

# Order (OPTIONAL)

**Note:** This material has been included for completeness. But many are able to use flexbox satisfactorily without it. None of the material here will appear in any graded question.

One of the most exciting flexbox properties is also its simplest: order.

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.item { order: 2; }
```

The `order` property allows you to determine the order that the item appears in the flexbox. This allows you to present the information in the flexbox layout independent of its order in the HTML itself. This is very useful, as there are many motives competing to drive the order of an HTML file, and having the visual presentation removed from that concern can be liberating.

For example, semantically, and for SEO (Search Engine Optimization), and for accessibility for disabled visitors the best practice is to put the title of an article before the article itself. And while that seems simple enough, if your flexbox layout were to use a `flex-direction` of `column-reverse` this could be a problem.

The `order` property, when applied to an individual flexbox item, lets you set its order. By default the first item in a flexbox container has the order value of 1, the second is 2, etc. But you can override.

HTML	CSS	Result
<pre>&lt;div class="fc"&gt; &lt;p class="one"&gt;One&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p class="two"&gt;Two&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p class="three"&gt;Three&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p class="four"&gt;Four&lt;/p&gt; &lt;/div&gt;</pre>	<pre>.four { order: 1; } .two { order: 2; } .one { order: 3; } .three { order: 4; }</pre>	<div>Four</div> <div>Two</div> <div>One</div> <div>Three</div>

