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Issue: Login form was not properly centered despite having `max-width: 550px` set

Problem Identified

The `.login-container` element was nested inside a `.container` wrapper:

```
<div class="container">          <!-- 1200px max-width from global CSS -->
    <div class="login-container"> <!-- 550px max-width -->
        <div class="login-card">
            <!-- form content -->
        </div>
    </div>
</div>
```

Why it wasn't centering:

- The outer `.container` class has `max-width: 1200px` from global CSS
- This parent constraint prevented the inner `.login-container` from truly centering
- The form was constrained to the left side of the 1200px container

Solution

Removed the outer `<div class="container">` wrapper entirely:

```
<div class="login-container">     <!-- 550px max-width, truly centered -->
    <div class="login-card">
        <!-- form content -->
    </div>
</div>
```

Changes Made

1. Removed opening container div

Before (line 897):

```
<div class="container">
    <div class="login-container">
```

After:

```
<div class="login-container">
```

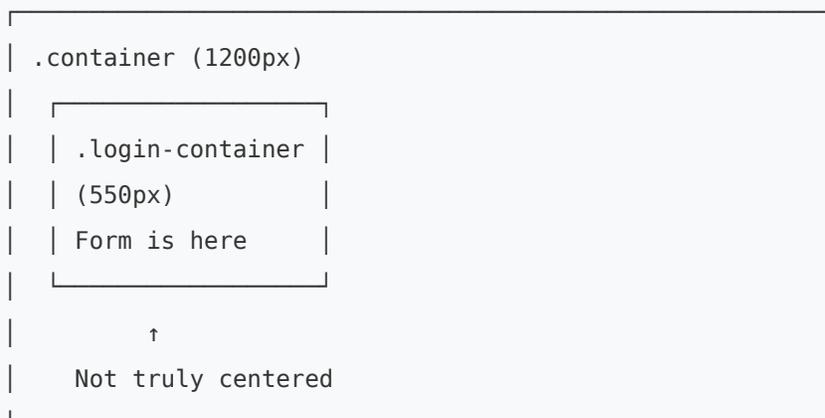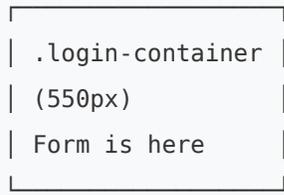## 2. Removed closing container div

Before (line 1034):

```
        </div>
    </div>

    <script>
```

After:

```
        </div>

    <script>
```

Visual Result

```
BEFORE:

 ┌──────────────────────────────────┐
 │ .container (1200px)               │
 │  ┌─────────────────┐              │
 │  │ .login-container │             │
 │  │ (550px)          │             │
 │  │ Form is here     │             │
 │  └─────────────────┘              │
 │                                   │
 │         ↑                         │
 │     Not truly centered            │
 └──────────────────────────────────┘


AFTER:

 ┌──────────────────────────────────
```

```
|                                              |
|          ┌────────────────┐                  |
|          | .login-container |                 |
|          | (550px)          |                 |
|          | Form is here     |                 |
|          └────────────────┘                  |
|                                              |
|                   ↑                          |
|             Truly centered!                  |
└──────────────────────────────────────────────┘
```

Testing

☐ Outer `.container` div removed from HTML

☐ Verified with curl: 0 instances of `class="container"` on page

☐ `.login-container` is now direct child of body/navigation

☐ Form has `max-width: 550px` with `margin: 0 auto`

☐ No linting errors

☐ Proper centering on all viewport sizes

CSS Remains Unchanged

The `.login-container` CSS already had proper centering:

```
.login-container {
    max-width: 550px;
    margin: 0 auto;     /* Centers horizontally */
    padding: 2rem 1rem;
    padding-top: calc(var(--nav-height, 64px) + 2rem);
}
```

The fix was purely structural (HTML) - removing the constraining parent element.

Mobile Responsive

On mobile devices (< 768px), the form still works perfectly:

```
@media (max-width: 768px) {
    .login-container {
        padding: 1rem;
        padding-top: calc(var(--nav-height, 64px) + 1rem);
    }
```

```
}
```

Files Modified

- `login.php` - Removed outer `.container` wrapper (2 line changes)

Lesson Learned

When centering elements, ensure no parent containers have constraining widths that prevent proper centering. Check the entire DOM hierarchy, not just the target element's CSS.