

Interactive Web Programming

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Heavily based on [Victoria Kirst](#) slides

Today's schedule

Schedule:

- Box model
- Debugging with Chrome Inspector
- **Case study:** Squarespace Layout
- Flexbox

Announcements:

- [Homework 1](#) is out! Due **Mar 18**.

Next week:

- Intro to JavaScript

Last class

Quick Review

Block vs Inline

1. **block**: flows **top-to-bottom**; **has** height and width
<p>, <h1>, <blockquote>, , , <table>
2. **inline**: flows **left-to-right**; **does not have** height and width
<a>, , ,

 - a. **inline block**: flows **left-to-right**; **has** height and width
equal to size of the content

CSS Selectors

Example	Description
<code>p</code>	All <code><p></code> elements
<code>.abc</code>	All elements with the abc class , i.e. <code>class="abc"</code>
<code>#abc</code>	Element with the abc id , i.e. <code>id="abc"</code>
<code>p.abc</code>	<code><p></code> elements with abc class
<code>p#abc</code>	<code><p></code> element with abc id (<code>p</code> is redundant)
<code>div strong</code>	<code></code> elements that are descendants of a <code><div></code>
<code>h2, div</code>	<code><h2></code> elements and <code><div></code> s

Generic elements **div** vs **span**

Two generic tags with no intended purpose or style:

- `<div>`: a generic **block** element
- ``: a generic **inline** element

Technically, you can define your entire web page using `<div>` and the `class` attribute.

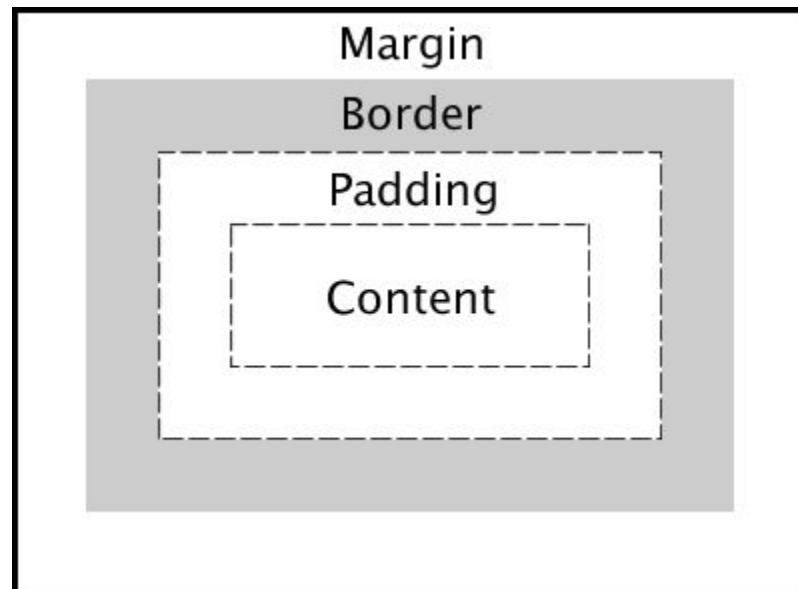
- Is this a good idea?
- Why does HTML have `ids` when you have `classes`?
- Why does HTML have `<p>`, `<h1>`, ``, etc. when you have `<div>`, ``, `class`, and `id`?

CSS Box Model

The CSS Box Model

Every element is composed of 4 layers:

- the element's content
- the **border** around the element's content
- **padding** space between the content and border (inside)
- a **margin** clears the area around border (outside)



border



We've used the [shorthand](#):
`border: width style color;`

border

Can also specify each border individually:

`border-top`

`border-bottom`

`border-left`

`border-right`

And can set each property individually:

`border-style: dotted; (all styles)`

`border-width: 3px;`

`border-color: purple;`

border

Can also specify each border individually:

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border-top  
border-bottom  
border-left  
border-right
```

And can set each property individually:

```
border-style: dotted;      (all styles)  
border-width: 3px;  
border-color: purple;
```

There are other units besides pixels (px) but we will address them latter.

Rounded border

Can specify the `border-radius` to make rounded corners:

```
border-radius: 10px;
```

You don't actually need to set a border to use `border-radius`.

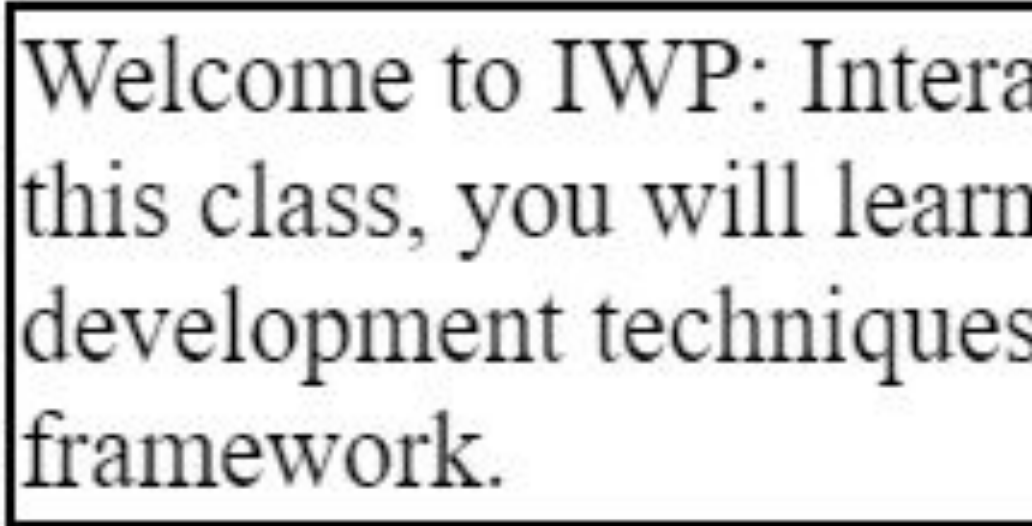
```
CSS
1 p {
2   border-radius: 10px;
3   background-color: purple;
4   color: white;
5 }
```

Welcome to IWP: Interactive Web Programming! In this class, you will learn modern full-stack web development techniques without use of a frontend framework.

Borders look a little squished

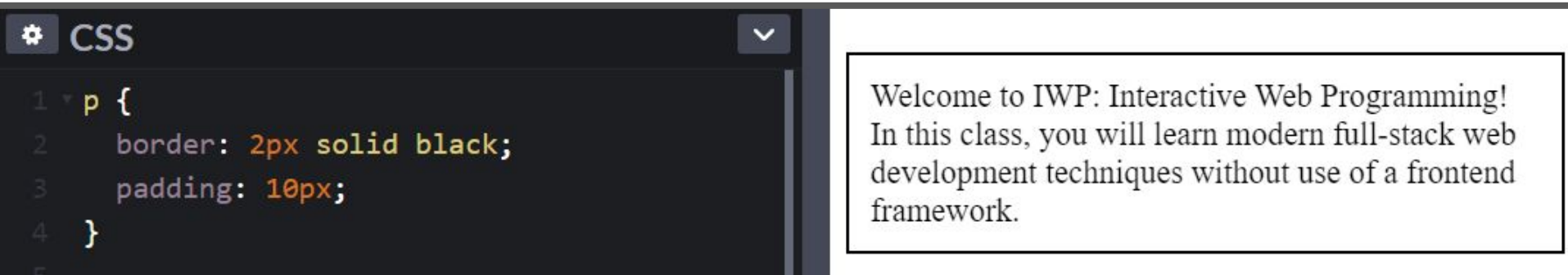
When we add a border to an element, it sits flush against the text:

Q: How do we add space between the border and the content of the element?



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this class, you will learn
development techniques
framework.

padding



padding is the space between the border and the content.

- Can specify padding-top, padding-bottom, padding-left, padding-right
- There's also a [shorthand](#):

padding: 2px 4px 3px 1px; <- top | right | bottom | left

padding: 10px 2px; <- top+bottom | left+right

<div>s look a little squished

When we add a border to multiple divs, they sit flush against each other:



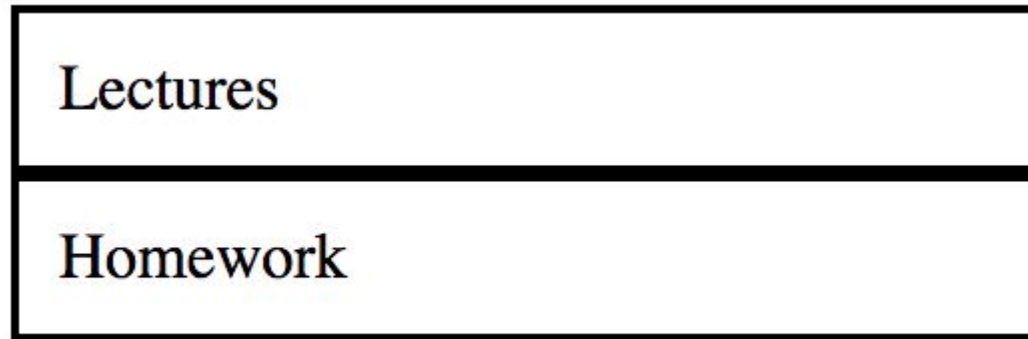
The screenshot shows a code editor with two panels. The left panel, titled 'HTML', contains the following code:

```
<div>
  Lectures
</div>
<div>
  Homework
</div>
```

The right panel, titled 'CSS', contains the following code:

```
div {
  border: 2px solid black;
  padding: 10px;
}
```

Q: How do we add space between multiple elements?



margin

```
div {  
  margin: 20px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border: 2px solid black;  
}
```

Lectures

Homework

margin is the space between the border and other elements.

- Can specify margin-top, margin-bottom, margin-left, margin-right
- There's also a shorthand:

margin: **2px 4px 3px 1px**; <- **top** | **right** | **bottom** | **left**

margin: **10px 2px**; <- **top+bottom** | **left+right**

margin

Actually, why doesn't this:

```
div {  
  margin: 20px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border: 2px solid black;  
}
```

Lectures

Homework

Look more like this?

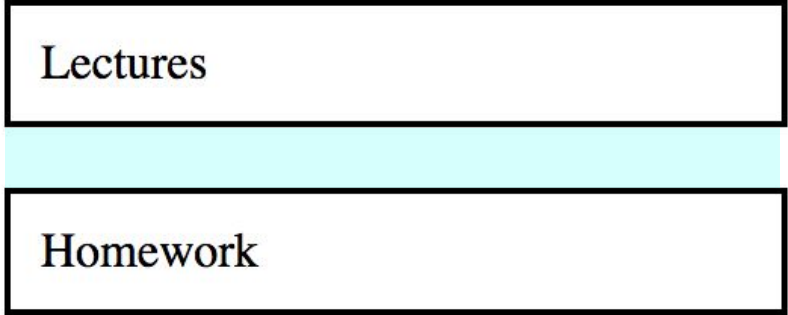
Lectures

Homework

margin

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```
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  margin: 20px;  
  padding: 10px;  
  border: 2px solid black;  
}
```

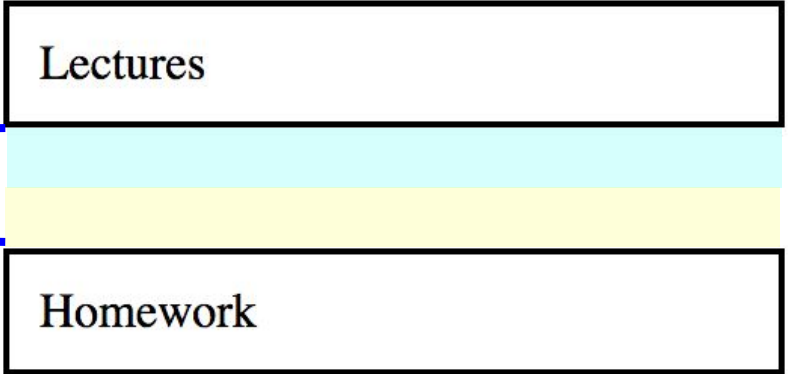


Lectures

Homework

...look more like this?

20px margin-bottom +
20px margin top =
40px margin?



Lectures

Homework

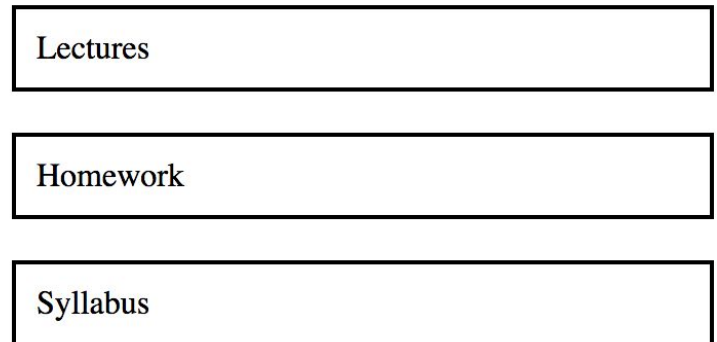
margin collapsing

Sometimes the top and bottom margins of block elements are combined ("collapsed") into a single margin.

- This is called **margin collapsing**

Generally if:

- The elements are siblings
- The elements are block-level
(***not inline-block***)



then they collapse into $\max(\text{Bottom Margin}, \text{Top Margin})$.

(There are [some exceptions](#) to this, but when in doubt, use the Page Inspector to see what's going on.)

Negative margin

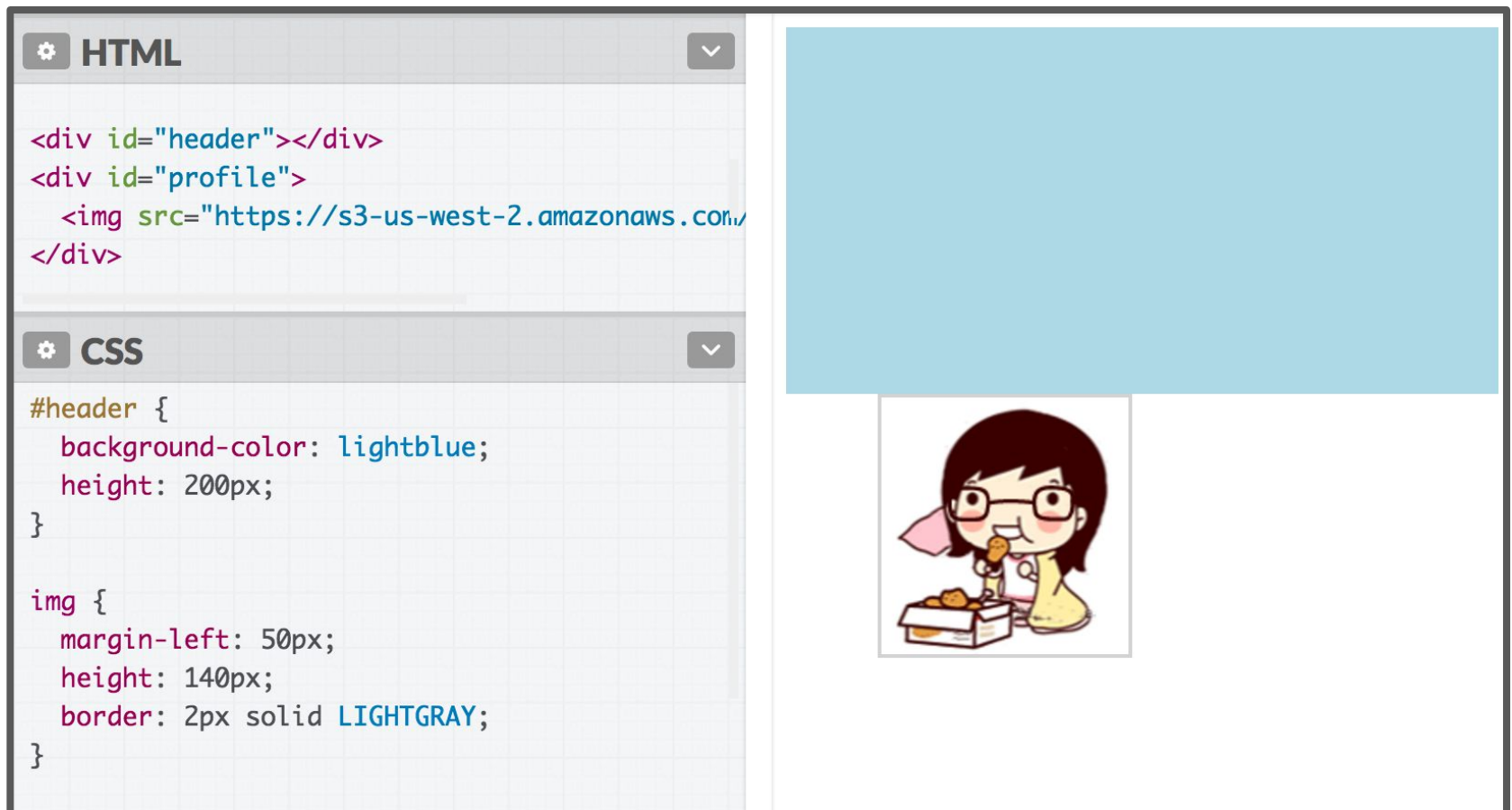
Margins can be negative as well.

- **No negative margin on image:**

```
HTML
<div id="header"></div>
<div id="profile">
  
</div>

CSS
#header {
  background-color: lightblue;
  height: 200px;
}

img {
  margin-left: 50px;
  height: 140px;
  border: 2px solid LIGHTGRAY;
}
```



Negative margin

Margins can be negative as well. ([CodePen](#))

```
- img { margin-top: -50px; }
```

HTML

```
<div id="header"></div>
<div id="profile">
  
</div>
```

CSS

```
#header {
  background-color: lightblue;
  height: 200px;
}

img {
  margin-top: -50px;
  margin-left: 50px;
  height: 140px;
  border: 2px solid LIGHTGRAY;
}
```

auto margins

If you set `margin-left` and `margin-right` to `auto`, you can center a block-level element ([CodePen](#)):

```
HTML
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Auto Margins</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div>
      This is a box of text.
    </div>
  </body>
</html>

CSS
div {
  margin-left: auto;
  margin-right: auto;
  border: 2px solid black;
  padding: 10px;
  width: 300px;
}
```

This is a box of text.

Box model for inline elements?

Q: Does the box model apply to inline elements as well?

Box model for inline elements?

Q: Does the box model apply to inline elements as well?

A: Yes, but the box is shaped differently.

```
HTML
1 <p>Welcome to <strong>IWP: Interactive Web
  Programming! In this class, you will learn
  modern full-stack web development</strong>
  techniques without use of a frontend
  framework.</p>

CSS
1 strong {
2   border: 3px solid hotpink;
3   padding: 5px;
4   margin: 25px;
5   background-color: lavenderblush;
6 }
```

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Let's change the line height to view this more clearly...

Inline element box model

⚙ CSS

```
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4   margin: 25px;  
5   background-color: lavenderblush;  
6 }  
7 p {  
8   width: 300px;  
9   line-height: 50px;  
10 }
```

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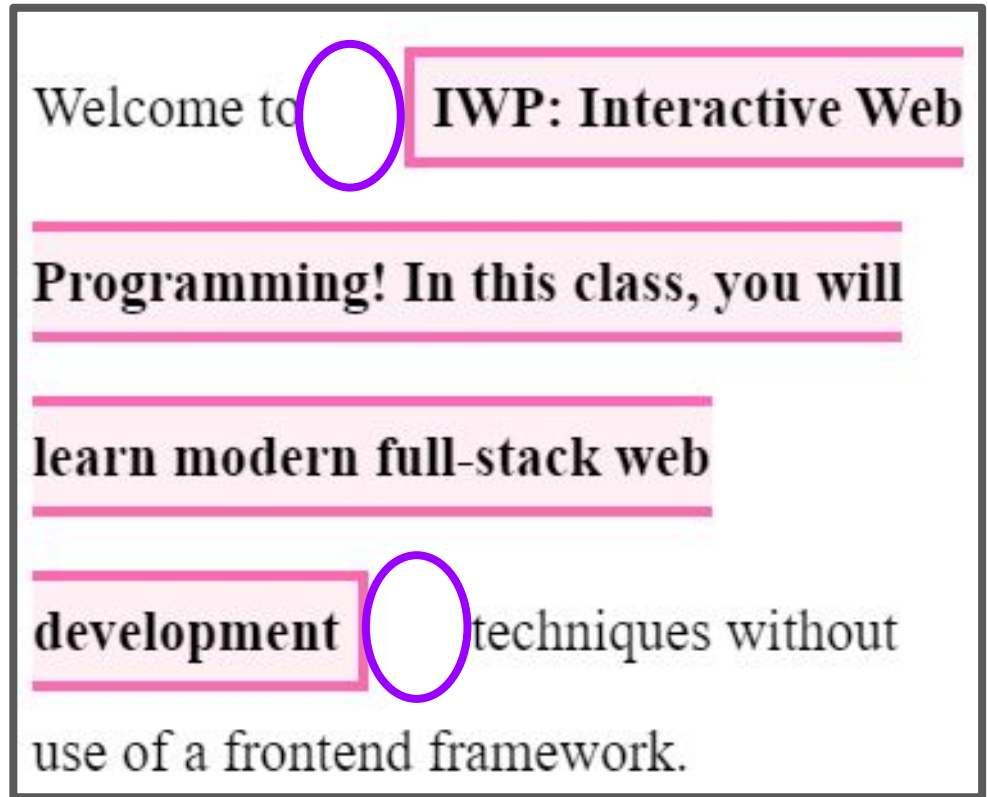
Inline element box model

```

CSS
strong {
  border: 3px solid hotpink;
  padding: 5px;
  margin: 25px;
  line-height: 50px;|
  background-color: lavenderblush;
}

```

- **margin** is to the left and right of the inline element
 - margin-top and margin-bottom are **ignored**
- use **line-height** to manage space between lines



**Q: What does
this look like
in the
browser?**

```
div {  
  display: inline-block;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}
```

```
<body>  
  <div>  
    <p>Make the background color yellow!</p>  
    <p>Surrounding these paragraphs</p>  
  </div>  
</body>
```

Make the background color yellow!

Surrounding these paragraphs

**Q: Why is there
a white space
around the
box?**

We can use the
browser's Page
Inspector to help us
figure it out!

Make the background color yellow!
Surrounding these paragraphs

body 270.4 x 84.8

```
Elements >>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>...</head>
  <body> == $0
    <div>...</div>
  </body>
</html>
```

html body

Styles Computed Layout Event Listeners >>

Filter :hov .cls +



No Chrome:
Ctrl + Shift + i

body has a default margin

Set `body { margin: 0; }` to make your elements lay flush to the page.

```
body {  
  margin: 0;  
}  
  
div {  
  display: inline-block;  
  background-color: yellow;  
}
```

Make the background color yellow!
Surrounding these paragraphs

Recap so far...

We've talked about:

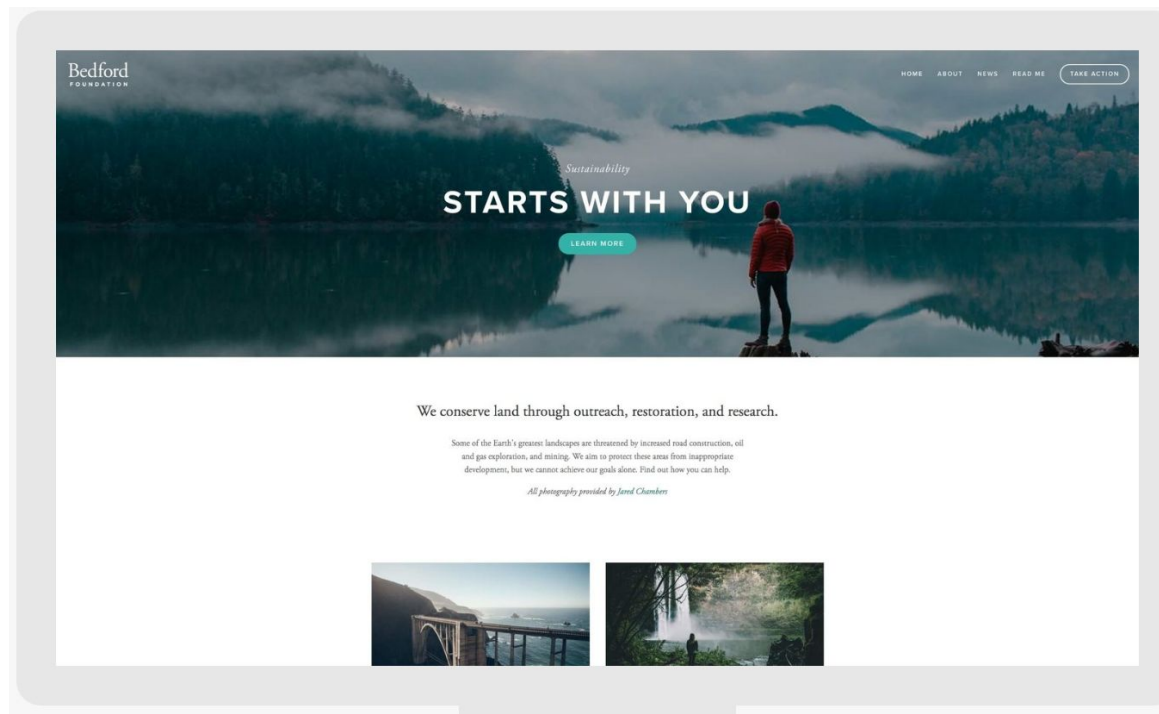
- **block vs inline** and the "natural" layout of the page, depending on the element type
- **classes and ids** and how to specify specific elements and groups of elements
- **div and span** and how to create generic elements
- **The CSS box model** and how every element is shaped like a box, with content -> padding -> border -> margin

Let's try making a "real" looking page!

Layout exercise

Squarespace template

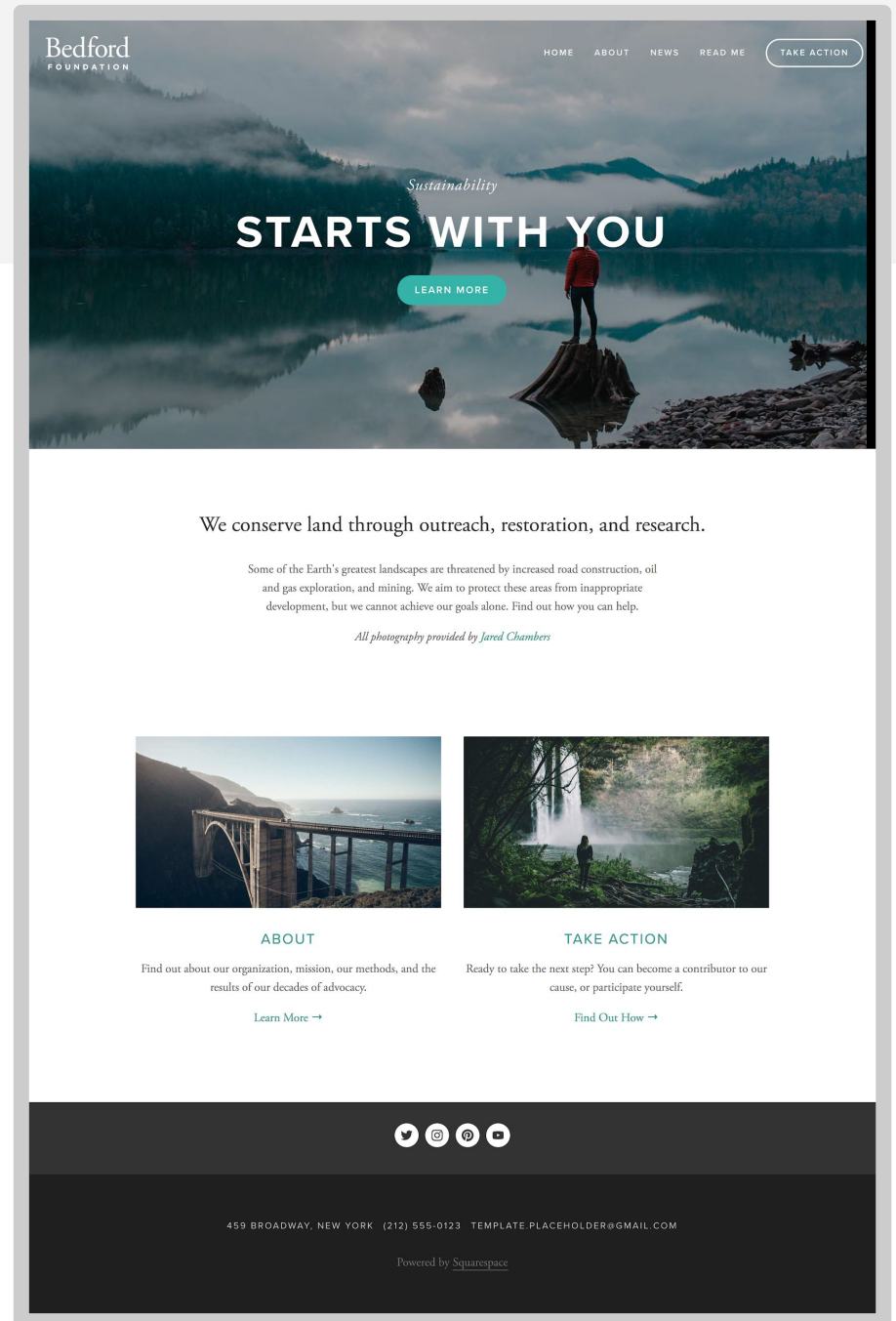
[Squarespace](#)'s most popular template looks like [this](#):



Q: Do we know enough to make something like that?

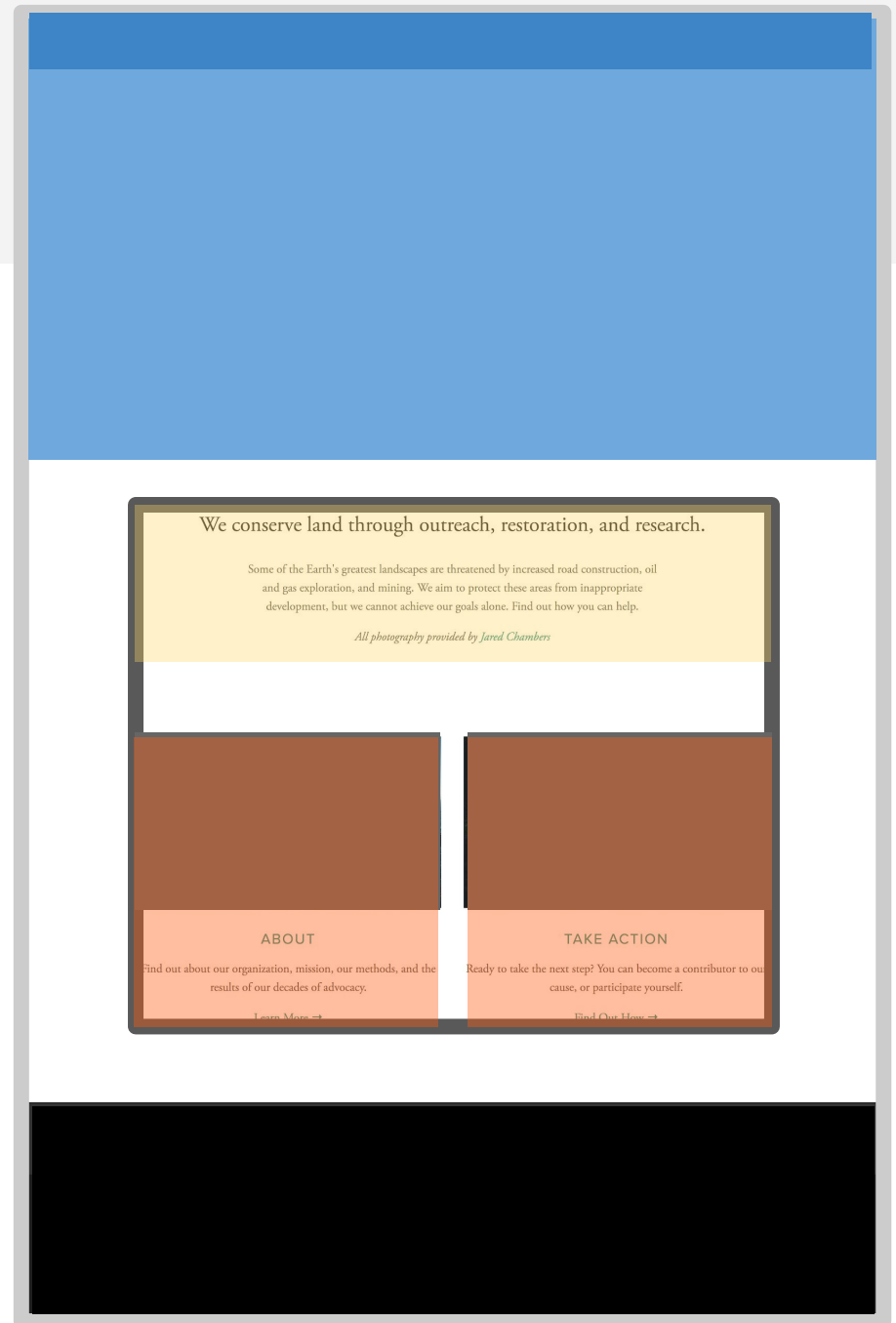
Basic shape

Begin visualizing the layout in terms of boxes:



Basic shape

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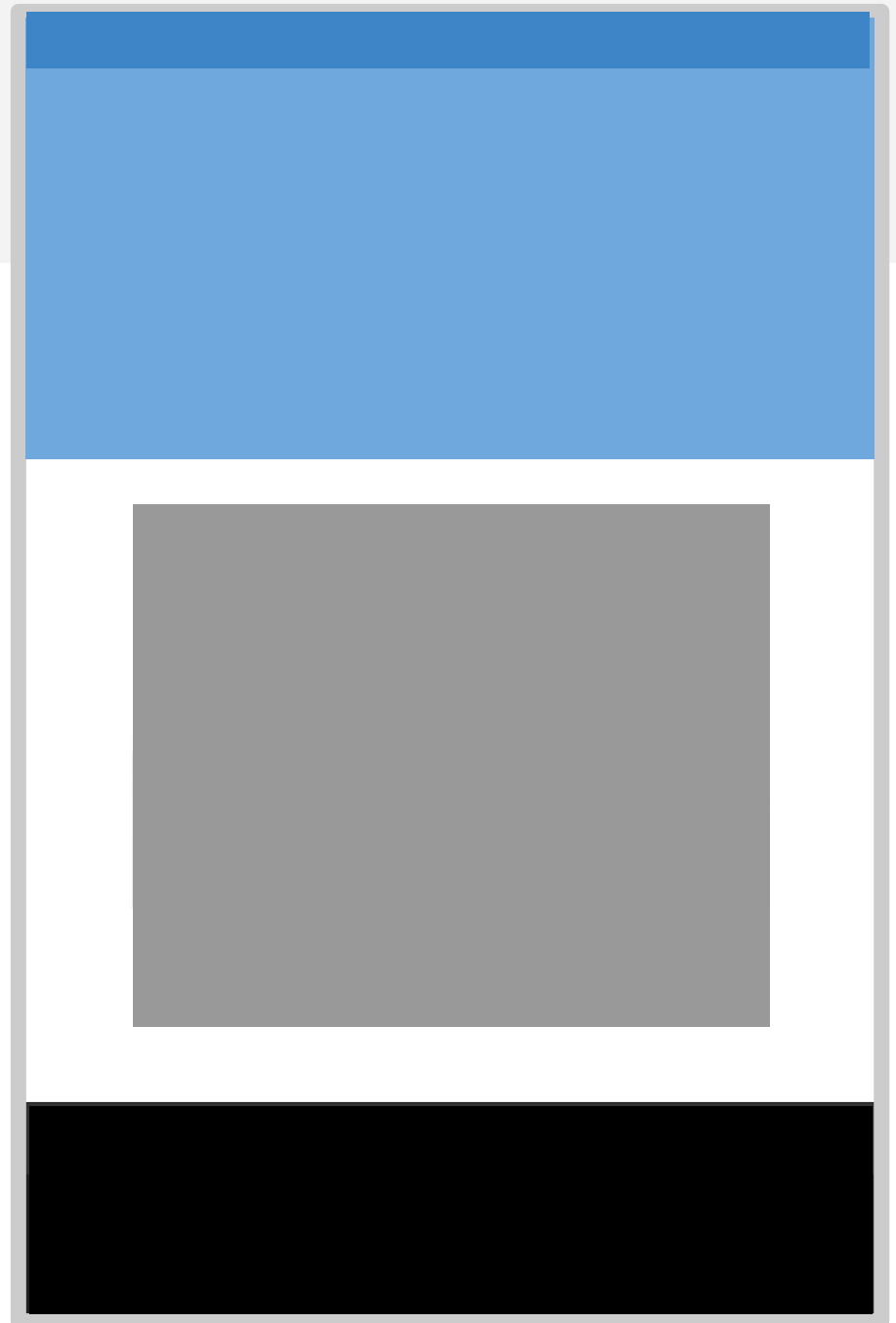


Basic shape

Begin visualizing the layout in terms of boxes:

Let's first try making this layout!

✦ [Codepen Link](#) ✦



Content Sectioning elements

Name	Description
<code><p></code>	Paragraph (mdn)
<code><h1>-<h6></code>	Section headings (mdn)
<code><article></code>	A document, page, or site (mdn) This is usually a root container element after <code>body</code> .
<code><section></code>	Generic section of a document (mdn)
<code><header></code>	Introductory section of a document (mdn)
<code><footer></code>	Footer at end of a document or section (mdn)
<code><nav></code>	Navigational section (mdn)

These elements do not "do" anything; they are basically more descriptive `<div>`s. Makes your HTML more readable. See [MDN](#) for more info.

Content Sectioning elements

[Better SEO and more accessibility](#)

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<code><h1></code> - <code><h6></code>	Section headings (mdn)
<code><article></code>	A document, page, or site (mdn) This is used for...
<code><section></code>	Generic sectioning element
<code><header></code>	Introduction or header
<code><footer></code>	Footer and page information
<code><nav></code>	Navigational links

Prefer these elements
to `<div>` when it
makes sense!

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Header

Navbar:

- Height: 75px
- Background: royalblue
- `<nav>`

Header:

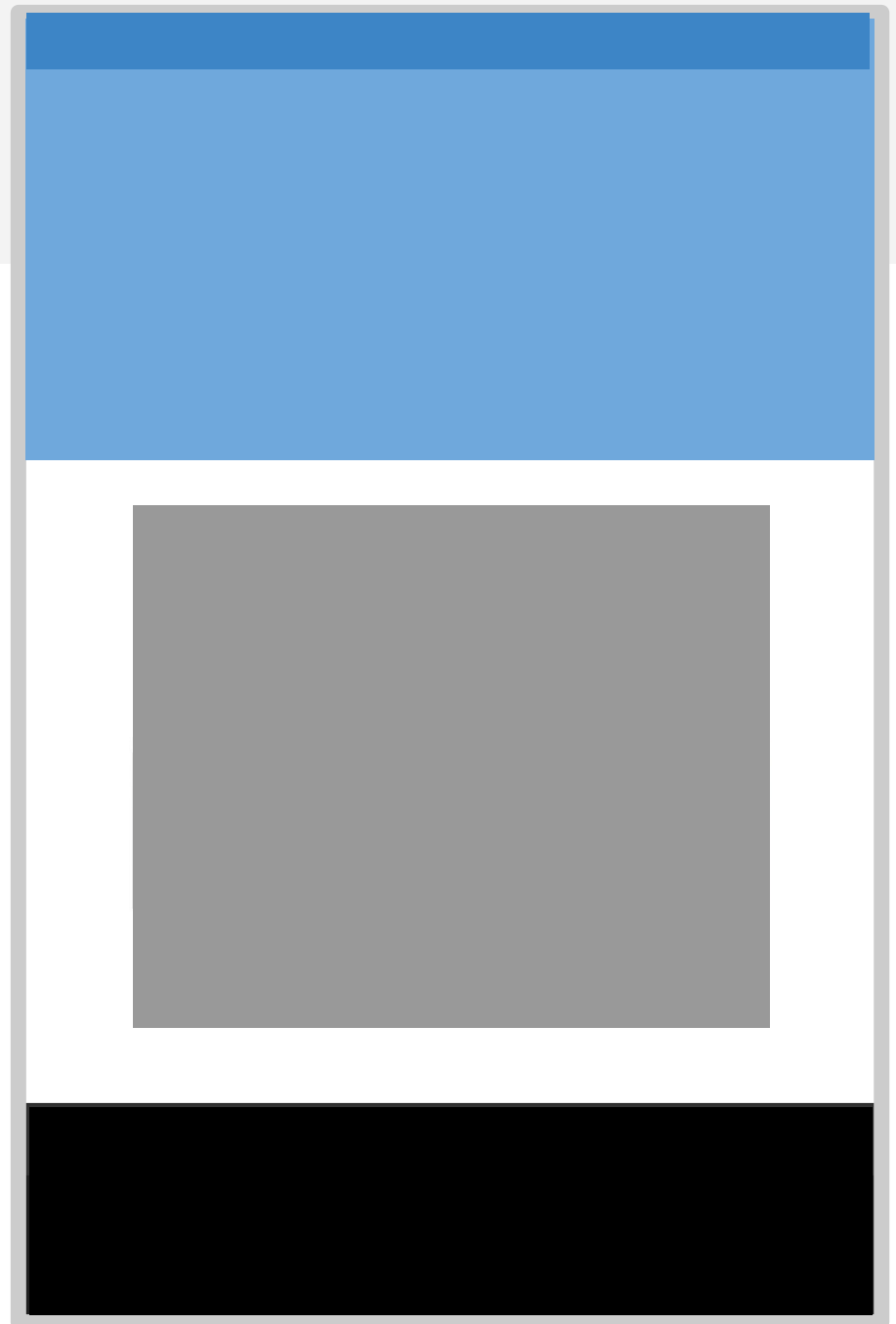
- Height: 400px;
- Background: lightskyblue
- `<header>`



Main section

Gray box:

- Surrounding space:
75px above and
below; 100px on
each side
- Height: 500px
- Background: gray
- `<section>`



Footer

Footer:

- Height: 200px
- Background: Black
- `<footer>`



Main contents

Yellow paragraph:

- Height: 200px
- Background: khaki
- Space beneath: 75px
- `<p>`

Orange box:

- Height: 225px;
- Width: 48% of the parent's width, with space in between
- Background: tomato
- `<div>`

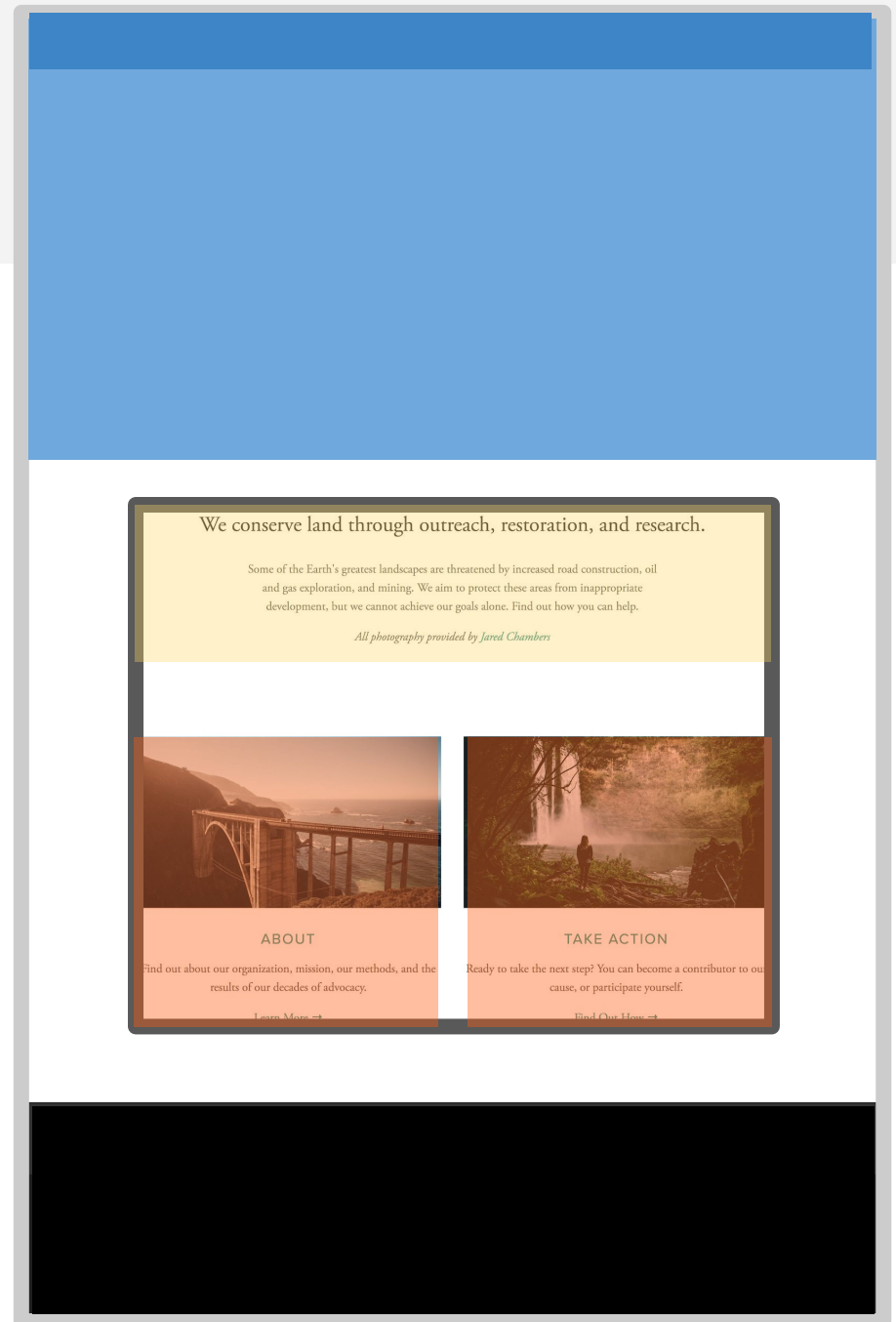


Main contents

Orange box:

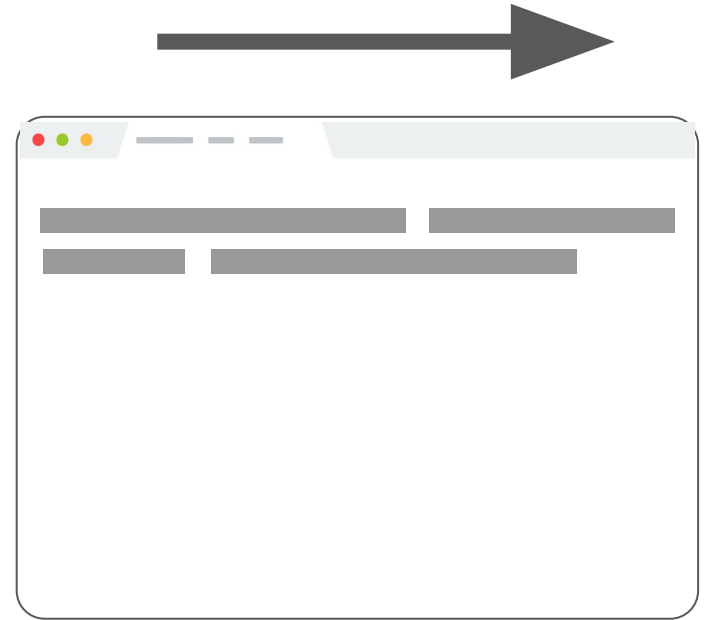
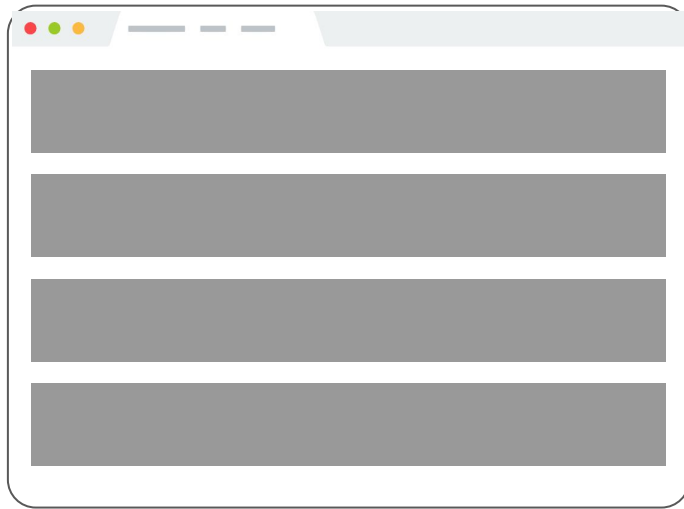
- Height: 225px;
- Width: 48% of the parent's width, with space in between
- Background: tomato
- `<div>`

**This is where
we get stuck.**



Flexbox

CSS layout so far



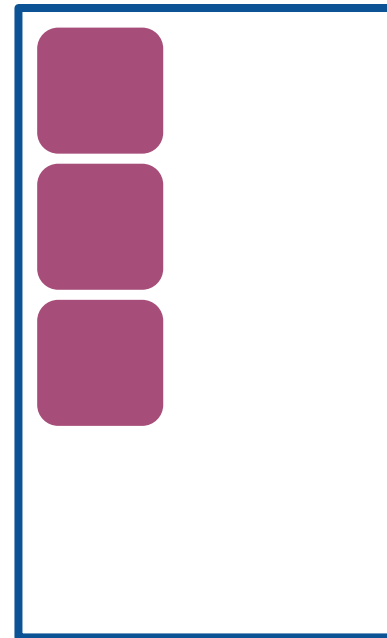
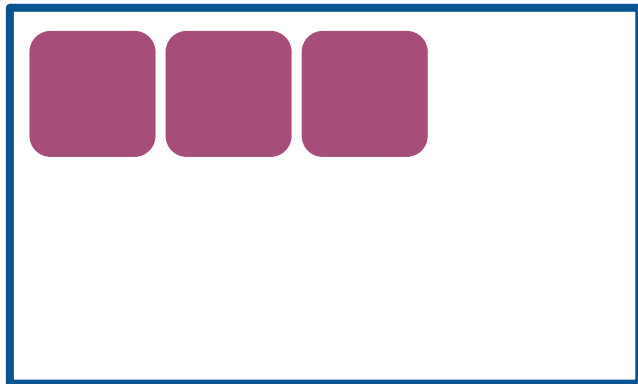
Block layout:
Laying out large
sections of a page

Inline layout:
Laying out text and
other inline content
within a section

Flex layout

To achieve more complicated layouts, we can enable a different kind of CSS layout rendering mode: **Flex layout**.

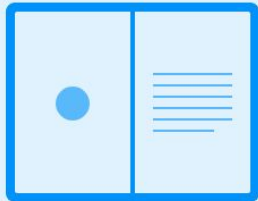
Flex layout defines a special set of rules for laying out items in rows or columns.



Flex layout

Flex layout solves all sorts of problems.

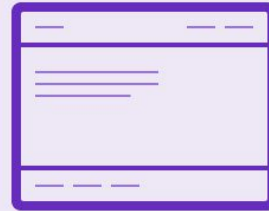
- Here are some examples of layouts that are easy to create with flex layout (and really difficult otherwise):



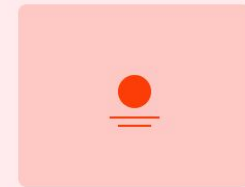
Split-screen



Sidebar



Sticky footer



Centering



Fluid grid



Collection grid



Equal-height modules


Flex basics

Flex layouts are composed of:

- A **Flex container**, which contains one or more:
 - **Flex item(s)**

You can then apply CSS properties on the **flex container** to dictate how the flex items are displayed.

id=flex-container



A diagram illustrating a flex container and its item. A large blue-outlined rectangle represents the flex container. Inside the container, on the left side, is a smaller rounded purple square representing a flex item. The text 'class= flex-item' is written inside the purple square.

```
class=  
flex-  
item
```


Flex basics

To make an element a flex container, change `display`:

- Block container: `display: flex;` or
- Inline container: `display: inline-flex;`



HTML

```
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  padding: 10px;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  background-color: purple;
  height: 50px;
  width: 50px;
}
```

sr



HTML

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sr



(So far, this looks exactly the same as `display: block`)

Flex basics: justify-content

You can control where the item is horizontally* in the box by setting `justify-content` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: flex-start;  
}
```

*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.



Flex basics: justify-content

You can control where the item is horizontally* in the box by setting `justify-content` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: flex-end;  
}
```

*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.

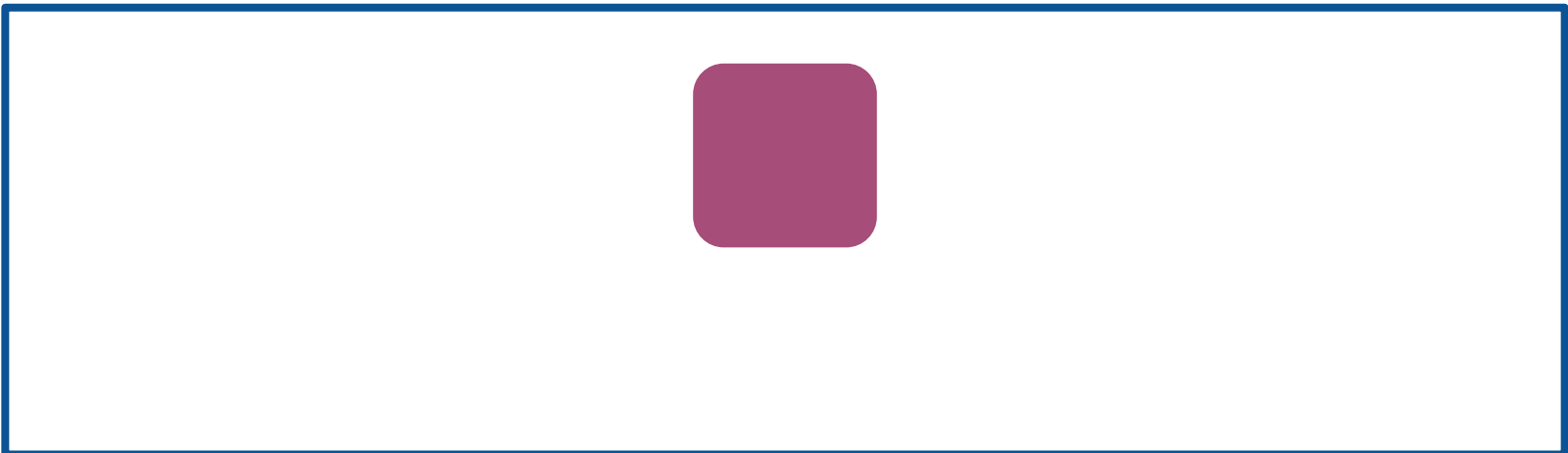


Flex basics: justify-content

You can control where the item is horizontally* in the box by setting `justify-content` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: center;  
}
```

*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.



Flex basics: align-items

You can control where the item is vertically* in the box by setting `align-items` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: flex-start;  
}
```

*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.



Flex basics: align-items

You can control where the item is vertically* in the box by setting `align-items` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: flex-end;  
}
```

*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.



Flex basics: align-items

You can control where the item is vertically* in the box by setting `align-items` on the flex container:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```

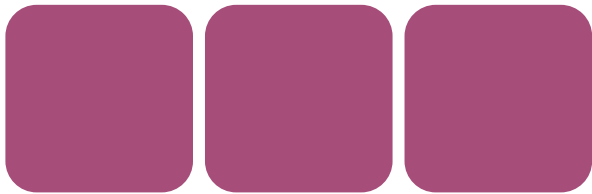
*when flex direction is row. We'll get to what "flex direction" means soon.



Multiple items

Same rules apply with multiple flex items:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: flex-start;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



Multiple items

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}
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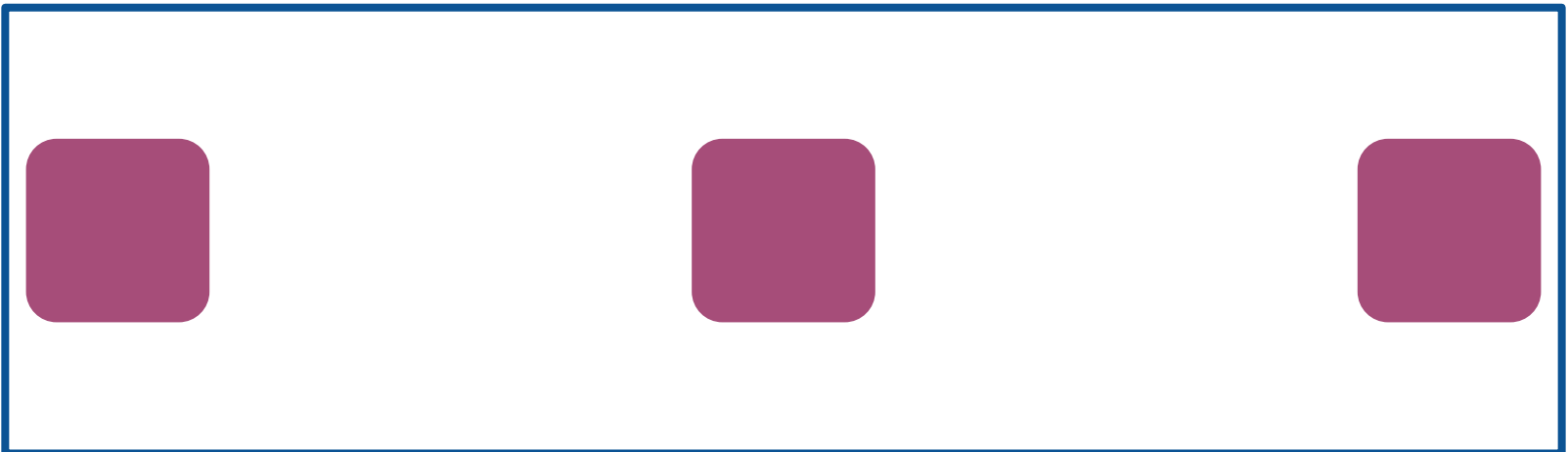
```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: center;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



Multiple items

And there is also **space-between** and **space-around**:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: space-between;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



Multiple items

And there is also **space-between** and **space-around**:

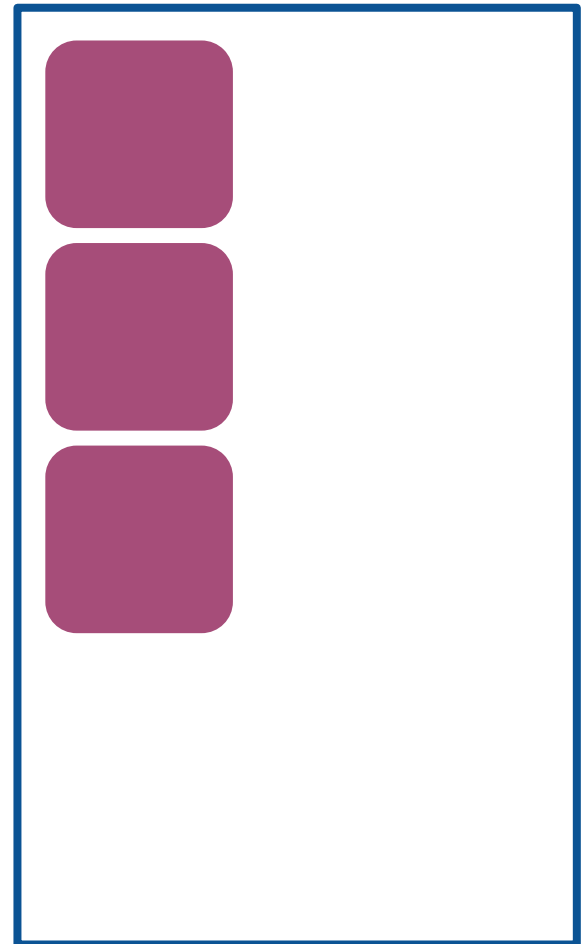
```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: space-around;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```



flex-direction

And you can also lay out columns instead of rows:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
}
```

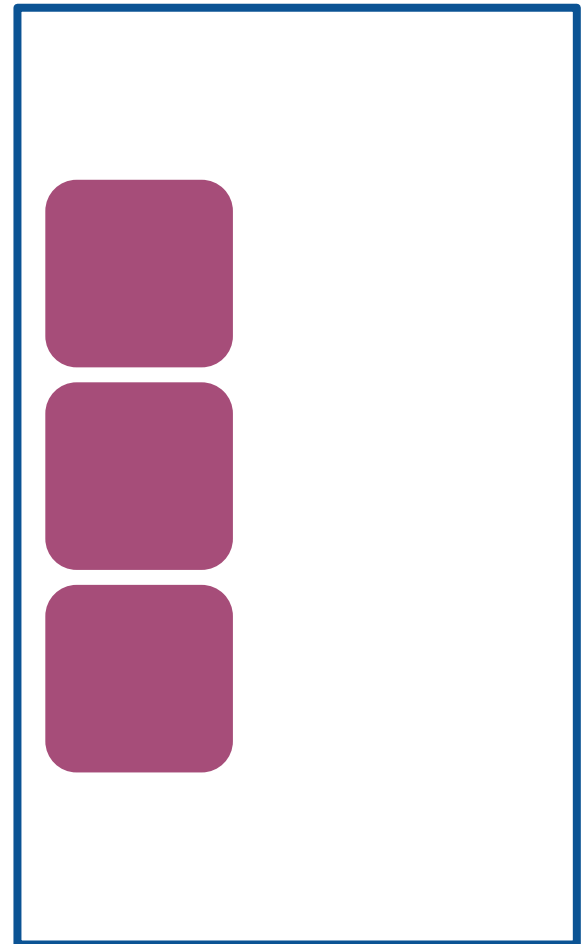


flex-direction

And you can also lay out columns instead of rows:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
  justify-content: center;  
}
```

Now **justify-content** controls where the column is vertically in the box

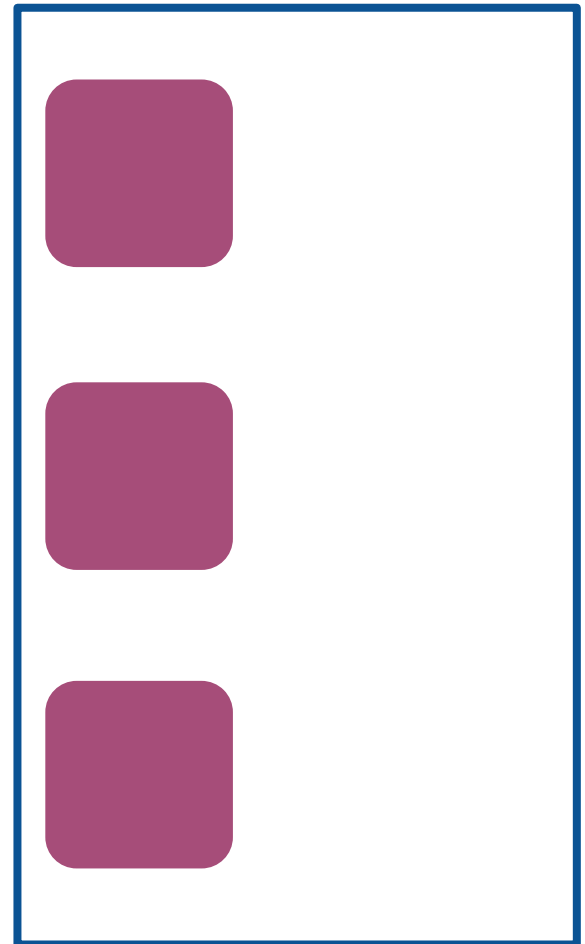


flex-direction

And you can also lay out columns instead of rows:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
  justify-content: space-around;  
}
```

Now **justify-content** controls where the column is vertically in the box

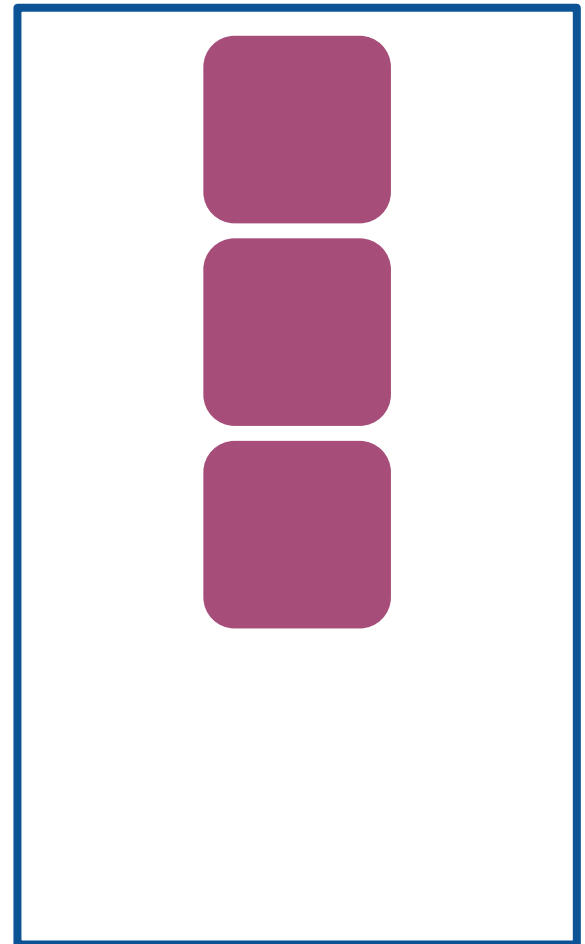


flex-direction

And you can also lay out columns instead of rows:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```

Now **align-items** controls where the column is horizontally in the box

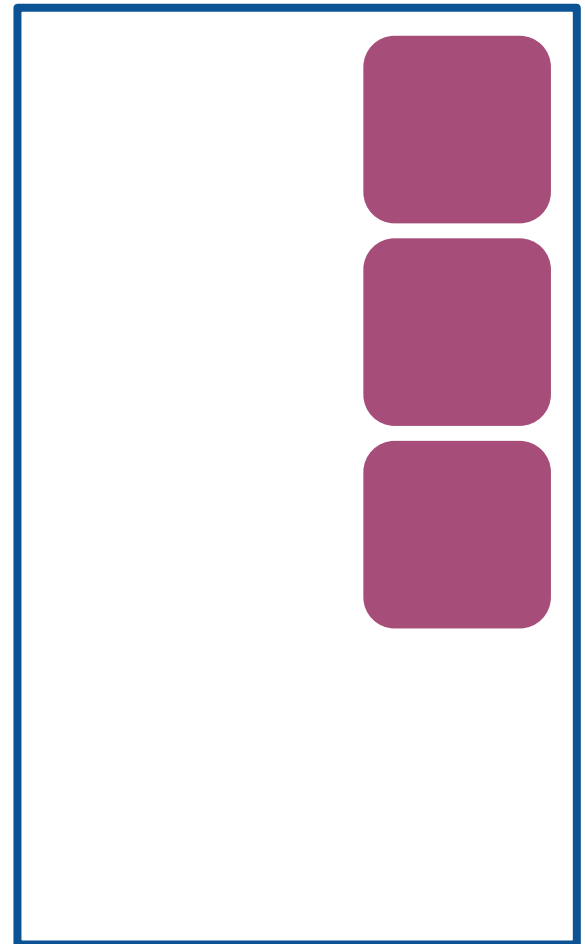


flex-direction

And you can also lay out columns instead of rows:

```
#flex-container {  
  display: flex;  
  flex-direction: column;  
  align-items: flex-end;  
}
```

Now **align-items** controls where the column is horizontally in the box



Before we move
on...

What happens if the flex item is an inline element?

HTML

```
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

</body>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  background-color: purple;
  height: 50px;
  width: 50px;
  margin: 5px;
}
```

???

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Recall: block layouts

If #flex-container was **not** display: flex:



```
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    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
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      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>
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```



Then the span flex-items would not show up because span elements are inline, which don't have a height and width

Flex layouts

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  </head>
  <body>

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      <span class="flex-item"></span>
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    </div>

  </body>

```

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Why does this change when `display: flex`?

Why do inline elements suddenly seem to have height and width?

More next time!