

Style the page

Apply a consistent visual system to the supplied service page.

THE FINISHED RESULT

Text remains readable at 200 percent zoom and cards grow without clipping longer content.

Before you start

Environment: HTML, CSS and JavaScript; Python local preview server

Access and plan: Text editor, modern browser and Python for local preview. Hosting and form-backend accounts are needed only for their corresponding lessons.

Practice project: Harbor Home Care

Use a separate demo project and fictional information. Record the exact project and version you use. Keep passwords, verification codes and private customer information out of screenshots and notes.

Official walkthroughs

[MDN: CSS layout](#)

[W3C: Developing for accessibility](#)

Open the credited publisher walkthrough for current interface instructions and available screenshots, then return to the SETLY exercise. External courses remain with their publishers; this PDF does not reproduce their complete tutorial.

Your practice task

Finish one action at a time. Inspect the resulting screen or record before moving on. If a control differs, check the matching official instructions instead of guessing.

01 / Step 1

In `styles.css`, define colors and spacing as custom properties. Start with a dark text color, light background and one action color.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

02 / Step 2

Set a readable base font and line height. Constrain paragraph width while letting the page container shrink on smaller screens.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

03 / Step 3

Style service cards using grid and consistent gaps. Avoid fixed heights for text-heavy cards so longer descriptions can grow.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

04 / Step 4

Check button focus, link contrast and text wrapping. Increase browser zoom to 200 percent and inspect the content again.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

The box model: inspecting an element

Inspect padding, border and margin when a layout overlaps or has unexplained spacing.

▼ Box Model

The diagram illustrates the CSS Box Model with the following dimensions:

- margin:** 40px (yellow dashed border)
- border:** 5px (dark grey solid border)
- padding:** 40px (light purple area)
- content:** 300x150 (light blue dashed border)

Labels 'margin', 'border', and 'padding' are placed near their respective layers. The content area is labeled '300x150'. The total dimensions of the box are 390x240.

390x240

static

▼ Box Model Properties

box-sizing	content-box	line-height	28.8px
display	block	position	static
float	none	z-index	auto

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https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn_web_development/Core/Styling_basics/Box_model

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Test, troubleshoot, repeat.

If something goes wrong

If text overlaps, remove fixed heights before reducing font size. Inspect inherited styles when a rule appears to have no effect.

If your screen is different

Compare the product, editor, user permissions and selected account with the guide. Open the official reference for your version. Do not perform a live change whose effect you cannot verify.

Final verification

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Repeat the task with one small variation. Record the test date, project/version, expected result, observed result and a non-sensitive evidence reference. Mark skipped checks as untested.

Your evidence record

Test date: _____ Project/version: _____

Observed result: _____

Evidence reference: _____

Remaining issue and next action: _____

Sources and guide status

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