

Web Programming Step by Step

Lecture 4

Page Sections and the CSS Box Model

Reading: 3.2, 3.4; 4.1 - 4.2; 4.4.1

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3.2: More CSS

- 3.1: Basic CSS
- **3.2: More CSS**

The HTML `id` attribute (3.2.2)

```
<p>Spatula City!  Spatula City!</p>
<p id="mission">Our mission is to provide the most
spectacular spatulas and splurge on our specials until our
customers <q>esplode</q> with splendor!</p>
```

HTML

Spatula City! Spatula City!

Our mission is to provide the most spectacular spatulas and splurge on our specials until our customers “esplode” with splendor!

output

- allows you to give a unique ID to any element on a page
- each ID must be unique; can only be used once in the page

Linking to sections of a web page

```
<p>Visit <a href=
  "http://www.textpad.com/download/index.html#downloads">
  textpad.com</a> to get the TextPad editor.</p>
```

```
<p><a href="#mission">View our Mission Statement</a></p>
```

HTML

Visit [textpad.com](http://www.textpad.com) to get the TextPad editor.

[View our Mission Statement](#)

output

- a link target can include an ID at the end, preceded by a #
- browser will load that page and scroll to element with given ID

CSS ID selectors

```
#mission {  
  font-style: italic;  
  font-family: "Garamond", "Century Gothic", serif;  
}
```

CSS

Spatula City! Spatula City!

Our mission is to provide the most spectacular spatulas and splurge on our specials until our customers “explode” with splendor!

output

- applies style only to the paragraph that has the ID of `mission`
- element can be specified explicitly: `p#mission {`

The HTML class attribute (3.2.3)

```
<p class="shout">Spatula City! Spatula City!</p>  
<p class="special">See our spectacular spatula specials!</p>  
<p class="special">Today only: satisfaction guaranteed.</p>
```

HTML

Spatula City! Spatula City!

See our spectacular spatula specials!

Today only: satisfaction guaranteed.

output

- classes are a way to group some elements and give a style to only that group (“I don't want ALL paragraphs to be yellow, just these three...”)
- unlike an `id`, a `class` can be reused as much as you like on the page

CSS class selectors

```
.special {  
  background-color: yellow;  
  font-weight: bold;  
}  
p.shout {  
  color: red;  
  font-family: cursive;  
}
```

CSS

Spatula City! Spatula City!

See our spectacular spatula specials!

Today only: satisfaction guaranteed.

output

- applies rule to any element with class `special` or a `p` with class `shout`

Multiple classes

```
<h2 class="shout">Spatula City! Spatula City!</h2>  
<p class="special">See our spectacular spatula specials!</p>  
<p class="special shout">Satisfaction guaranteed.</p>  
<p class="shout">We'll beat any advertised price!</p>
```

HTML

Spatula City! Spatula City!

See our spectacular spatula specials!

Satisfaction guaranteed.

We'll beat any advertised price!

output

- an element can be a member of multiple classes (separated by spaces)

CSS pseudo-classes

```
a:link { color: #FF0000; } /* unvisited link */
a:visited { color: #00FF00; } /* visited link */
a:hover { color: #FF00FF; } /* mouse over link */
```

CSS

[Buy early, buy often!](#)

output

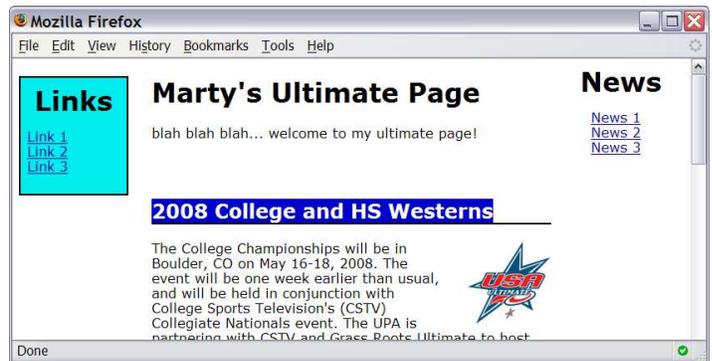
class	description
:active	an activated or selected element
:focus	an element that has the keyboard focus
:hover	an element that has the mouse over it
:link	a link that has not been visited
:visited	a link that has already been visited
:first-letter	the first letter of text inside an element
:first-line	the first line of text inside an element
:first-child	an element that is the first one to appear inside another

4.1: Styling Page Sections

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- 4.3: Floating Elements
- 4.4: Sizing and Positioning

Motivation for page sections

- want to be able to **style individual elements, groups of elements, sections of text** or of the page
- (later) want to create complex page layouts



Sections of a page: `<div>` (4.1.1)

a section or division of your HTML page (block)

```
<div class="shout">
  <h2>Spatula City!  Spatula City!</h2>
  <p class="special">See our spectacular spatula specials!</p>
  <p>We'll beat any advertised price!</p>
</div>
```

HTML

Spatula City! Spatula City!

See our spectacular spatula specials!

We'll beat any advertised price!

output

- a tag used to indicate a logical section or area of a page
- has no appearance by default, but you can apply styles to it

Inline sections: `` (4.1.2)

an inline element used purely as a range for applying styles

```
<h2>Spatula City!  Spatula City!</h2>
<p>See our <span class="special">spectacular</span> spatula specials!</p>
<p>We'll beat <span class="shout">any advertised price</span>!</p>
```

HTML

Spatula City! Spatula City!

See our **spectacular** spatula specials!

We'll beat **any advertised price!**

output

- has no onscreen appearance, but you can apply a style or ID to it, which will be applied to the text inside the span

CSS context selectors (4.1.3)

```
selector1 selector2 {
  properties
}
```

CSS

- applies the given properties to *selector2* only if it is inside a *selector1* on the page

```
selector1 > selector2 {
  properties
}
```

CSS

- applies the given properties to *selector2* only if it is *directly* inside a *selector1* on the page (*selector1* tag is immediately inside *selector2* with no tags in between)

Context selector example

```
<p>Shop at <strong>Hardwick's Hardware</strong>...</p>
<ul>
  <li>The <strong>best</strong> prices in town!</li>
  <li>Act while supplies last!</li>
</ul>
```

HTML

```
li strong { text-decoration: underline; }
```

CSS

Shop at **Hardwick's Hardware**...

- The **best** prices in town!
- Act while supplies last!

output

More complex example

```
<div id="ad">
  <p>Shop at <strong>Hardwick's Hardware</strong>...</p>
  <ul>
    <li class="important">The <strong>best</strong>
    prices in town!</li>
    <li>Act <strong>while supplies last!</strong></li>
  </ul>
</div>
```

HTML

```
#ad li.important strong { text-decoration: underline; }
```

CSS

Shop at **Hardwick's Hardware**...

- The **best** prices in town!
- Act **while supplies last!**

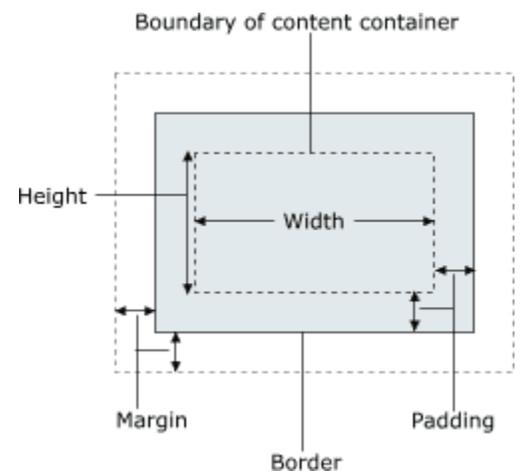
output

4.2: Introduction to Layout

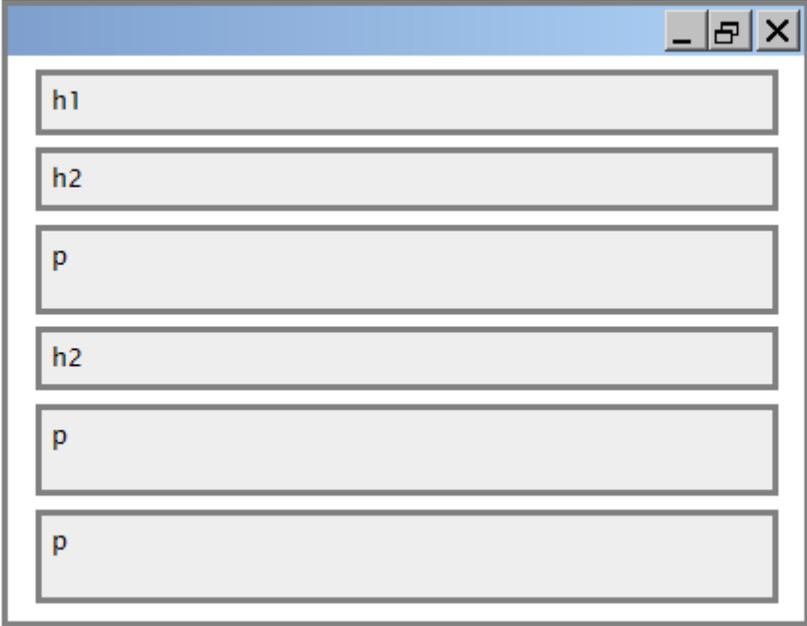
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The CSS Box Model (4.2.1)

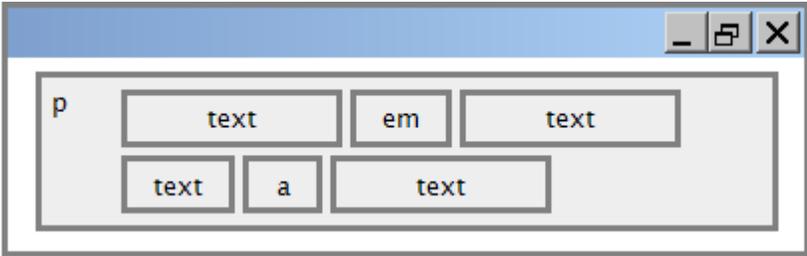
- for layout purposes, every element is composed of:
 - the actual element's **content**
 - a **border** around the element
 - **padding** between the content and the border (*inside*)
 - a **margin** between the border and other content (*outside*)
- width = content width + L/R padding + L/R border + L/R margin
- height = content height + T/B padding + T/B border + T/B margin
 - IE6 doesn't do this right



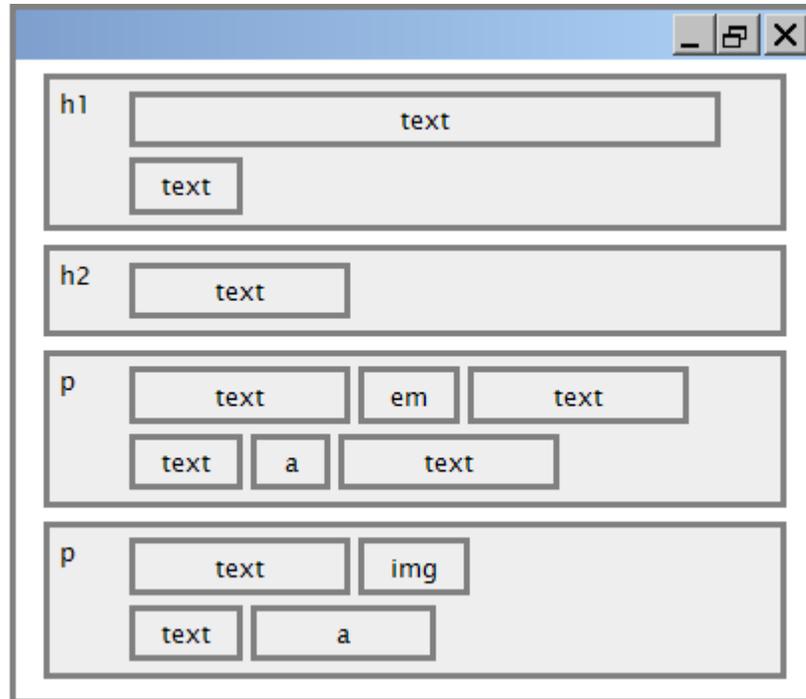
Document flow - block elements



Document flow - inline elements



Document flow - a larger example



CSS properties for borders

```
h2 { border: 5px solid red; }
```

CSS

This is a heading.

output

property	description
<code>border</code>	thickness/style/size of border on all 4 sides

- **thickness** (specified in px, pt, em, or `thin`, `medium`, `thick`)
- **style** (`none`, `hidden`, `dotted`, `dashed`, `double`, `groove`, `inset`, `outset`, `ridge`, `solid`)
- **color** (specified as seen previously for text and background colors)

More border properties

property	description
<code>border-color</code> , <code>border-width</code> , <code>border-style</code>	specific properties of border on all 4 sides
<code>border-bottom</code> , <code>border-left</code> , <code>border-right</code> , <code>border-top</code>	all properties of border on a particular side
<code>border-bottom-color</code> , <code>border-bottom-style</code> , <code>border-bottom-width</code> , <code>border-left-color</code> , <code>border-left-style</code> , <code>border-left-width</code> , <code>border-right-color</code> , <code>border-right-style</code> , <code>border-right-width</code> , <code>border-top-color</code> , <code>border-top-style</code> , <code>border-top-width</code>	properties of border on a particular side
Complete list of border properties	

Border example 2

```
h2 {  
  border-left: thick dotted #CC0088;  
  border-bottom-color: rgb(0, 128, 128);  
  border-bottom-style: double;  
}
```

CSS

• **This is a heading.**

output

- each side's border properties can be set individually
- if you omit some properties, they receive default values (e.g. `border-bottom-width` above)

CSS properties for padding

property	description
<code>padding</code>	padding on all 4 sides
<code>padding-bottom</code>	padding on bottom side only
<code>padding-left</code>	padding on left side only
<code>padding-right</code>	padding on right side only
<code>padding-top</code>	padding on top side only
Complete list of padding properties	

Padding example 1

```
p { padding: 20px; border: 3px solid black; }  
h2 { padding: 0px; background-color: yellow; }
```

CSS

This is the first paragraph

This is the second paragraph

This is a heading

output

Padding example 2

```
p {  
  padding-left: 200px; padding-top: 30px;  
  background-color: fuchsia;  
}
```

CSS

This is the first paragraph

This is the second paragraph

output

- each side's padding can be set individually
- notice that padding shares the background color of the element

CSS properties for margins

property	description
<code>margin</code>	margin on all 4 sides
<code>margin-bottom</code>	margin on bottom side only
<code>margin-left</code>	margin on left side only
<code>margin-right</code>	margin on right side only
<code>margin-top</code>	margin on top side only
Complete list of margin properties	

Margin example 1

```
p {  
  margin: 50px;  
  background-color: fuchsia;  
}
```

CSS

This is the first paragraph

This is the second paragraph

output

- notice that margins are always transparent (they don't contain the element's background color, etc.)

Margin example 2

```
p {  
  margin-left: 8em;  
  background-color: fuchsia;  
}
```

CSS

This is the first paragraph

This is the second paragraph

output

- each side's margin can be set individually

CSS properties for dimensions (4.3, 4.4.1)

```
p { width: 350px; background-color: yellow; }  
h2 { width: 50%; background-color: aqua; }
```

CSS

This paragraph uses the first style above.

An h2 heading

output

property	description
<code>width, height</code>	how wide or tall to make this element (block elements only)
<code>max-width, max-height, min-width, min-height</code>	max/min size of this element in given dimension

Centering a block element: auto margins

```
p {  
  margin-left: auto;  
  margin-right: auto;  
  width: 750px;  
}
```

CSS

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output

- works best if `width` is set (otherwise, may occupy entire width of page)
- to center inline elements within a block element, use `text-align: center;`