▶ They can continue with multiple levels of children.
 - ▶ i.e. `#main div .nav li p { }`
- ▶ We can also use the comma grouping method combined with these child selectors.
 - ▶ i.e. `div p, .nav li, #buttons { }`

Combined selectors

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- ▶ We previously looked at tag selectors and class and ID selectors
- ▶ These can also be combined to select elements of a certain tag AND that have a specific class or ID
 - ▶ `div.nav { }`
 - ▶ `img#banner { }`
 - ▶ `ul#links li, div.main .box p.info { }`

Pseudo-classes

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- ▶ Pseudo-classes are advanced CSS selectors that apply to certain states or actions on elements.
- ▶ i.e. hovering the cursor over an element
- ▶ They are specified with a colon : followed by a pseudo-class type.
 - ▶ i.e. `:hover`

Pseudo-classes

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- ▶ Apply pseudo-classes to elements by tag, class, ID, or any combination.
- ▶ `a:hover { }`
- ▶ `.link:hover { }`
- ▶ `#title:hover { }`
- ▶ `ul li:hover { }`

Pseudo-classes

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- ▶ Works great for simple link rollovers.
- ▶ Also used in more complex navigation menus with dropdown menus.
- ▶ Sample: dropdown

Pseudo-classes

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- ▶ The idea is lists within lists.
- ▶ Main links are visible and sub-links are hidden by default.
- ▶ Sub-links become visible when the main link is hovered by a cursor.
- ▶ Primary CSS for this:
 - ▶ Display style (none ↔ block)
 - ▶ :hover pseudo-class (to trigger display change)

Pseudo-classes

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▶ There are lots of pseudo-classes besides :hover.

▶ :required

▶ :focus

▶ :visited

▶ :active

▶ :enabled

▶ and many more

CSS transitions

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- ▶ By default, style changes like rollovers are instantaneous.
- ▶ This is fine but it can look too static.
- ▶ CSS allows us to animate style changes using gradual transitions.
- ▶ Sample: transitions

CSS transitions

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- ▶ Make a style change gradual in a selector with the **transition** style rule.
- ▶ Within this rule, we can specify the parameters like duration, speed curve (i.e. ease or linear), and time delay (i.e. start after 5s).
- ▶ These can be specified for individual style changes or for all styles at once.

CSS transitions

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▶ Suppose we have:

```
div {  
    background-color:red;  
}  
div:hover {  
    background-color:black;  
}
```

▶ Hovering the div will turn it black but by default it will be immediate.

CSS transitions

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- ▶ Add the transition line in the div rule-set. Apply a 2s transition.

```
▶ div {  
    background-color:red;  
    transition: background-color 2s;  
}  
div:hover {  
    background-color:black;  
}
```

CSS transitions

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- ▶ You can specify multiple style properties to be animated by separating them with commas.
- ▶ Suppose you want the width and height to change.
- ▶ Add the following line:
 - ▶ `transition: width 2s, height 2s;`

CSS transitions

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- ▶ To apply the transition to all style properties at once, use the word **all** in place of a property name.
- ▶ i.e. `transition: all 2s;`
- ▶ This helps simplify the code in cases where many changed styles are intended to have a transition.

CSS animations

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- ▶ Transitions are for style changes, usually triggered by :hover, :focus, or another pseudo-class.
- ▶ Sometimes we want an animation that is independent of user input.
 - ▶ i.e. a shape growing and shrinking back and forth continuously.

CSS animations

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- ▶ This is called an **animation** in CSS.
- ▶ Note the difference between transitions and animations.
- ▶ CSS animations use keyframes
 - ▶ Remember this term from CS1033?
 - ▶ In CSS we can also have intermediate keyframes for multiple segments.

CSS animations

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- ▶ `@keyframes growAnim {
 from { width:200px; }
 to { width:300px; }
}`
- ▶ This animation, named `growAnim`, has 2 keyframes.
 - ▶ Start (from): width of 200px
 - ▶ End (to): width of 300px

CSS animations

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- ▶ If we want it to grow in different segments, we can use a %-based keyframe structure instead.
- ▶

```
@keyframes growAnim {  
  0% { width:200px; }  
  75% { width:250px; }  
  100% { width:300px; }  
}
```
- ▶ This is similar to ease-in.

CSS animations

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- ▶ Once a keyframe structure is created, it can be applied to a rule-set easily.
- ▶ `animation: growAnim 3s infinite;`
- ▶ The main parameters are:
 - ▶ Animation name
 - ▶ Duration
 - ▶ Iteration count (looping)

CSS animations

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- ▶ Two other common animation parameters are:
 - ▶ Direction: normal (start to finish), reverse (finish to start), alternate, etc.
 - ▶ Timing function: ease, ease-in, ease-out, linear, etc.
- ▶ Sample: animations

Transitions and animations

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- ▶ Notes on transitions/animations:
 - ▶ Make looped animations seamless.
 - ▶ Use the alternate direction parameter.
 - ▶ Use the % based keyframe structure and set the same styles for 100% as 0%.
 - ▶ Don't make your page overly flashy with animations.
 - ▶ Not all properties are animatable.