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Flexbox fixed alignment.

Grid fixes layout.

One dimension only gets us so far. Pages are two-dimensional.

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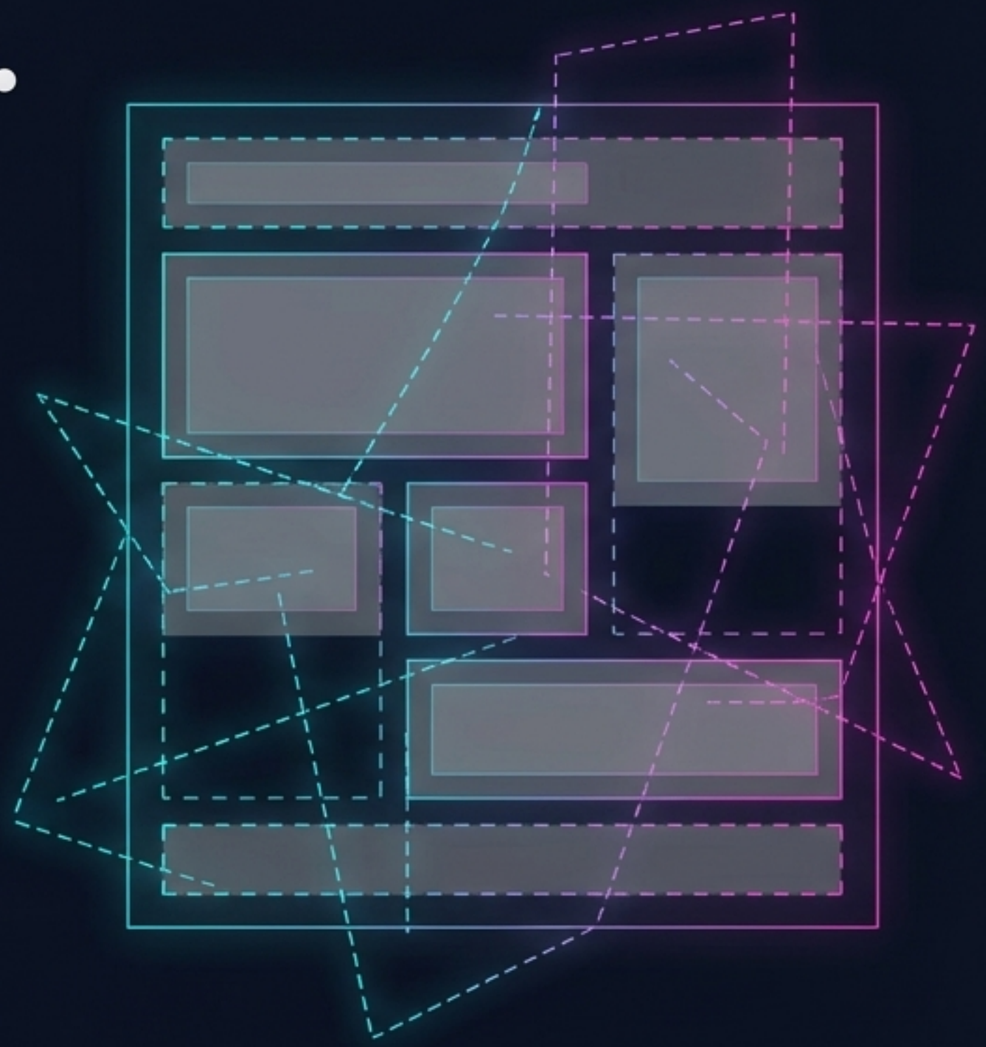
Life Before Grid Was... Improvised.

- Nesting flex rows inside flex columns
- Clearing floats
- Faking columns with percentages
- Wrestling footers into place

“Explaining to students why the code looked nothing like the design.”



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Flexbox Was Necessary — But Not Sufficient.

Flexbox gave us powerful control along one axis at a time. That made it incredible for:

- Navigation bars
- Toolbars
- Cards
- Components

But pages don’t live on one axis. They live on rows and columns simultaneously.

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Enter the Second Dimension

CSS **Grid** is a two-dimensional layout system. You define the structure first, then you place content into that structure. Not the other way around.

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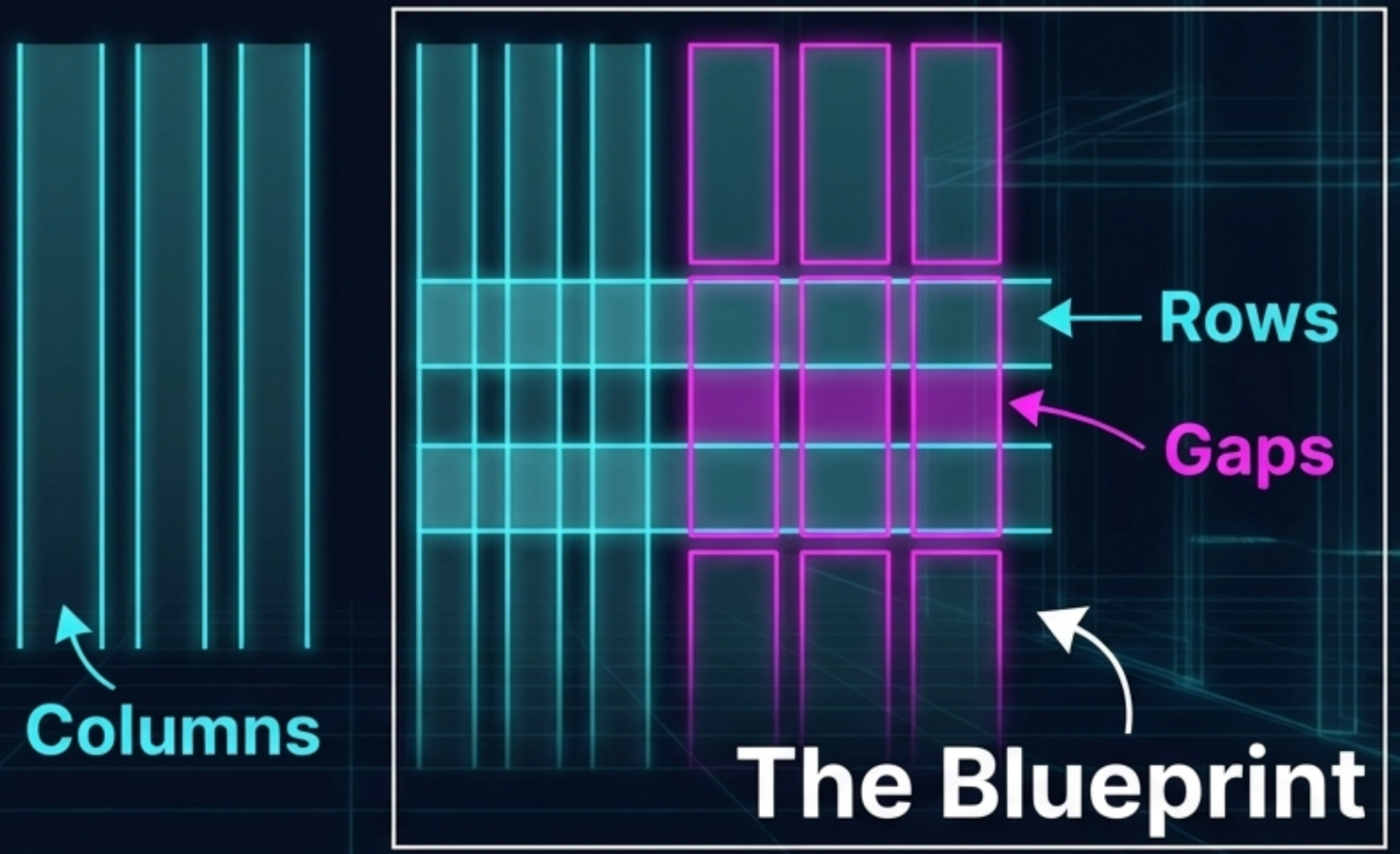
The Architect’s Blueprint

Columns

Rows

Gaps

Structure



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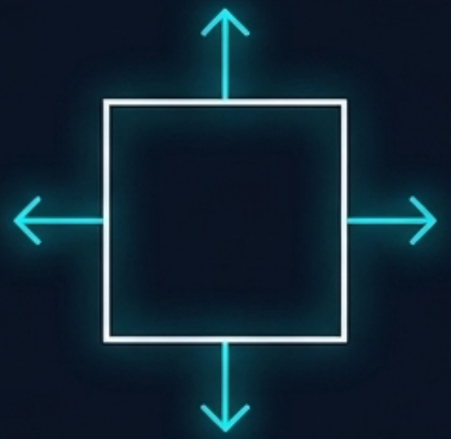
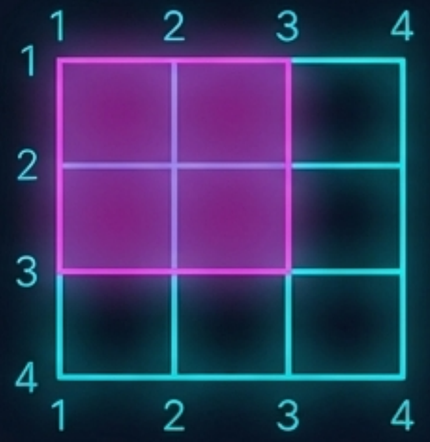
The Mental Shift

Stop Thinking In:
left / right
top / bottom



Start Thinking In:
grid lines
tracks
areas



You design the blueprint. Then you assign content to it.
That’s the second dimension.

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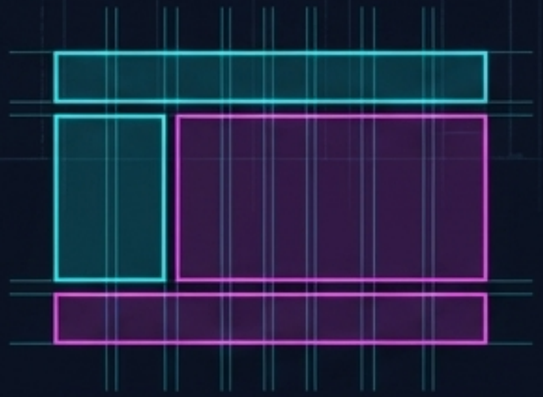
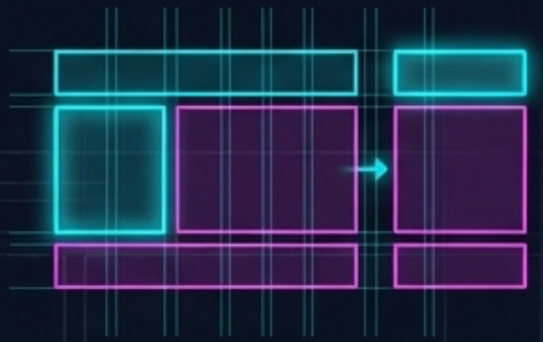
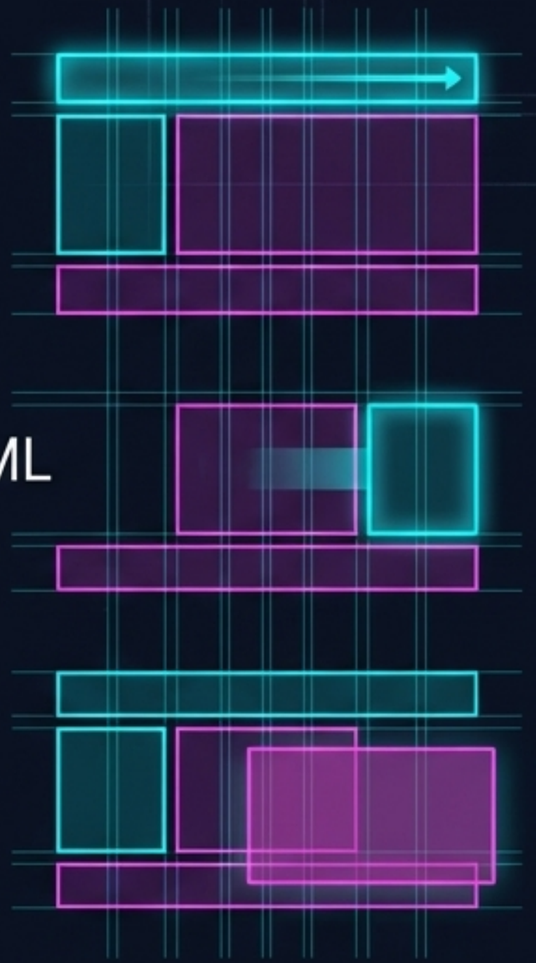
What Grid Makes Possible



- Build full-page layouts cleanly
- Span elements across rows and columns
- Rearrange layouts visually without touching HTML



- Redefine structure at breakpoints
- Layer and overlap elements intentionally



No floats. No hacks. No duct tape.

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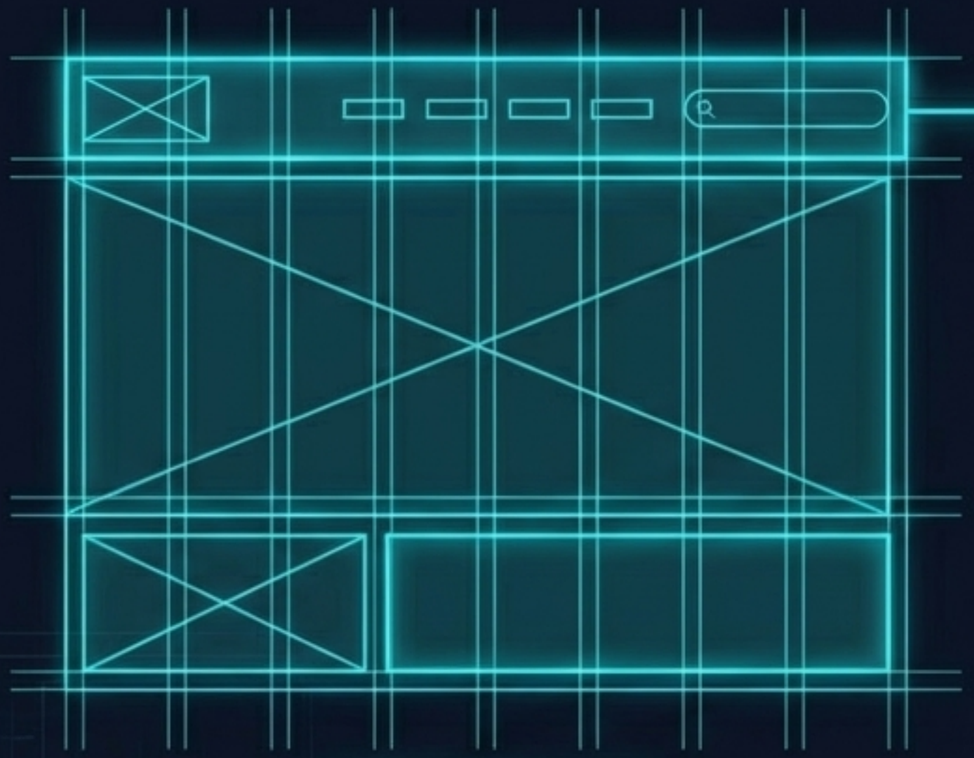
Grid and Flexbox Are Teammates



Grid for Layout

Flexbox for Components

When you use both intentionally, layout becomes:

Predictable **Expressive** **Sane**

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Enter the Architect's Workshop

Grid: The Second Dimension Demo Lab — Coming Soon

Experiment freely — redraw tracks, reassign areas, collapse layouts, and watch the structure adapt. Grid rewards planning.

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git clone https://github.com/ProfessorSolo/WebDevTnT-CSS-Grid-Second-Dimension.git
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p.s., keep learning!

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