

FLEXBOX

What is CSS Flexbox?

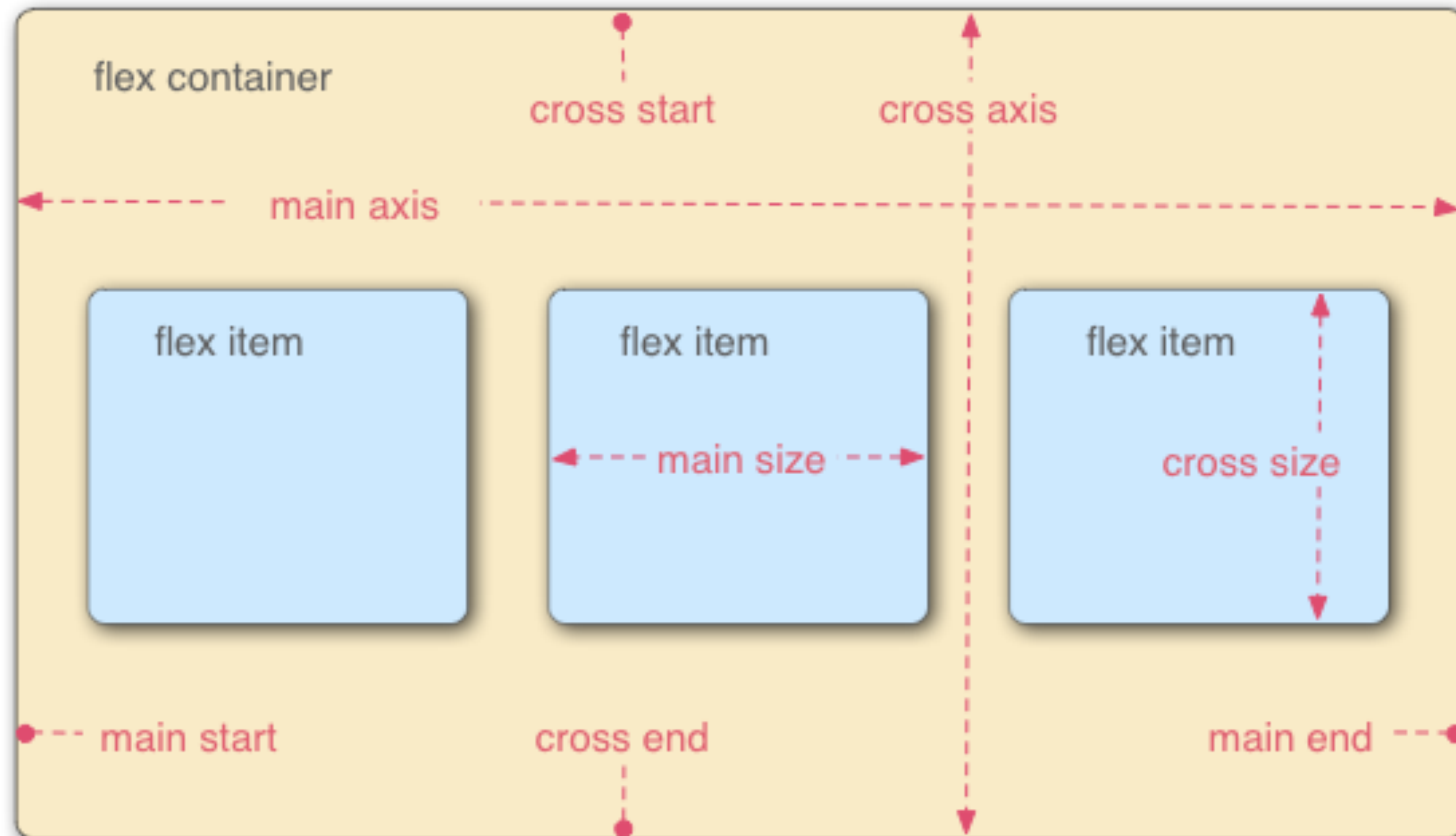
- The Flexbox Layout module aims at providing a more efficient way to lay out, align and distribute space among items in a container, even when their size is unknown and/or dynamic (thus the word "flex").

Can I use it?

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The Container



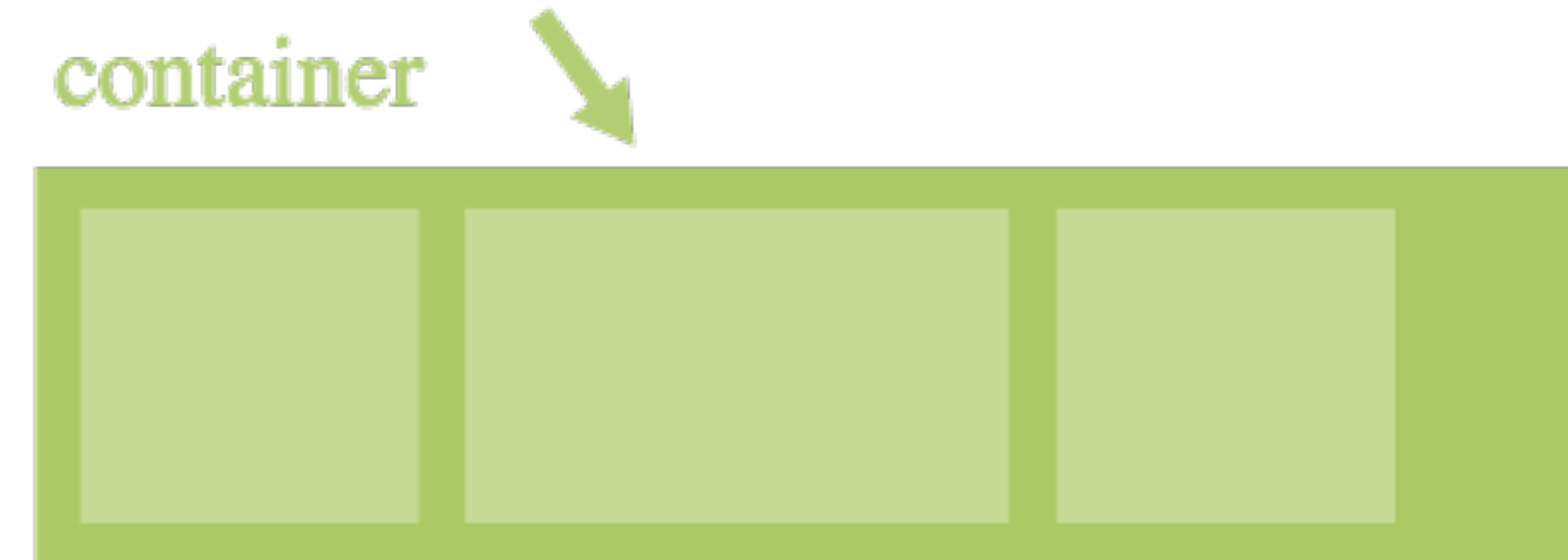
Flexbox Container: display

- This defines a flex container; It enables a flex context for all its direct children.

```
.container {  
  display: flex; /* or inline-flex */  
}
```

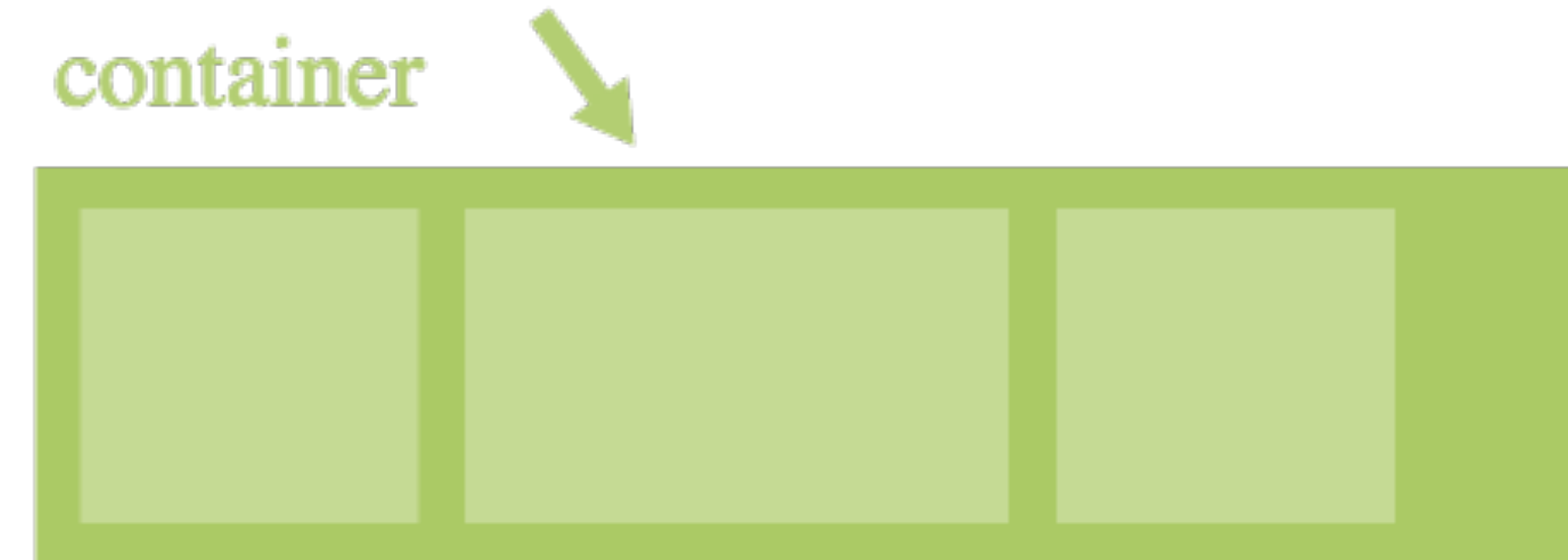
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- Flexbox gives the container the ability to alter its items dimensions (and order) to best fill the available space.



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- A flex container expands flexible items to fill free space, or shrinks them to prevent overflow.



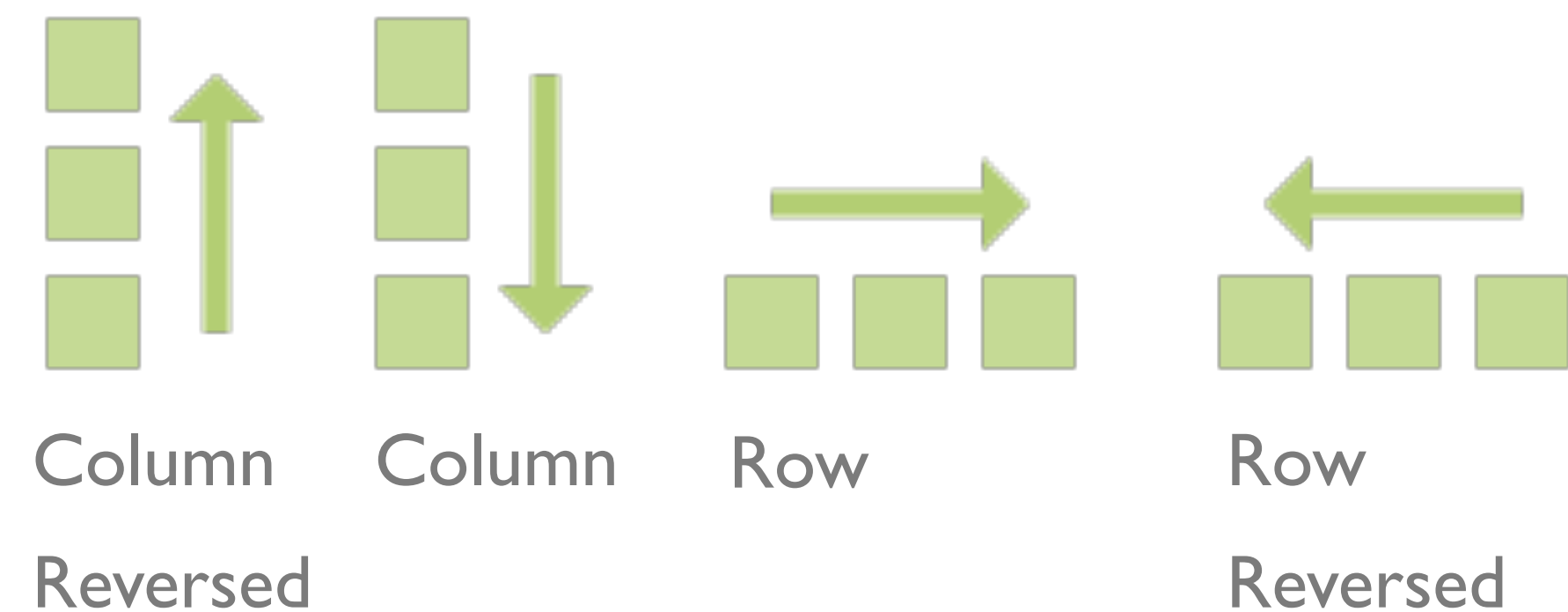
Flexbox Container: flex-direction

- Flexbox is (aside from optional wrapping) a single-direction layout concept. Think of flex items as primarily laying out either in horizontal rows or vertical columns.
- “main axis” and “cross axis”



Flexbox Container: Direction

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```
.container {  
  flex-direction: row | row-reverse | column | column-reverse;  
}
```

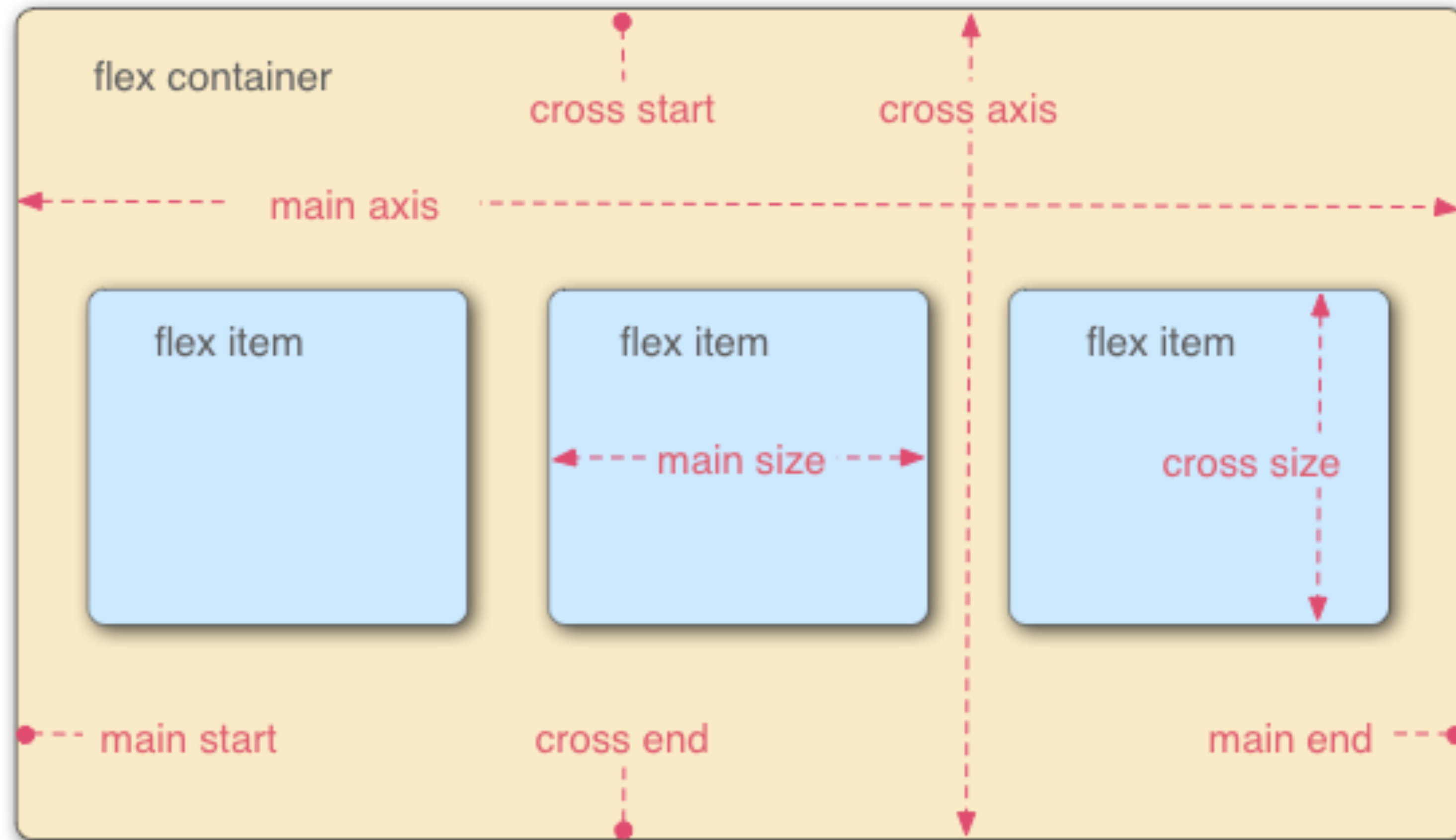
Flexbox Container: wrap

- Items will all try to fit onto one line. Items can wrap as needed with this property. Direction also plays a role here, determining the direction new lines are stacked in.



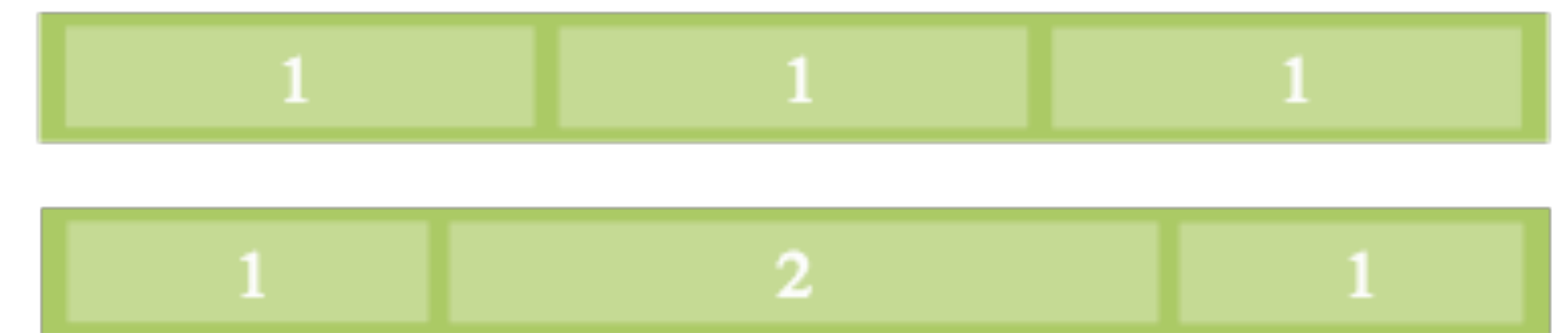
```
.container{  
  flex-wrap: nowrap | wrap | wrap-reverse;  
}
```

The Items



Flexbox Items: flex-grow

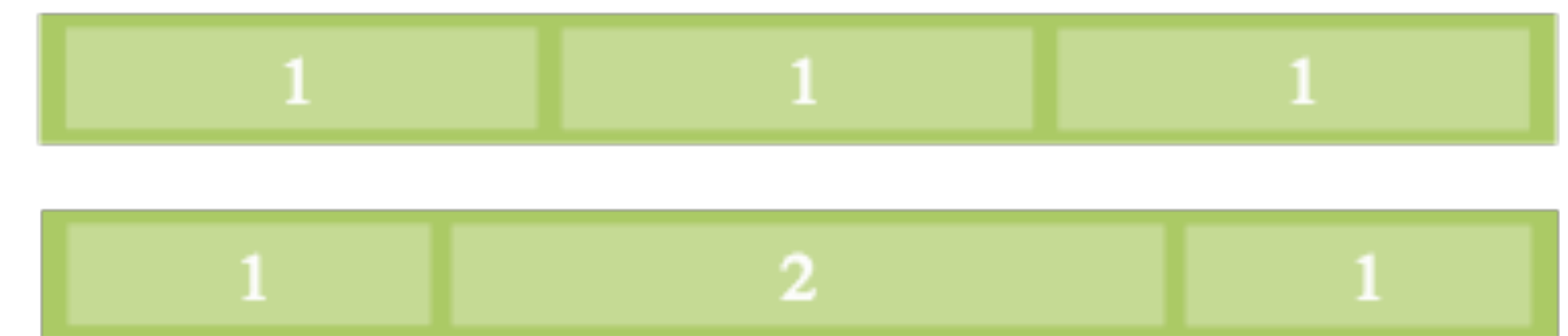
- Flex items can grow if necessary. This property accepts a unitless value that serves as a proportion. It dictates what amount of the available space inside the flex container the item should take up.



```
.item {  
  flex-grow: <number>; /* default 0 */  
}
```

Flexbox Items: flex-grow

- eg. if all items have flex-grow set to 1, every child will set to an equal size inside the container. If set to 2, that child would take up twice as much space as the others.



```
.item {  
  flex-grow: <number>; /* default 0 */  
}
```

Flexbox Items: flex-shrink

- This defines the ability for a flex item to shrink if necessary. Negative numbers are invalid.
- Not that necessary

```
.item {  
  flex-shrink: <number>; /* default 1 */  
}
```

Flexbox Items: flex-basis

- Like width property (or height, depending on flex-direction).
- If a relative value, indicates proportion of that item's width that should be applied.
- Default size of element before flex-grow or flex-shrink kick in

```
.item {  
  flex-basis: <length> | auto; /* default auto */  
}
```

Flexbox Items: flex

- This is the shorthand for flex-grow, flex-shrink and flex-basis combined. The second and third parameters (flex-shrink and flex-basis) are optional. Default is 0 1 auto.

```
.item {  
  flex: none | [ <'flex-grow'> <'flex-shrink'>? || <'flex-basis'> ]  
}
```


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RESPONSIVE DESIGN

- Website is fully functional for all screen sizes, resolutions and orientations
- Born out of necessity (see previous slide)
- Developers and designers should cater to the user's environment, not the other way around



Chrome Developer Tools

The screenshot shows the Chrome Developer Tools interface. The top part displays the browser window with the URL `https://github.com/FullstackAcademy/newlearn/issues?utf8=✓&q=is%3Aissue+is%3Aopen+comments`. The page title is "FullstackAcademy / newlearn" and it is marked as "PRIVATE". The page shows a GitHub issue page with a search bar, filters, and a "New issue" button.

The Chrome Developer Tools interface is open, showing the "Elements" panel on the left and the "Styles" panel on the right. The "Elements" panel displays the HTML structure of the page, with the following code visible:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en" class=" is-copy-enabled">
  <head prefix="og: http://ogp.me/ns# fb: http://ogp.me/ns/object# article: http://ogp.me/ns/article# profile: http://ogp.me/ns/profile#">...</head>
  <body class="logged_in env-production macintosh vis-private">
    <a href="#start-of-content" tabindex="1" class="accessibility-aid js-skip-to-content">Skip to content</a>
    <div class="header header-logged-in true" role="banner">...</div>
    <div id="start-of-content" class="accessibility-aid"></div>
    <div id="js-flash-container">
      </div>
    <div role="main" class="main-content">...</div>
    <div class="container">...</div>
    <div id="ajax-error-message" class="flash flash-error">...</div>
    <script crossorigin="anonymous" integrity="sha256-Ln/D0mSiC0E4PehbgVN5vsz/VsH5d3FFFdTKx4I07z4=" src="https://assets-cdn.github.com/assets/frameworks-2e7fc3d264a208e1383de85b815379beccff56c1f977714515d4cac7320eef3e.js"></script>
    <script async="async" crossorigin="anonymous" integrity="sha256-0ZauYVQU9+hAsJTbTqtuSyWQK5rrZ0UHUHJlozDGwdA=" src="https://assets-cdn.github.com/assets/github-d196ae615414f7e840b094db4eab6e3b25902b9aeb674507521265a330c6c1d0.js"></script>
    <div class="js-stale-session-flash stale-session-flash flash flash-warn flash-banner hidden">...</div>
    <div class="facebox" id="facebox" style="display:none;">...</div>
    <script id="hiddenlpsubmitdiv" style="display: none;"></script>
    <script>...</script>
  </body>
</html>
```

The "Styles" panel on the right shows the CSS rules applied to the selected element. The rules are:

- `element.style { }`
- `media="all" body { word wrap: break-word; }` (Source: `github-f8ab60c8...936c414b.css:1`)
- `media="all" body { font: 13px/1.4 Helvetica, arial, nimbussansl, liberation sans, clean, sans-serif, "Segoe UI Emoji", "Segoe UI Symbol"; color: #333; background-color: #fff; }` (Source: `github-f8ab60c8...936c414b.css:1`)
- `media="all" body { margin: 0; }` (Source: `github-f8ab60c8...936c414b.css:1`)
- `media="all" * { box-sizing: border-box; }` (Source: `github-f8ab60c8...936c414b.css:1`)
- `body { display: block; margin: 8px; }` (Source: `user agent stylesheet`)
- `Inherited from html.is-copy-enabled`
- `media="all" html { font-family: sans-serif; }` (Source: `github-f8ab60c8...936c414b.css:1`)

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