

Everything Is a Box

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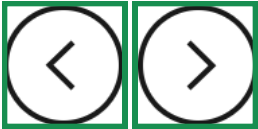
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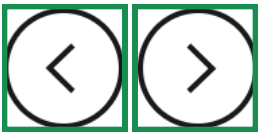
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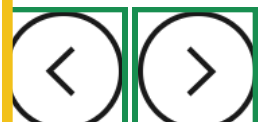
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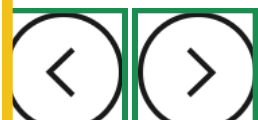
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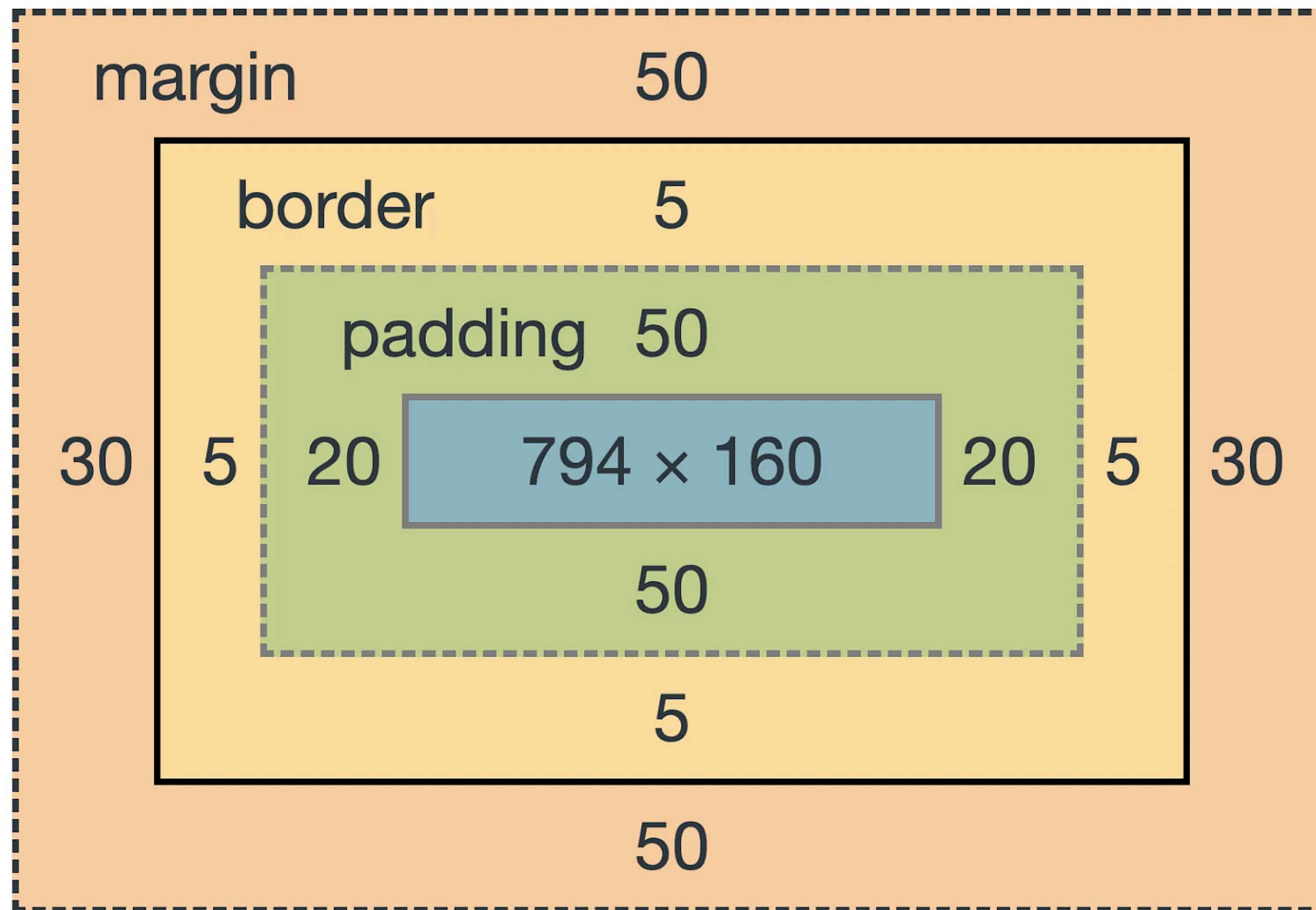
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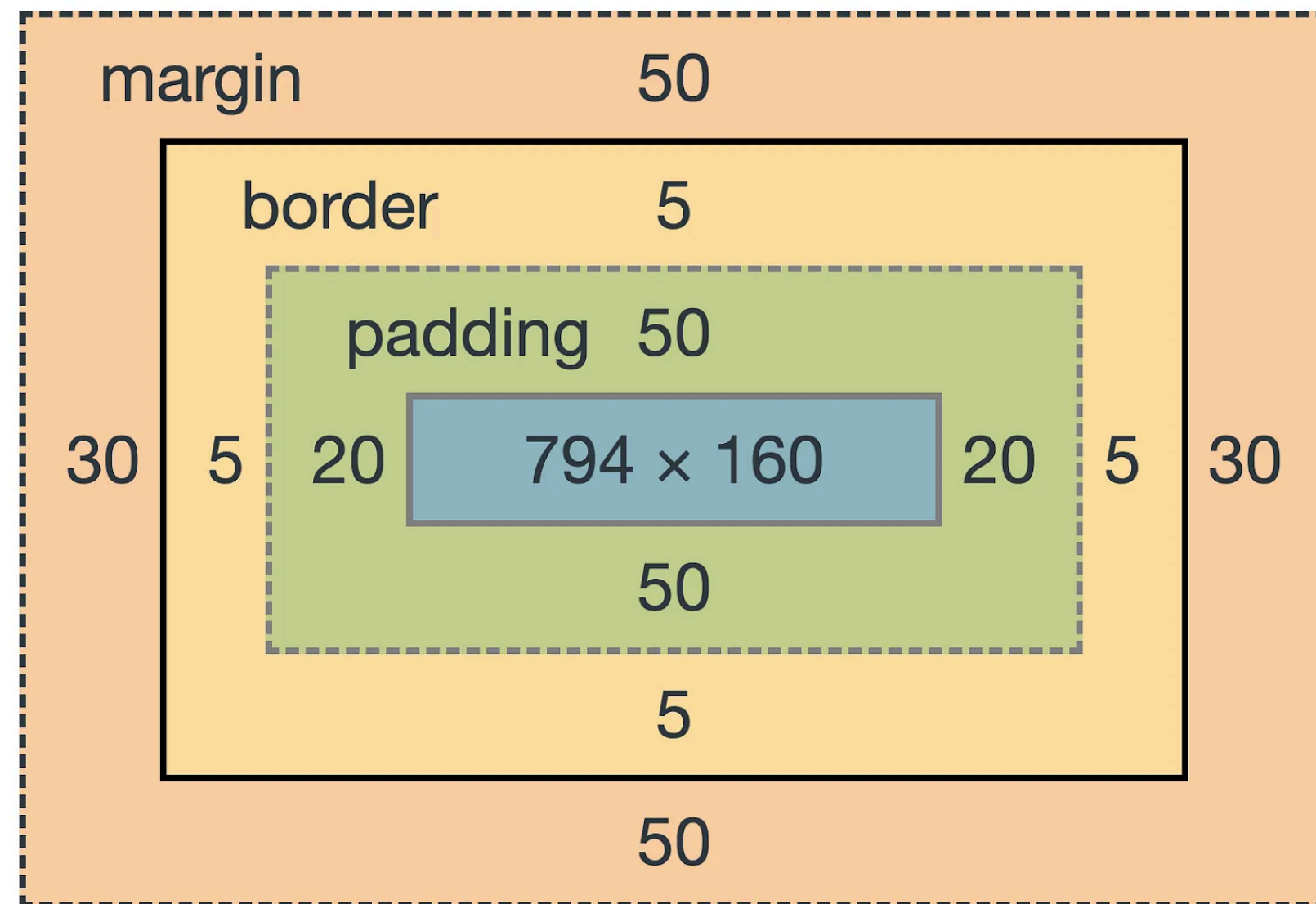
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The Box Model



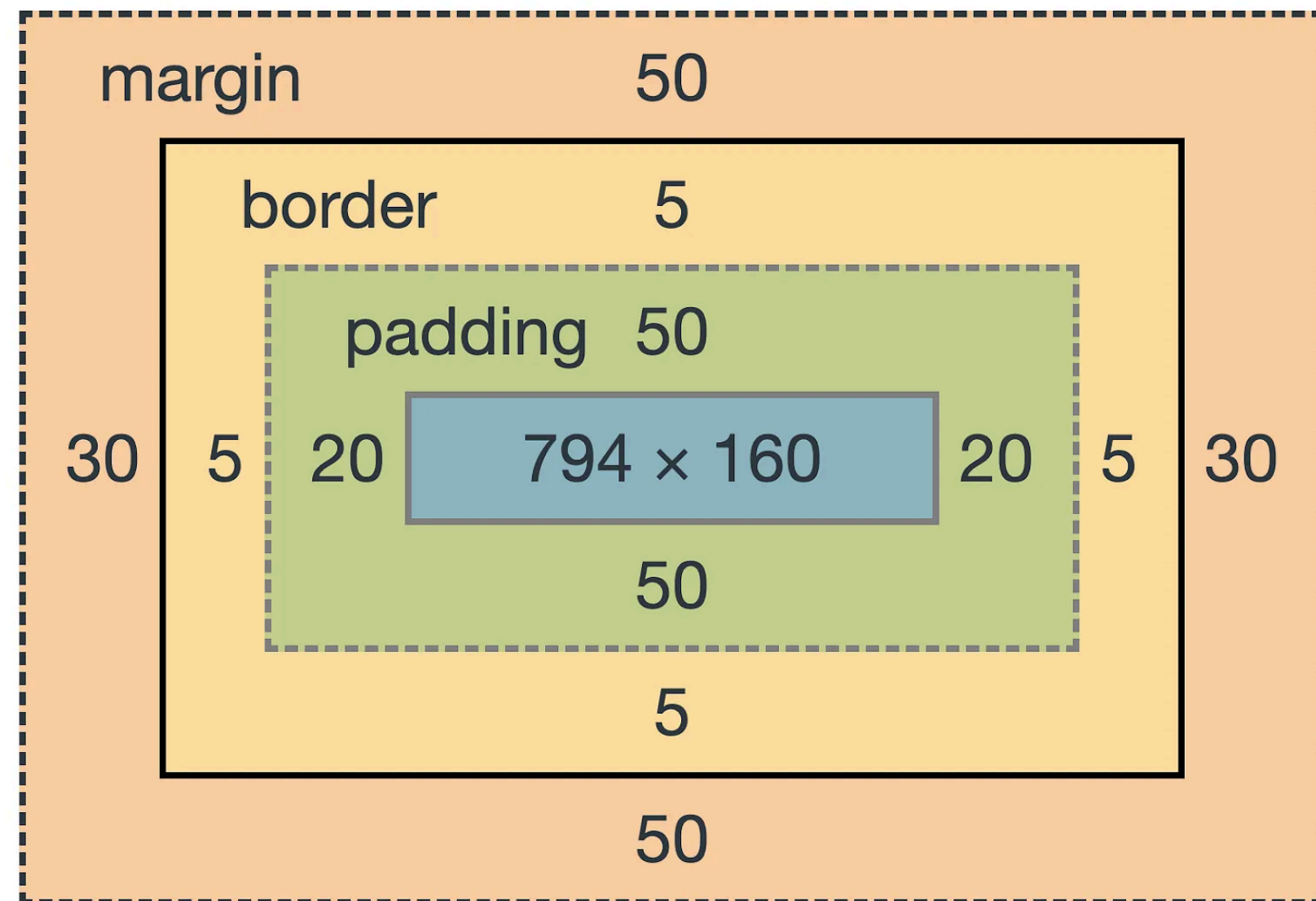
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content

the actual "stuff" inside an element, such as text, images, or other nested elements

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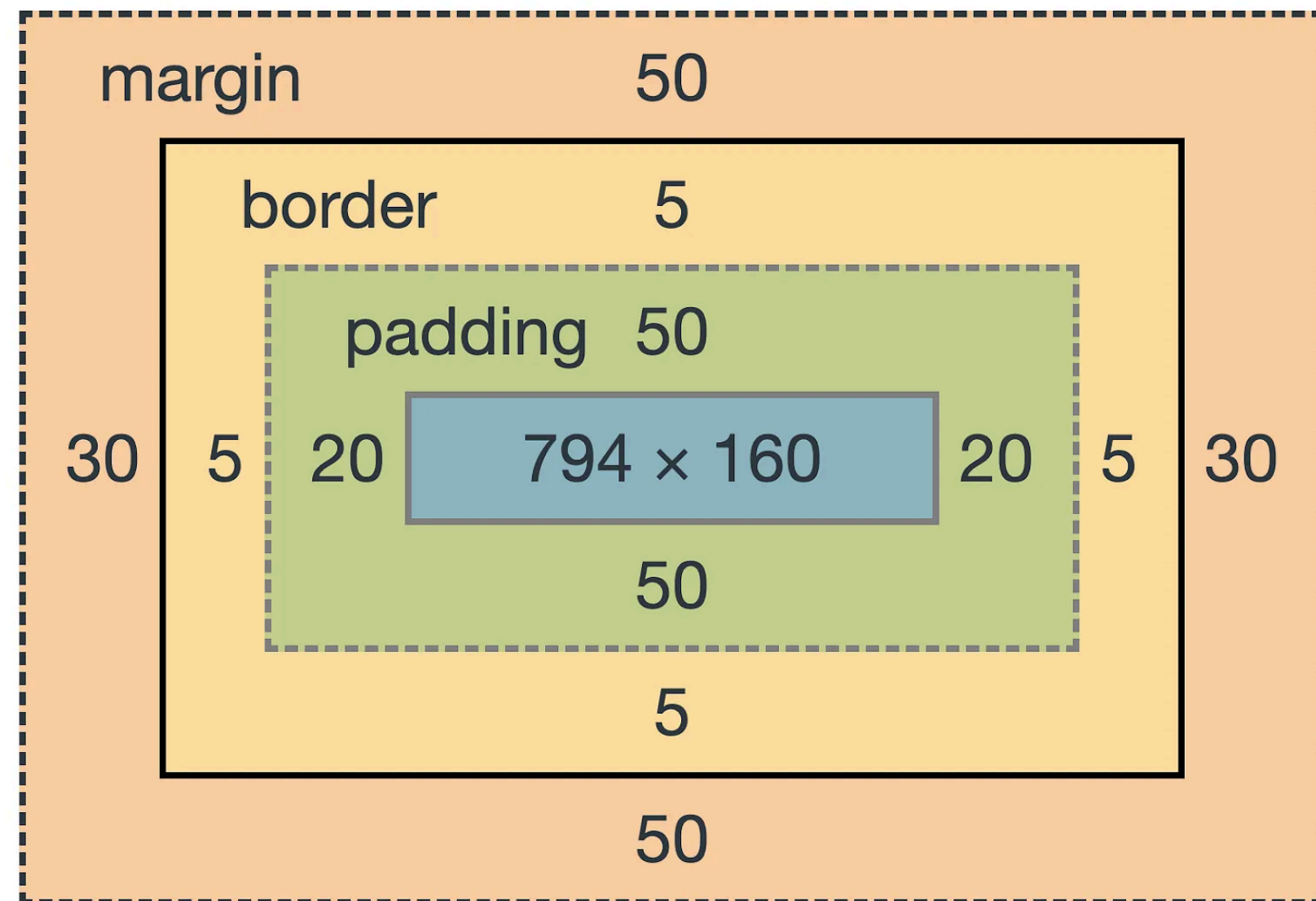
padding

the space between the content and the element's border. It is always transparent and can be adjusted on all sides.

Padding is a part of the element.

```
1  div {  
2    padding: 50px 20px;  
3  }
```


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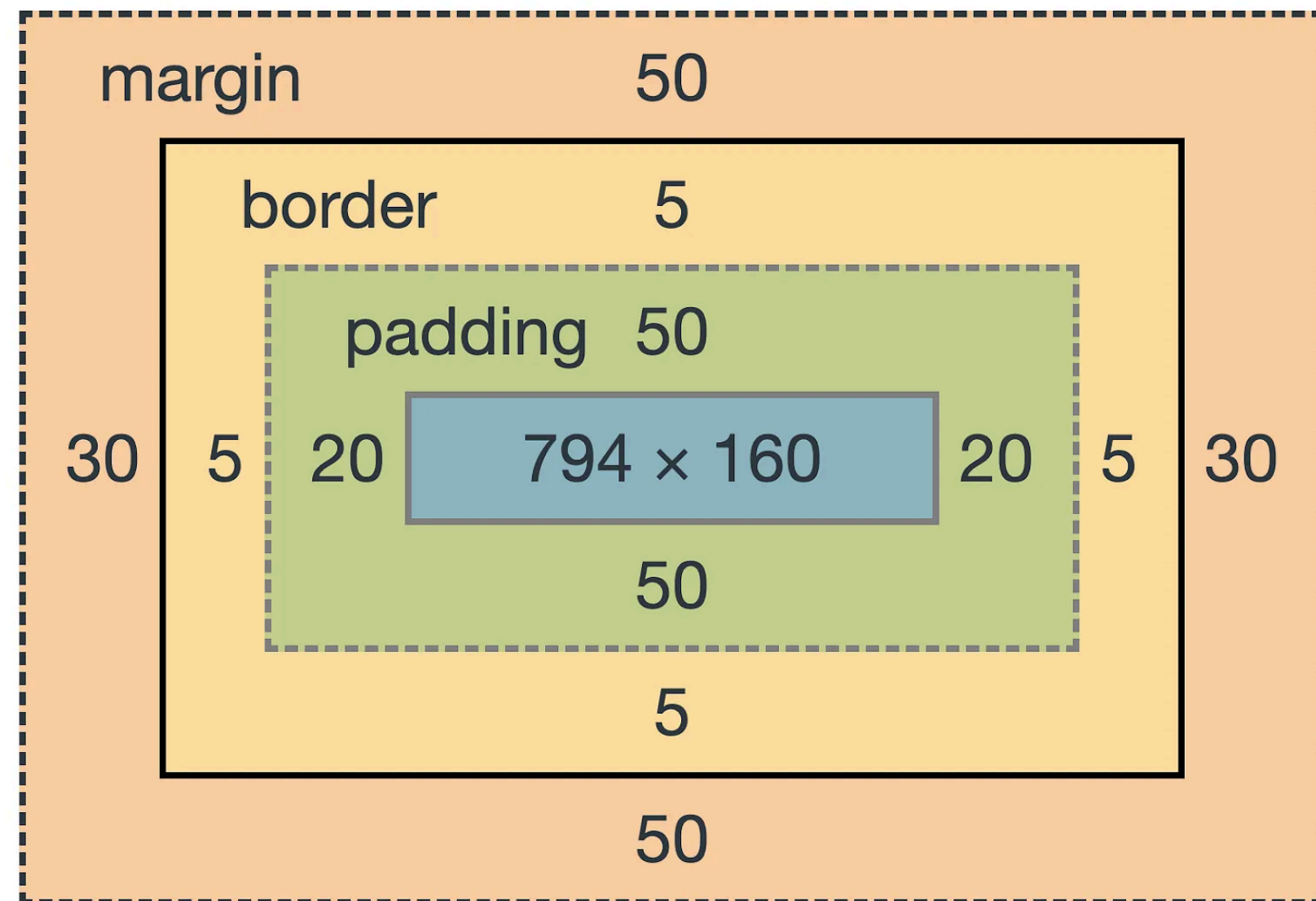


border

separates the padding (or content, if there's no padding) from the margin

```
1  div {  
2    border-width: 5px  
3  }
```


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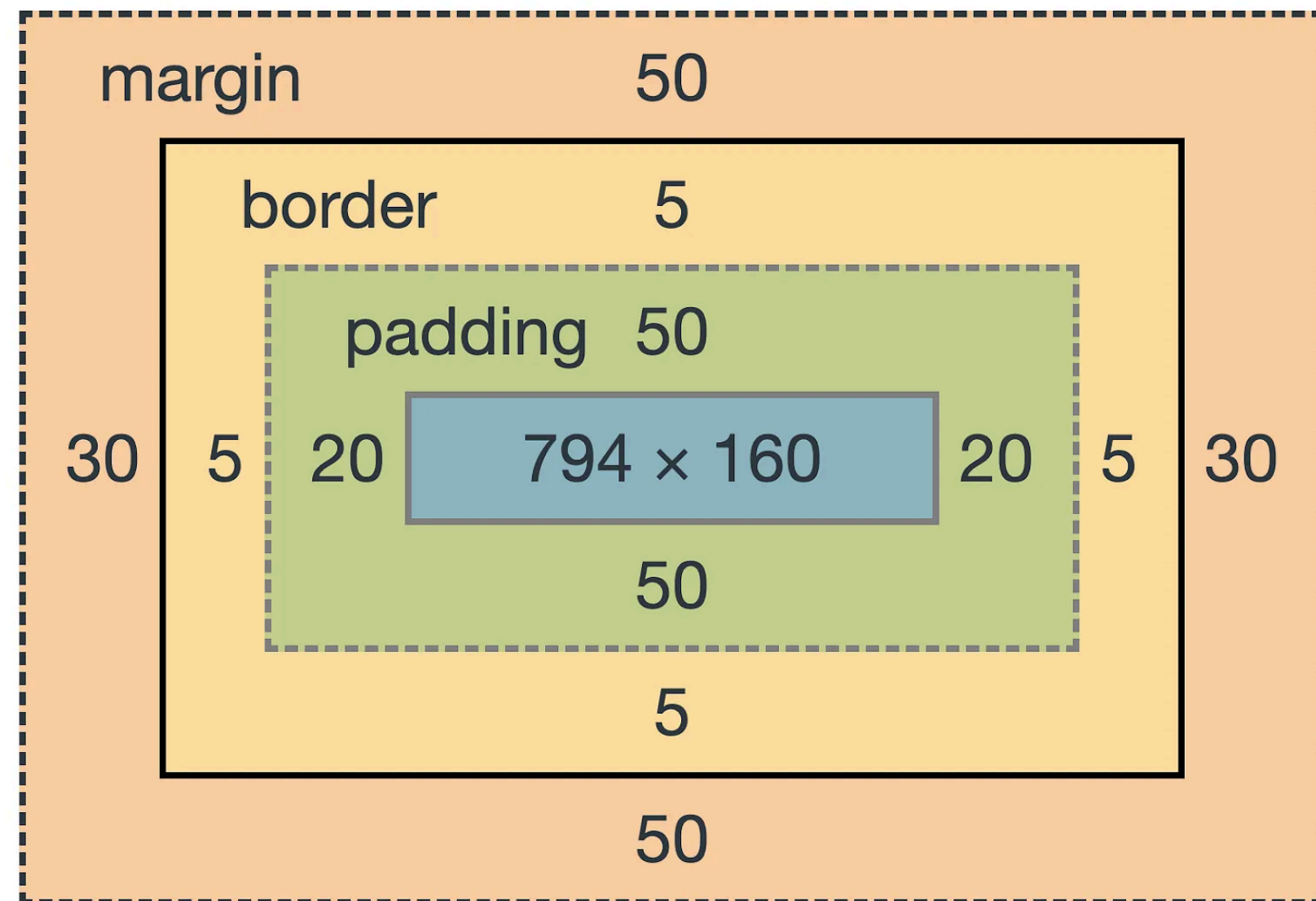


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```
1  div {  
2    border: 5px dashed #32a1ce;  
3  }
```


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margin

the space outside an element's border. They create space between the element and its surrounding elements.

Like padding, margins are always transparent and can be adjusted on all sides. but unlike padding, margins are external to the element

```
1  div {  
2    margin: 50px 30px;  
3  }
```


Syntax in Detail

For padding and margin, we can specify four values — top, right, bottom, and left. You can write them in shorthand:

```
1  div {  
2    padding: 20px 10px 20px 10px;  
3    /* top - right - bottom - left */  
4    /* clockwise */  
5  }
```


Syntax in Detail

But you can also specify it out like this:

```
1  div {  
2    padding-top: 20px;  
3    padding-right: 10px;  
4    padding-bottom: 20px;  
5    padding-left: 10px;  
6  }
```


Syntax in Detail

And, in this example where top/bottom and right/left are equal values you can specify it like this, too:

```
1  div {  
2    padding: 20px 10px;  
3    /* top/bottom - right/left */  
4  }
```


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Three Notes to Remember

Margin collapses between two vertically adjacent elements

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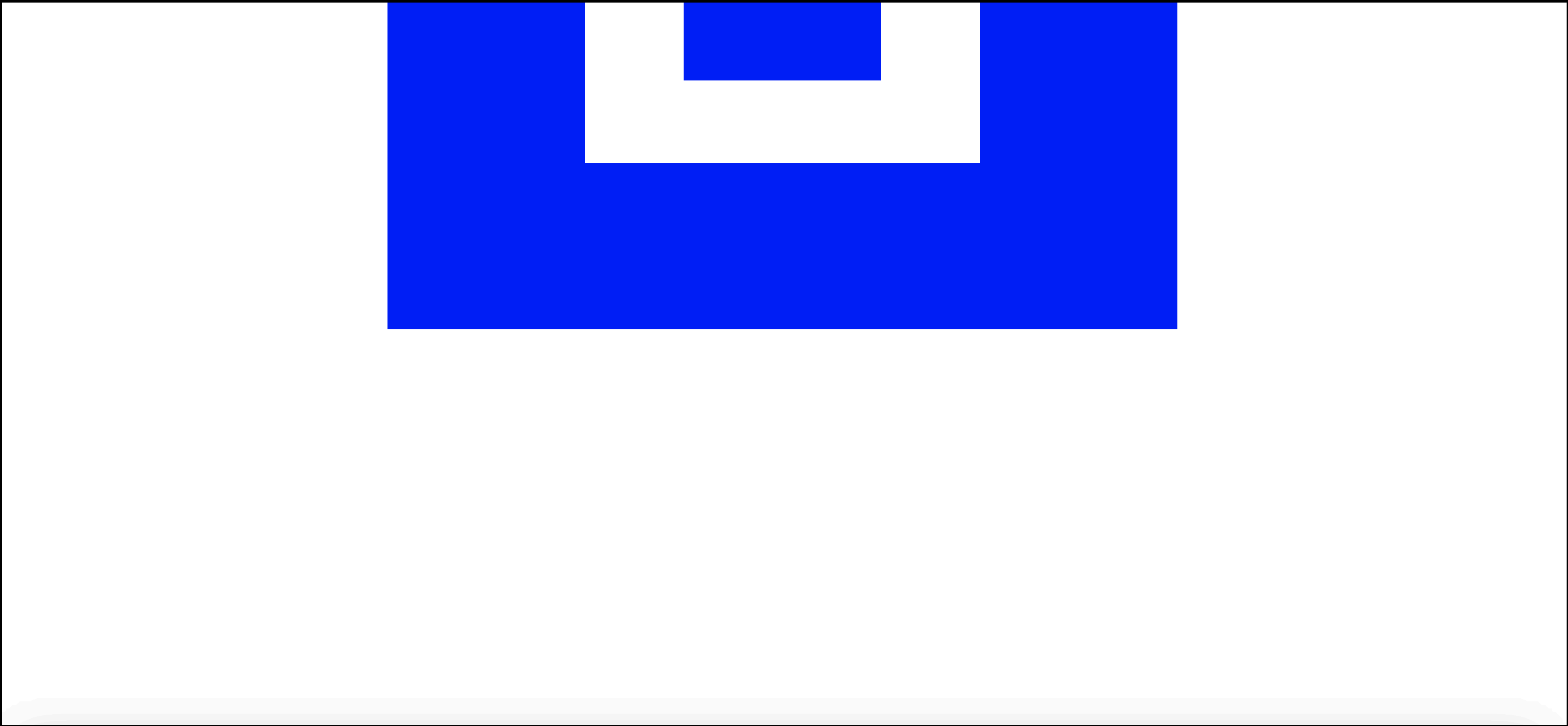
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Horizontally center elements by setting margin: 0 auto; (*as long as the element is block-level & has a width*)

Recreate the Look II



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