What’s new in CSS in 2023

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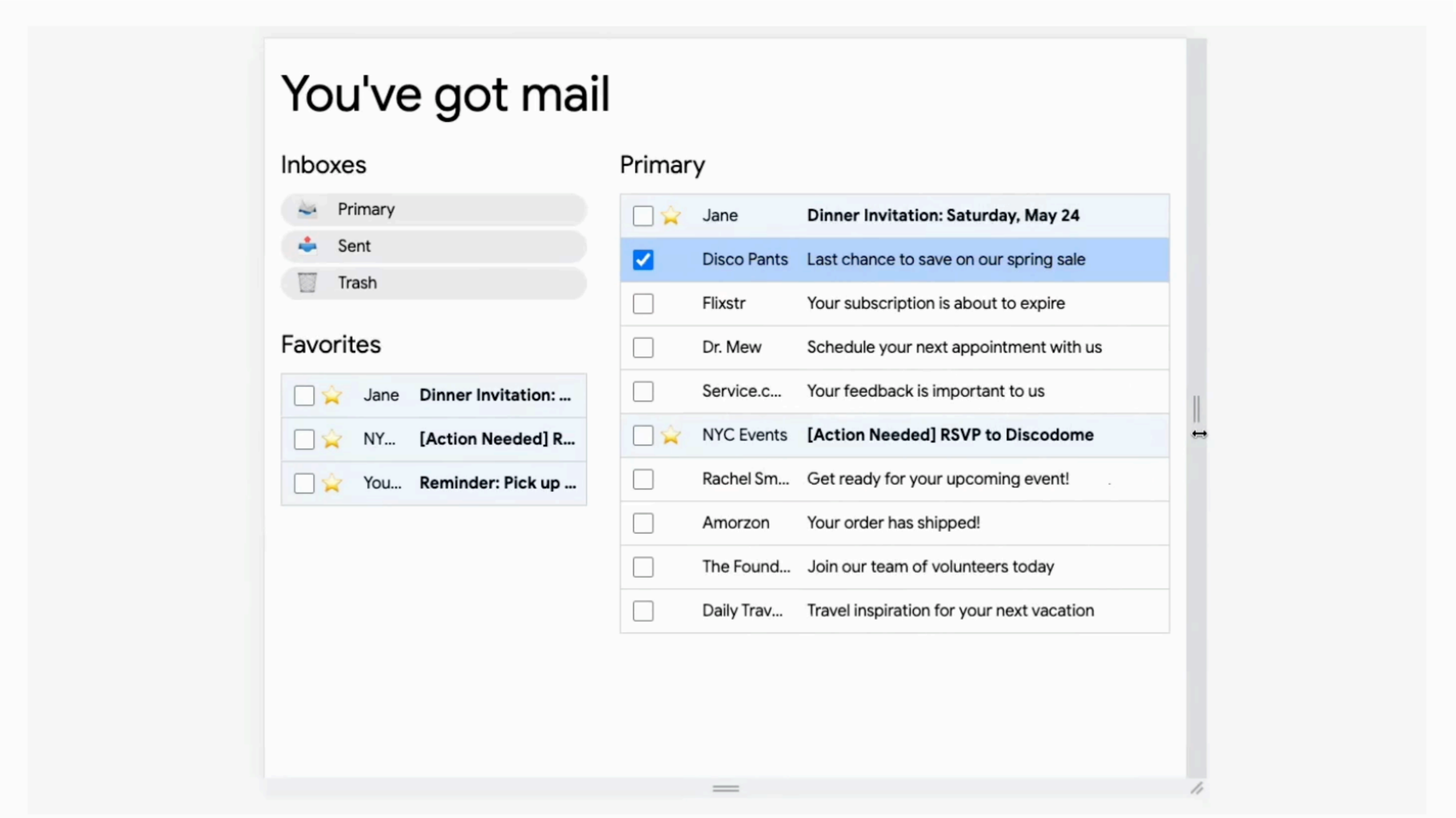
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Container queries!

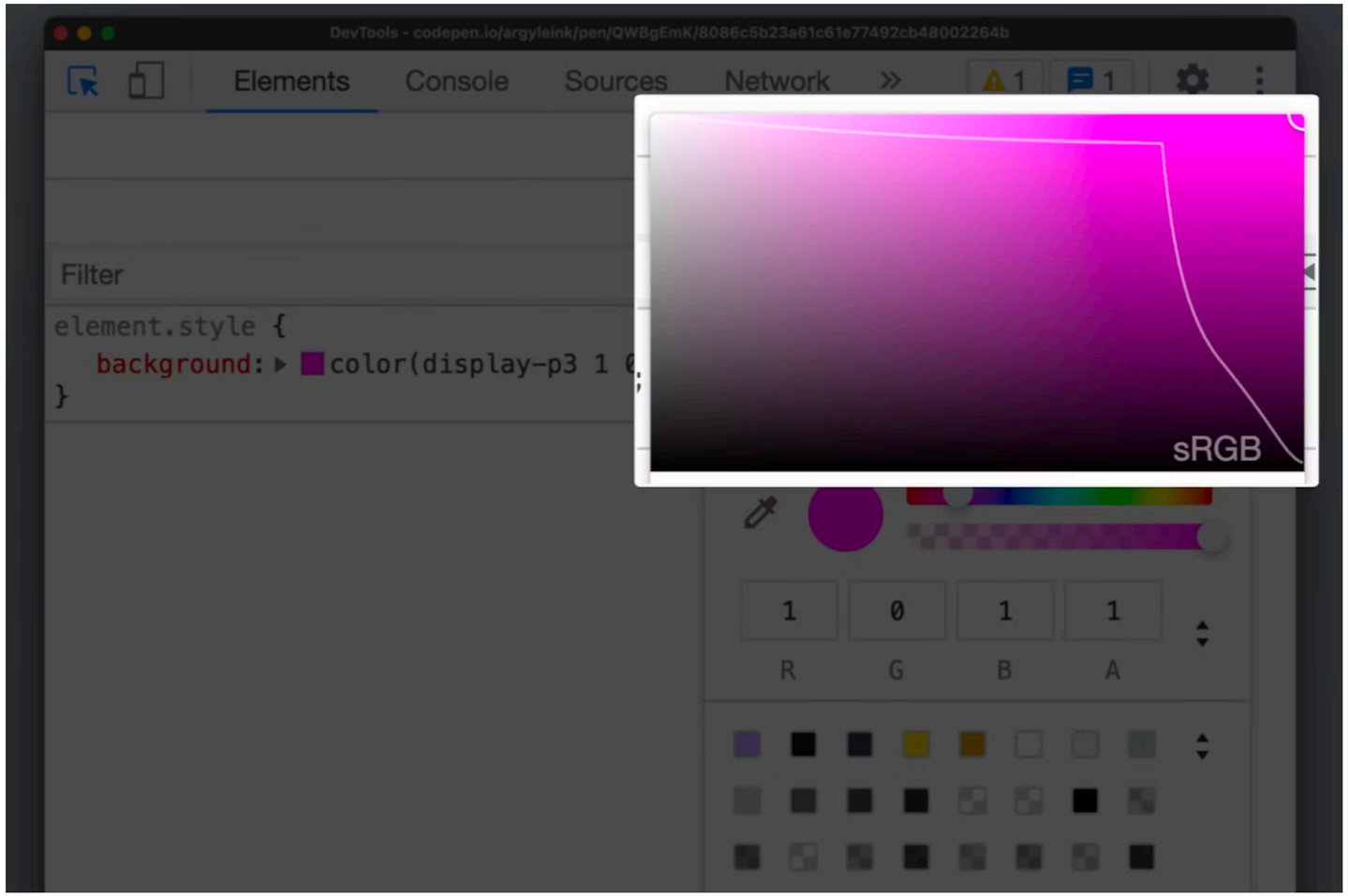
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Wide-gamut colour spaces

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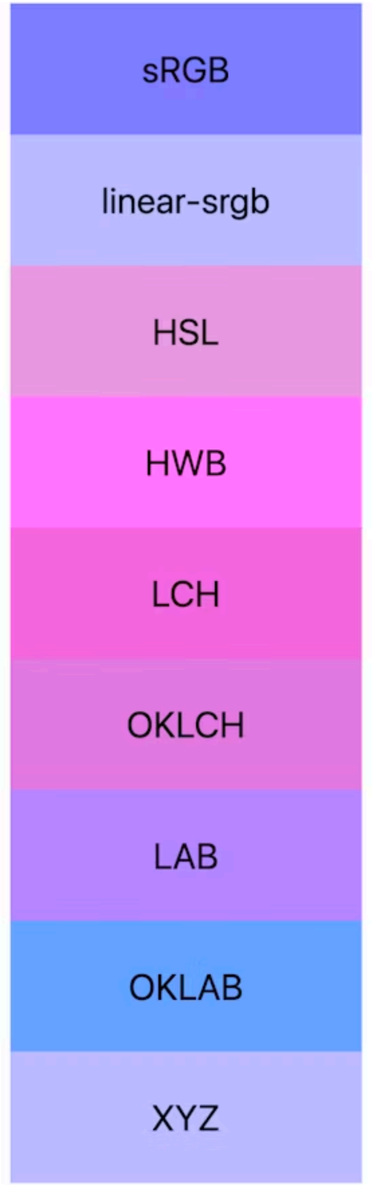
- sRGB
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- HVS (human visual gamut)



color-mix

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```
color-mix(in srgb, blue, white);
color-mix(in srgb-linear, blue, white);
color-mix(in lch, blue, white);
color-mix(in oklch, blue, white);
color-mix(in lab, blue, white);
color-mix(in oklab, blue, white);
color-mix(in xyz, blue, white);
```



```
:root {
   --colorPrimary: hotpink;
   --colorPrimary-a10: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 90%);
   --colorPrimary-a20: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 80%);
   --colorPrimary-a30: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 70%);
   --colorPrimary-a40: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 60%);
   --colorPrimary-a50: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 50%);
   --colorPrimary-a60: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 40%);
   --colorPrimary-a70: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 30%);
   --colorPrimary-a80: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 20%);
   --colorPrimary-a90: color-mix(in srgb, var(--colorPrimary), transparent 10%);
```

Trig Functions

Browser support



`sin()`, `cos()`, and `tan()`

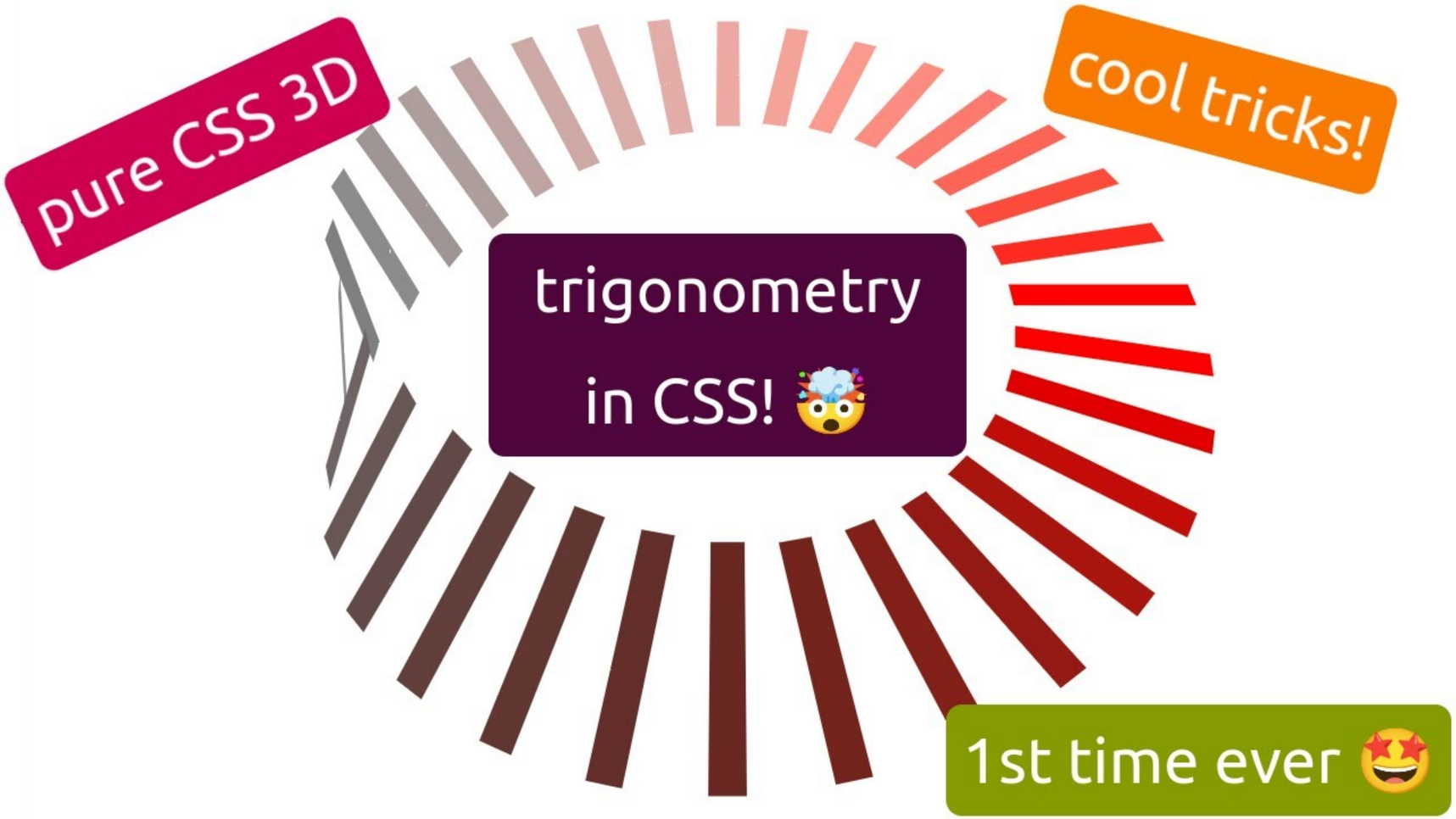
The core three "trig functions" are:

- `cos()`: Returns the cosine of an angle, which is a value between `-1` and `1`.
- `sin()`: Returns the sine of an angle, which is a value between `-1` and `1`.
- `tan()`: Returns the tangent of an angle, which is a value between `-∞` and `+∞`.

`asin()`, `acos()`, `atan()`, and `atan2()`

The "arc" or "inverse" counterparts to `sin()`, `cos()`, and `tan()` are `asin()`, `acos()`, and `atan()` respectively. These functions do the calculation in the opposite direction: they take a numeric value as their argument and return the corresponding angle for it.

Finally there's `atan2()` which accepts two arguments `A` and `B`. The function returns the angle between the positive X-axis and the point `(B,A)`.


pure CSS 3D
cool tricks!
trigonometry
in CSS! 🤯
1st time ever 🤩

Advanced :nth-child

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New in CSS Selectors Level 4 is the ability to optionally pass a selector list into `:nth-child()` and `:nth-last-child()`.

```
:nth-child(An+B [of S]?)
:nth-last-child(An+B [of S]?)
```

When `of S` is specified, the `An+B` logic is only applied onto elements that match the given selector list `S`. This essentially means that you can prefilter children before `An+B` does its thing.

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HTML

```
<main>
    <h2>Record Wall</h2>
    <div class="no-support" data-support="selector-nth-of-s"><p>Your browser does not support fine-grained <code>:nth-child()</code> selections. Please try Safari 9+ or Chrome 111+</p></div>
    <ul class="albums">
        <li class="sale"><img
```

CSS

```
@layer base, layout;

.highlight:nth-child(2) { /* = Select the element with the class .highlight that is also the 2nd child */
    outline: 0.3rem dashed lightgreen;
    outline-offset: 0.7rem;
}

:nth-child(2 of .highlight) { /* =
```

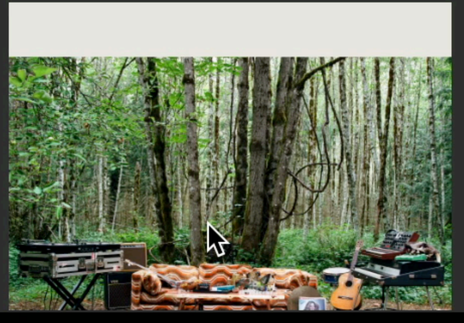
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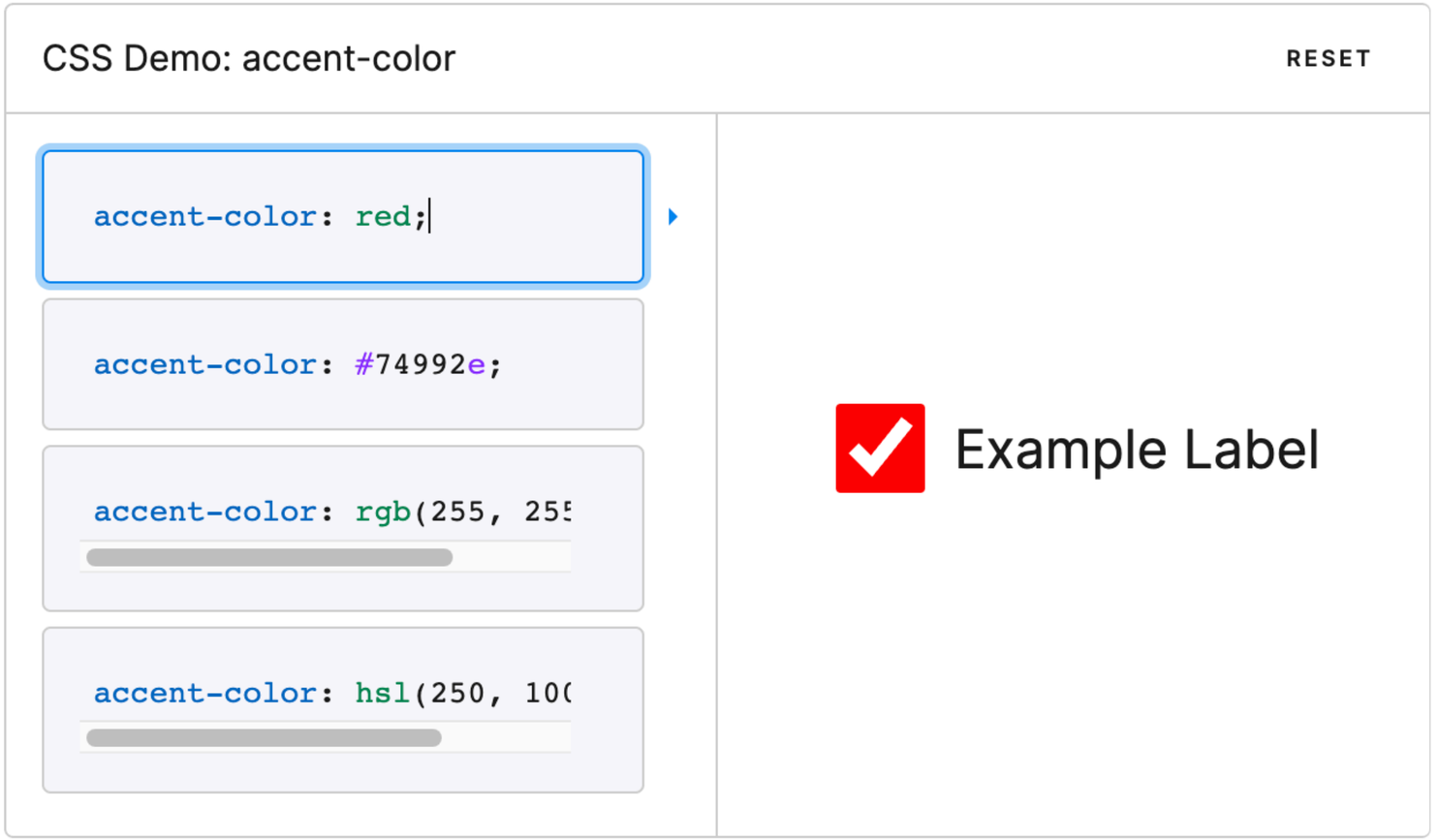




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Accent colours

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Accent Color

Tint built-in HTML elements

Checkbox

Radio Buttons

Range Slider

Progress element



Accent colour supported elements:

- checkbox
- radio
- range
- progress

Individual transform properties

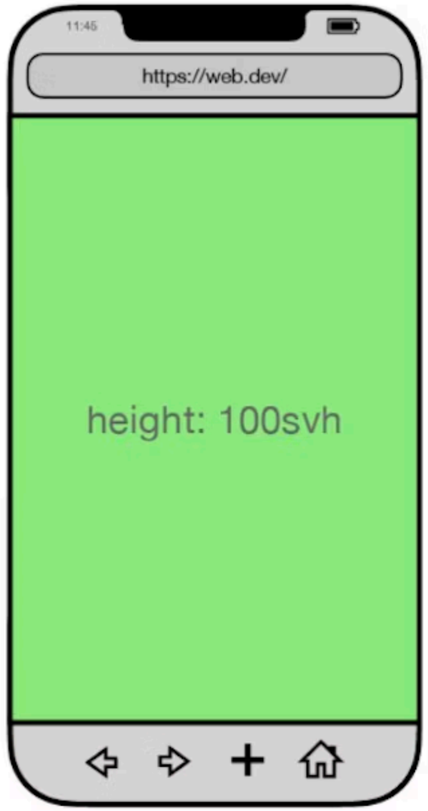
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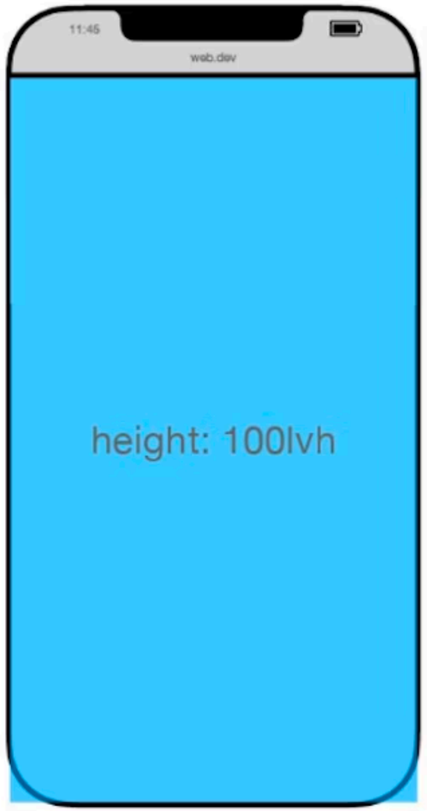
```
.target {
  translate: 50% 0;
  rotate: 30deg;
  scale: 1.2;
}

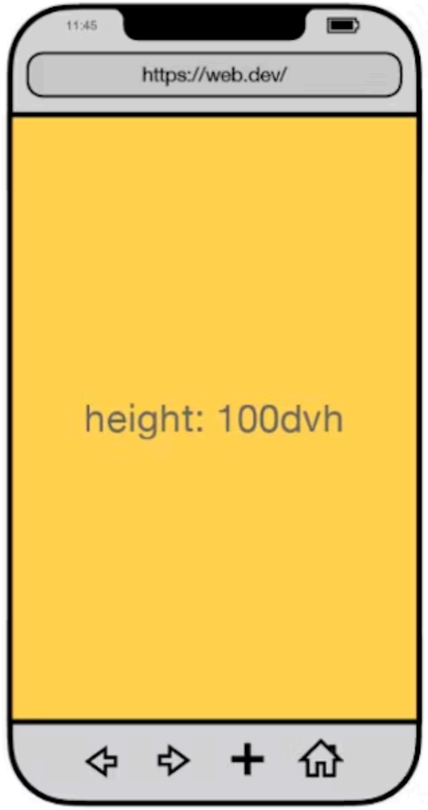
.target:hover {
  scale: 2;
}
```

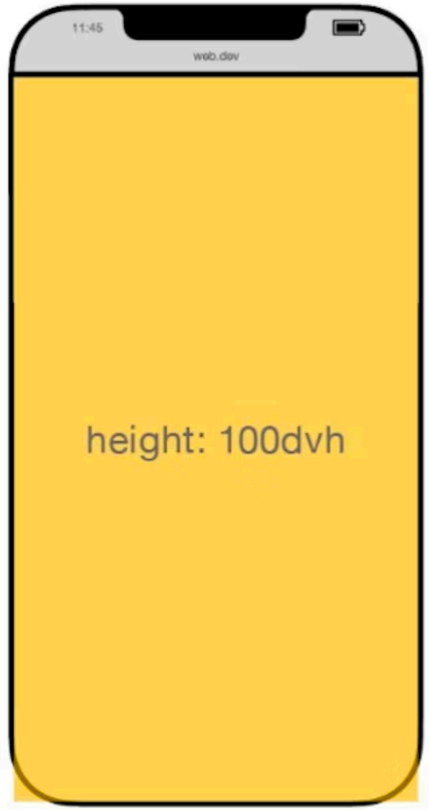
Dynamic viewport units

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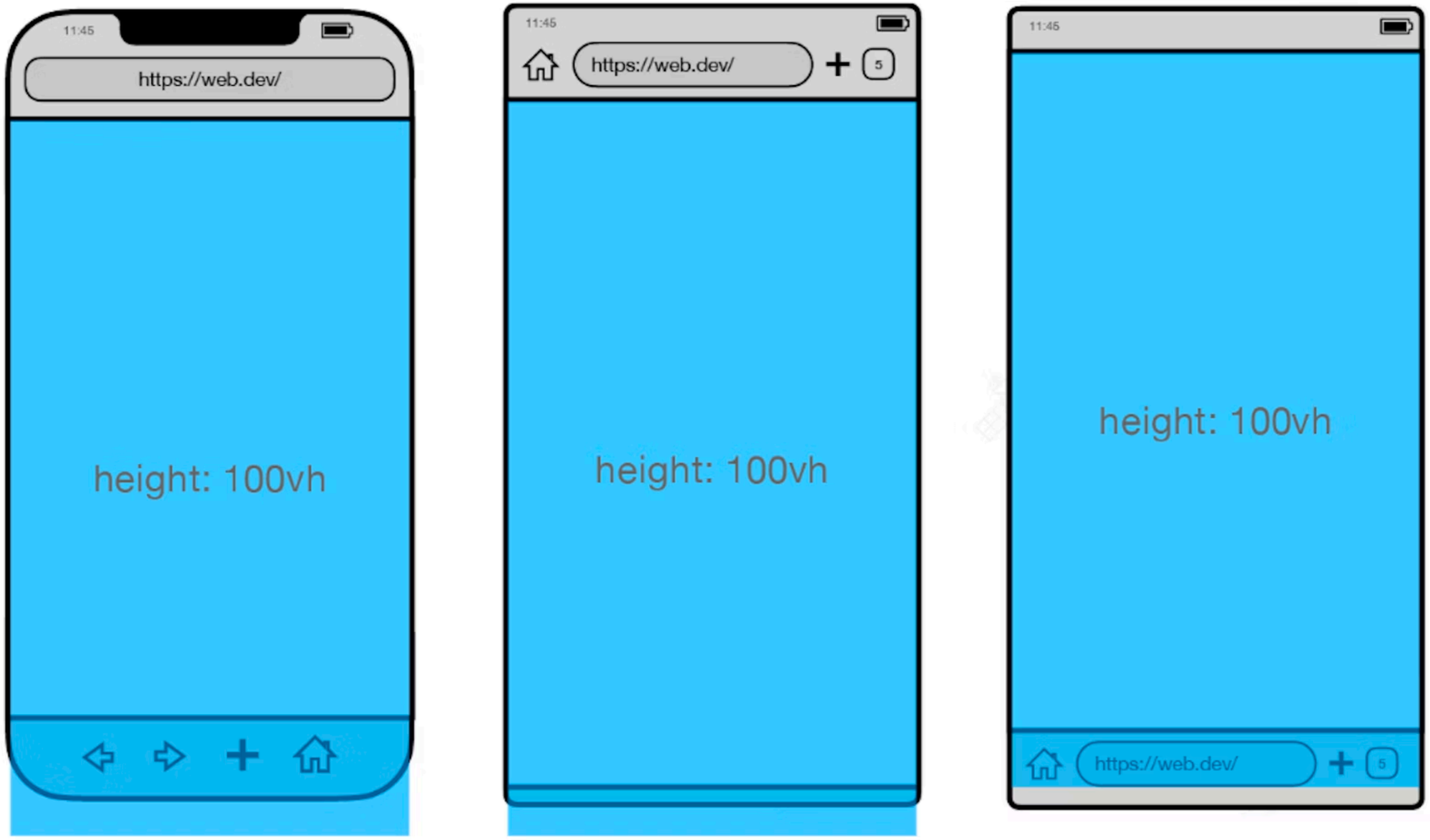








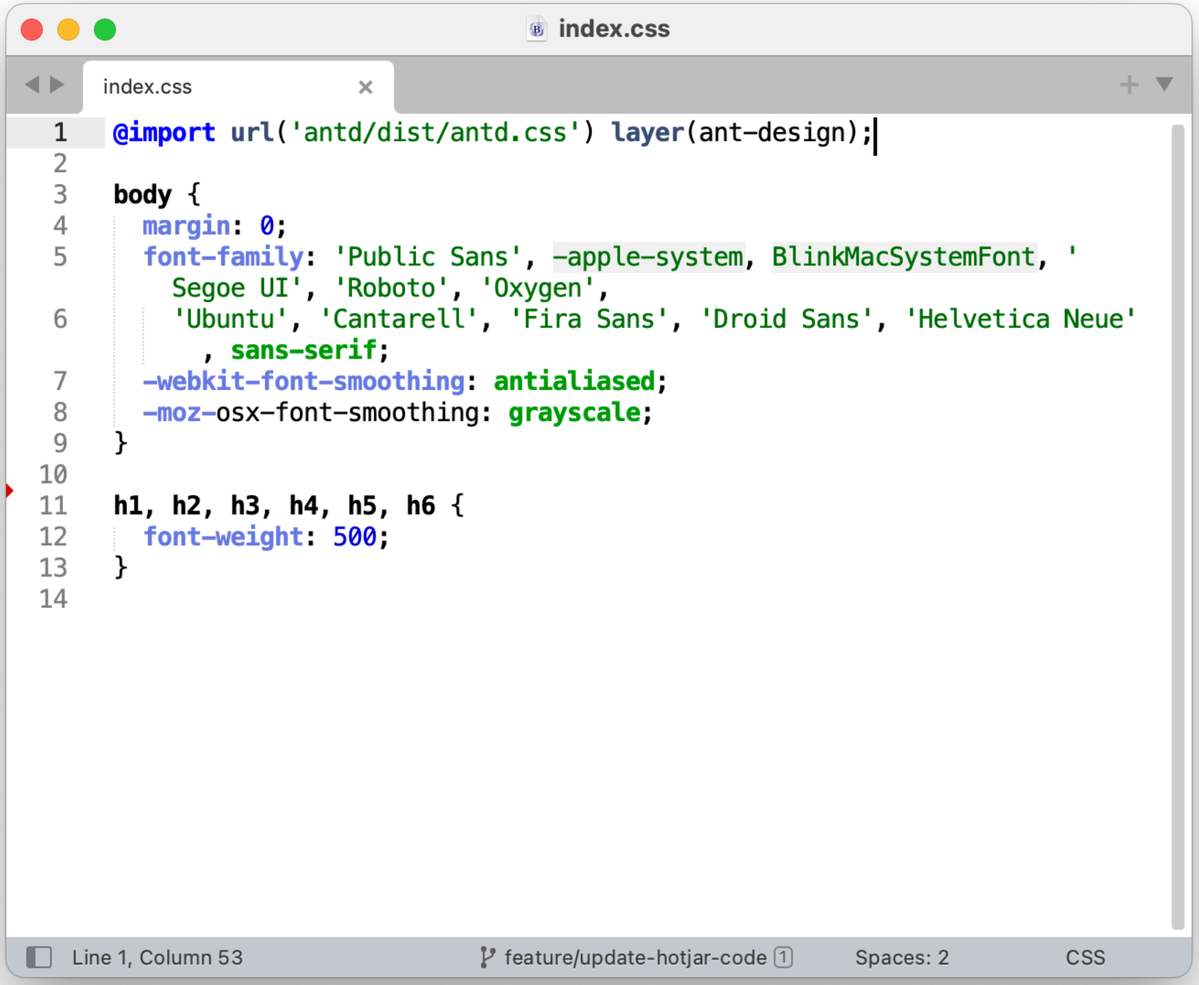
Without dynamic viewport units



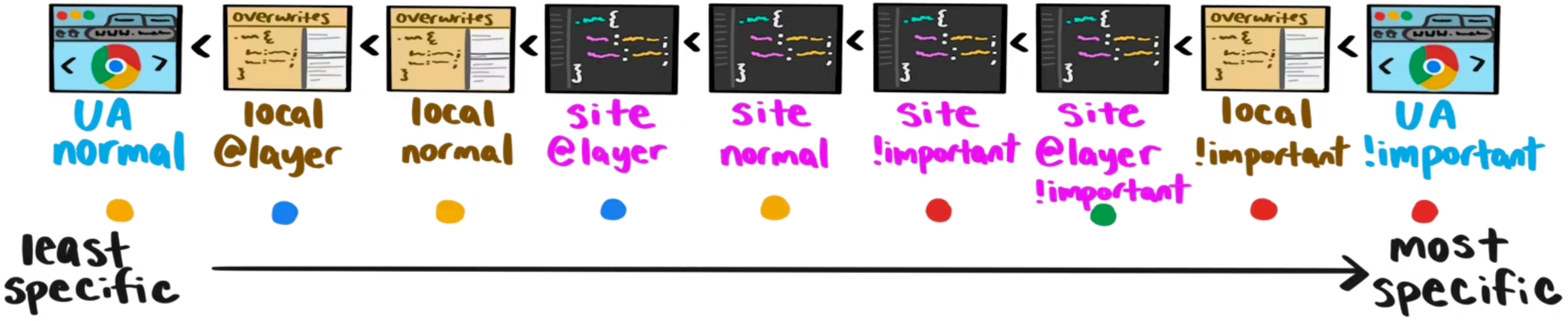
- Small viewport height and width (or `svh` and `svw`), which represent the smallest active viewport size.
- Large viewport height and width (`lvh` and `lvw`), which represent the largest size.
- Dynamic viewport height and width (`dvh` and `dvw`).

CSS Layers

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overwrites
User agent (UA)
Site author (site)
local user (local)


overwrites
overwrites
overwrites
UA normal
local @layer
local normal
site @layer
site normal
site !important
site @layer !important
local !important
UA !important
least specific
most specific

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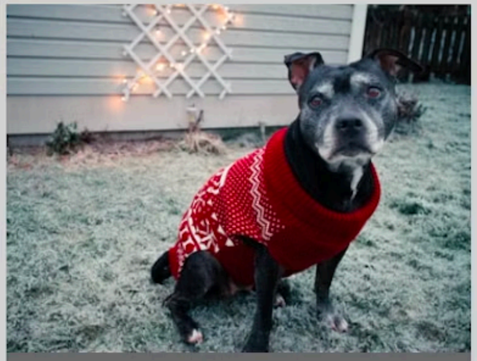
post.css | typography.css | base.css | index.css | cards.css | utilities.css | theme.css | index.html | normalize.css | footer.css

Save

```
10 @import '../styles/base/normalize.css' layer(base);
11 @import '../styles/base/base.css' layer(base);
12 @import '../styles/base/theme.css' layer(theme); /* theme variables */
13 @import '../styles/base/typography.css' layer(theme); /* theme typography */
14 @import '../styles/base/utilities.css' layer(utilities);
15
16 /* Layout Components */
17 @import '../styles/components/post.css' layer(layouts);
18
19 /* Components */
20 @import '../styles/components/cards.css' layer(components); /* imports card */
21 @import '../styles/components/footer.css' layer(components);
```

PREVIEW: index.html Logs

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Partially supported

Native CSS nesting




```
.card {}
.card:hover {}

/* can be done with nesting like */
.card {
  &:hover {

  }
}
```

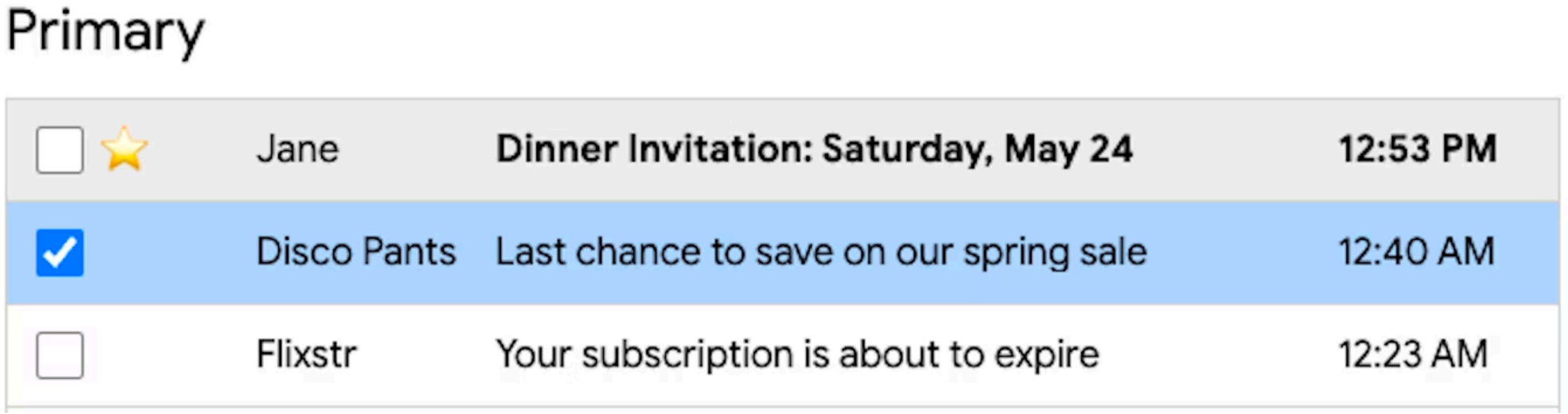
```
.card {
  display: grid;
  gap: 1rem;

  @container (width >= 480px) {
    display: flex;
  }
}
```

:has

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```
.item:has(.star) .title
```



Scroll-based animations in CSS



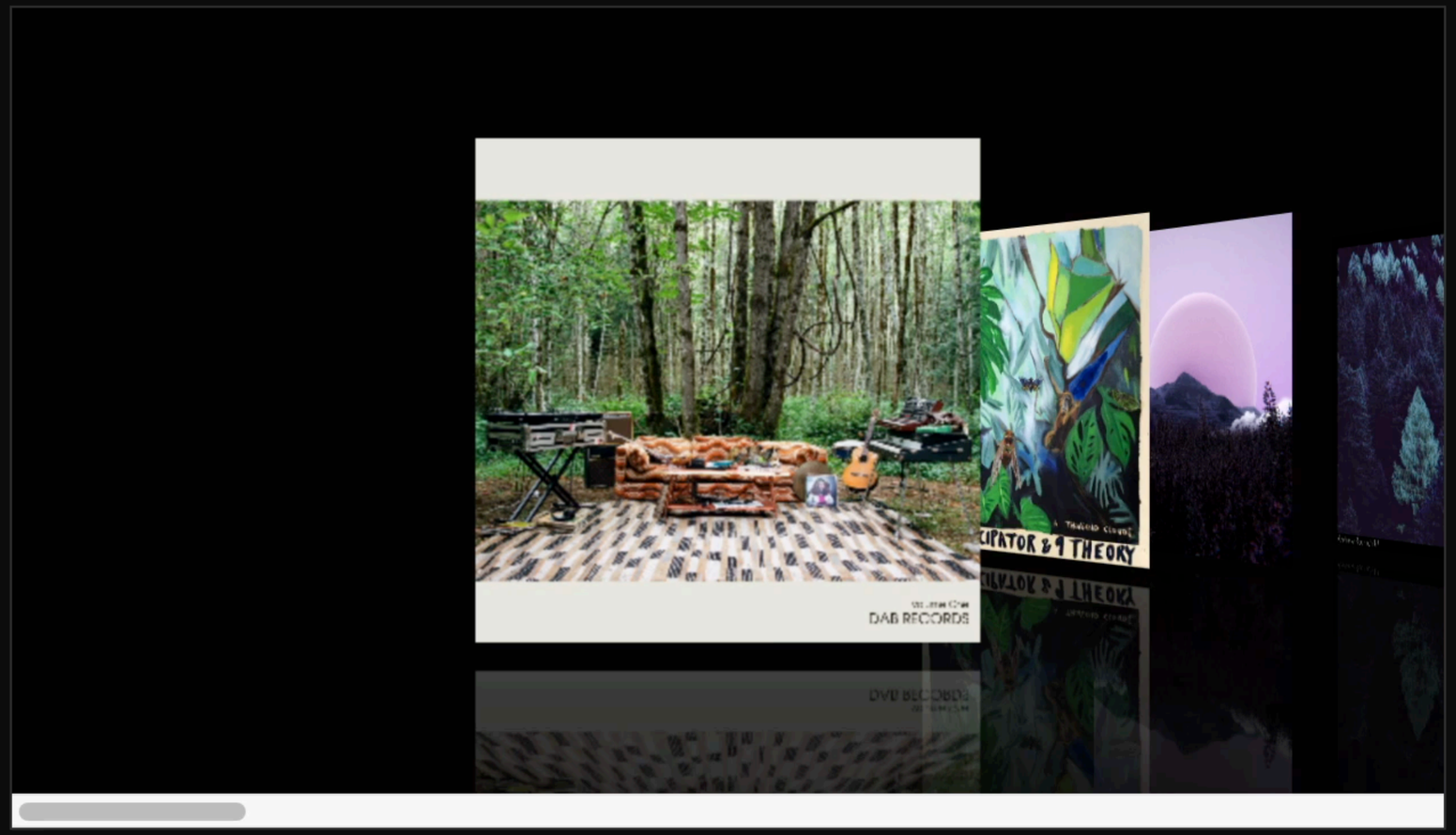

```html
<body>
  <div id="progress"></div>
  …
</body>
```

```css
@keyframes grow-progress {
  from { transform: scaleX(0); }
  to { transform: scaleX(1); }
}

#progress {
  position: fixed;
  left: 0; top: 0;
  width: 100%; height: 1em;
  background: red;

  transform-origin: 0 50%;
  animation: grow-progress auto linear;
  animation-timeline: scroll();
}
```

https://developer.chrome.com/blog/whats-new-css-ui-2023/#scroll-driven-animations



initial-letter

Browser support

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Popover API

Chrome 114, Safari 17 - TP

```
<div id="event-popup" popover>
  <!-- Popover content goes in here -->
</div>

<button popovertarget="event-popup">Create New Event</button>
```

Support for top-layer, so **you don’t have to manage z-index**. When you open a popover or a dialog, you’re promoting that element to a special layer on top of the page.

Light-dismiss behavior for free in auto popovers, so **when you click outside of an element, the popover is dismissed**, removed from the accessibility tree, and focus properly managed.

Default accessibility for the connective tissue of the popover’s target and the popover itself.

You can now animate display!

```
.settings-popover {
  &:popover-open {
    /*   0. before-change   */
    @starting-style {
      transform: translateY(20px);
      opacity: 0;
    }

    /*   1. open (changed) state   */
    transform: translateY(0);
    opacity: 1;
  }

  /*   2. After-change state */
  transform: translateY(-50px);
  opacity: 0;

  /*  enumarate transitioning properties, including display */
  transition: transform 0.5s, opacity 0.5s, display 0.5s;
}
```

Hello I am an app

Canary only behind #experimental-web-platform-feature flag. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Dicta cupiditate ex, quisquam quaerat hic amet beatae reprehenderit ipsum cumque iure quia debitis nobis ad nisi? Reprehenderit libero ullam odio laudantium.

Settings Toolbar



text-wrap: balance

Chrome 114



Experimental/Upcoming

Scoped Styles

Browser support



```
@scope (.card) {
   .title {
      font-weight: bold;
   }
}
```

Anchor positioning

https://drafts.csswg.org/css-anchor-position-1/

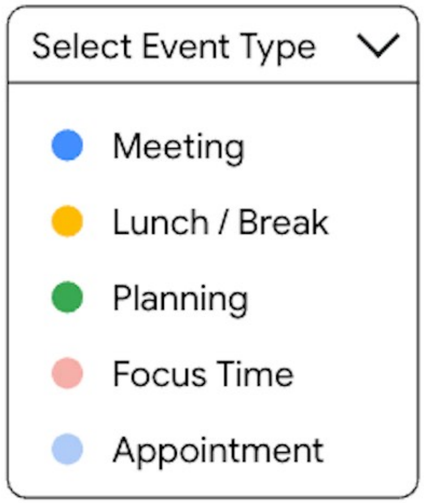
```
.center-tooltip {
  position-fallback: --top-then-bottom;
  translate: -50% 0;
}

@position-fallback --top-then-bottom {
  @try {
    bottom: calc(anchor(top) + 0.5rem);
    left: anchor(center);
  }

  @try {
    top: calc(anchor(bottom) + 0.5rem);
    left: anchor(center);
  }
}
```

<selectmenu>

Available in Chrome with experimental flag enabled







```
<selectmenu>
  <button slot="button" behavior="button">
    <span>Select event type</span>
    <span behavior="selected-value" slot="selected-value"></span>
    <span><img src="icon.svg"/></span>
  </button>
  <option value="meeting">
    <figure class="royalblue"></figure>
    <p>Meeting</p>
  </option>
  <option value="break">
    <figure class="gold"></figure>
     <p>Lunch/Break</p>
  </option>
  ...
</selectmenu>
```

Further reading

- https://developer.chrome.com/blog/whats-new-css-ui-2023
- https://marcoheine.com/blog/new-css-features-in-2023
- https://web.dev/accent-color/
- https://youtu.be/buChHSdsF9A
- https://youtu.be/oDcb3fvtETs
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- https://developer.chrome.com/articles/high-definition-css-color-guide/#meet-the-new-web-color-spaces

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