

# Layouting -Positioning components

**Vaadin Flow** 



#### Vaadin training set

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# Layouting, Part 1

**Horizontal & Vertical Layouts** 



# HorizontalLayout & VerticalLayout

# **Adding components**

<pre>HorizontalLayout layout = new HorizontalLayout(); // or VerticalLayout layout = new VerticalLayout(); layout.add(new DatePicker("DatePicker")); layout.add(new TextField("TextField")); layout.add(new ComboBox("ComboBox"));</pre>				
VerticalLayout	HorizontalLayout			
DatePicker	DatePicker	TextField	ComboBox	
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TextField				
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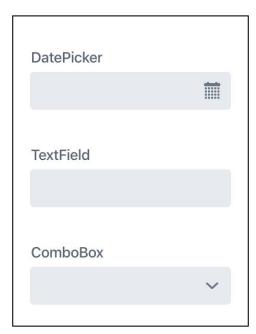
# **Padding**

Padding means space around the **inner** side of the border of the layout.

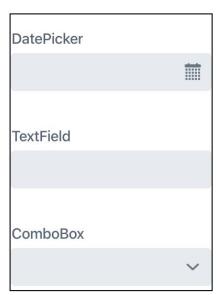
Padding can be turned on and off with setPadding()

layout.setPadding(false);
layout.setPadding(true);

#### With Padding



#### Without Padding

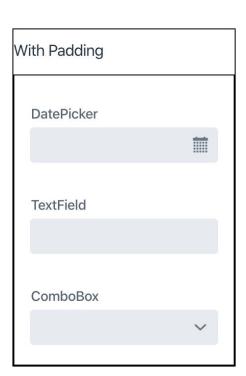


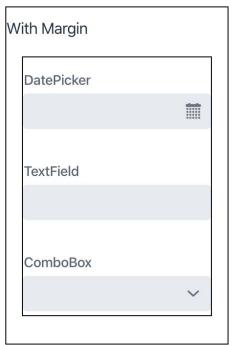
# Margin

Margin means space around the **outer** side of the border of the layout.

Margin can be turned on and off with setMargin()

```
layout.setMargin(false);
layout.setMargin(true);
```





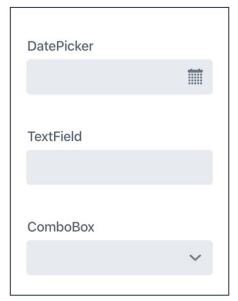
# Spacing

Spacing means the space between the components in the layout.

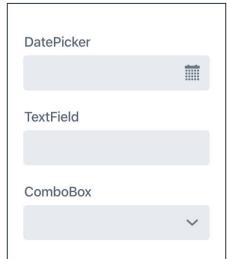
Spacing can be turned on and off with setSpacing()

```
layout.setSpacing(false);
layout.setSpacing(true);
```

VerticalLayout with spacing



VerticalLayout without spacing

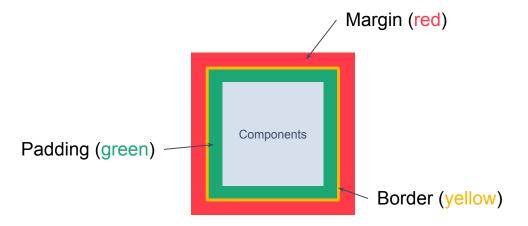


# Margin vs Padding

Padding is added to the inside of the layout while margin is added to the outside.

If you give the layout a background color:

- the padding will be colored
- the margin will not



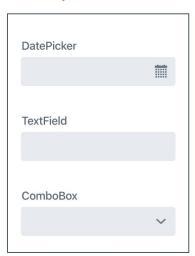
### **Default values**

By default, VerticalLayout has both padding and spacing.

HorizontalLayout has spacing but no padding.

Neither Verticallayout nor HorizontalLayout has margin by default.

#### VerticalLayout



#### HorizontalLayout



# Summary, Part 1

- HorizontalLayout & VerticalLayout
- Adding components
- Padding
- Margin
- Spacing



# Layouting, Part 2

Flexbox and Alignment



### Recap, Part 1

- HorizontalLayout & VerticalLayout
- Adding components
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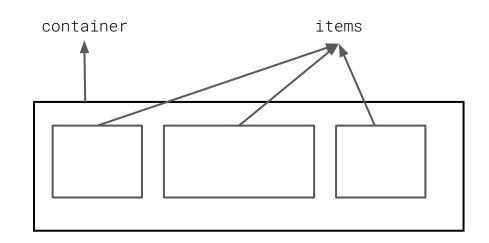
# Flexbox and FlexLayout

### Flexbox

Flexbox is a CSS layouting feature.

It has two main concepts: container and items.

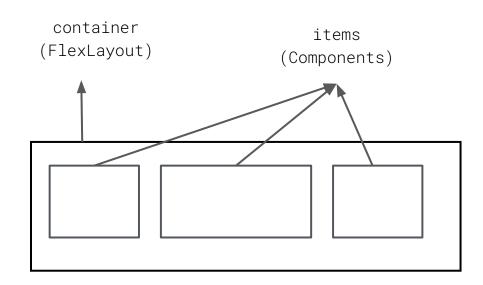
Flexbox is a very powerful and highly configurable layouting model, offering you lots of freedom in what the layouting should look like.



# **FlexLayout**

FlexLayout is a Flow layout component that offers Flexbox layouting through a Java API.

FlexLayout offers you an easy way to take advantage the different layout configuration options from Flexbox, but requires some understanding of how the underlying mechanisms work.

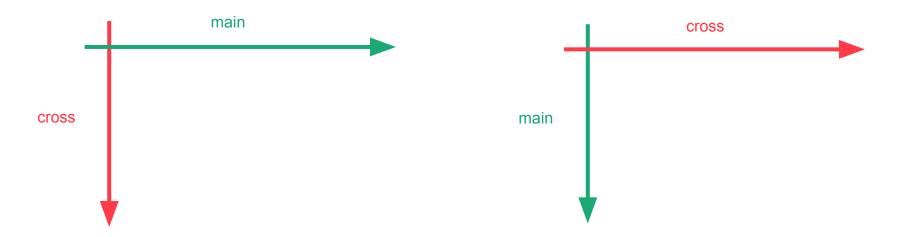


# Alignment in Flexbox

### **Main and Cross Axes**

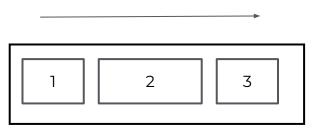
The main axis is the axis along which items are laid out inside a flexbox.

The **cross axis** runs perpendicular to the main axis.

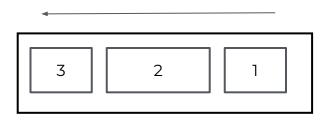


### flex-direction

flex-direction is a CSS property that applies to the container.



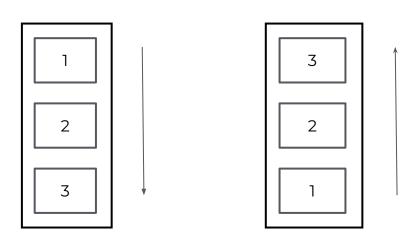
flex-direction:row



flex-direction:row-reverse

### flex-direction

flex-direction is a CSS property that applies to the container.



flex-direction:column

flex-direction:column-reverse

### Java API for flex-direction

There is a **FlexDirection** enum and a Java API for setting the flex-direction of a FlexLayout

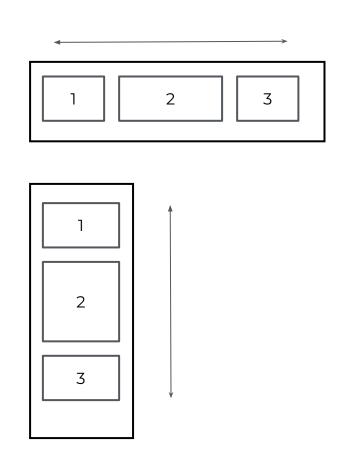
```
flexLayout.setFlexDirection(FlexDirection.ROW);
flexLayout.setFlexDirection(FlexDirection.ROW_REVERSE);
flexLayout.setFlexDirection(FlexDirection.COLUMN);
flexLayout.setFlexDirection(FlexDirection.COLUMN_REVERSE);
```

# Alignment

**justify-content** determines how the items are positioned along the **main** axis.

For a horizontal layout, it's the horizontal axis.

For a vertical layout, it's the vertical axis.

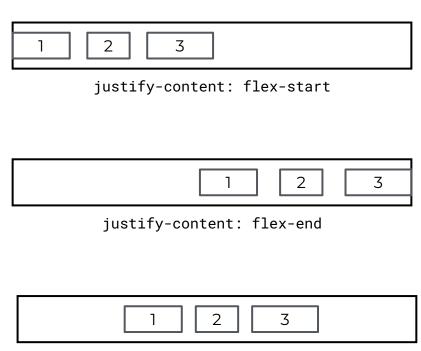


# Alignment on the main axis

**flex-start**: Default value. Items are positioned at the beginning of the main axis.

**flex-end**: Items are positioned at the end of the main axis.

**center**: Items are positioned at the center of the main axis.



justify-content: center

# Alignment on the main axis

**space-between**: items are evenly distributed on the main axis, with equal space *between* them.

**space-around**: items are evenly distributed on the main axis with equal space *around* them.

**space-evenly**: items are evenly distributed on the main axis, with equal space between both items and the edges of the container.



justify-content: space-between



justify-content: space-around



justify-content: space-evenly

# Alignment on the main axis

There is a **JustifyContentMode** enum and a Java API for doing the alignment on the primary axis

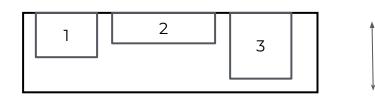
```
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.AROUND);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.BETWEEN);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.CENTER);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.END);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.EVENLY);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.START);
```

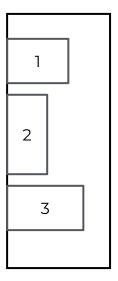
# Alignment

**align-items** determines how the items are positioned on the **cross** axis.

For a horizontal layout, it's the vertical axis.

For a vertical layout, it's the horizontal axis.



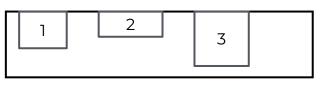




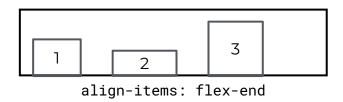
**flex-start**: Items are positioned at the start of the cross axis.

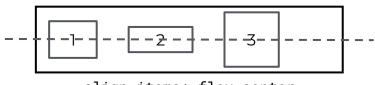
**flex-end**: Items are positioned at the end of the cross axis.

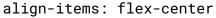
**center**: Items are positioned at the center of the cross axis.



align-items: flex-start

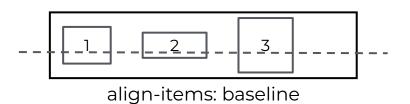


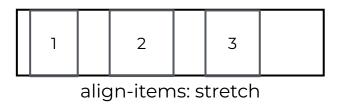




**flex-baseline**: Items are aligned along the container's baseline.

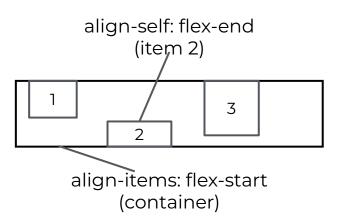
**flex-stretch**: Default value. Items are stretched to fill the container along the cross axis.





cross

Also possible to align an individual item differently with **align-self** 



There is an **Alignment** enum and a Java API for doing the alignment on the cross axis

```
//For the container, to align all its items
layout.setAlignItems(FlexComponent.Alignment.BASELINE);
layout.setAlignItems(FlexComponent.Alignment.CENTER);
layout.setAlignItems(FlexComponent.Alignment.END);
layout.setAlignItems(FlexComponent.Alignment.START);
layout.setAlignItems(FlexComponent.Alignment.STRETCH);
```

There are also helper methods for HorizontalLayout and VerticalLayout to do the alignment on the cross axis.

```
// To align all the items on the vertical axis for a horizontal layout
horizontalLayout.setDefaultVerticalComponentsAlignment(FlexComponent.Alignment.BASELINE);
// To align all the items on the horizontal axis for a vertical layout
verticalLayout.setDefaultHorizontalComponentsAlignment(FlexComponent.Alignment.BASELINE);
```

There is a **Alignment** enum and a Java API for doing the alignment on the cross axis for individual items

```
// For individual item(s)
layout.setAlignSelf(FlexComponent.Alignment.BASELINE, item);
layout.setAlignSelf(FlexComponent.Alignment.CENTER, item);
layout.setAlignSelf(FlexComponent.Alignment.END, item);
layout.setAlignSelf(FlexComponent.Alignment.START, item);
layout.setAlignSelf(FlexComponent.Alignment.STRETCH, item);
```

There are also helper methods for HorizontalLayout and VerticalLayout to do the alignment for individual items on the cross axis.

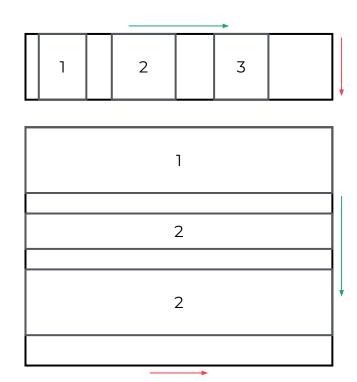
```
//To align an individual item on the vertical axis for a horizontal layout
horizontalLayout.setVerticalComponentsAlignment(FlexComponent.Alignment.END, component);

//To align an individual item on the horizontal axis for a vertical layout
verticalLayout.setHorizontalComponentsAlignment(FlexComponent.Alignment.END, component);
```

# Use case - full width/height

To make all the child items have full height in a horizontal layout or full width in a vertical layout, use

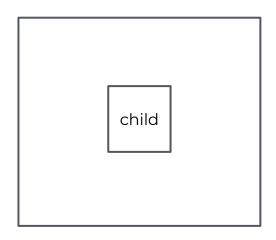
layout.setAlignItems(
 FlexComponent.Alignment.STRETCH);



# Use case - centering

To center a child item, you can combine **Alignment** and **JustifyContentMode** 

```
layout.setAlignItems(
          FlexComponent.Alignment.CENTER);
layout.setJustifyContentMode(
FlexComponent.JustifyContentMode.CENTER);
```



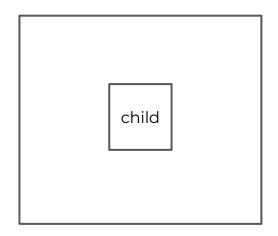
# Use case - centering

You can also use a CSS trick

```
child.getElement().getStyle()
          .set("margin", "auto");
```

Or use LumoUtility to add a corresponding CSS class

```
child.addClassName(LumoUtility.Margin.AUT0);
```



### Flexbox property summary

Property	Possible values	Description
flex-direction	row / column / column-reverse / row-reverse	Defines the main axis and the direction
-	flex-start / flex-end / center / space-between / space-around / space-evenly	Distribution of space between and around items along the main axis
align-items	flex-start / flex-end / center / stretch / baseline	Alignment of items on the cross axis
align-content	flex-start / flex-end / center / stretch / space-between / space-around	Distribution of space between and around items along the cross axis
align-self	auto / flex-start / flex-end / center / baseline / stretch	Overrides an individual item's align-items value

### Summary, Part 2

- Flexbox and FlexLayout
- Alignment on the primary axis
- Alignment on the secondary axis
- Full height/width
- Centering



# Layouting, Part 3

Sizing in Flexbox



### Recap, parts 1 & 2

- Basic layouts (Horizontal, Vertical)
- Flexbox and FlexLayout
- Aligning items



# Sizing in Flexbox

There are convenient APIs for setting the size of a component

```
// set width/height of a component, e.g. setWidth/Height("200px"), setWidth/Height("100%")
component.setWidth("200px");
component.setHeight(100f, Unit.PERCENTAGE);

// A shorthand for setWidth/Height("100%")
component.setWidthFull();
component.setHeightFull();
```

There are convenient APIs for setting the size of a component

```
// Set the min/max height/width of a component, could be useful for responsive layouting
component.setMinWidth("500px");
component.setMinHeight(500, Unit.PIXELS);
component.setMaxWidth(20, Unit.PERCENTAGE);
component.setMaxHeight("1000em");
```

There are convenient APIs for setting the size of a component

```
// A shorthand for setWidth("100%") and setHeight("100%")
component.setSizeFull();

// Remove the height and width of the component
component.setSizeUndefined();
```

#### Relative size

Relative size is relative to the parent component. E.g., 50% means 50% of the parent component's height/width.

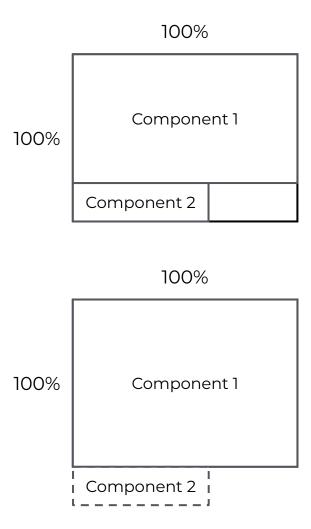
Width: 200px
width:50%(100px)

Given the code below, which layouting on the right side is correct?

```
VerticalLayout layout = ...
layout.setSizeFull();

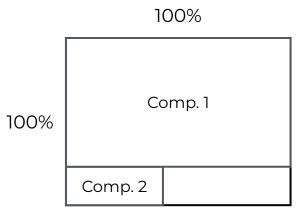
Component component1 = ...
layout.add(component1);
Component component2 = ...
layout.add(component2);

button1.setSizeFull();
```



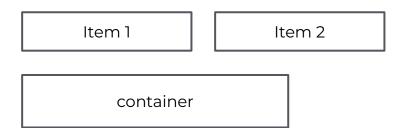
Size is also affected by **flex-shrink** and **flex-grow**.

Note that it affects not only relative size but also absolute size, e.g. 100px.



#### flex-shrink

It defines how items should shrink when there isn't enough space in the container.

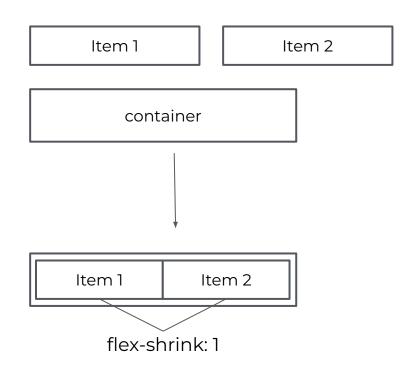


#### flex-shrink

Setting flex-shrink to 1 means an item will shrink to fit into the container.

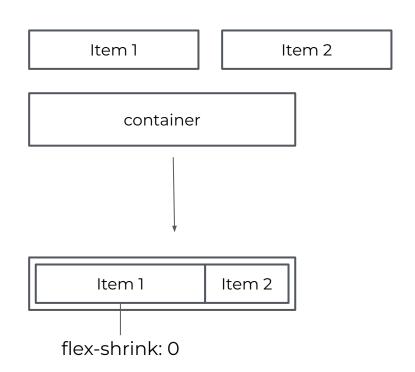
If multiple items have flex-shrink set to 1, they will all shrink equally.

This is the default value, but some Vaadin components overrides it.



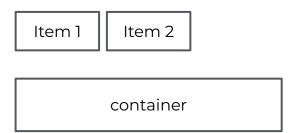
#### flex-shrink

Setting flex-shrink to 0 will prevent an item from shrinking.



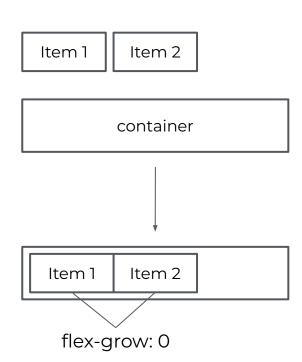
### flex-grow

Defines how to distribute **free space**, when the container is bigger than the size of the items.



### flex-grow

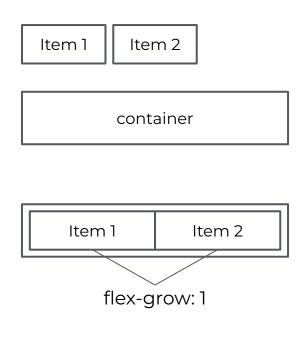
The default value is 0, which means an item won't take up any free space.

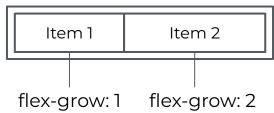


### flex-grow

Define flex-grow: 1 for each item will make them grow equally.

Define flex-grow with a different value for each item will make them grow proportionally





### Quiz

How will the items fit into the container?

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short

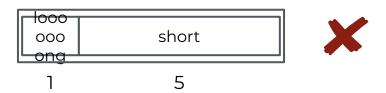
flex-grow: 1

flex-grow: 5

container

#### Quiz

**Free space** is distributed according to 1:5 ratio. The width of the items themselves have nothing to do with it.







### Java API for flex-grow

You can set the flex-grow of an item from the parent layout via the setFlexGrow() Java API

```
layout.setFlexGrow(3, item);
```

### Java API for flex-grow

There is also a shorthand method expand() for setting the flex-grow to 1.

```
layout.expand(item);

⇔
layout.setFlexGrow(1, item);
```

#### Java API for flex-shrink

There is Java API for setting the flex-shrink for child components on the layout

```
layout.setFlexShrink(0, component);

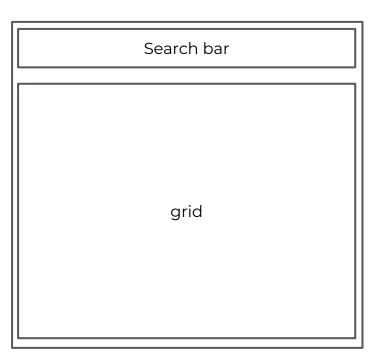
This is the same as

item.getElement().getStyle().set("flex-shrink", "0");

Or

item.addClassName(LumoUtility.Flex.SHRINK_NONE);
```

How to expand a component?



How to expand a component?

```
layout.setAlignItems(Alignment.STRETCH);
layout.expand(grid);
layout.setSizeFull();
```



How to implement layout like this?



One way is to wrap item 4 into a FlexLayout.



You could also use CSS:

```
child4.getStyle().set(
    "margin-left", "auto");
```

Or use LumoUtility CSS classes:

```
child4.addClassName(LumoUtility.Margin.Left.AUTO);
```



### Summary, Part 3

- Sizing
- Flex-shrink
- Flex-grow



# Layouting, Part 4

Wrapping items in Flexbox



### Recap, parts 1 - 3

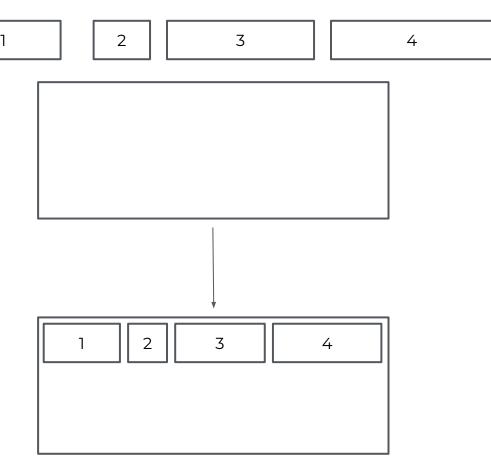
- Basic layouts (Horizontal, Vertical)
- Flexbox and FlexLayout
- Aligning items
- Sizing
- Flex-shrink & Flex-grow



## Wrapping items in Flexbox

### Wrap items

By default, items will shrink themselves to fit into one line, even though there is enough space to start a new line.

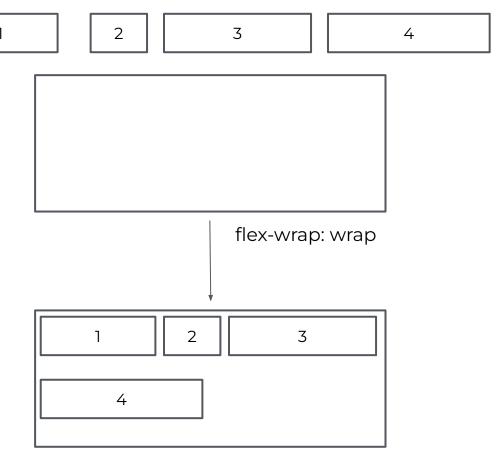


### Wrap items

You can configure the layout by setting **flex-wrap** to **wrap** to make the items wrap into new lines.

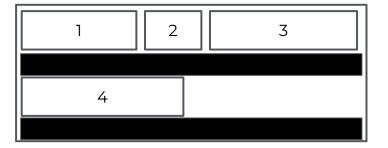
layout.setFlexWrap(FlexLayout.FlexWrap.WRAP);

Note: while you can use wrapping with HorizontalLayout and VerticalLayout through CSS, they will probably look bad if you have spacing enabled - better use FlexLayout if you need wrapping.



# Free space between lines

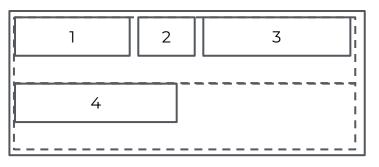
When there are multiple lines in the container, you can decide how to distribute the free space between the lines with the **align-content** property.



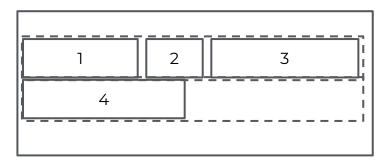
### align-content

stretch: The default value. Each row (dashed lines in the picture) will stretch equally to take free space. There will be space inside the row if the items are smaller than the row.

**center**: rows (dashed lines in the picture) are packed at the center of the container.



align-content: stretch



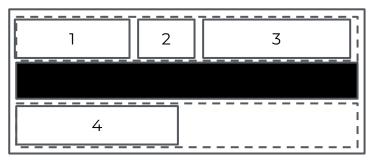
align-content: center



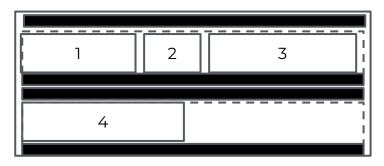
## align-content

space-between: rows are evenly distributed; the first row is at the start of the container while the last row is at the end.

**space-around**: rows are evenly distributed with equal space around them.



align-content: space-between



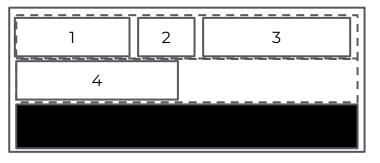
align-content: space-around



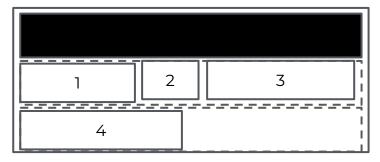
## align-content

flex-start: rows are packed at the start of the container.

**flex-end**: rows are packed at the end of the container.



align-content: flex-start



align-content: flex-end



#### Java API

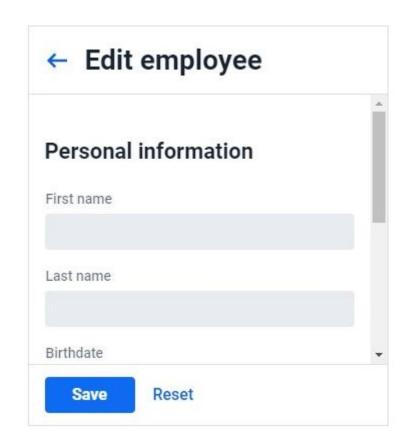
There is a Java API for FlexLayout to set the align-content

```
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.START);
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.END);
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.CENTER);
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.SPACE_BETWEEN);
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.SPACE_AROUND);
flexLayout.setAlignContent(FlexLayout.ContentAlignment.STRETCH);
```

#### Scroller

Scroller is a component container for creating scrollable areas in the UI.

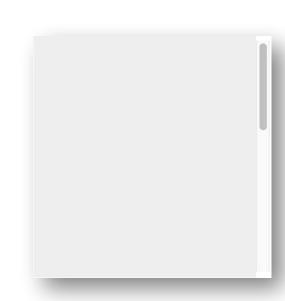
Scroller has four different scroll directions: **vertical**, **horizontal**, **both**, and **none**. Scroller's default scroll direction is **both**.



### Scrolling

A scrolling container can also be implemented with Element API and/or CSS:

```
//enable vertical scroll bar
layout.getStyle().set("overflow-y", "auto");
//enable horizontal scroll bar
layout.getStyle().set("overflow-x", "auto");
//enable both horizontal and vertical scroll bars
layout.getStyle().set("overflow", "auto");
```



### Summary, Part 4

- Wrapping items
- Aligning wrapped items
- Scrolling



## Layouting, Part 5

**Exercise** 



#### Recap, parts 1 - 4

- Basic layouts (Horizontal, Vertical)
- Flexbox and FlexLayout
- Aligning and sizing
- Flex-shrink & Flex-grow
- Wrapping items



## **Exercise 1**

Compose an application layout

# Layouting, Part 3

**FormLayout** 



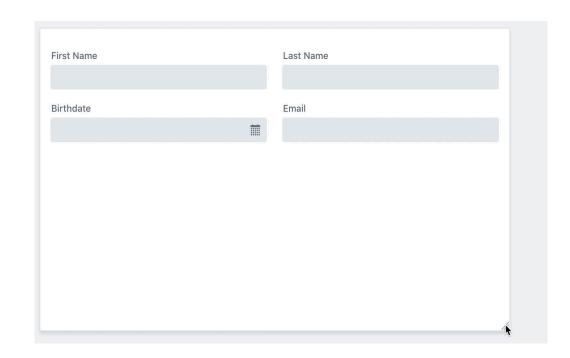
## FormLayout

A responsive layout designed for displaying forms



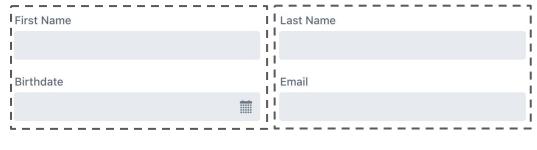
### Responsive

One significant benefit of using FormLayout is that it's responsive out of the box.



#### Responsive

The responsiveness works by showing a different number of columns depending on the width of the Formlayout.

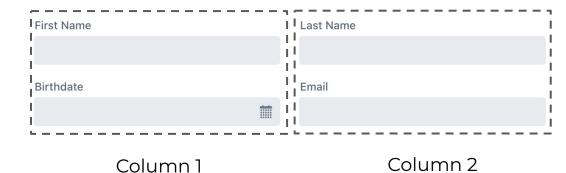


Column 1

Column 2

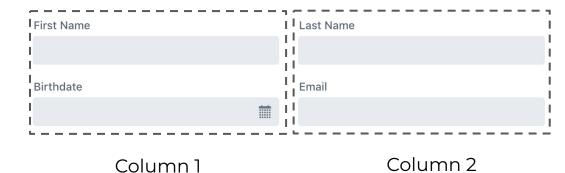
#### Responsive

By default, it shows 2 columns when the width is more than 40em, only 1 column otherwise.



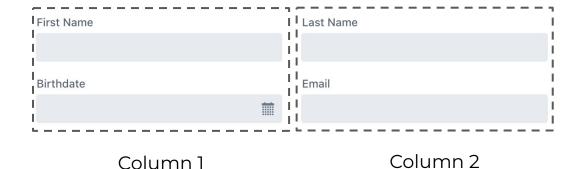
### **Responsive Step**

The number of columns can also be customised via setting the responsive steps.



#### **Responsive Step**

When the width is more than the [first parameter], then there should be [second parameter] columns.



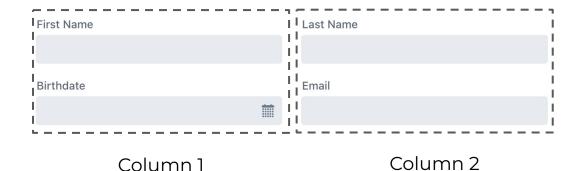
#### Add components

The first way of adding components to a FormLayout is to use the **add()** method, as in any other type of layouts.

In this way, a **label** is set for the added component and displays on **top** of the component.

```
FormLayout formLayout = new FormLayout();

TextField firstName = new
TextField("First Name");
formLayout.add(firstName);
```



#### Add components

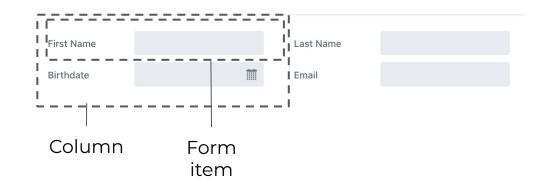
The second way of adding components to a FormLayout is to use the **addFormItem()** method

In this way, the added component is wrapped into a **form item**, and the label should be set for the form item.

A **label** displays to the **left** side of a component.

```
FormLayout formLayout = new FormLayout();

TextField firstName = new TextField();
FormItem formItem = formLayout.addFormItem(firstName, "First Name");
```

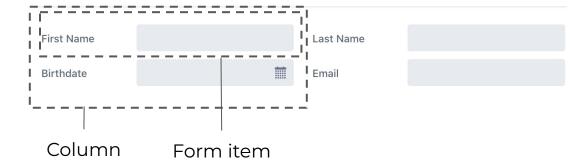


#### Add components

When using addFormItem(), it's normally good to set full width for the component, so the component will take the full width of the available space in the form item.

```
FormLayout formLayout = new FormLayout();

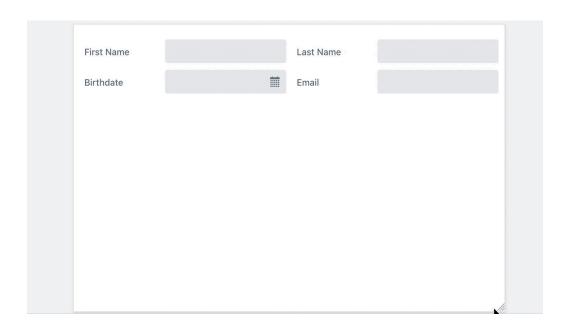
TextField firstName = new TextField();
formLayout.addFormItem(firstName, "First Name");
firstName.setWidthFull();
...
```



#### Responsive label position

The most significant benefit of using addFormItem() is that the position of the labels can be changed responsively.

The default is that when the width is less than 20em, the labels will come to the top of the components.



#### Responsive label position

The position of the labels can also be customised via setting the responsive steps.

First Name	Last Name	
Birthdate	Email	
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#### Add complex components

Components can be grouped into a layout and then add the layout to the FormLayout.

```
First Name

Last Name

Birthdate

Email

Phone

Do not call
```

```
FormLayout formLayout = new FormLayout();
FlexLayout phoneLayout = new FlexLayout();
phoneLayout.setWidthFull();
TextField phone = new TextField();
Checkbox noCall = new Checkbox("Do not call");
phoneLayout.add(phone, noCall);
phoneLayout.expand(phone);
phoneLayout.setAlignItems(Alignment.CENTER);
formLayout.addFormItem(phoneLayout,
"Phone");
...
```

#### Add complex components

Could also let a component span multiple columns by using formLayout.setColspan()

When using add(), set column span on the **component**.

When using addFormItem(), set column span on the **form item**.

```
formLayout.setColspan(formItem, 2);
formLayout.setColspan(component, 2);
```

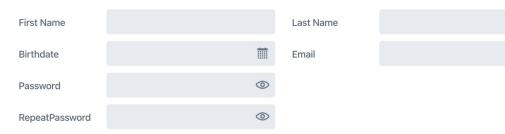
If your column span doesn't seem to be working, it's probably because you set it on the component instead of the form item.



#### Force a new row

Sometimes, instead of showing a component on the second column, you might want to force it to a new row.

You can achieve this by adding a <br>.



## **Exercise 2**

Build a form with FormLayout

#### Summary, Part 5

- FormLayout
- Responsive Steps
- Label position
- Complex components
- Exercise



# Layouting, Part 4

**Board and AppLayout** 



#### Recap, parts 1 - 5

- Basic layouts (Horizontal, Vertical)
- Flexbox and FlexLayout
- FormLayout



**Automatic responsive layout** 



Vaadin Board is a **commercial** component.

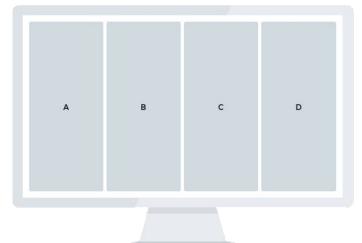
Start a **free trial** by clicking on the prompt in the browser when seeing one

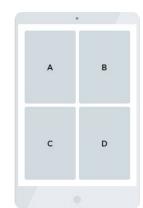
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Vaadin Board is based on rows and columns.

You add components to the rows, Vaadin will make it responsive for you.

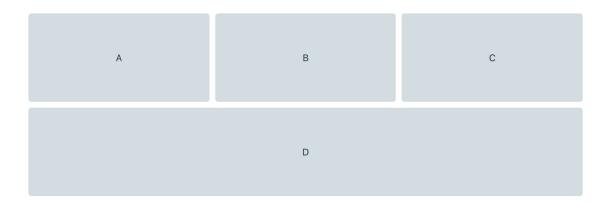
```
Board board = new Board();
Component a = createComponent("A");
Component b = createComponent("B");
Component c = createComponent("C");
Component d = createComponent("D");
board.addRow(a, b, c, d);
```





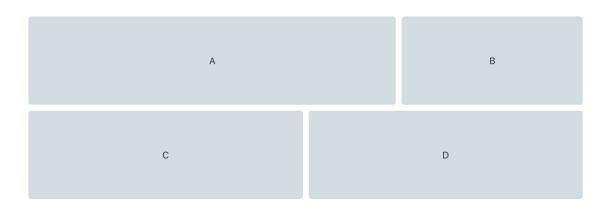
You can add multiple rows.

```
Board board = new Board();
Component a = createComponent("A");
Component b = createComponent("B");
Component c = createComponent("C");
Component d = createComponent("D");
board.addRow(a, b, c);
board.addRow(d);
```



You can set a column span.

```
Board board = new Board();
Component a = createComponent("A");
Component b = createComponent("B");
Component c = createComponent("C");
Component d = createComponent("D");
Row row1 = board.addRow(a, b);
row1.setComponentSpan(a, 2);
board.addRow(c, d);
```



Limitation: A row can only have up to **4** columns.

```
Board board = new Board();
Component a = createComponent("A");
Component b = createComponent("B");
Component c = createComponent("C");
Component d = createComponent("D");
Component e = createComponent("E");
board.addRow(a, b, c, d, e);
```

```
Caused by: java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: A row can only contain 4 columns at com.vaadin.flow.component.board.Row.throwIfTooManyColumns(Row.java:175) at com.vaadin.flow.component.board.Row.add(Row.java:99) at com.vaadin.flow.component.board.Row.<init>(Row.java:84) at com.vaadin.flow.component.board.Board.addRow(Board.java:78) at com.vaadin.starter.skeleton.MainView.<init>(MainView.java:109) ... 53 more
```

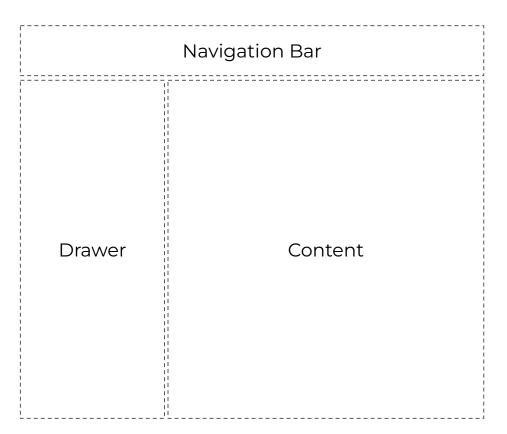
## **Exercise 3**

**Use Board** 

A quick and easy way to get a common application layout

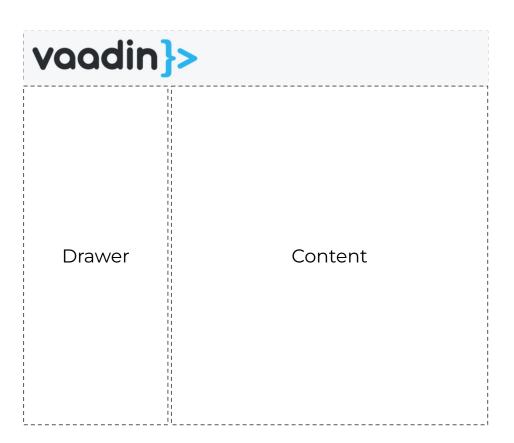


An App Layout contains 3 parts: the navigation bar, the drawer and the content.



Add components to the navigation bar

```
AppLayout appLayout = new AppLayout();
Image img = new Image("logo-url", "Logo");
appLayout.addToNavbar(img);
```



Add components to the drawer

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Home

About

Content

#### Set content

```
AppLayout appLayout = new AppLayout();
Component content = new Paragraph("I'm content");
appLayout.setContent(content);
```



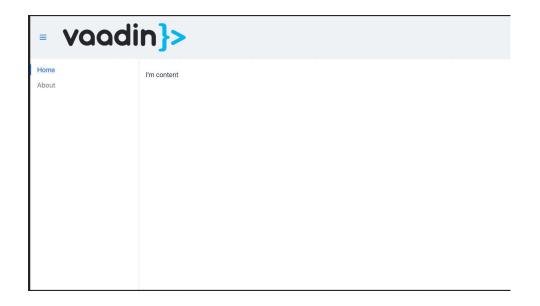
Home
About

I'm content

Add a drawer toggle button to control the visibility of the drawer.



It's responsive out-of-the-box



### Summary, Part 5

- Vaadin Board
- AppLayout



### **Summary for Layouting**

- HorizontalLayout & VerticalLayout
- Flexbox & FlexLayout
- FormLayout
- Vaadin Board
- App Layout



#### Thank you!

