

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

Mobile Phones

320x640

640x320

Tablets

768x1024

768x1024

Desktops

1920x1028

Q: How do we do this?

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



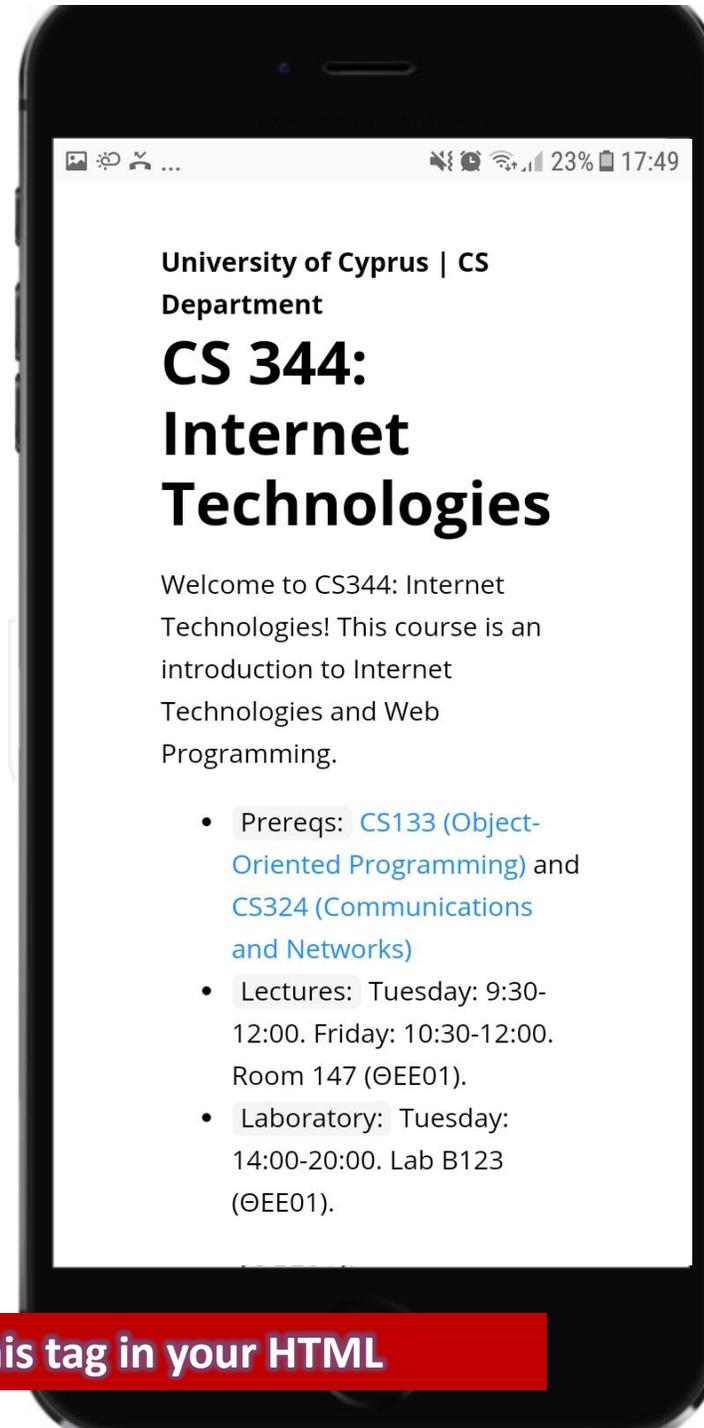
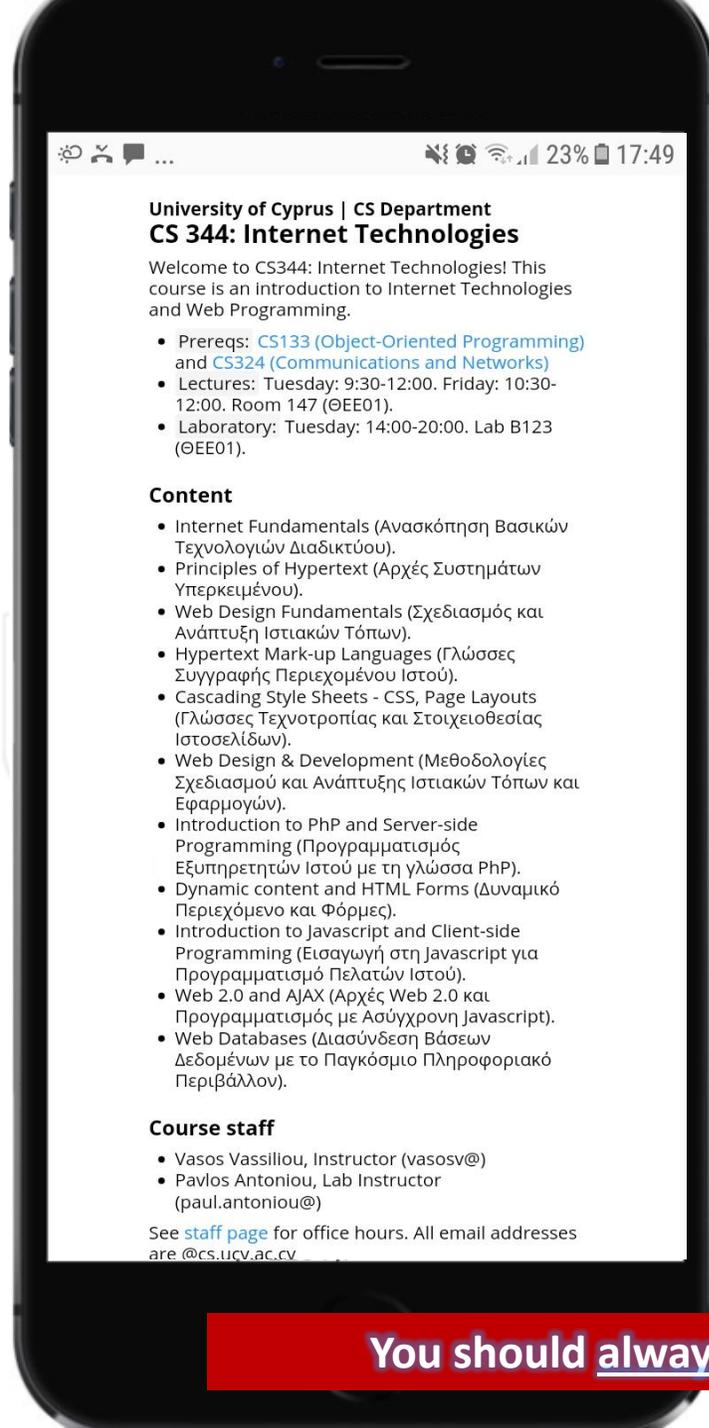
Meta viewport tag

- 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



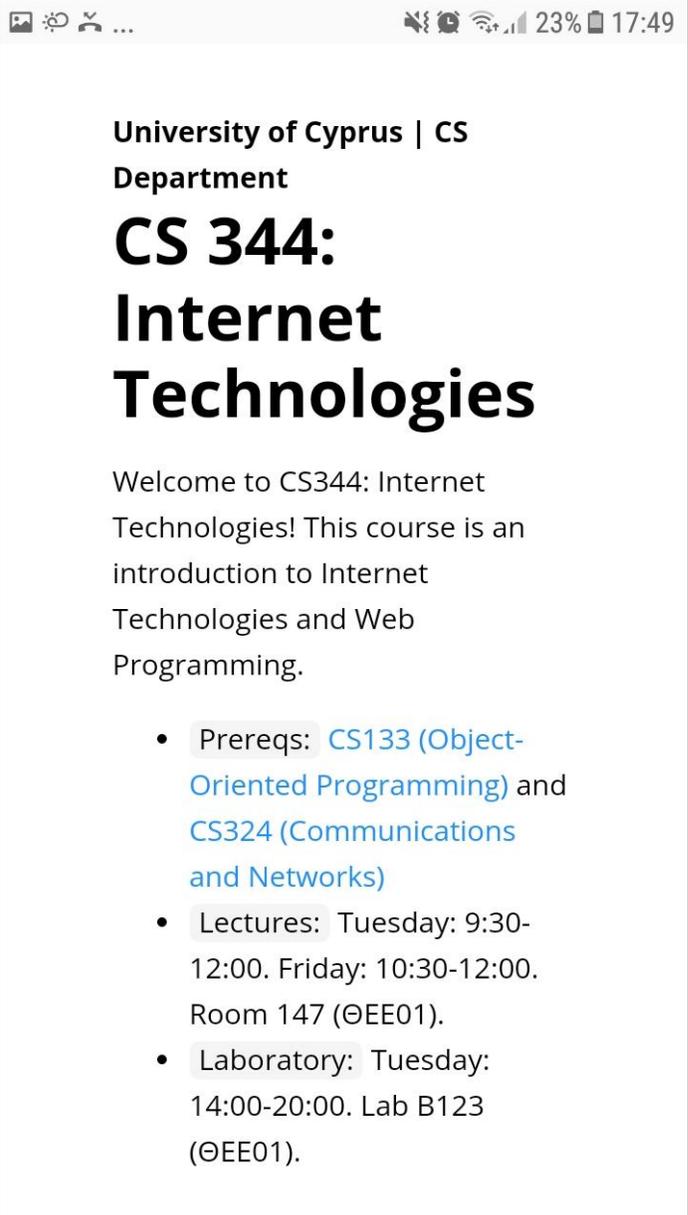
With
the meta
viewport
tag



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?



The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface. At the top, there is a status bar with icons for signal, Wi-Fi, battery (23%), and time (17:49). Below the status bar, the page content is displayed. The header includes the text "University of Cyprus | CS Department" followed by the course title "CS 344: Internet Technologies" in a large, bold font. Below the title, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to CS344: Internet Technologies! This course is an introduction to Internet Technologies and Web Programming." A list of bullet points follows, detailing prerequisites, lecture times, and laboratory information. The prerequisites are "CS133 (Object-Oriented Programming)" and "CS324 (Communications and Networks)". The lecture times are "Tuesday: 9:30-12:00" and "Friday: 10:30-12:00" in Room 147 (ΘEE01). The laboratory is on "Tuesday: 14:00-20:00" in Lab B123 (ΘEE01).

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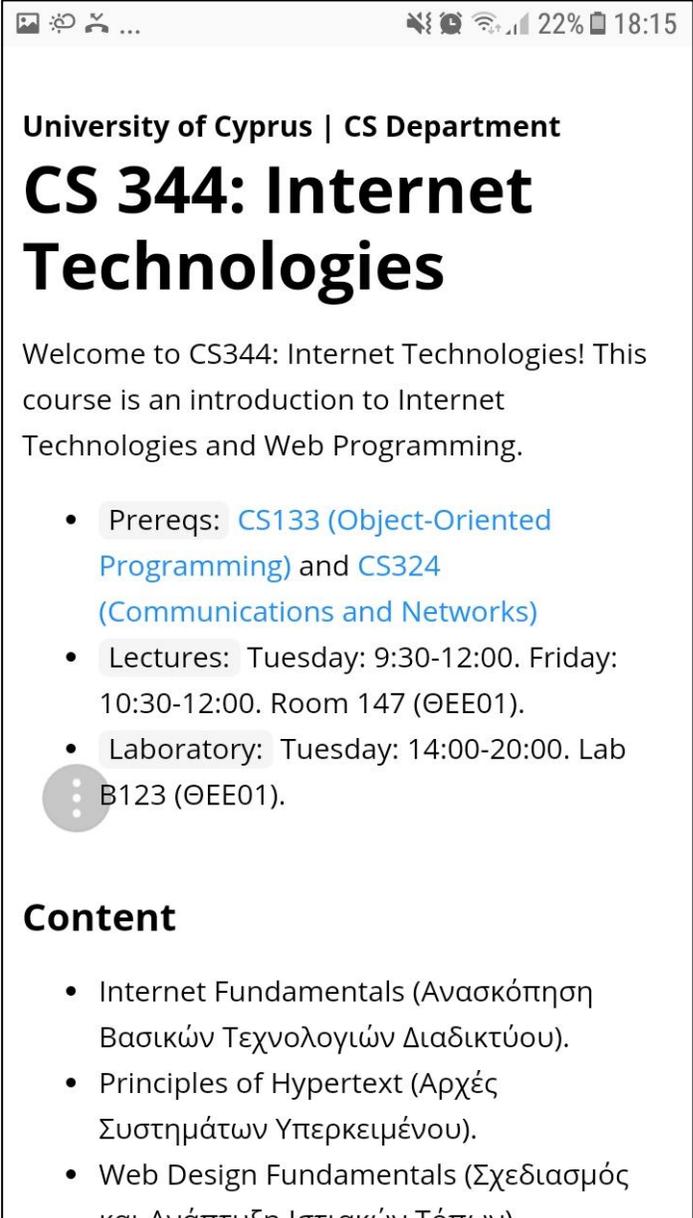
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CSS media queries

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

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

- You can create [much more complex](#) media queries as well.



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Media rules

320x640

640x320

768x1024

768x1024

1920x1028

```
@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 */  
}
```

CSS

Example with images



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



Example with images



```
<body>
  <div class="row">
    <div class="col">
      
    </div>
    <div class="col">
      
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
```

HTML

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

CSS

Example with images

Why images are not bounded to 384px?



The screenshot shows a browser window with a page containing two images. The left image is 640px wide, and the right image is 1280px wide. A CSS rule for '.col' is shown in the developer tool with 'width: 384px;'. The browser status bar shows 'iPad Pro', '1024 x 1366', '50%', and 'Online'.

```
mobile-img.css* x
1 |.col {
2 |   float:left;
3 |   width: 384px;
4 | }
```

Line 1, Column 1

Scope Watch

Call Stack

Not paused

Breakpoints

No breakpoints

XHR/fetch Breakpoints

DOM Breakpoints

Global Listeners

Event Listener Breakpoints

Console What's New

Example with images



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

The screenshot shows a browser window with a page containing two images. The first image is 640px wide, and the second image is 1280px wide. The second image overflows a 384px wide container. The developer tool shows the CSS for the container with width: 384px.

```
mobile-img.css* x
1 |.col {
2 |   float:left;
3 |   width: 384px;
4 | }
```

Example with images

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



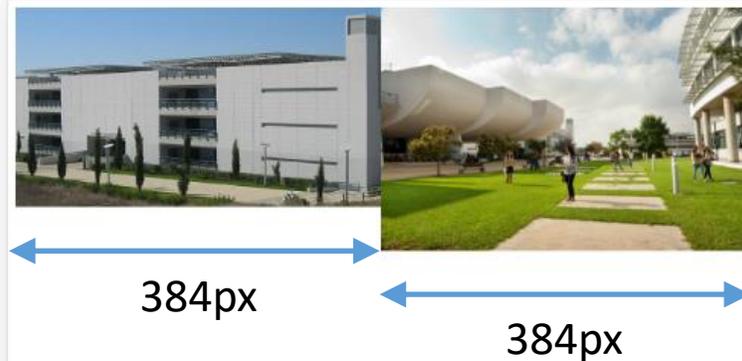
The screenshot shows a browser window with a mobile view of two images side-by-side. The left image is a building, and the right image is a large white structure. A blue double-headed arrow below the left image indicates a width of 384px. Another blue double-headed arrow below the right image indicates a width of 384px. The right image is wider than the container, causing it to overflow. The developer tool on the right shows the CSS for the container with 'overflow: hidden;' highlighted by a red arrow.

```
mobile-imag.css* x
1 |.col {
2 |  float:left;
3 |  width: 384px;
4 |  overflow: hidden;
  |}
```

Example with images



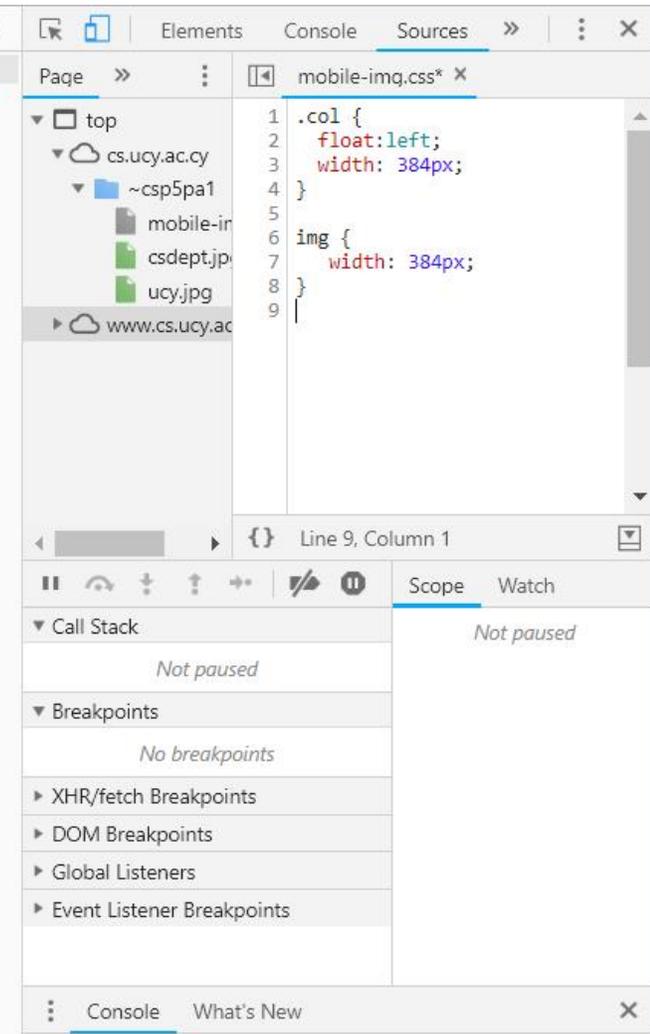
Another solution to have the whole image visible... set an image width to match the containing div width...



```
img {  
  width: 384px;  
}
```

CSS

There is still problem since images is not responsive to different screen sizes!!!

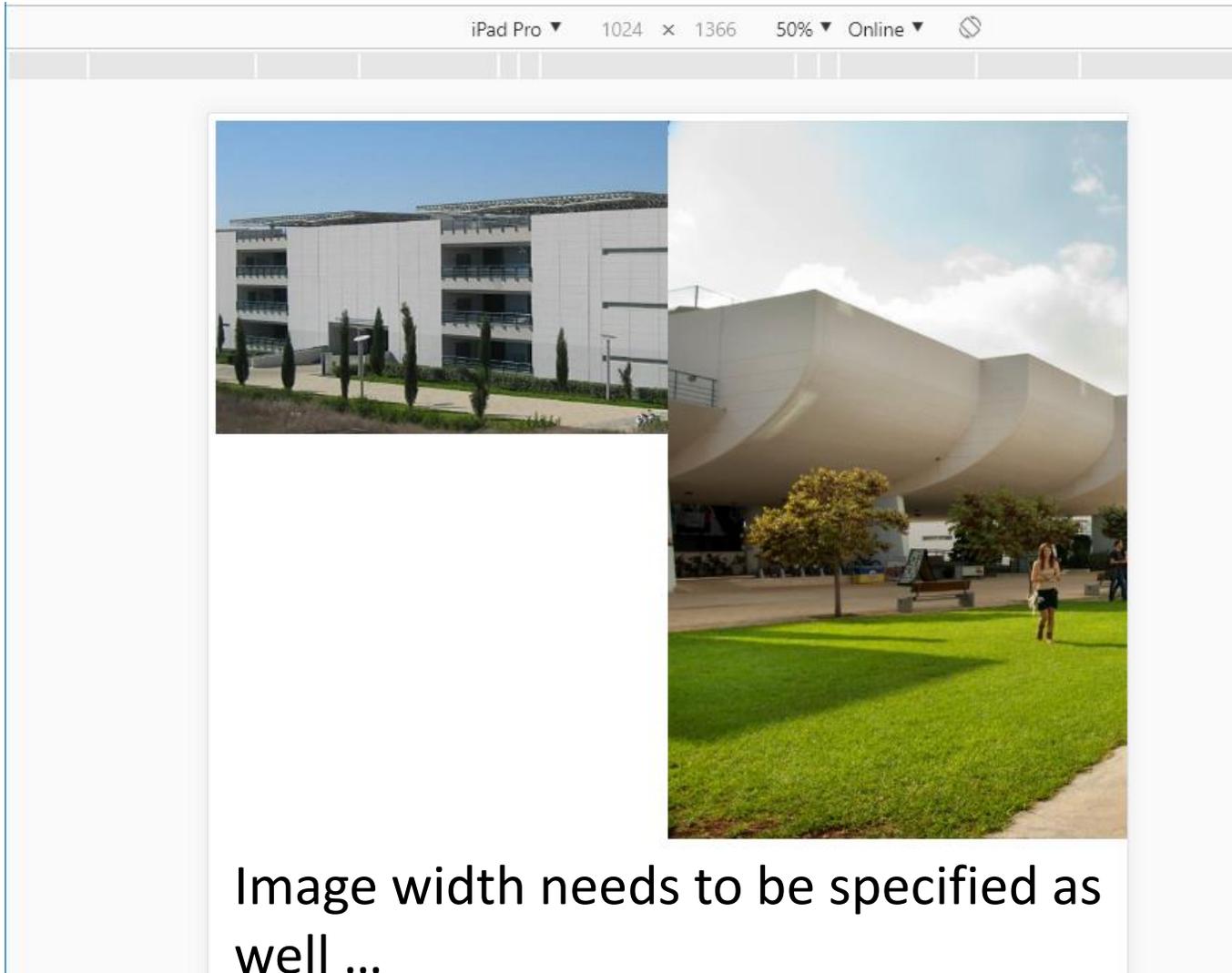


Example with images

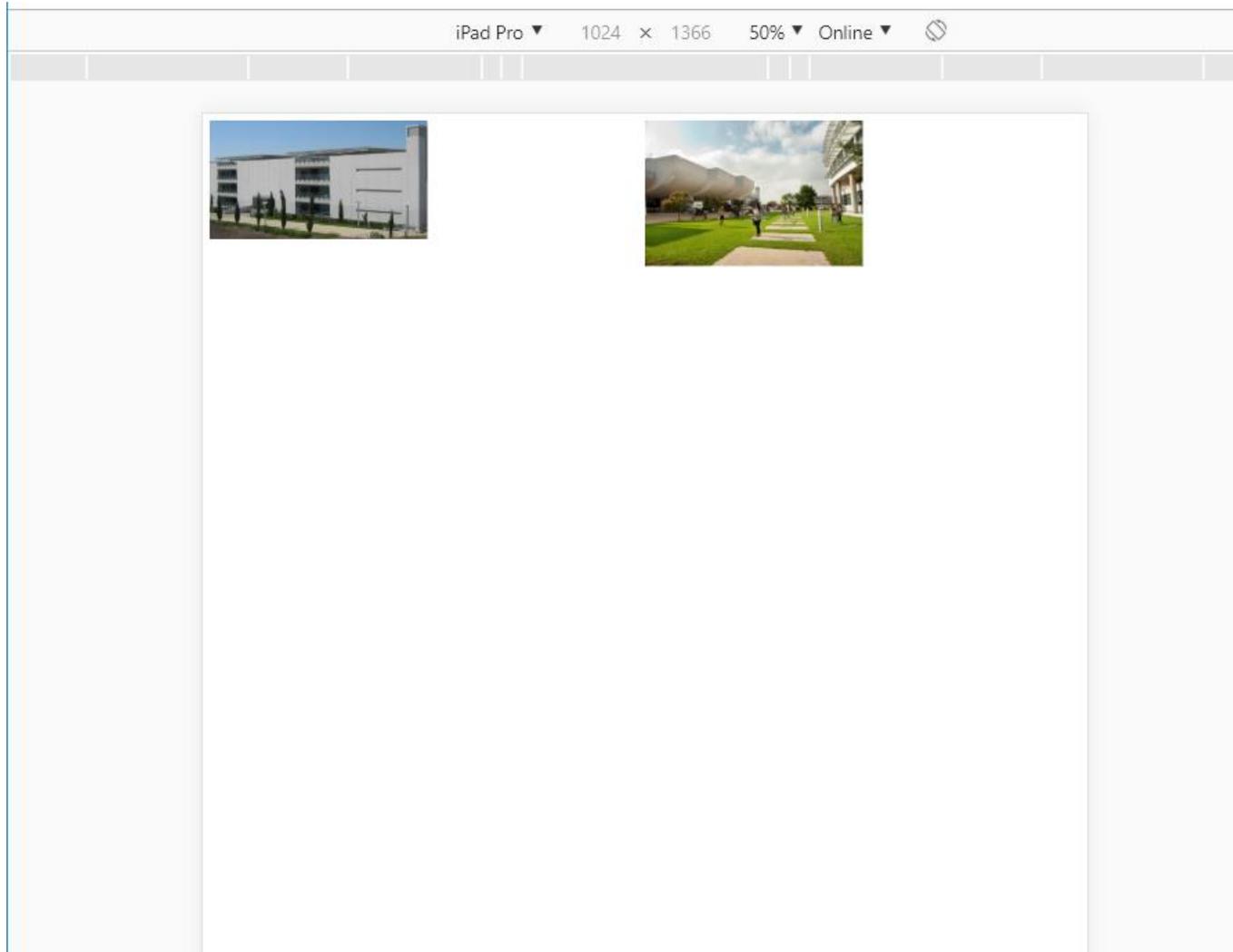
CSS

Another solution towards responsiveness... use percentages

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



Example with images

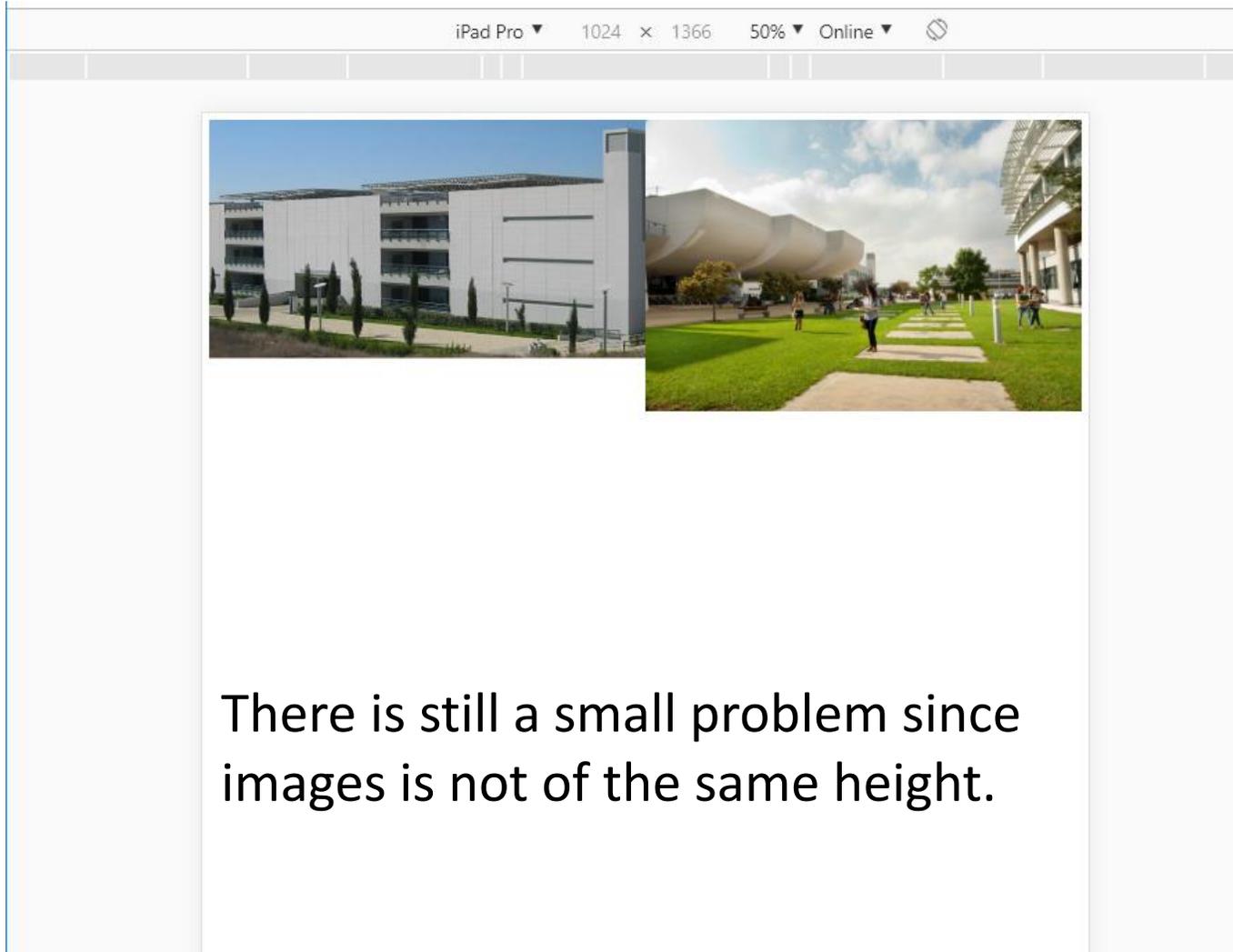


```
.col {  
  float: left;  
  width: 50%;  
}
```

CSS

```
img {  
  width: 50%;  
}
```

Example with images



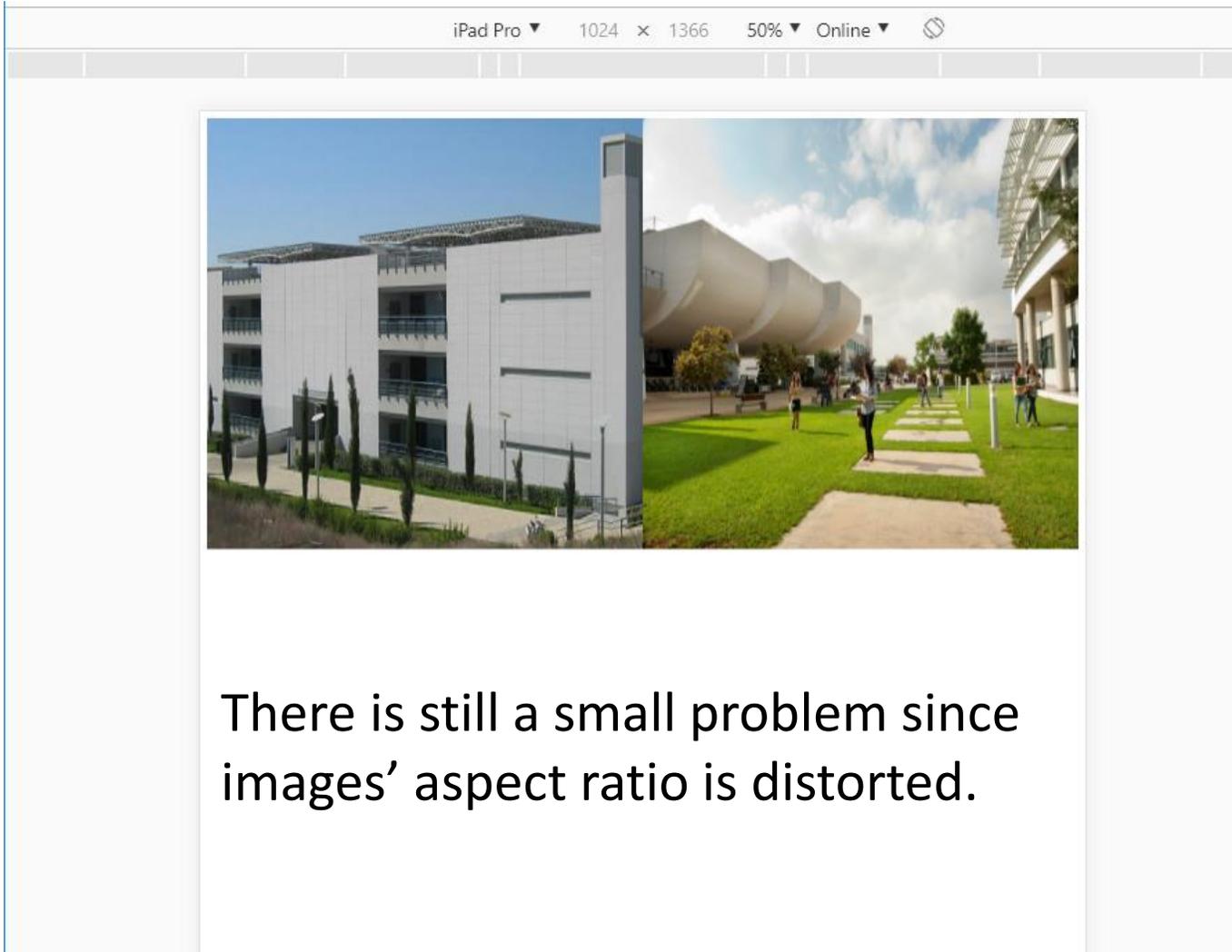
There is still a small problem since images is not of the same height.

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

CSS

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

Example with images



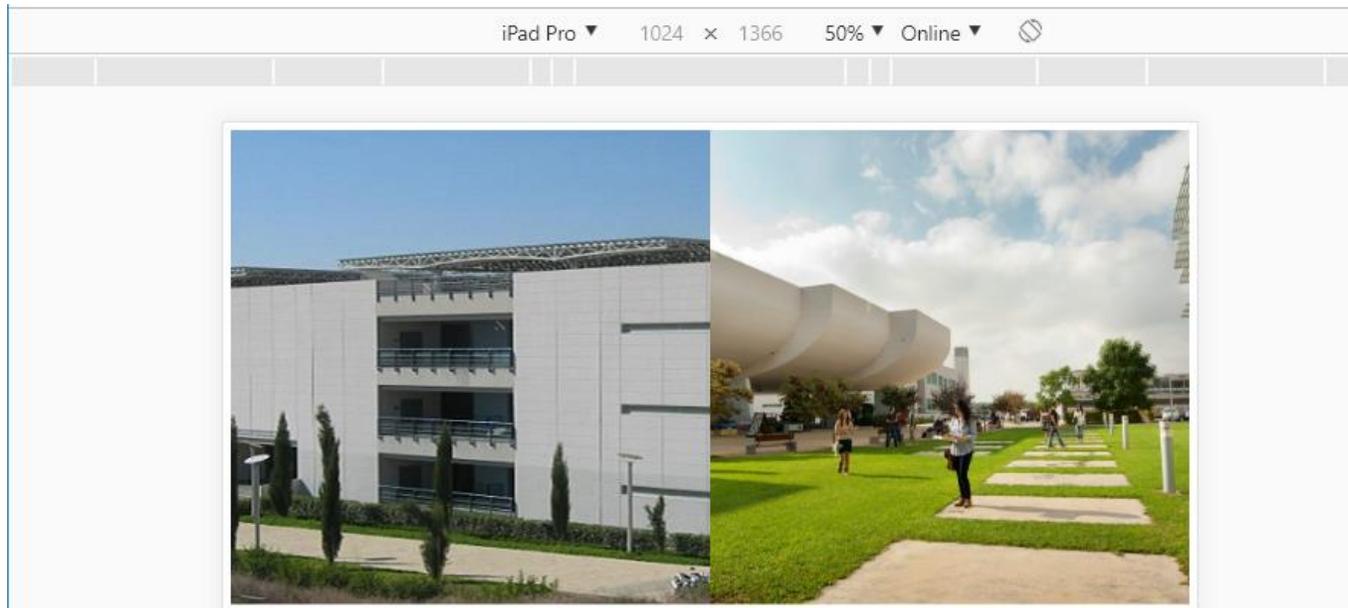
There is still a small problem since images' aspect ratio is distorted.

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 `` 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

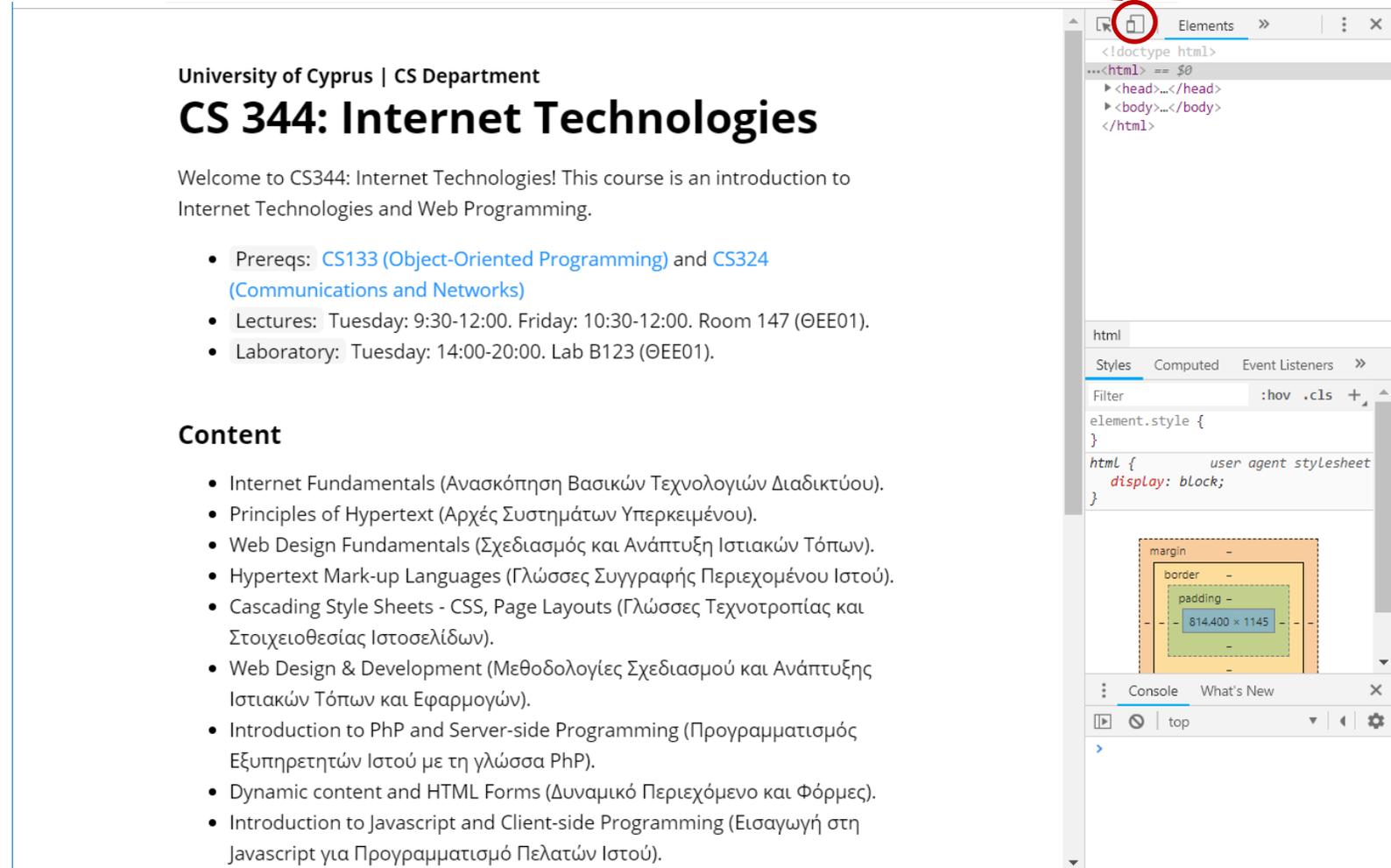


- Practical question: How do you test mobile layouts?
 - Do you upload your HTML+CSS somewhere online and navigate to that URL on your phone?
 - Is there a way to connect your mobile phone to your local (laptop/desktop) device?
 - Do you run it in an Android/iOS emulator?
 - Other?

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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- Hypertext Mark-up Languages (Γλώσσες Συγγραφής Περιεχομένου Ιστού).
- Cascading Style Sheets - CSS, Page Layouts (Γλώσσες Τεχνοτροπίας και Στοιχειοθεσίας Ιστοσελίδων).
- Web Design & Development (Μεθοδολογίες Σχεδιασμού και Ανάπτυξης Ιστιακών Τόπων και Εφαρμογών).
- Introduction to PHP and Server-side Programming (Προγραμματισμός Εξυπηρετητών Ιστού με τη γλώσσα PHP).
- Dynamic content and HTML Forms (Δυναμικό Περιεχόμενο και Φόρμες).
- Introduction to Javascript and Client-side Programming (Εισαγωγή στη Javascript για Προγραμματισμό Πελατών Ιστού).

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 - On website: Right click, and then select Inspect

A screenshot of a web browser in Chrome DevTools. The browser window shows a mobile layout simulation of a website. The page content includes:

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The right side of the image shows the Chrome DevTools interface. The 'Elements' panel is open, showing the HTML structure of the page. The selected element is an `article` tag. The 'Styles' panel is also open, showing the default styles for the `article` element, including `margin: 0 2px;` and `margin: 0 15%;`. The browser's address bar shows the URL `top`.

Chrome device mode

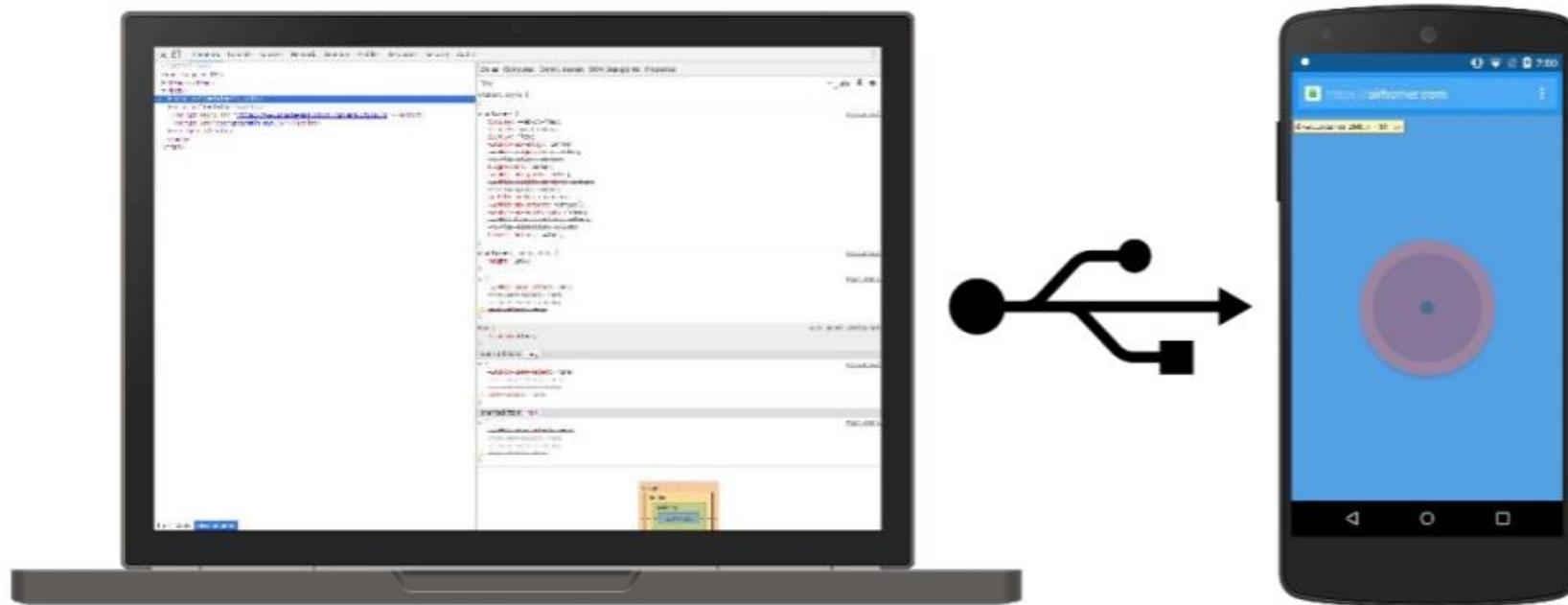


- **Advantages of Chrome device mode:**
 - Super convenient
 - Mostly accurate
- **Disadvantages of Chrome device mode:**
 - Not always accurate
 - iPhone particularly an issue
 - A little buggy
 - Doesn't simulate performance issues
- You should always test on real devices, too.

Chrome remote debugging



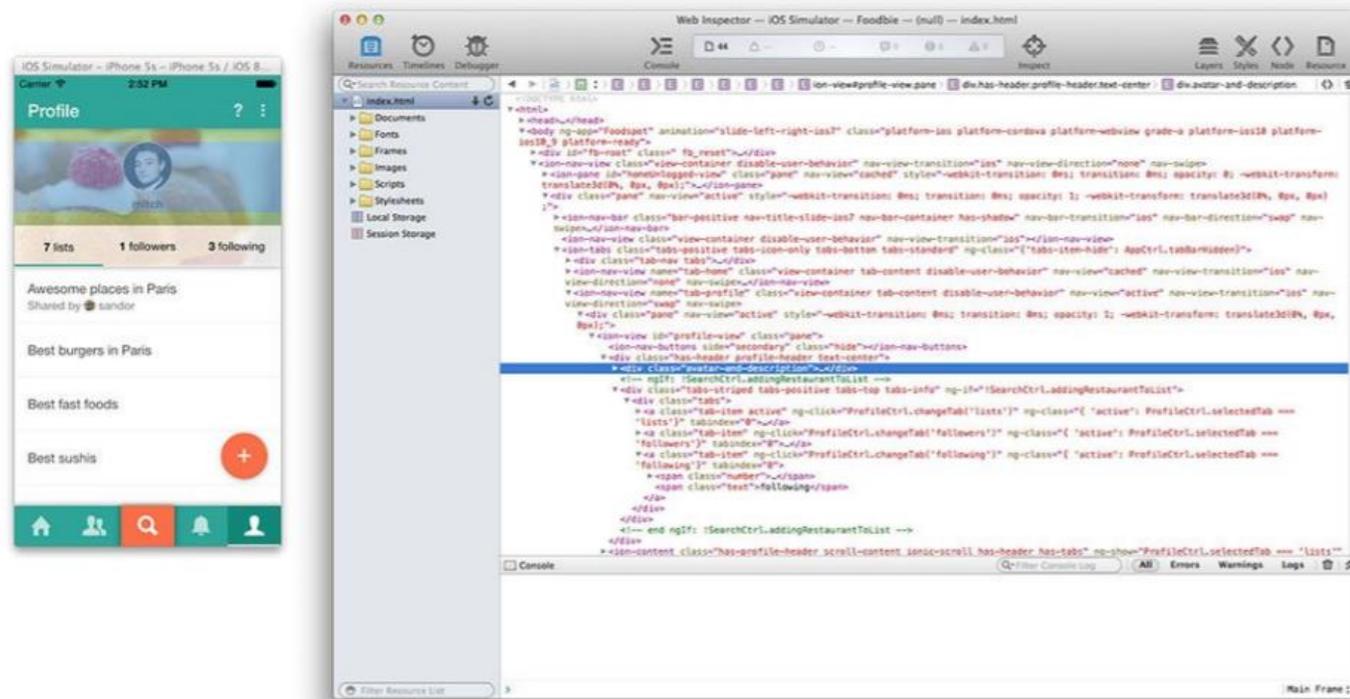
- If you have an Android phone, you can debug web pages on your phone via [Chrome remote debugging](#).



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 \geq 1024

- SEE NEXT SLIDES FOR MORE DETAILS
- CSS code for screen sizes \geq 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)

University of Cyprus | CS Department `<h2>`

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Photo Gallery `<h2>`



`<div class="section">`



row class: width 100%

right class: width 50%

left class: width 50%

`<div class="section">`

2 columns can be created either:

a) using position attribute or

b) using float attribute

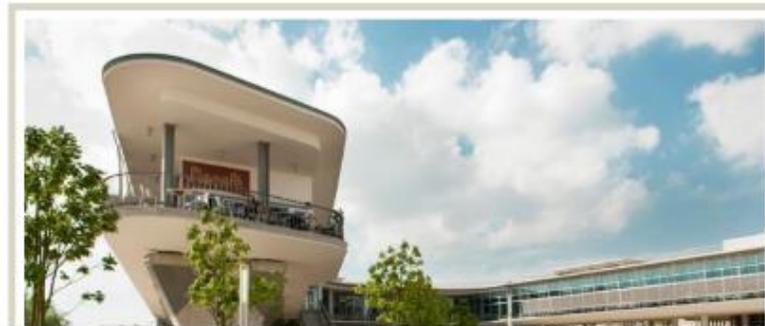
Both solutions will be given!

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Photo Gallery <h2>



<div class="section">

<div class="section">

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

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:

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

```
body {                                       CSS
  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:

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

```
body {                                     CSS  
  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:

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

```
body {                                     CSS  
  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: $0.75 * 2 * 30 = 45\text{px}$

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



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

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

This is 60px

This is 15px

Relative font sizes: em



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

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

This is 60px

This is 45px

Relative font sizes: em



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

```
body {                                     CSS
  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



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

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

This is

120px

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

Relative font sizes: em

This is

120px



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

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

```
h1 {                                         user agent stylesheet
  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



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

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

This is 60px

This is 22.5px



Relative font sizes: rem

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

```
html {                                       CSS
  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

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

HTML

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

CSS

This is 60px

This is 22.5px

.75em is calculated from the root, which is 30px, so $30 * .75 = 22.5\text{px}$.

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