Internet Technologies

Introduction to HTML and CSS - Part 4

Responsive Webpage Development

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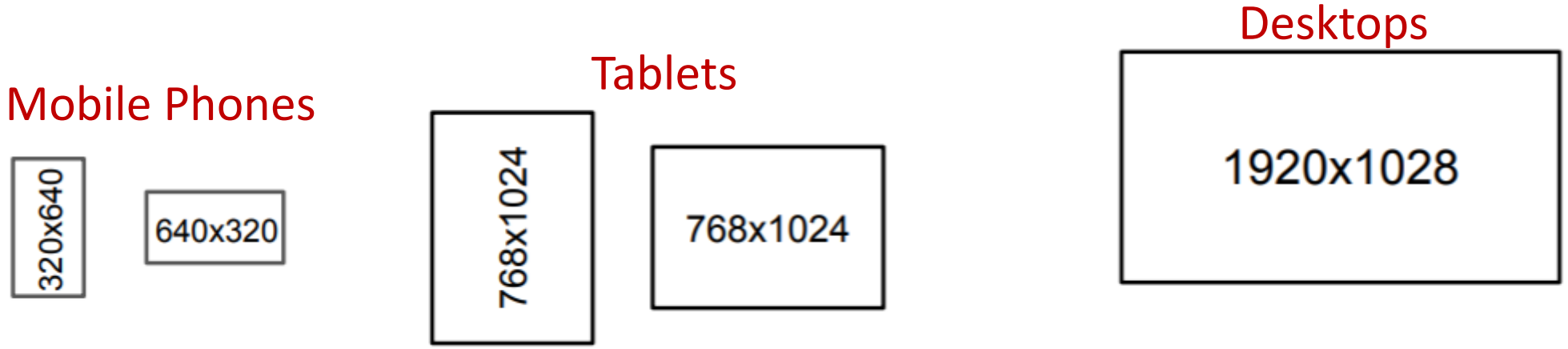
Responsive web design

- Use HTML and CSS to automatically resize, hide, shrink, or enlarge components of a website (images, buttons, forms, tables, font sizes, margin, padding), to make the website look good on all devices



Q: How do we do this?

Do we need to write totally different CSS for every screen size??

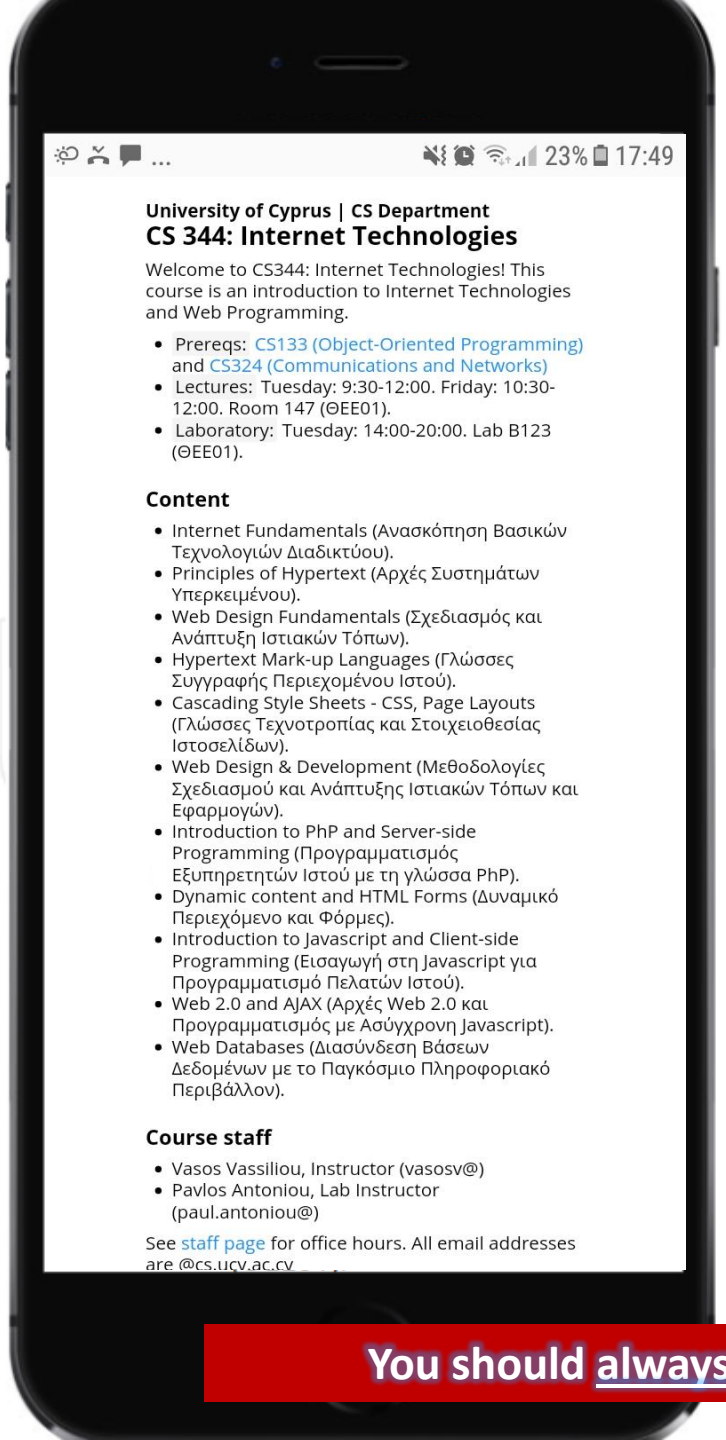
Meta viewport tag

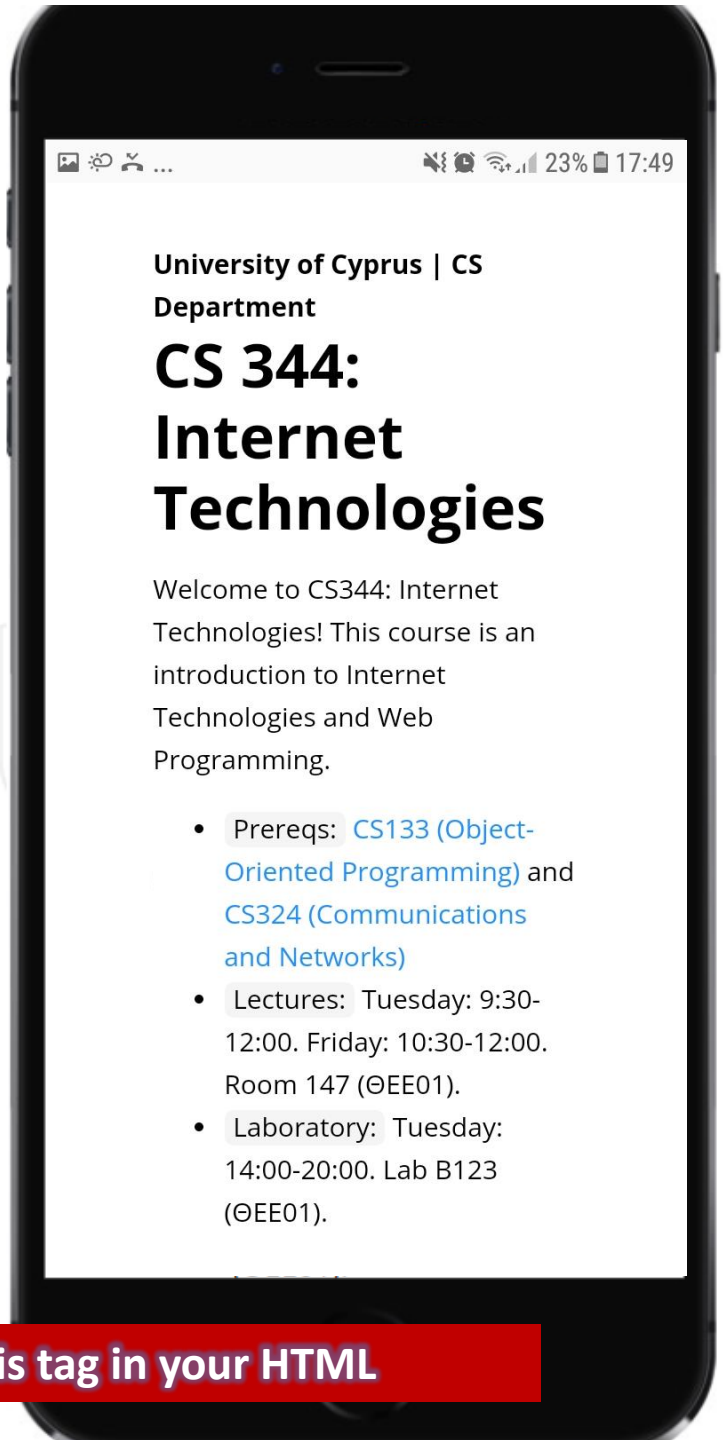
- A typical mobile-optimized site contains something like the following:

```
<meta name="viewport"
content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
```

- Sets the viewport of a webpage: gives the browser instructions on how to control the page's dimensions and scaling.
- This belongs in the <head> section of your HTML.
  - Same section as the <title>, <link>, and other metadata elements.

Without the meta viewport tag





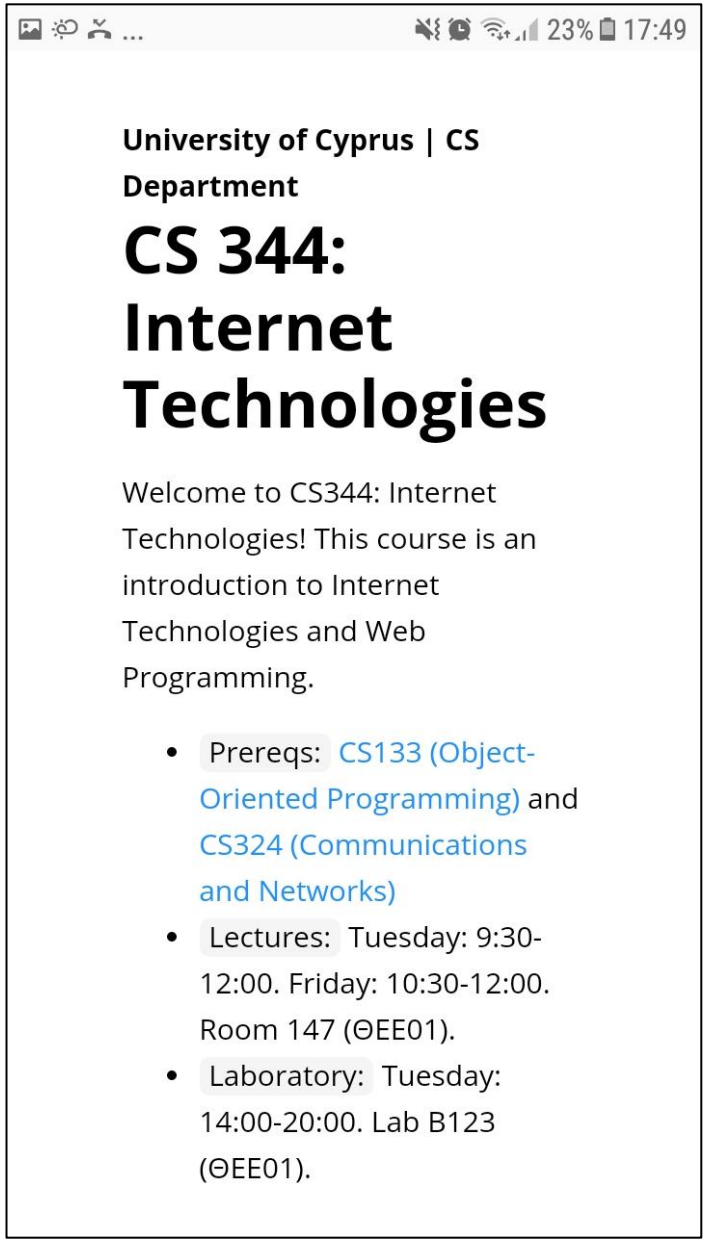
With the meta viewport tag

You should always include this tag in your HTML

Making adjustments

- The meta viewport tag gets us almost all the way there, but we want to make a few adjustments.

- For example, the margin seems too big on mobile. Can we set a different margin property for mobile?



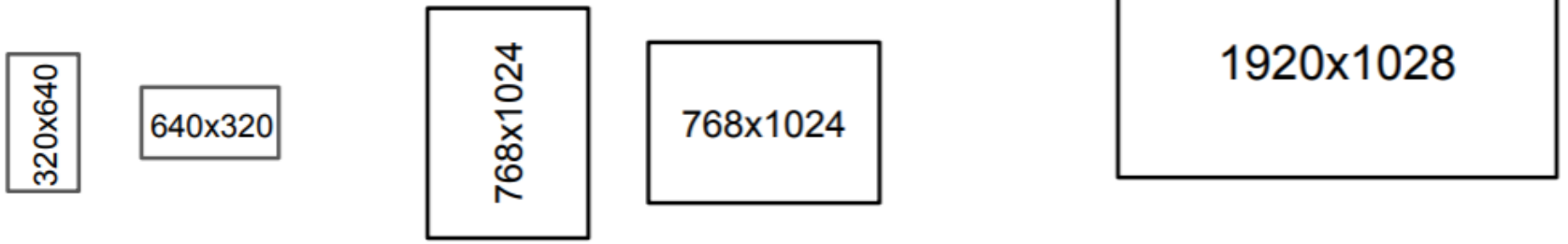
CSS media queries

- You can define a **CSS media query** in order to change style rules based on the characteristics of the device:

```css
@media (max-width: 500px)
{
    .article {
        margin: 0 2px;
    }
}
```

- You can create much more complex media queries as well.

Media rules



CSS

```
@media (min-width: 1281px)  {
    /* desktops layout */
}
@media (min-width: 1025px) and (max-width: 1280px) {
    /* laptops and desktops */
}
@media (min-width: 768px) and (max-width: 1024px) {
    /* tablets (portrait) */
}
@media (min-width: 768px) and (max-width: 1024px) and (orientation: landscape) {
    /* tablets landscape */
}
@media (min-width: 481px) and (max-width: 767px)  {
    /* low resolution tablets, mobile phones (landscape) */
}
@media (min-width: 320px) and (max-width: 480px) {
    /* mobile phones portrait */
}
```

Retina media queries for high resolution mobile displays: https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/retina-display-media-query/

Example with images

- Webpage with 2 images, side-by-side
- We want images sizes to be responsive to browser width

Example with images

HTML

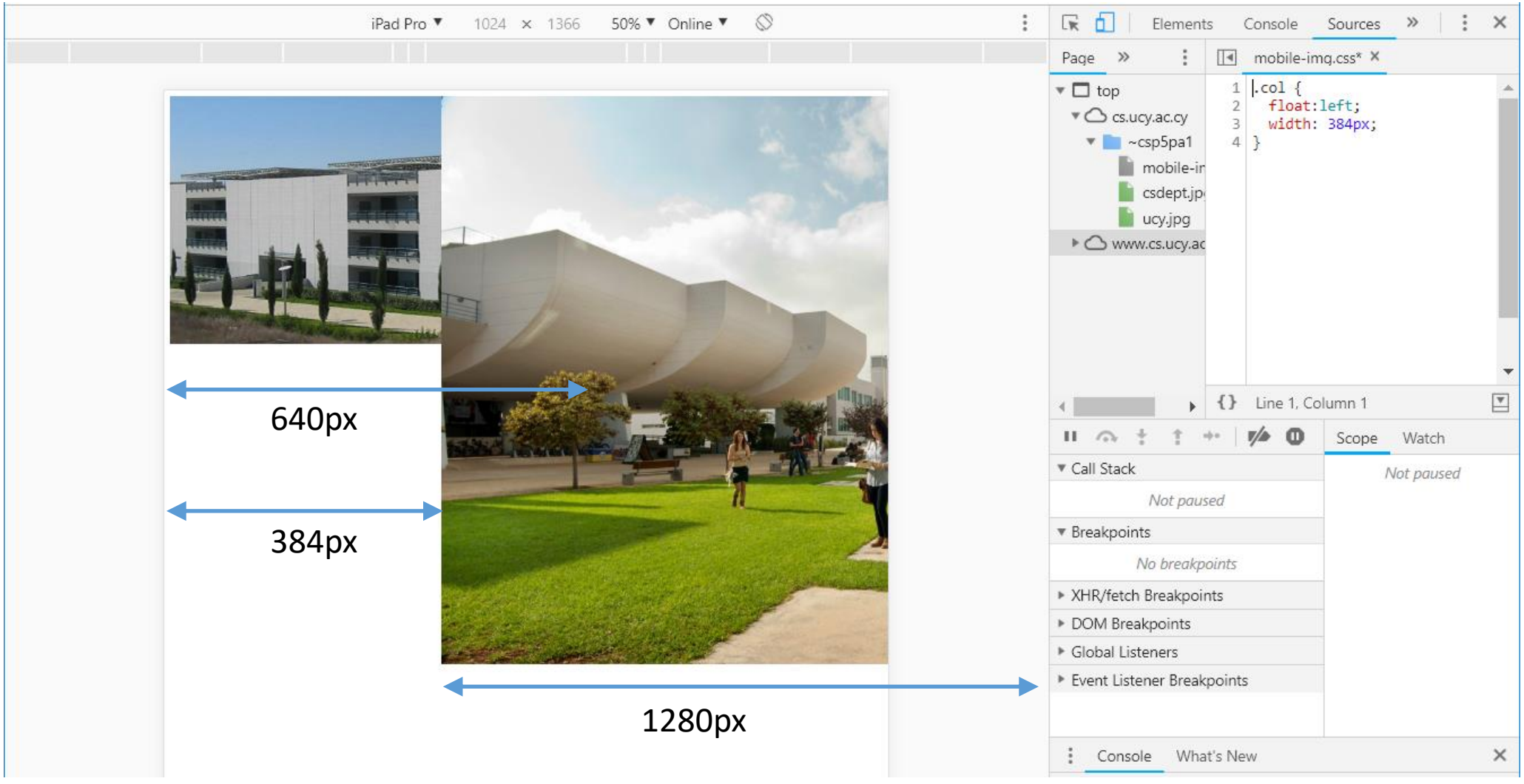
```
<body>
   <div class="row">
      <div class="col">
         <img src="csdept.jpg" alt="csdeptucy"/>
      </div>
      <div class="col">
         <img src="ucy.jpg" alt="ucy"/>
      </div>
   </div>
</body>
```

CSS

```
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 384px;
}
```

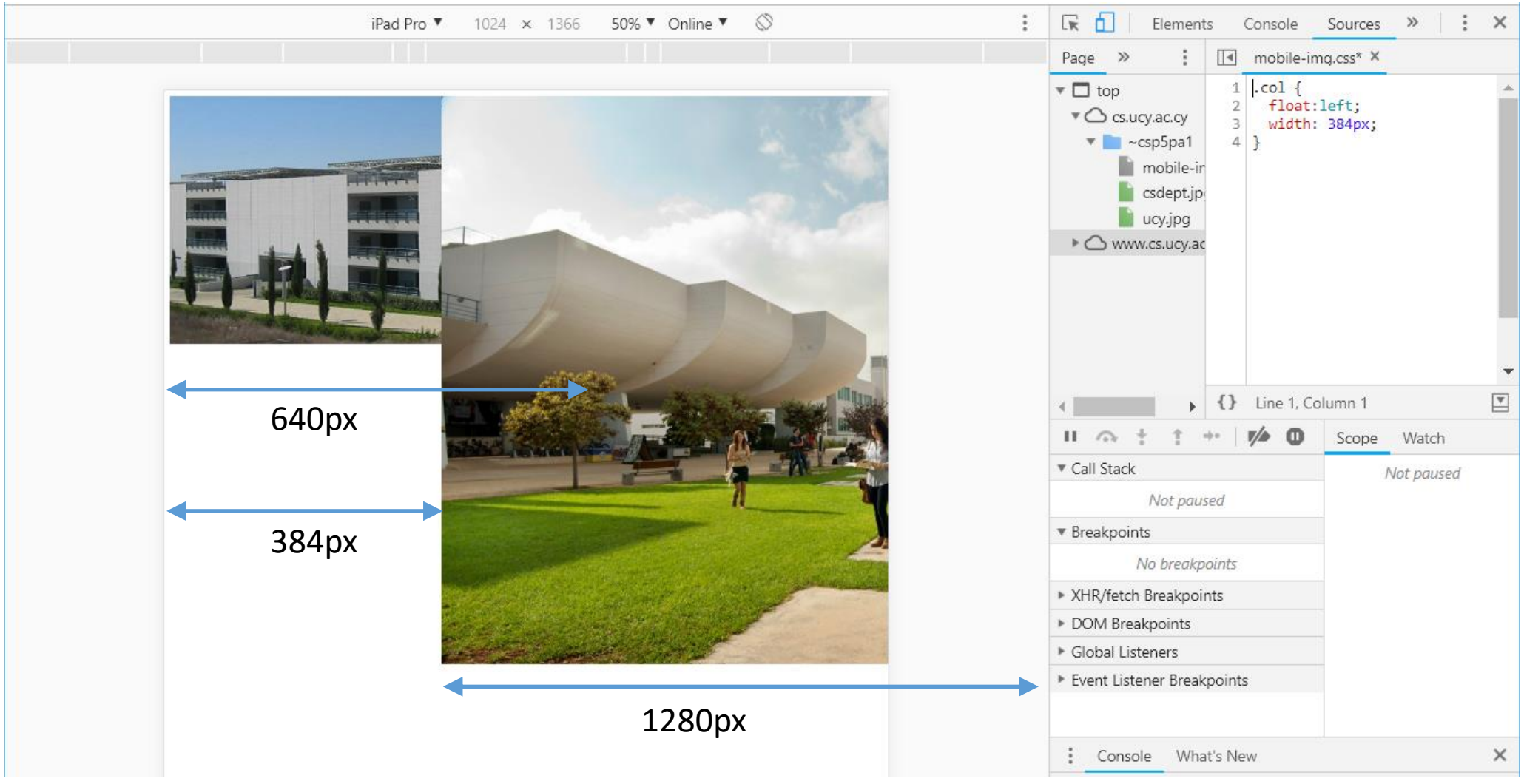
Example with images

Why images are not bounded to 384px?



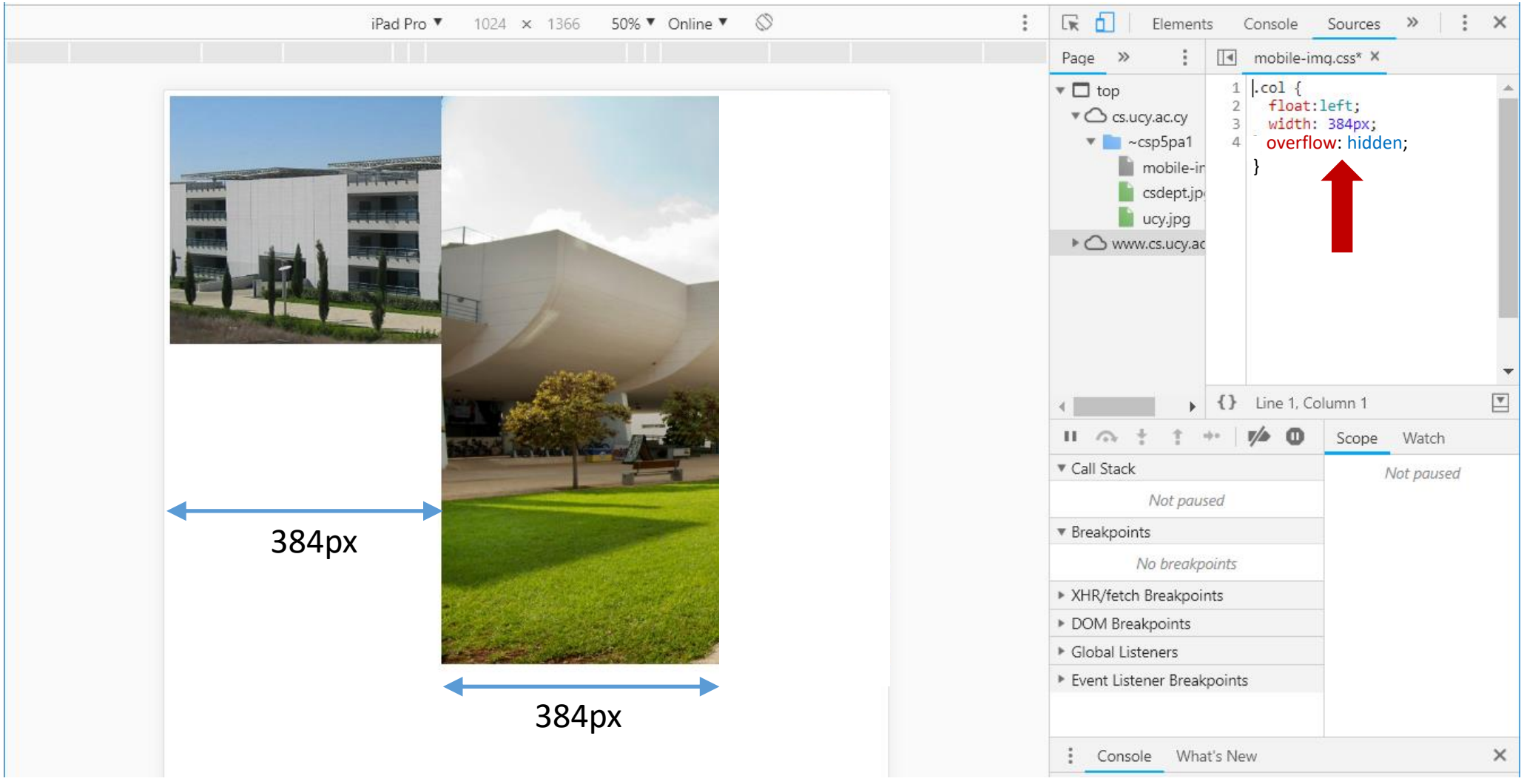
Example with images

Why images are not bounded to 384px? **Because the don't have a specified width. So they overflow the div.**



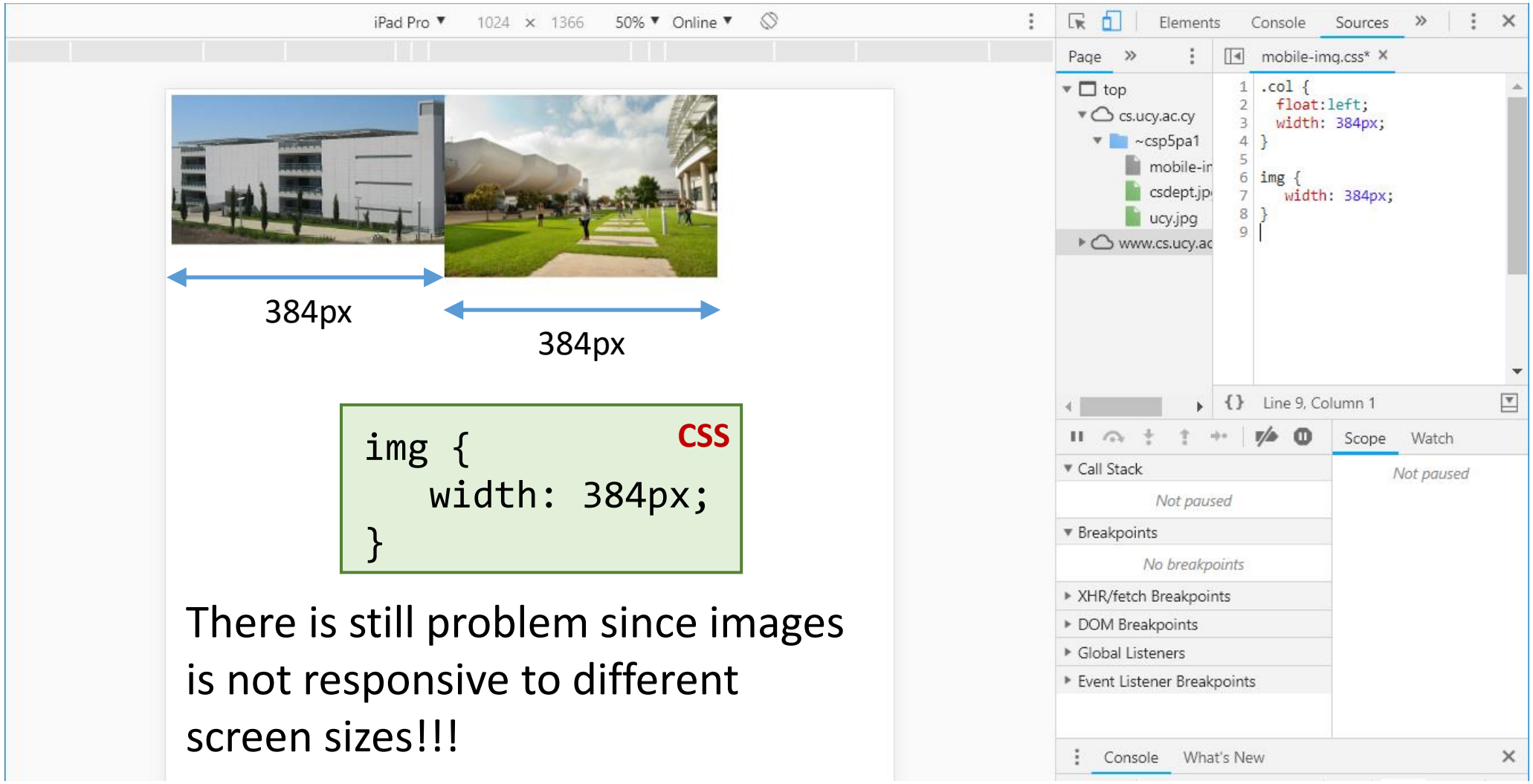
Example with images

We can hide the overflowing content but this is not always desirable!



Example with images

Another solution to have the whole image visible… set an image width to match the containing div width…



Example with images

Another solution towards responsiveness… use percentages

```
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 50%;
}
```

CSS

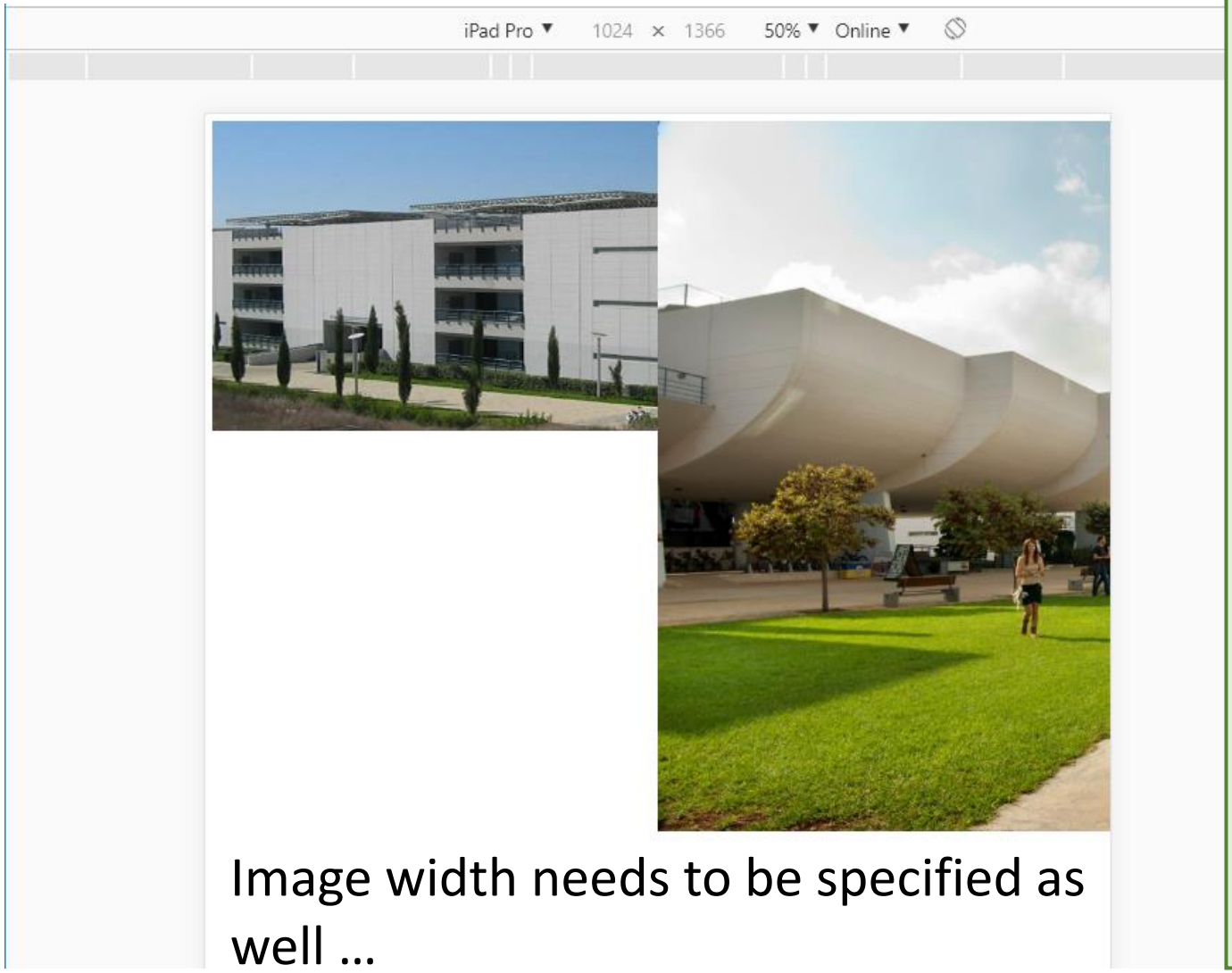
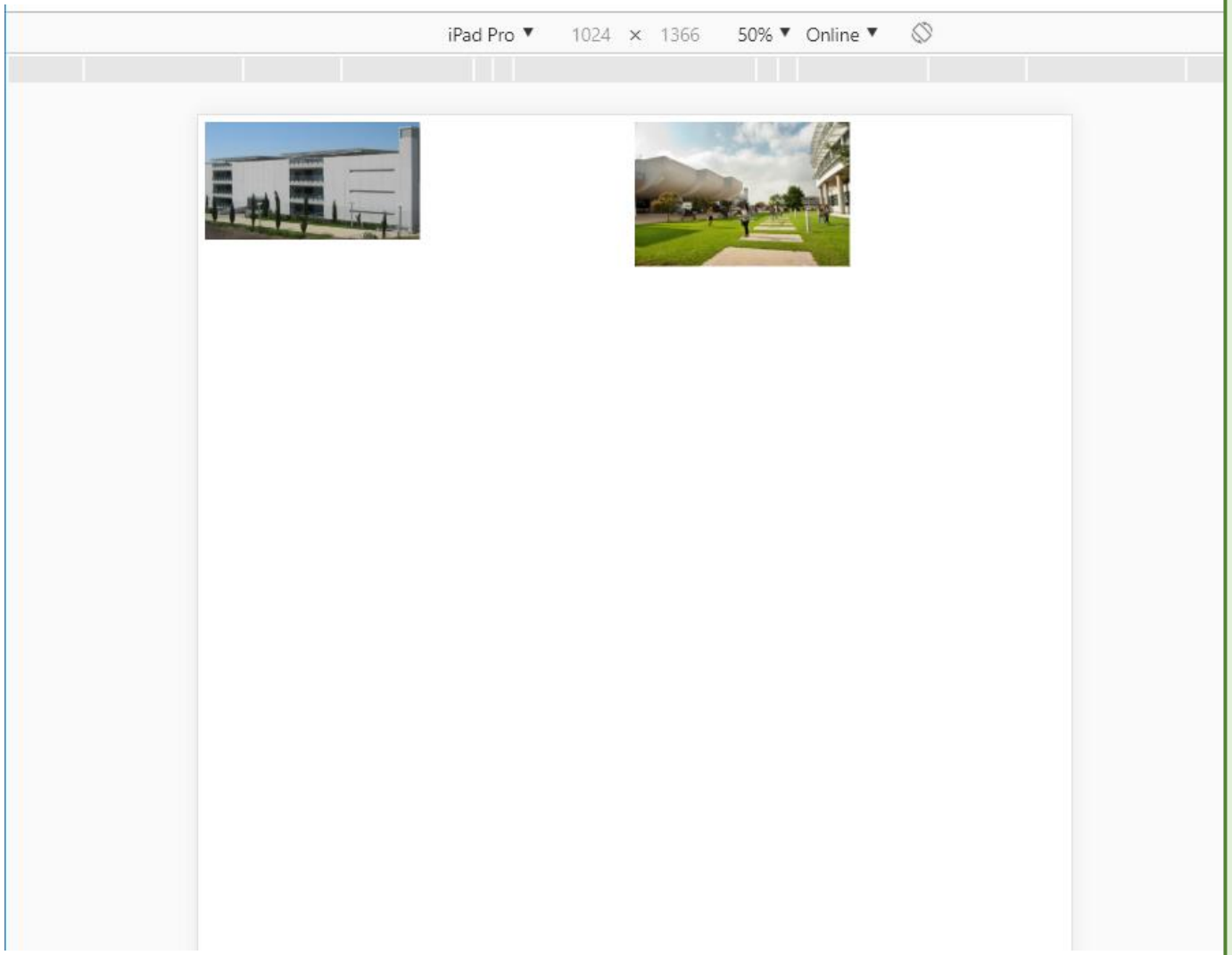


Image width needs to be specified as well …

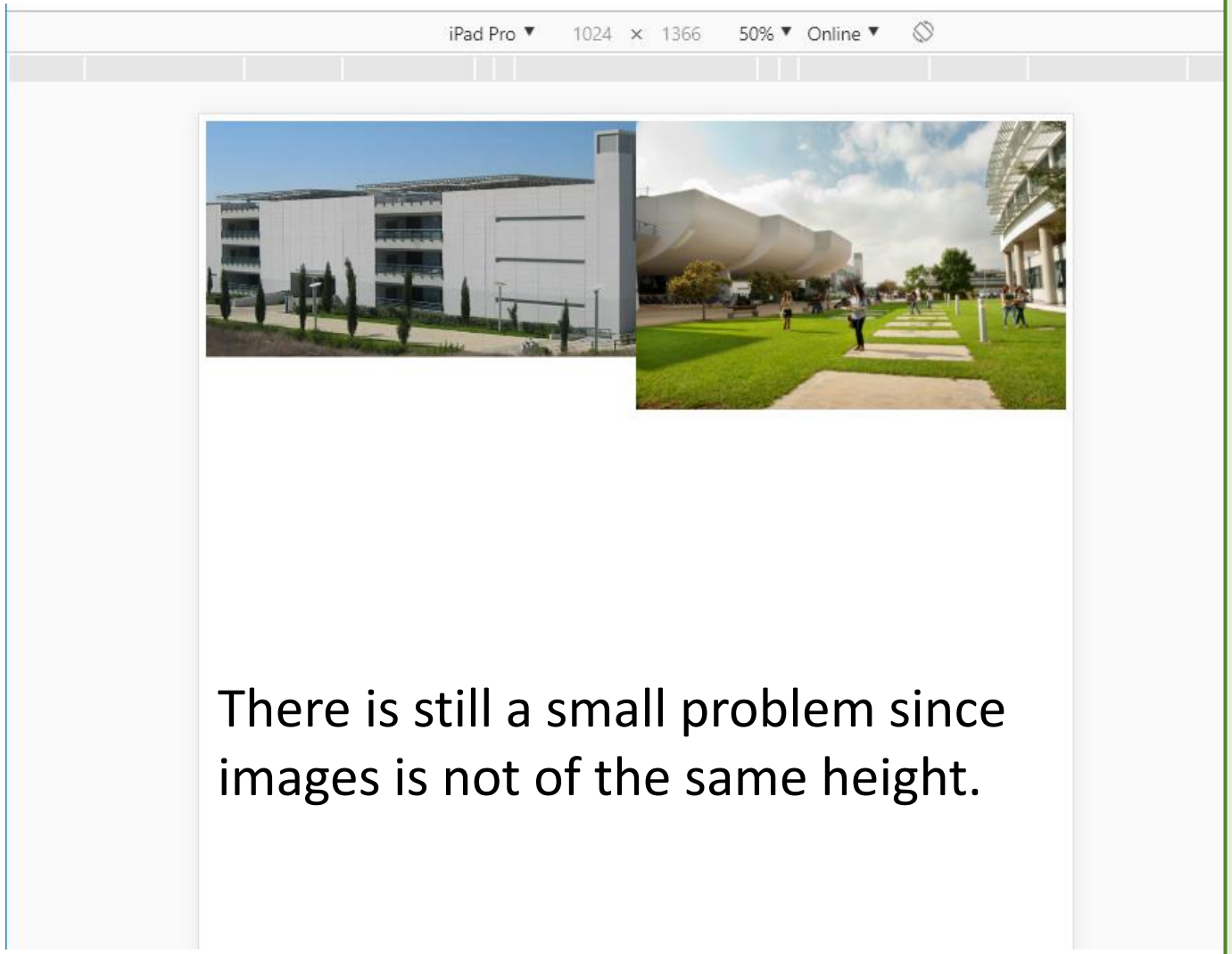
Example with images




```css
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 50%;
}

img {
  width: 50%;
}
```

Example with images

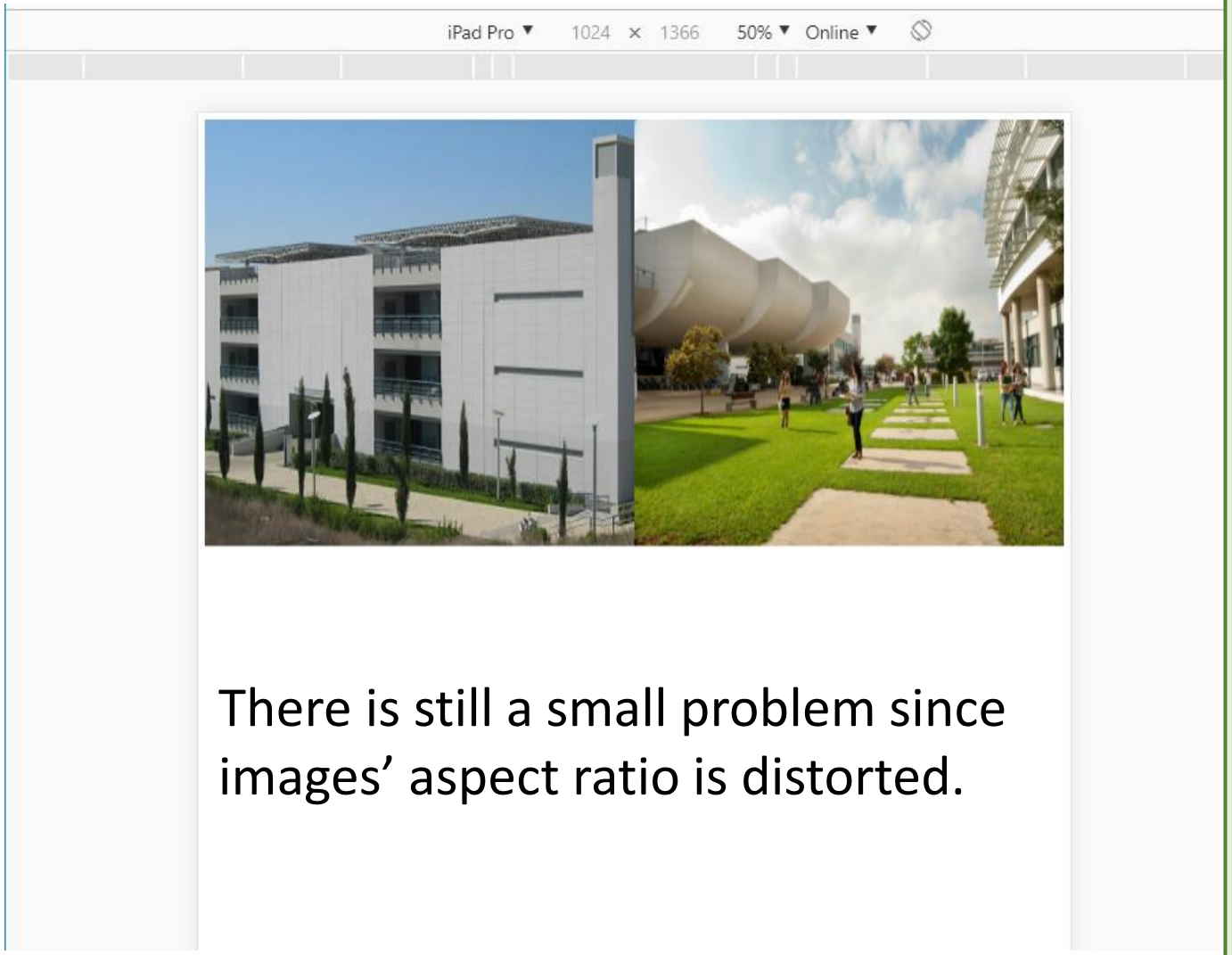


CSS

```css
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 50%;
}

img {
  width: 100%;
}
```

Example with images



There is still a small problem since images' aspect ratio is distorted.

CSS

```css
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 50%;
  height: 500px;
}

img {
  width: 100%;
  height: 100%;
}
```

Example with images

The CSS `object-fit` property is used to specify how an `<img>` or `<video>` should be resized to fit its container.

`object-fit: cover;` cuts off the sides of the image, preserving the aspect ratio, and also filling in the space. See also [object-position]

CSS

```
.col {
  float: left;
  width: 50%;
  height: 500px;
}

img {
  width: 100%;
  height: 100%;
  object-fit: cover;
}
```

Important notice

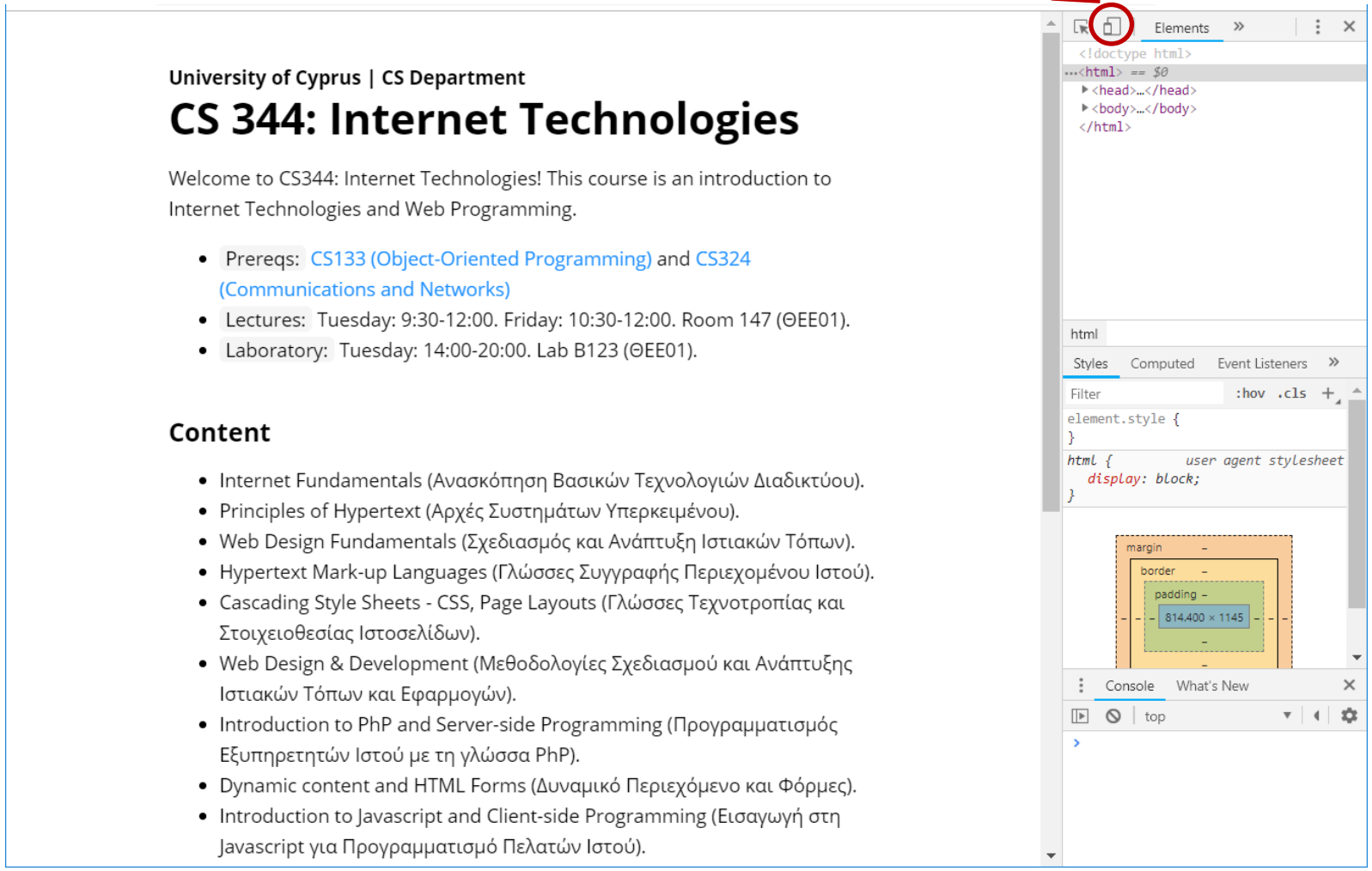
- By default in the CSS box model, the width and height you assign to an element is applied only to the element's content box.
- If the element has any border or padding, this is then **added** to the width and height to arrive at the size of the box that's rendered on the screen.
- When you set width and height, you have to adjust the value you give to allow for any border or padding that may be added.

Development strategies

- Practical question: How do you test mobile layouts?
  - Do you upload your HTML+CSS somewhere online and navigate to that URL on your phone?
  - Is there a way to connect your mobile phone to your local (laptop/deskop) device?
  - Do you run it in an Android/iOS emulator?
  - Other?

Chrome device mode

- You can simulate a web page in a mobile layout via Chrome device mode:
  - On website: Right click, and then select Inspect



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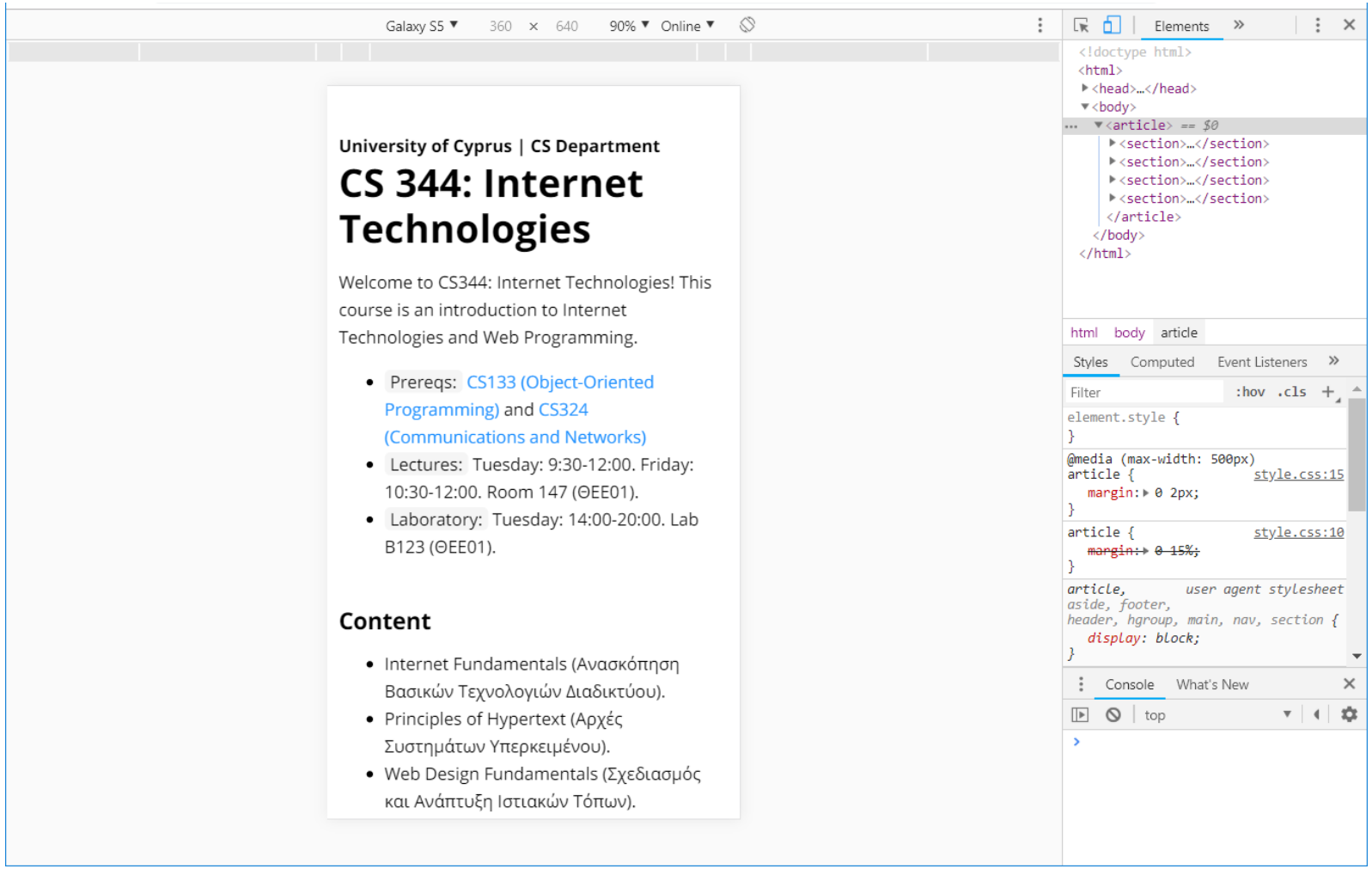
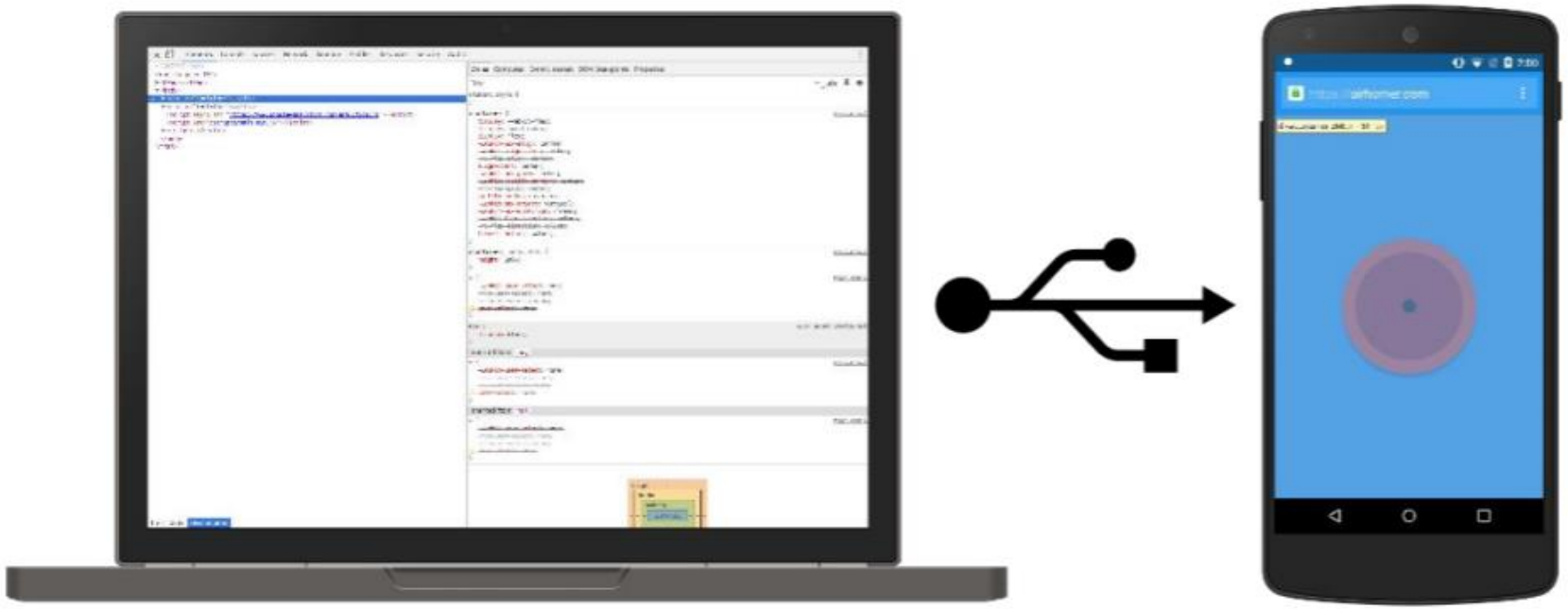


Chrome device mode

- **Advantages of Chrome device mode**:
  - Super convenient
  - Mostly accurate
- **Disadvantages of Chrome device mode**:
  - Not always accurate
  - iPhone particularly an issue
  - A little buggy
  - Doesn't simulate performance issues
- You should always test on real devices, too.

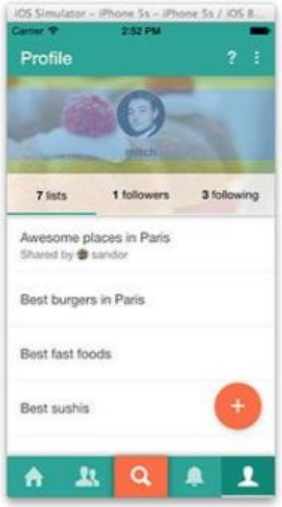
Chrome remote debugging

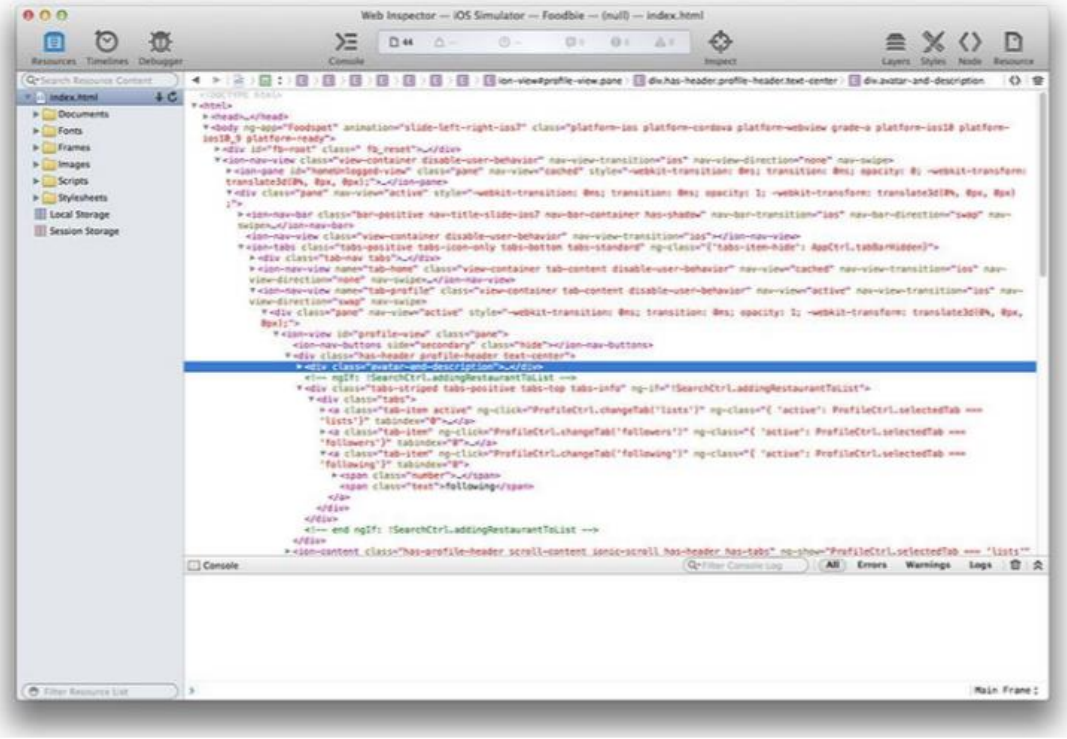


- If you have an Android phone, you can debug web pages on your phone via Chrome remote debugging.

Safari remote debugging

- If you have an iPhone, you can debug web pages on your phone via Safari remote debugging.





Access local web server from mobile phone

- Run a web server locally on your laptop/desktop
  - E.g. run XAMPP locally
- Connect laptop/desktop and mobile phone in the same network (e.g., in the same WiFi)
- Find the IP of your laptop/desktop (where web server runs)
  - type ipconfig (into CMD for Windows) or ifconfig (into terminal for Unix)
    - `sudo apt-get install net-tools` to install ifconfig on Unix
- On your mobile phone browser type http://WEBSERVER-IP-ADDRESS/index.html (index.html can be omitted)

Mobile summary

- Always add the **meta viewport tag**
- Use **@media queries** to add styles for devices with certain characteristics, such as screen width
- Use the **Chrome Device Mode** to simulate mobile rendering on desktop
- For `height` and `width`, prefer percentages
- Autoscale image and videos to fit in screen region
- For fonts, prefer `em` and `rem` (see Appendix)
- Try to minimize dependent rules
  - Changing the width of one container force you to change 15 other properties to look right
- More on responsive web design

Exercise 1

- Create the responsive webpage shown in the next slides using the given guidelines.

Exercise 1

screen-size >= 1024

- SEE NEXT SLIDES FOR MORE DETAILS
- CSS code for screen sizes >= 1024px can be placed outside media queries

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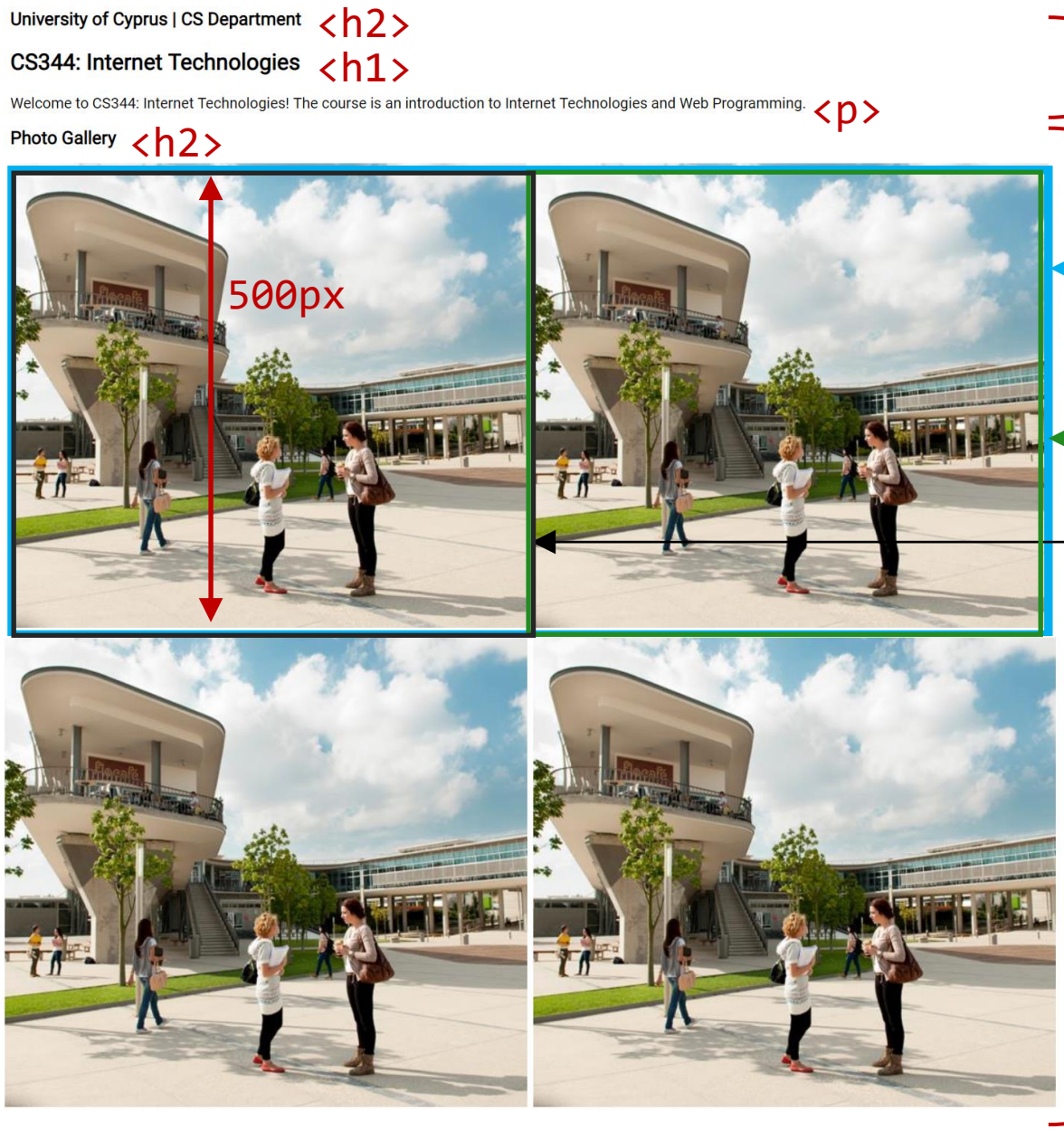
Exercise 1

screen-size >= 1024

- h1: 1.5em
- h2: 1.2em
- Images height 500px, margin right & bottom 1%, object-fit: cover (set the width properly)



2 columns can be created either:

a) using position attribute or

b) using float attribute

Both solutions will be given!

Exercise 1

screen-size < 1024

- h1: 1.5em
- h2: 1.2em
- Images height: 250px, only margin bottom 10px
- Border 3px with color #D9D4C6 and padding 4px
- Use media queries for styling rules that are modified in smaller screens

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APPENDIX: Relative font sizes

percent, em, rem

Relative units

- Whenever possible, it's best to use **relative units** (like percentage) instead of absolute units (like px).
- Advantages:
  - More likely to work on different screen sizes
  - Easier to reason about; fewer magic numbers
    10% / 80% / 10% vs 122px / 926px / 122px

Relative font sizes: percent

- You can define font sizes in terms of percentage:

HTML

```
<body>
    <h1>This is 60px</h1>
    <p>This is 15px</p>
</body>
```

CSS

```
body {
    font-size: 30px;
}
h1 {
    font-size: 200%;
}
p {
    font-size: 50%;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 15px

Relative font sizes: percent

- Percent on font-size behaves exactly like percentage on width and height, in that it's relative to the parent:

HTML

```
<div>
   This is 60px
   <p>This is 45px</p>
</div>
```

CSS

```
body {
   font-size: 30px;
}
div {
   font-size: 200%;
}
p {
   font-size: 75%;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 45px

Relative font sizes: percent

- Percent on font-size behaves exactly like percentage on width and height, in that it's relative to the parent:

HTML

```
<div>
   This is 60px
   <p>This is 45px</p>
</div>
```

CSS

```
body {
   font-size: 30px;
}
div {
   font-size: 200%;
}
p {
   font-size: 75%;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 45px

p is 75% of its parent, which is 200% of 30px.
p's size: 0.75*2*30 = 45px

Relative font sizes: `em`

- But instead of percentages, relative font sizes are usually defined in terms of `em`
- `em` represents the calculated `font-size` of the element
  - `1em` = the inherited font size
  - `2em` = 2 times the inherited font size
- In other words,

  `font-size: 1em;` is the same as `font-size: 100%;`

Relative font sizes: em

HTML

```
<body>
    <h1>This is 60px</h1>
    <p>This is 15px</p>
</body>
```

CSS

```
body {
    font-size: 30px;
}
h1 {
    font-size: 2em;
}
p {
    font-size: .5em;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 15px

Relative font sizes: em

HTML

```
<div>
   This is 60px
   <p>This is 45px</p>
</div>
```

CSS

```
body {
   font-size: 30px;
}
div {
   font-size: 2em;
}
p {
   font-size: .75em;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 45px

Relative font sizes: em

HTML

```
<div>
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</div>
```

CSS

```
body {
    font-size: 30px;
}
div {
    font-size: 2em;
}
p {
    font-size: .75em;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 45px

p's inherited font size is 2em, which is 60px.
p's size: 0.75em*60 = 45px

Relative font sizes: em

HTML

```
<body>
   This is
   <h1>
      <strong>120px</strong>
   </h1>
</body>
```

CSS

```
body {
   font-size: 30px;
}
strong {
   font-size: 2em;
}
```

This is

120px

Wait, why is **120px and not 60px?**

Relative font sizes: em

This is

120px

HTML

```
<body>
   This is
   <h1>
      <strong>120px</strong>
   </h1>
</body>
```

CSS

```
body {
   font-size: 30px;
}
strong {
   font-size: 2em;
}
```

user agent stylesheet

```
h1 {
   display: block;
   font-size: 2em;
   -webkit-margin-before: 0.67em;
   -webkit-margin-after: 0.67em;
   -webkit-margin-start: 0px;
   -webkit-margin-end: 0px;
   font-weight: bold;
}
```

In the Chrome Inspector, we see the default browser font-size for h1 is 2em.
So it's 30*2*2 = 120px.

Relative font sizes: `rem`

- If you do not want your relative font sizes to compound through inheritance, use `rem`
- `rem` represents the `font-size` of the **root** element (`<html>`)
  - `1rem` = the `<html>` font size (which for most browsers has a default value of 16px).
  - `2rem` = 2 times root font size

Relative font sizes: `rem`

HTML

```
<body>
    <div>
        This is 60px
        <p>This is 22.5px</p>
    </div>
</body>
```

CSS

```
html {
    font-size: 30px;
}
div {
    font-size: 2rem;
}
p {
    font-size: .75rem;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 22.5px

Relative font sizes: `rem`

HTML

```
<body>
    <div>
        This is 60px
        <p>This is 22.5px</p>
    </div>
</body>
```

CSS

```
html {
    font-size: 30px;
}
div {
    font-size: 2rem;
}
p {
    font-size: .75rem;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 22.5px

`font-size` is set on the `html` element, not body (or any other tag)

Relative font sizes: `rem`

HTML

```
<body>
    <div>
        This is 60px
        <p>This is 22.5px</p>
    </div>
</body>
```

CSS

```
html {
    font-size: 30px;
}
div {
    font-size: 2rem;
}
p {
    font-size: .75rem;
}
```

This is 60px

This is 22.5px

`.75em` is calculated from the root, which is `30px`, so `30*.75 = 22.5px`.

Relative font conclusions

- Use relative fonts for the same purpose as using relative `heights` and `widths`:
  - Prefer `em` and `rem` over percentages
    - Not for any deep reason, but `em` is meant for font so it's semantically cleaner
  - Use `rem` to avoid compounding sizes
  - In addition to font-size, you may consider `em`/`rem` for:
    - `line-height`
    - `margin-top`
    - `margin-bottom`