Mastering Theming with Zen 2

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Zen 6.x-2.0 is out!!!

Organdized!

Keep your theme directory clean.

- css
- images
- js
- templates

One stylesheet to rule them all

- Hard to find anything.
- Too much scrolling!
- Developers use separate files
- Sauron was evil. Don’t be evil.

30 stylesheets! ZOMG!

- block-editing-rtl.css
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- blocks.css
- comments.css
- drupal6-reference.css
- fields.css
- forms-rtl.css
- forms.css
- html-reset-rtl.css
- html-reset.css
- ie.css
- ie6-rtl.css
- ie6.css
- layout-fixed-rtl.css
- layout-fixed.css
- layout-liquid-rtl.css
- layout-liquid.css
- messages-rtl.css
- messages.css
- navigation.css
- nodes.css
- page-backgrounds.css
- pages-rtl.css
- pages.css
- panels-styles.css
- print.css
- tabs-rtl.css
- tabs.css
- views-styles.css
- wireframes.css

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Which stylesheet first?

- html-reset.css — I don't like reset stylesheets.
- layout-fixed.css — This is just the default.
- Most stylesheets are grouped by the template file.
- And, yeah, IE still sucks — so you need a fix for the IE 31 stylesheet limit: http://drupal.org/project/ie_css_optimizer

Brief overview of Zen's Layout method

- Source-ordered HTML: The importance of the pieces of content determines the order in HTML, and not the graphic design.
- Flexible layout options:
  - Fluid (100% width) or fixed-width layout
  - Optional horizontal navbar
  - 1-3 columns built-in. More columns are possible without mind-bending contortions.
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#page (container)
  #header
  #main (container)
    #content
    #navbar
    #sidebar-first
    #sidebar-second
  #footer
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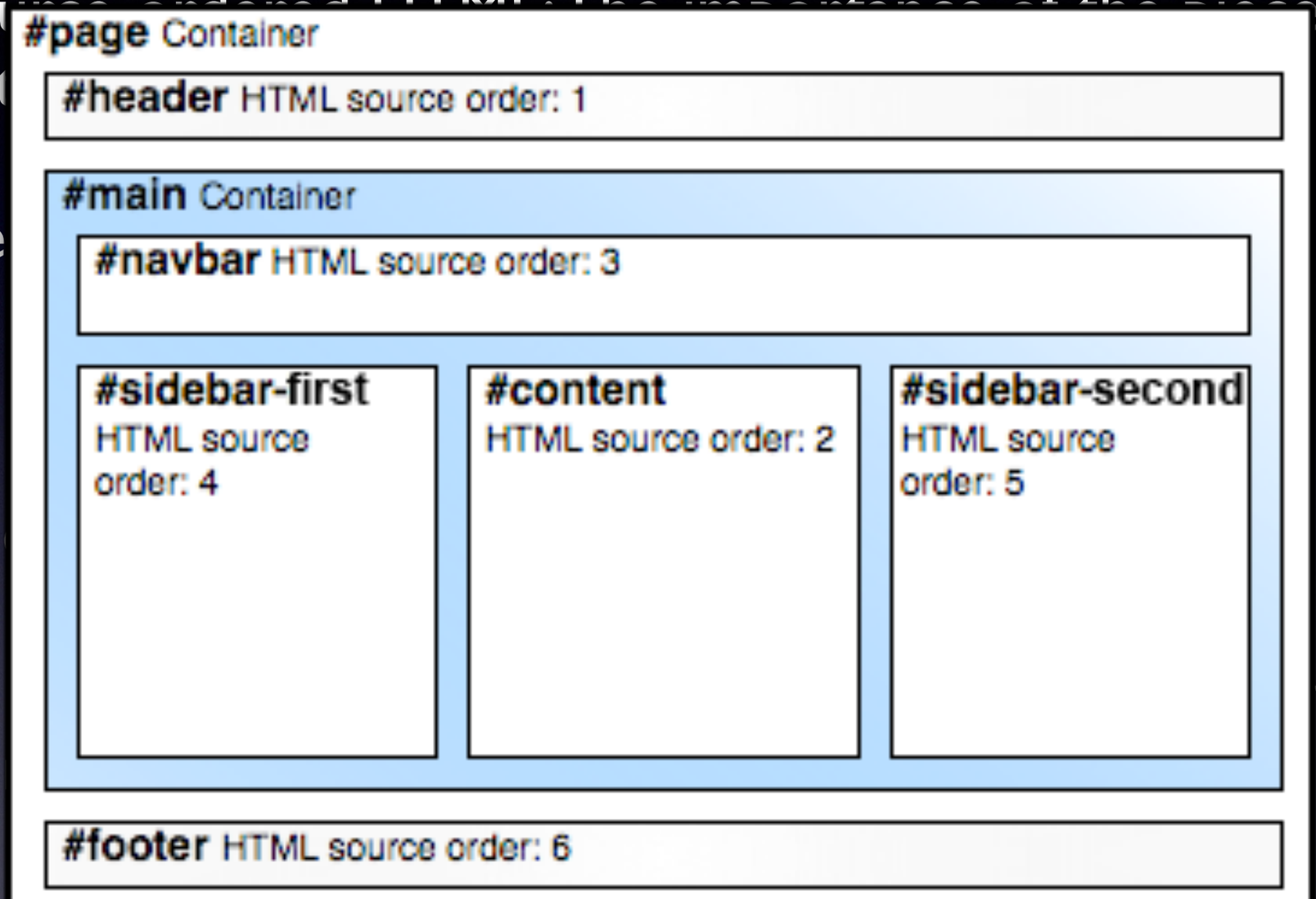

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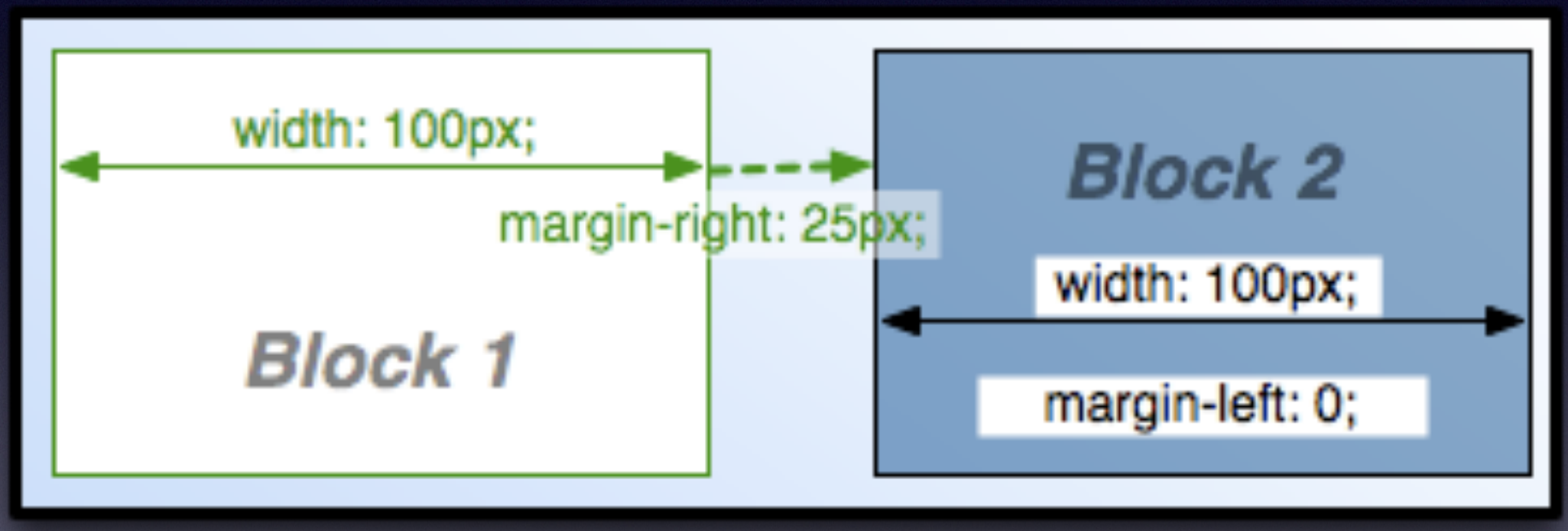
(and positive results)



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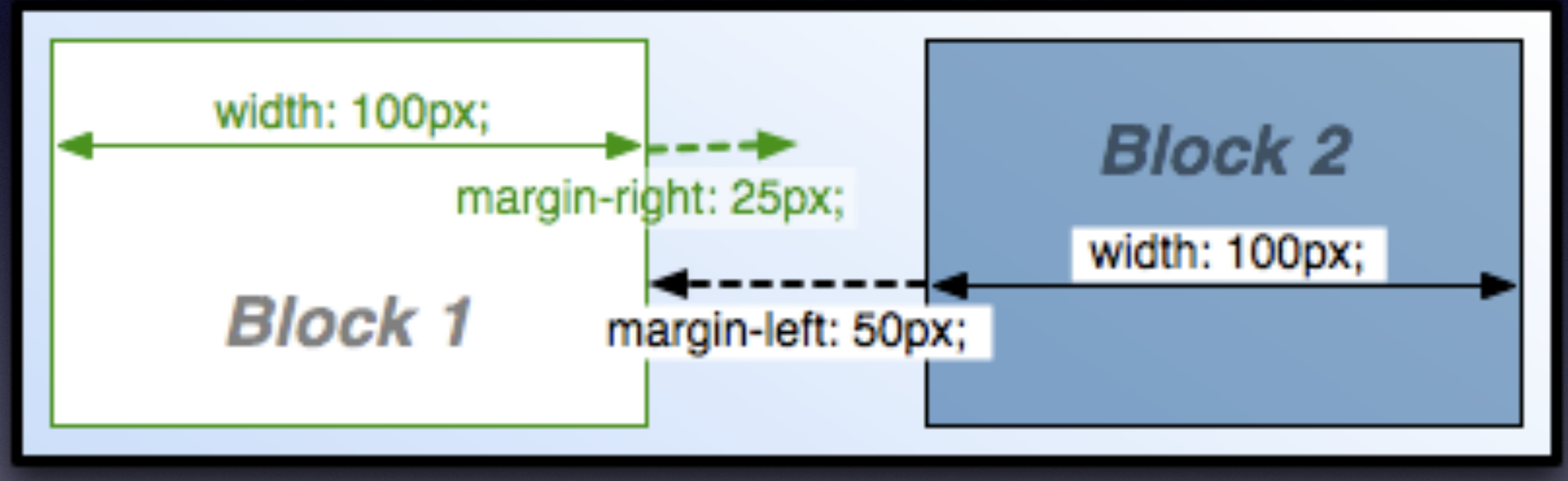

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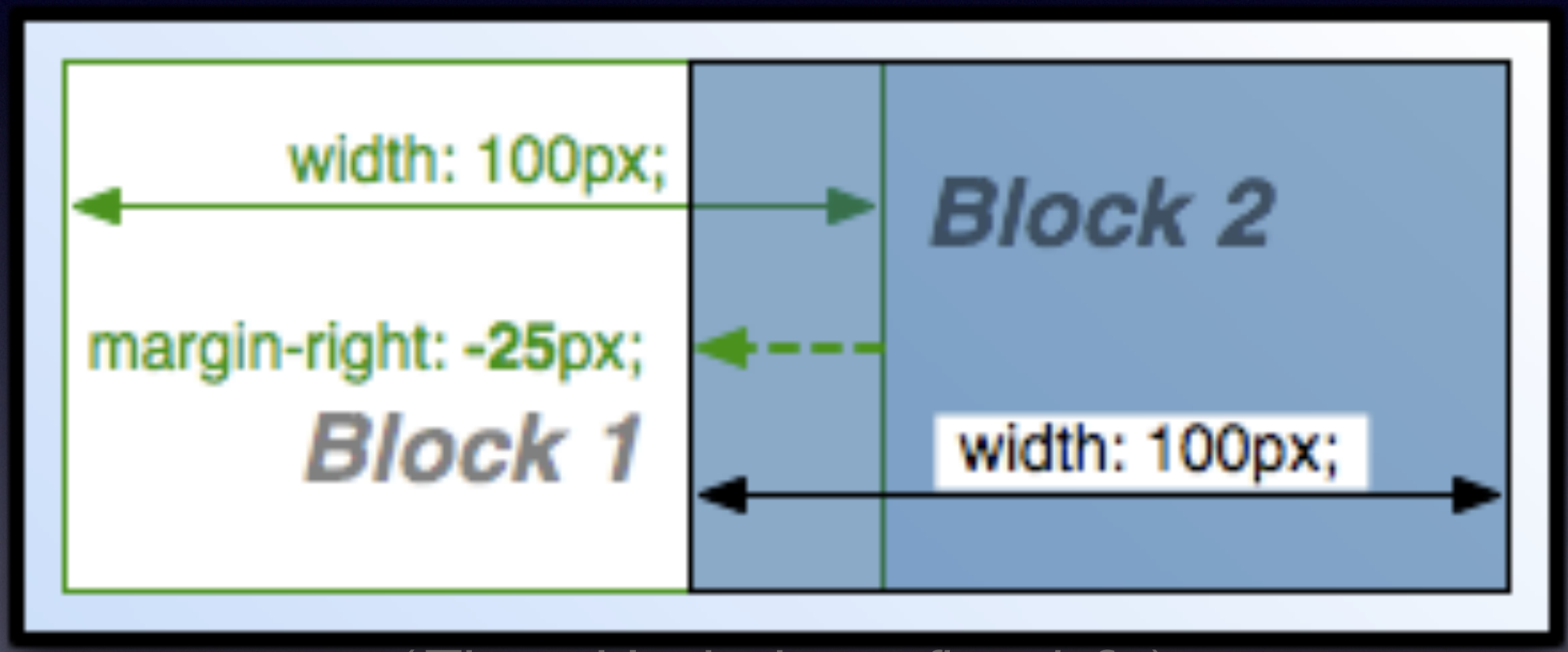

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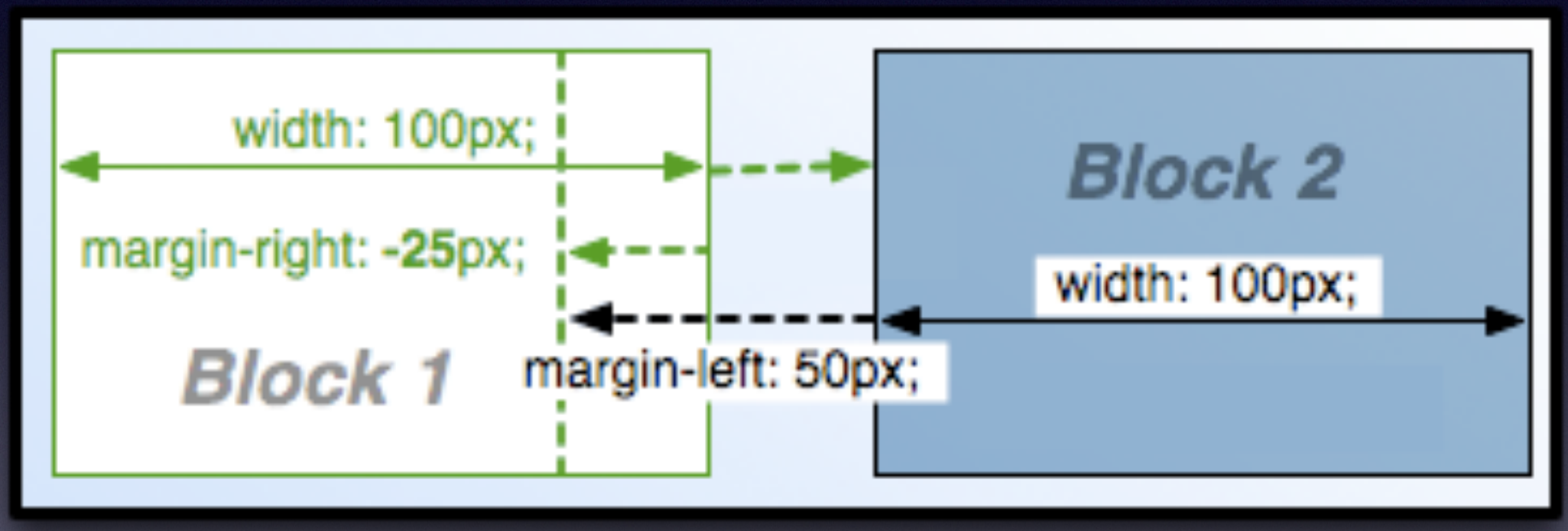

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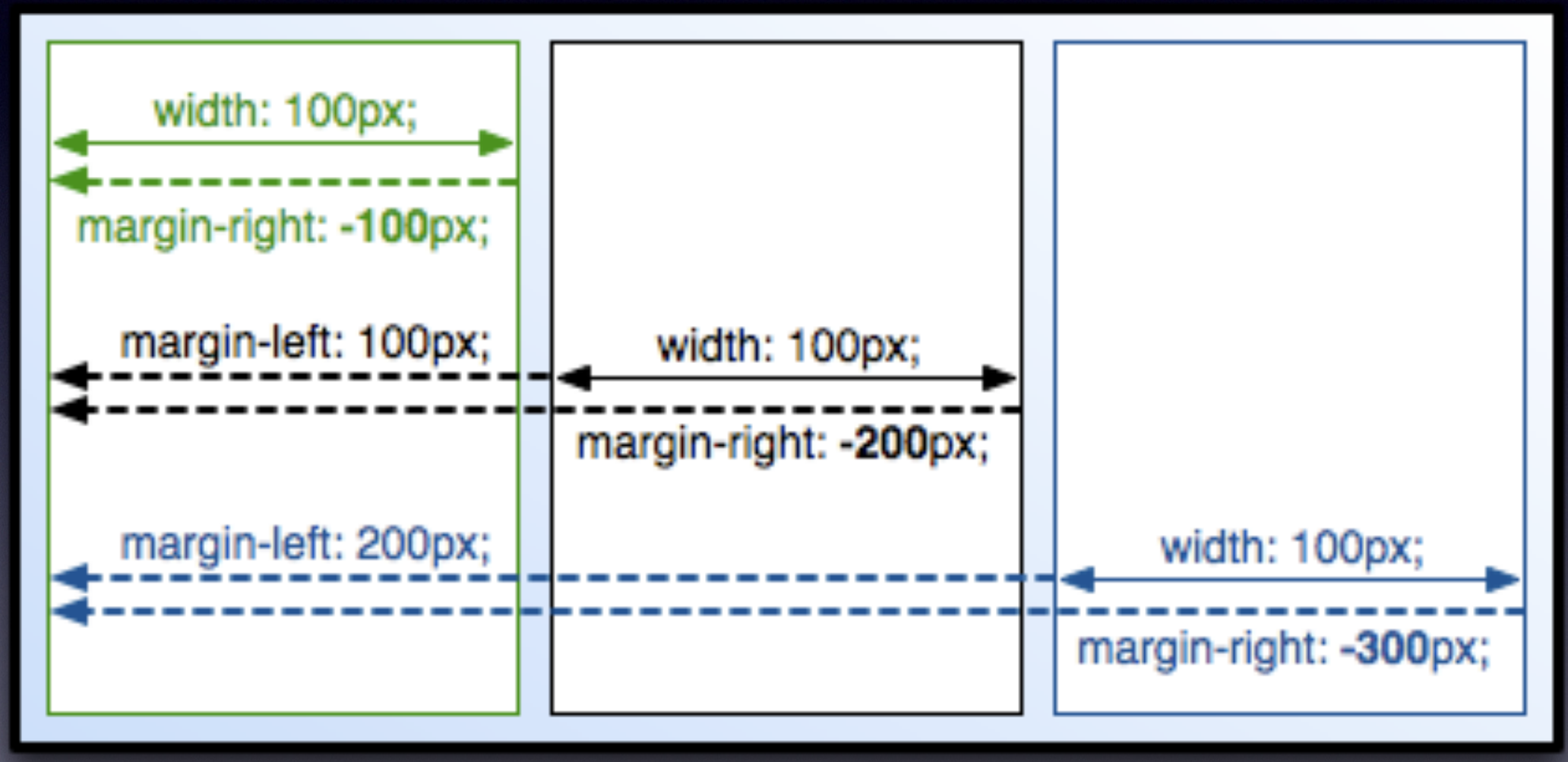

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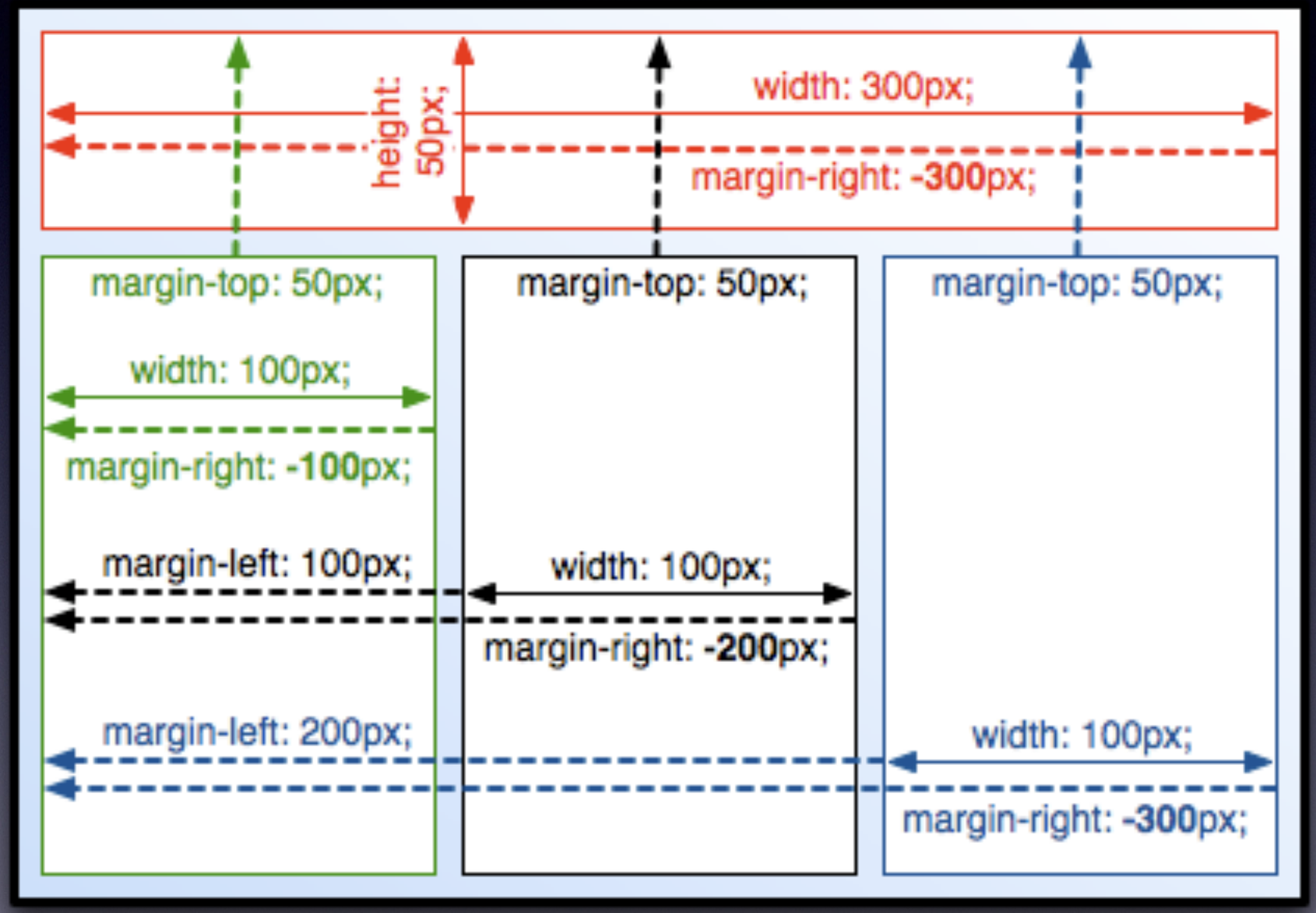


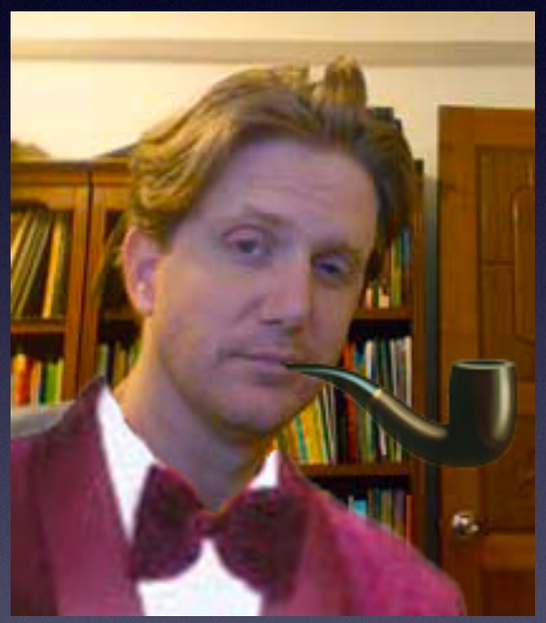
Information Architecture

- Set the source for Main & Secondary Links.
- Even with separate navigational areas, try to keep most links in the Main menu.
- Use “Menu block” module! http://drupal.org/project/menu_block

Accessibility

- Skip navigation links
- .element-invisible class for making content visually invisible, but still accessible.
- Heading navigation means your blocks need headings!

Ask me anything



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