CSS-Layout

- Developer skills
 - Googling: CSS-Tricks, Stack Overflow, <u>developer.mozilla.org</u>
- What is Layout?
 - The way text, images, and other content is placed and arranged on a webpage
 - Give the webpage a visual structure to place the content
 - Building a Layout: not simply add elements one by one, it arranges page elements into a structure.
- Types of Layout
 - Page Layout
 - Component Layout
- Three Ways to build CSS Layout
 - Floats
 - Outdated method, use float CSS property
 - FlexBox
 - perfert for <u>component layouts</u>, modern way for laying out elements in a <u>1-dimensional row</u> without using floats.
 - CSS Grid
 - Fully-fledged <u>2-dimensional grid</u>. Perfect for <u>page layouts and complex</u> componenets.

Float Layouts

- {float:left;} or {float:right;}
- Characteristics
 - elements are removed from the normal flow: "out of flow"
 - Text and inline elements will wrap around the floated elements
 - Container will not adjust its height to the element
- Clearing Floats
 - we add an empty <div class="clear"></div>, then write .clear{clear:...} in css
 - after we add a clearfix class in html element, in css
 .clearfix::after{display:block;clear:...; content:"";}
 <!--add a brand new element at the very end of the container, even if the blank content is okay, but the clearfix only apply for block-->
- {box-sizing:border box;}
 - The lengths of width and height get larger.



- Final element width=width; Final element height=height
- usually, it will add into <u>universial element</u> if we want to apply this for every single element in this page

FlexBox

set a container element with many child elements

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<div class="container">
 <div class="el el--1">HTML</div>
 <div class="el el--2">and</div>
 <div class="el el--3">CSS</div>
 <div class="el el--4">are</div>
 <div class="el el--5">amazing</div>
 <div class="el el--6">languages</div>
 <div class="el el--7">to</div>
 <div class="el el--7">to</div>
 <div class="el el--8">learn</div>
 </div></div>
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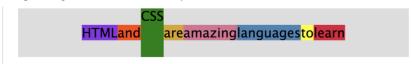
• {display:flex;} In webpage, the contents are immediately side-by-side. These elements here we called them--flex item



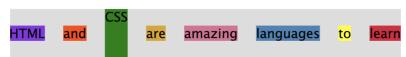
- vertically centering
 - {align-items:center;} in the container



- By default, align-items is set to be **stretch** as the tallest elements
- Horizontally centering
 - {justify-content: center;}



• {justify-content: space-between;}



• Characters:

- <u>Empty space</u> inside a container element can be automatically divided by its child elements.
- Align items to one another inside the parent container both <u>vertically and horizontally</u>.
- vertical centering and create equal-height columns
- Terminology
 - Flex container {display:flex;}
 - {gap:0 | <length>}: create the space between items
 - {justify-content: center | flex-start | flex-end|space-between|space-around|space-evenly;}:horizontally
 - {align-items:center | baseline | flex-end|flex-start;} :vertically
 - {flex-direction:row|row-reverse|column|column-reverse;}:define main axis
 - {flex-wrap: nowrap|wrap|wrap-reverse;}:wrap items into a new line if they are too large
 - {align-content:flex-start | flex-end|center|space-between|space-around;}:only apply for a multiple lines
 - Flex items: child elements
 - **{order:0|<integar>}**: -1 the first order, 1 means the last order, if we want to change another item to the last one, we set the order>1, such as **{order:2}**



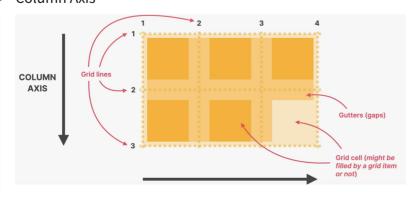
- Main axis: the directions flex items lay out
- Cross axis:vertical to main axis

CSS Grid

• We assign our items into two columns the first with 250px, the another is 150px. Display by **columns and rows**. The same as grid-template-rows



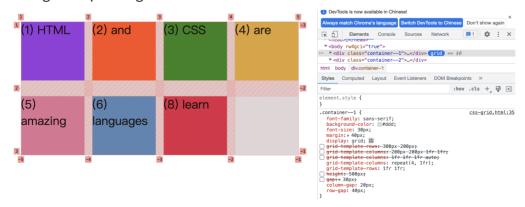
- gap/column-gap/row-gap
- Characters
 - Two-dimensional layout
 - divide a container element into columns and rows can be filled with its child elements
 - write less nested html and easier read css
 - can not replace flexbox, they can use together for 1D and 2D layout
- Terminology {diaplay:grid;}, use {display:none;} to hide css grid container
 - Grid Container
 - Grid Items
 - Gutters/Gaps: the space between two different items
 - Grid Lines
 - Grid columns: # of columns+1
 - Grid rows: # of rows +1
 - Grid Cells: Separated by grid lines, but they are not always need to be filled
 - Row Axis
 - Column Axis



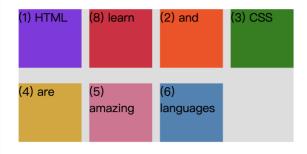
Grid track: a grid row or a grid column

Properties

- Grid Container
 - Establish grid row and column tracks
 - {grid-templete-rows:<size>;}
 - {grid-templete-columns:<size>;}
 - Another way to get columns separated: {grid-template-columns:
 repeat(4,1fr);}, first we state how many columns we want, then the size
 - Create Empty Space between tracks
 - {row-gap:<length>;}
 - {column-gap:<length>;}
 - Align items inside rows/columns(horizontally and vertically)
 - {justify-items:strech|start|center|end;}
 - {align-items:strech|start|center|end;}
 - grid inside container(if container>grid)
 - {justify-content:strech|start|center|end...;}
 - {align-content:strech|start|center|end...;}
- Grid Items
 - place a grid item into a specific cell, based on <u>line numbers</u>
 - {grid-rows:<start line>/<end line> |span <number>;}
 - {grid-columns:<start line>/<end line> |span <number>;}
 - overwrite justify item/align items for single item
 - {justify-self:strech|start|center|end;}
 - {align-self:strech|start|center|end;}
- Placing and Spanning Grid Items



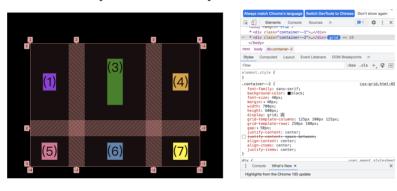
• .el--8{grid-column:2/3;grid-row:1/2;} place the item 8 to the position of item2



• .el--8{grid-column:1/4;grid-row:2;} span cross two cells or .el--8{grid-column:1/span3;grid-row:2;} start from 1 span across 3 cells



- Aligning Grid Items and Tracks
 - items vertically and herizontally set center in cells



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