

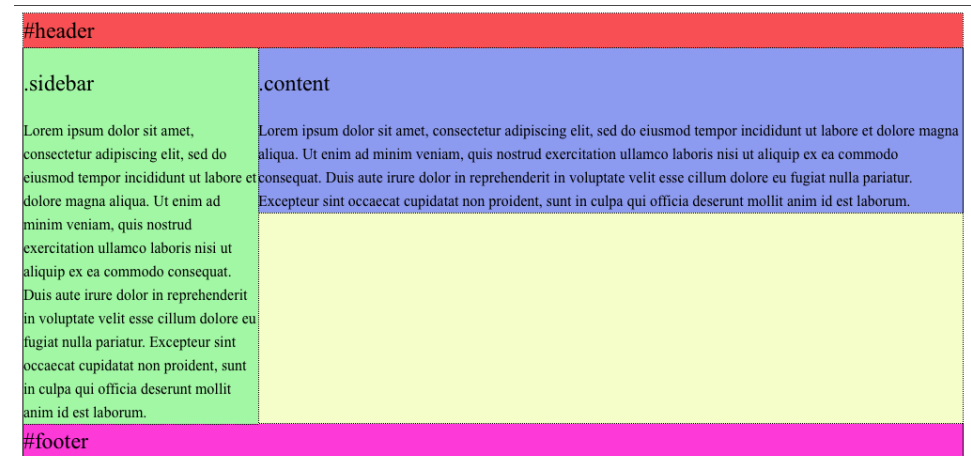
Clearing Floats

When you float elements it takes them out of the document flow, so the elements that follow try to overlay the floated elements. To fix this we need to clear the floats.

In this instance we are **floating two columns followed by a footer DIV**. To clear the two floats, we apply ***clear:both*** to the **footer DIV**.

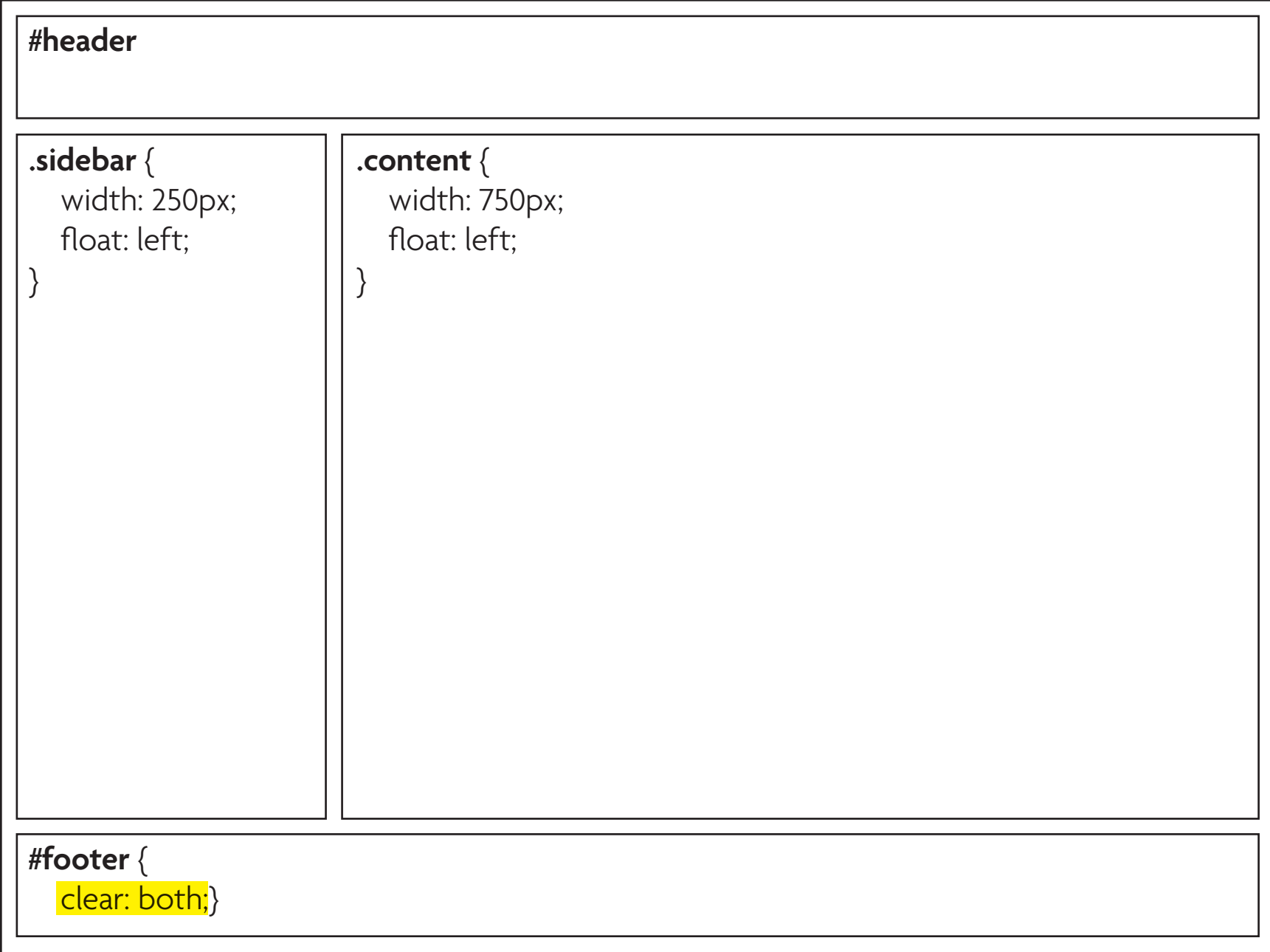


No clear applied. Note how the footer is sliding up under the content DIV.



Clear applied to #footer, pushing it back down to its location determined in the document flow.

```
#container {  
  width: 1000px;  
}
```



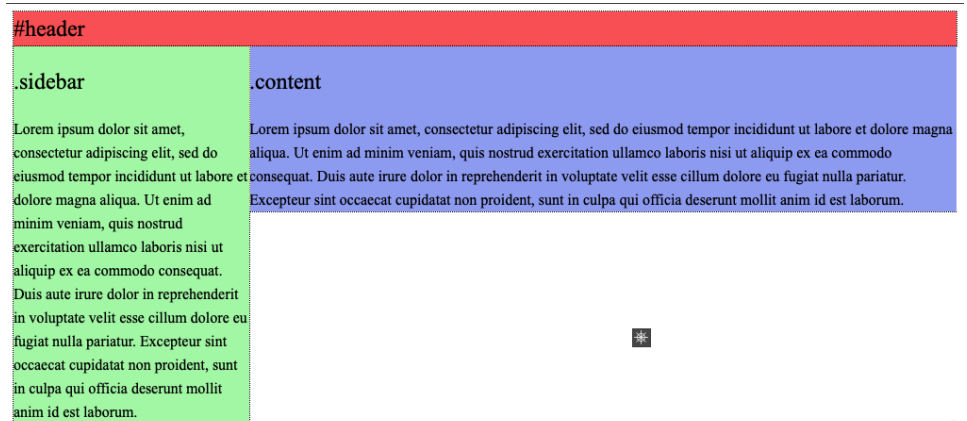
#header

```
.sidebar {  
  width: 250px;  
  float: left;  
}
```

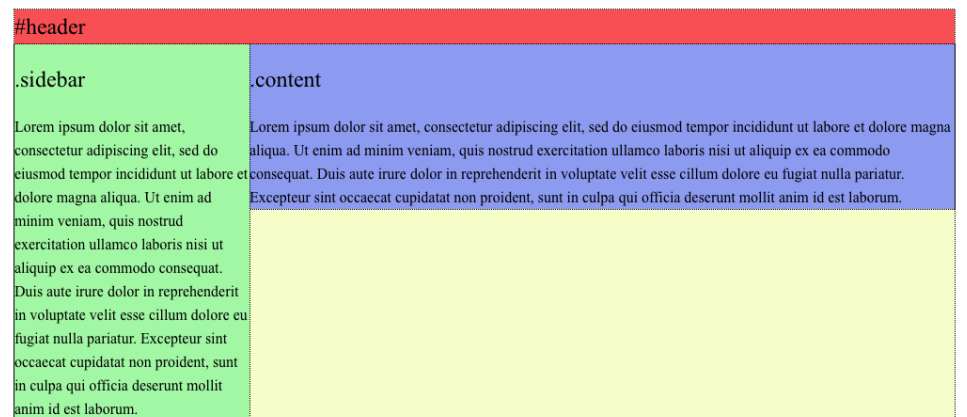
```
.content {  
  width: 750px;  
  float: left;  
}
```

```
#footer {  
  clear: both;  
}
```

In this instance we are **floating two columns, but no DIV follows them.** To clear the two floats, we apply *overflow:auto* to the enclosing element (the container DIV in this case).



No clear applied. Note how you can not see the `#container` DIV below `.content`



Clear applied to `#container`, pushing it back down and displayed below `.content`

```
#container {  
  width: 1000px;  
  overflow: auto;}  
↓
```

#header

```
.sidebar {  
  width: 250px;  
  float: left;  
}
```

```
.content {  
  width: 750px;  
  float: left;  
}
```