

CSS: The Box Model

Web Development

Agenda

- Box Model
 - Box Model: Content, Padding, Border & Margin
 - Background images
 - Border Styles, Width, Colour



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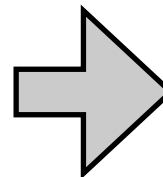
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Join us any evening for these and all our other wonderful [elixirs](#).

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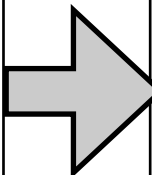
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- Increasing the line height of your text can improve readability. It also gives you another way to provide contrast between different parts of your page.

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- Absolute:
 - px - Pixels, absolute, screen oriented
 - pt - Points, absolute, print oriented
- Relative
 - em - “width of an ‘m’”, 1 = current font width
 - % - 100% = current font size

<https://css-tricks.com/css-font-size/>



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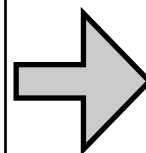
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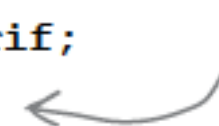
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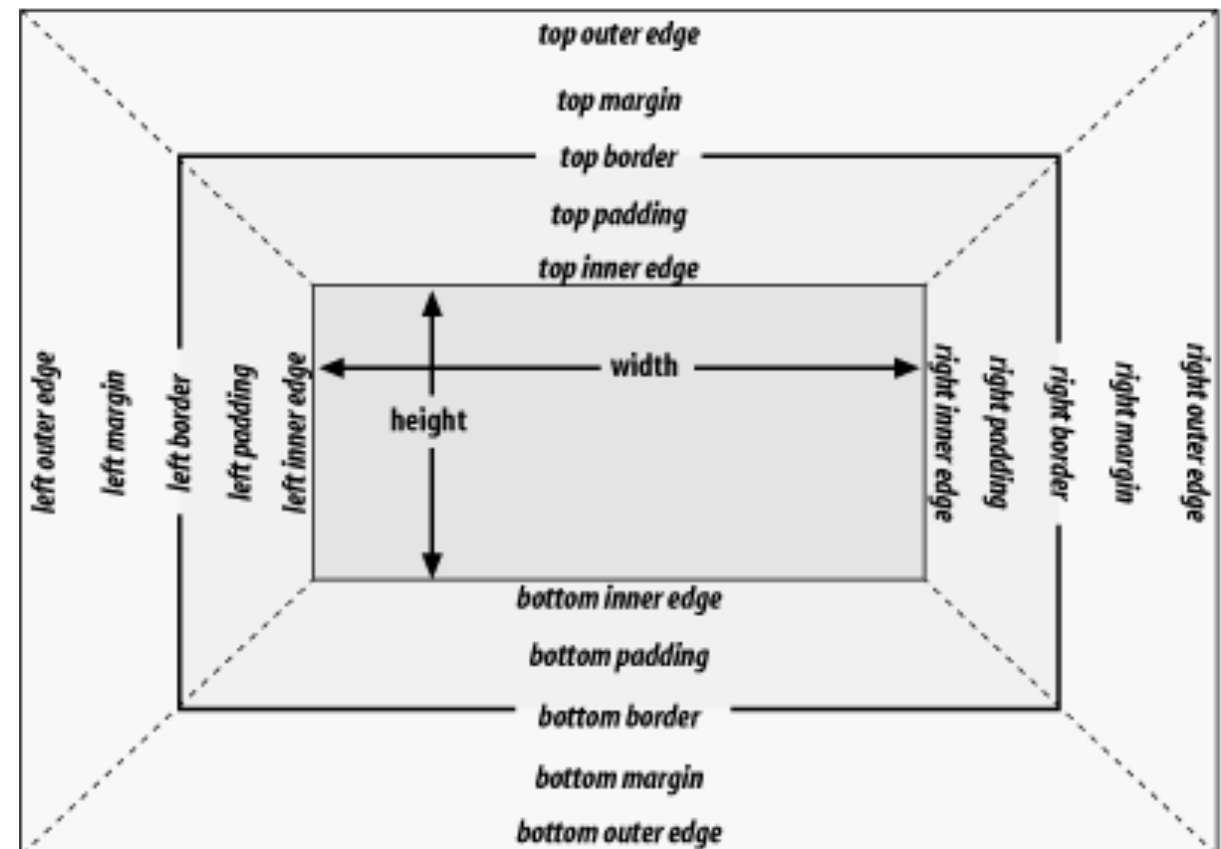
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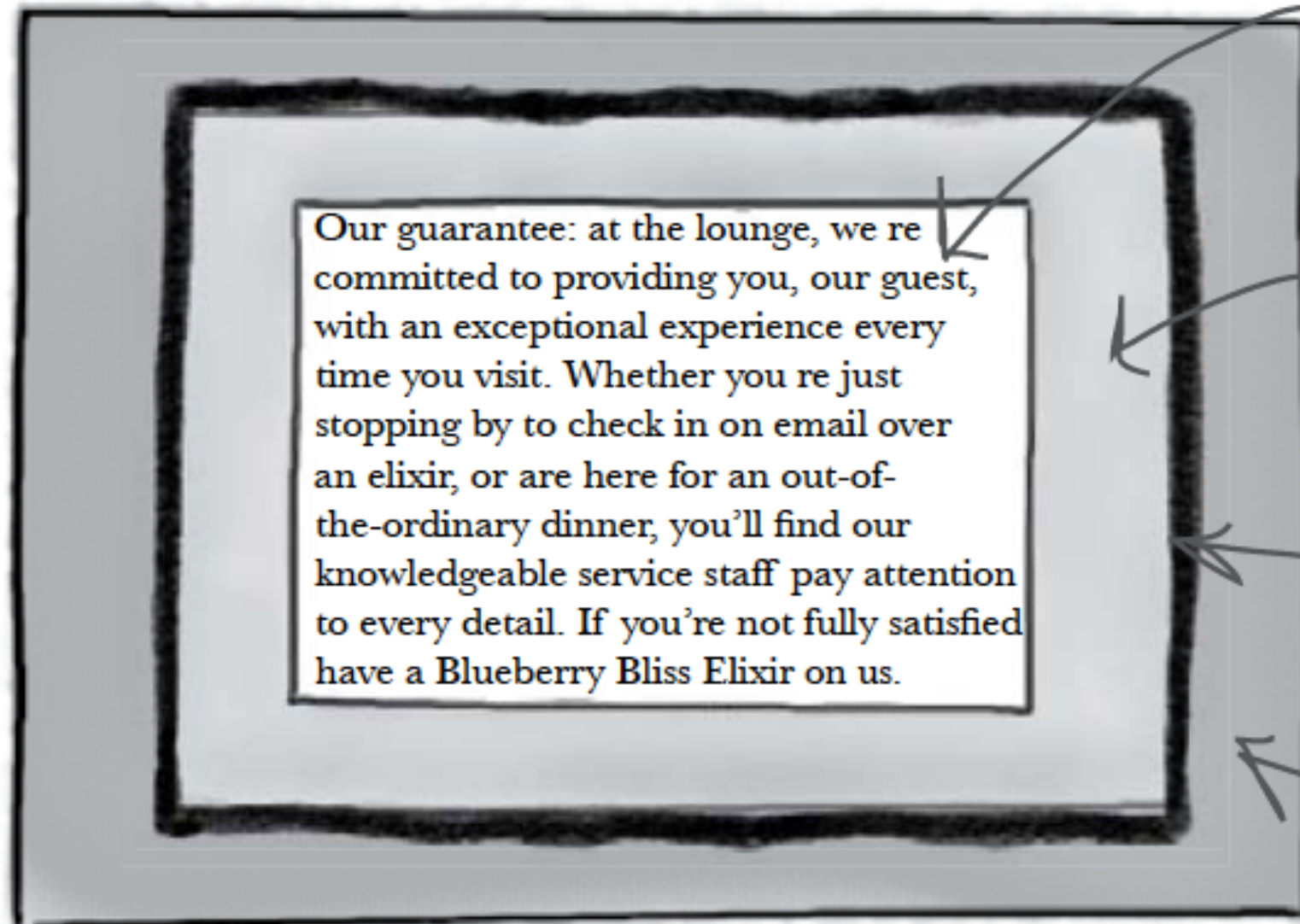
- So far, your CSS has focussed on changing simple properties of elements, like size, color, and decorations. For effective layout control, you have got to move on to the box model.
- The **box model** is how CSS sees elements.
- CSS treats every single element as if it were represented by a box.
- All elements are treated as boxes: paragraphs, headings, block quotes, lists, list items, and so on. Even inline elements like `` and links are treated by CSS as boxes

- Boxes consist of:
 - Content
 - Padding
 - Border
 - Margin



From the perspective of CSS, every element is a box.

Every box is made up of a content area along with optional padding, border, and margins.



The content area, which holds the content (text or an image, for instance).

The content area is surrounded by optional transparent padding.

An optional border can be placed around the padding.

And finally, an optional transparent margin surrounds everything.

Content Area

- Every element starts with some content, like text or an image, and this content is placed inside a box that is just big enough to contain it.
- The content area has no whitespace between the content and the edge of the box

The content area holds the element's content. It's typically just big enough to hold the content.



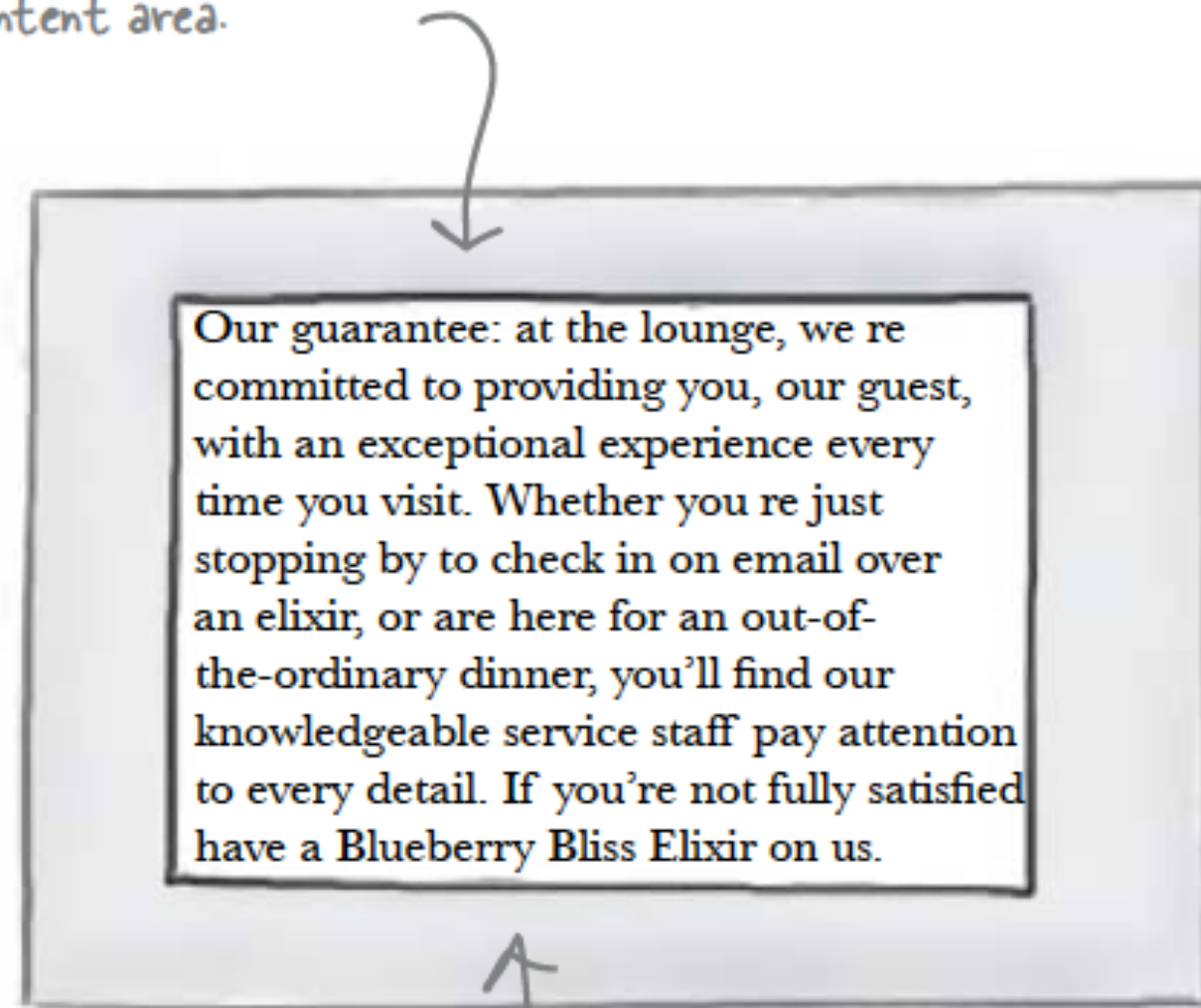
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We've drawn an edge around the content area just so you know how big it is. But in a browser there is never a visible edge around the content area.

Padding

- Any box can have a layer of padding around the content area.
- Padding is optional, so you don't have to have it, but you can use padding to create visual whitespace between the content and the border of the box.
- The padding is transparent and has no color or decoration of its own.

The browser adds optional padding around the content area.



Using CSS, you're going to be able to control the width of the padding around the entire content area, or even control the padding on any one side (top, right, bottom, or left).

Border

Notice that the padding separates the content area from the border.

Using CSS, you're going to be able to control the width, color, and style of the border.

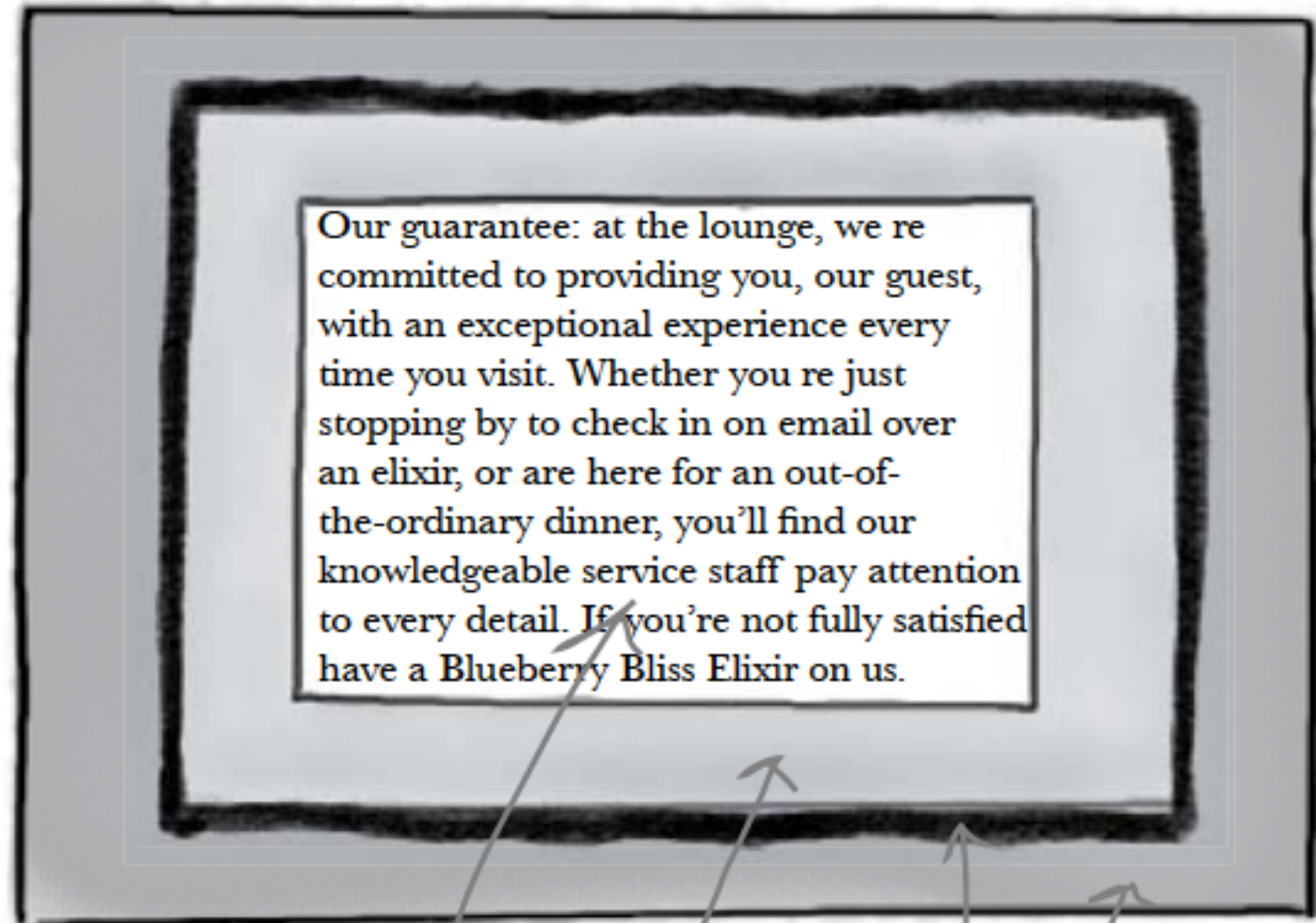
- Elements can have an optional border around them
- The border surrounds the padding and because it takes the form of a line around the content, borders provide visual separation between content and other elements on the same page
- Borders can be various widths, colors and styles



Margin

- The margin is also optional and surrounds the border.
- The margin gives you a way to add space between your element and other elements on the same page.
- If two boxes are next to each other, the margins act as the space in between them.
- Like padding, margins are transparent and have no color or decoration of their own.

Using CSS, you're going to be able to control the width of the entire margin, or of any particular side (top, right, bottom, or left).



This is the entire element. We have a content area, surrounded by optional padding, surrounded by an optional border, surrounded by an optional margin.

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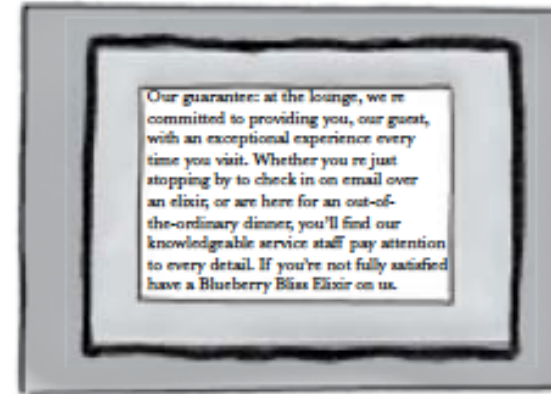
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Variations: Boxes

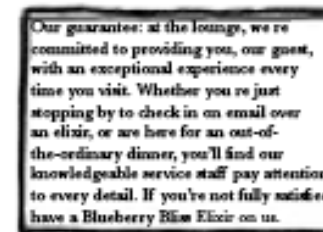
- The box model may look simple with just the content, some padding, a border, and margins.
- But when you combine these all together there are endless ways you can determine the layout of an element with its internal spacing (padding) and the spacing around it (margins).



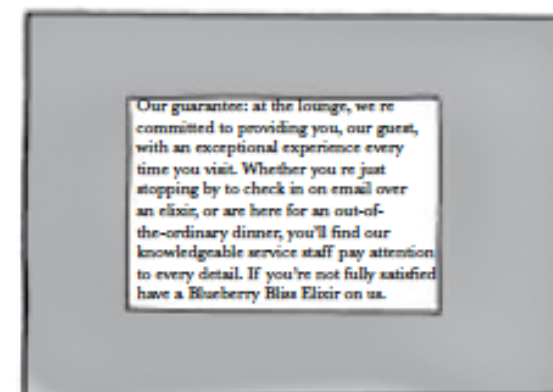
You can style a box to have padding, a border, and a margin.



Or, just padding and a border.



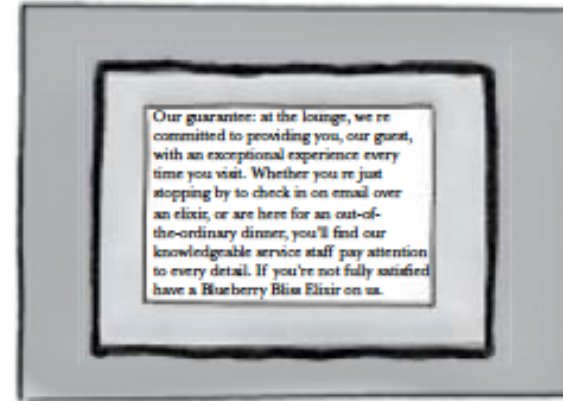
Or just a border.



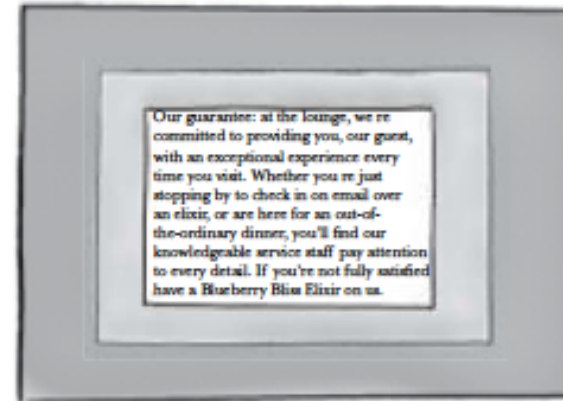
Or a margin with no border and no padding.

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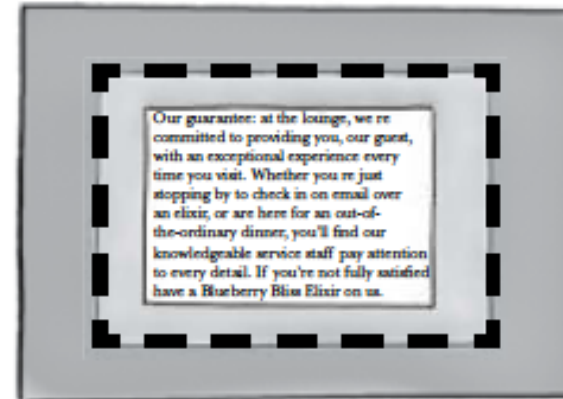
You can have solid borders, thick or thin.



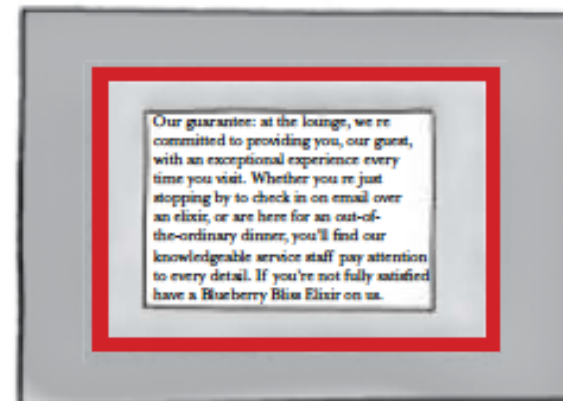
Or no border at all.



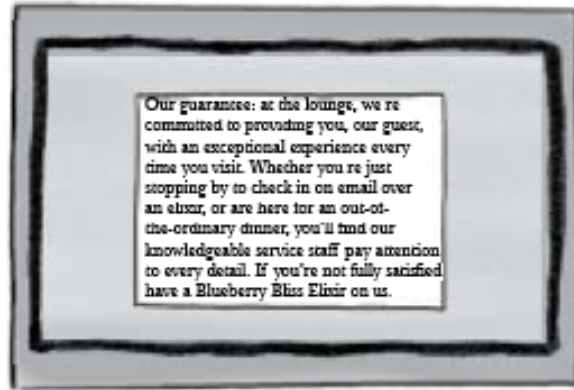
Or choose from eight different styles of borders, like dashed.



Or even color your borders.



Variations: Padding & Margins



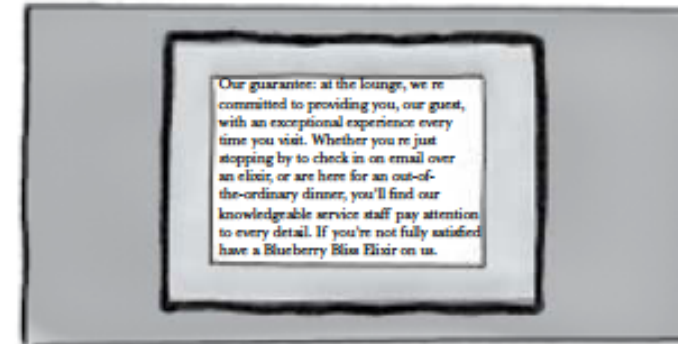
With CSS you can control padding on any side of the content area. Here we've got a lot of left and right padding.

You have the same level of control over the margins. Here there's a lot of top and bottom margin.



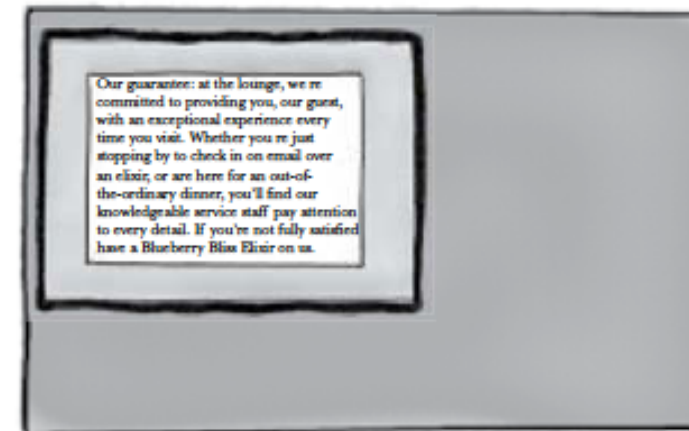
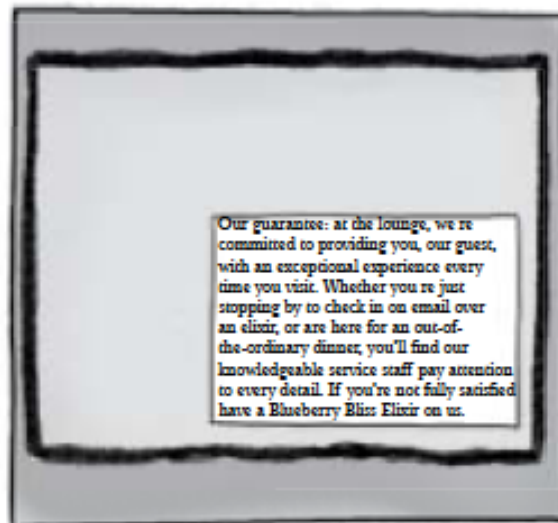
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And here the content is offset to the bottom right with padding on the top and left.

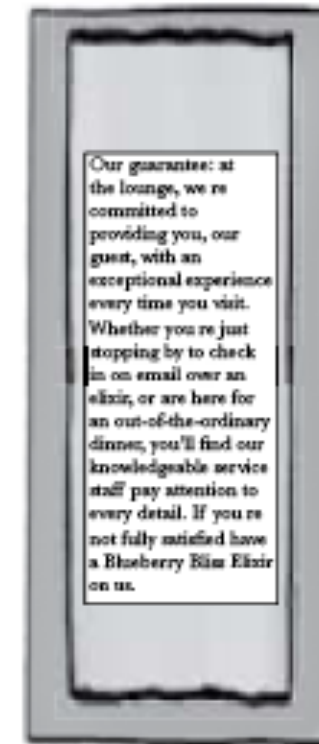
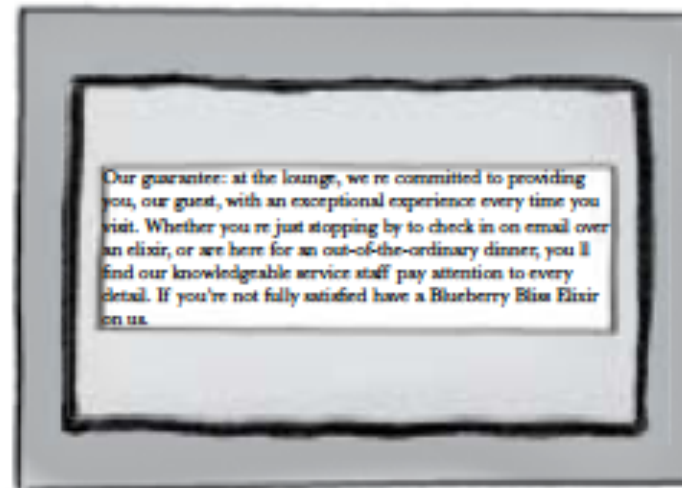
And like padding, you can specify all sides independently to create margins like this.



Variations: Content

Content Area

You can even control width and height in a variety of ways. Here, the content area has been made wide.



← And here the content area is tall but thin.