CSE 309

Web Applications and Internet

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Layout exercise

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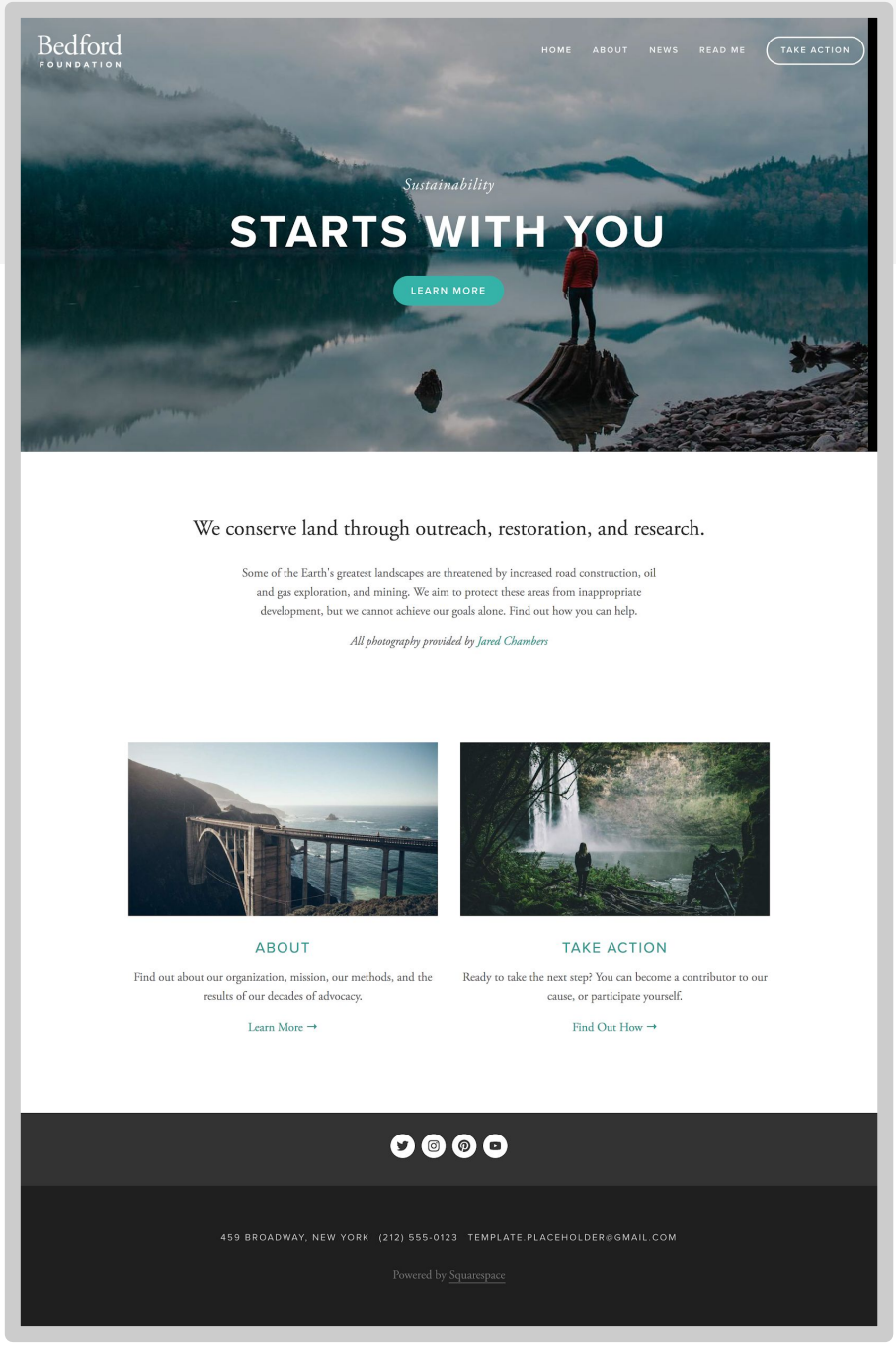

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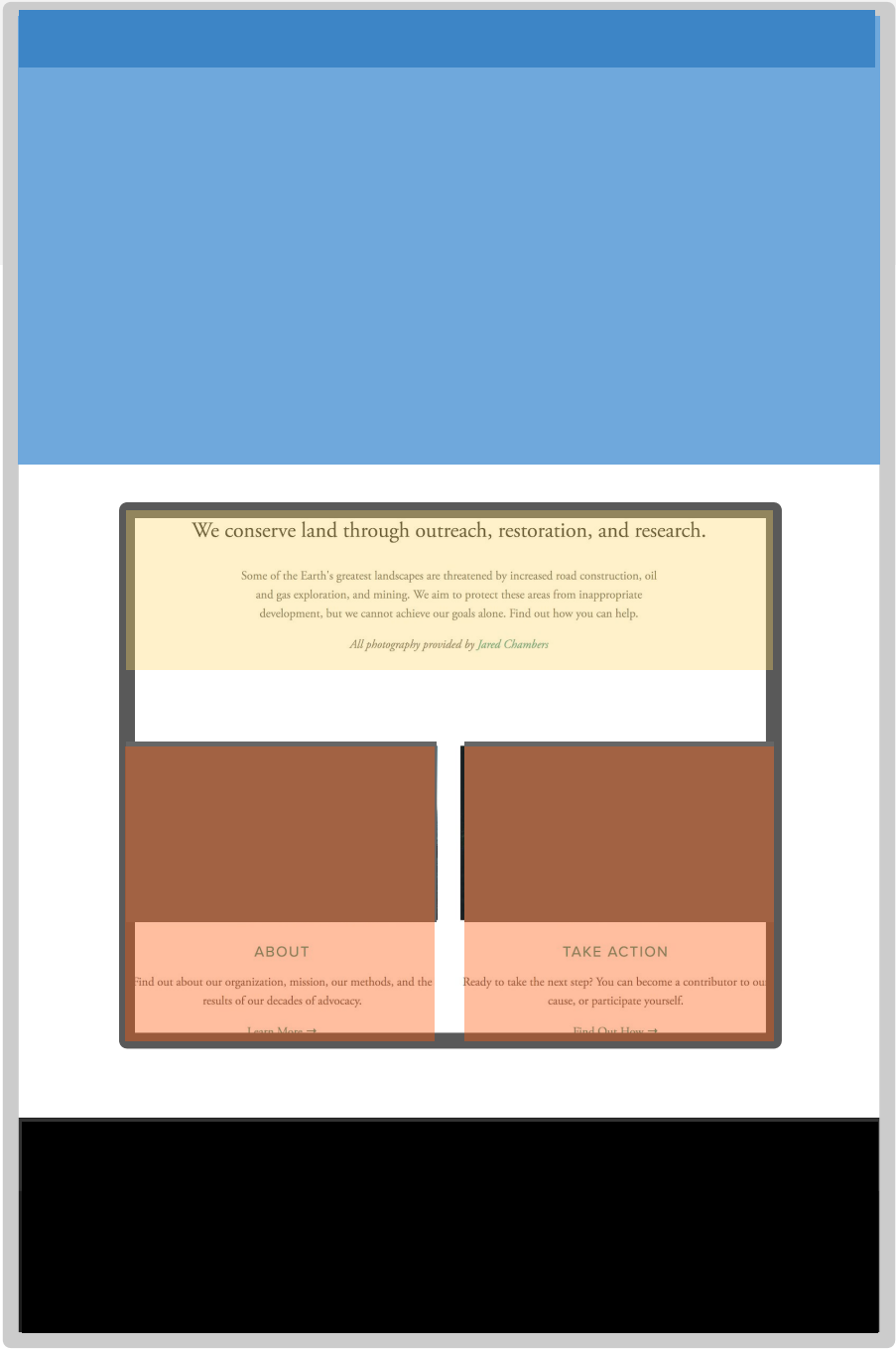

Content Sectioning elements

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`<p>`	Paragraph (mdn)
`<h1>-<h6>`	Section headings (mdn)
`<article>`	A document, page, or site (mdn) This is usually a root container element after `body`.
`<section>`	Generic section of a document (mdn)
`<header>`	Introductory section of a document (mdn)
`<footer>`	Footer at end of a document or section (mdn)
`<nav>`	Navigational section (mdn)

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Header

Navbar:

- Height: 75px
- Background: royalblue
- <nav>

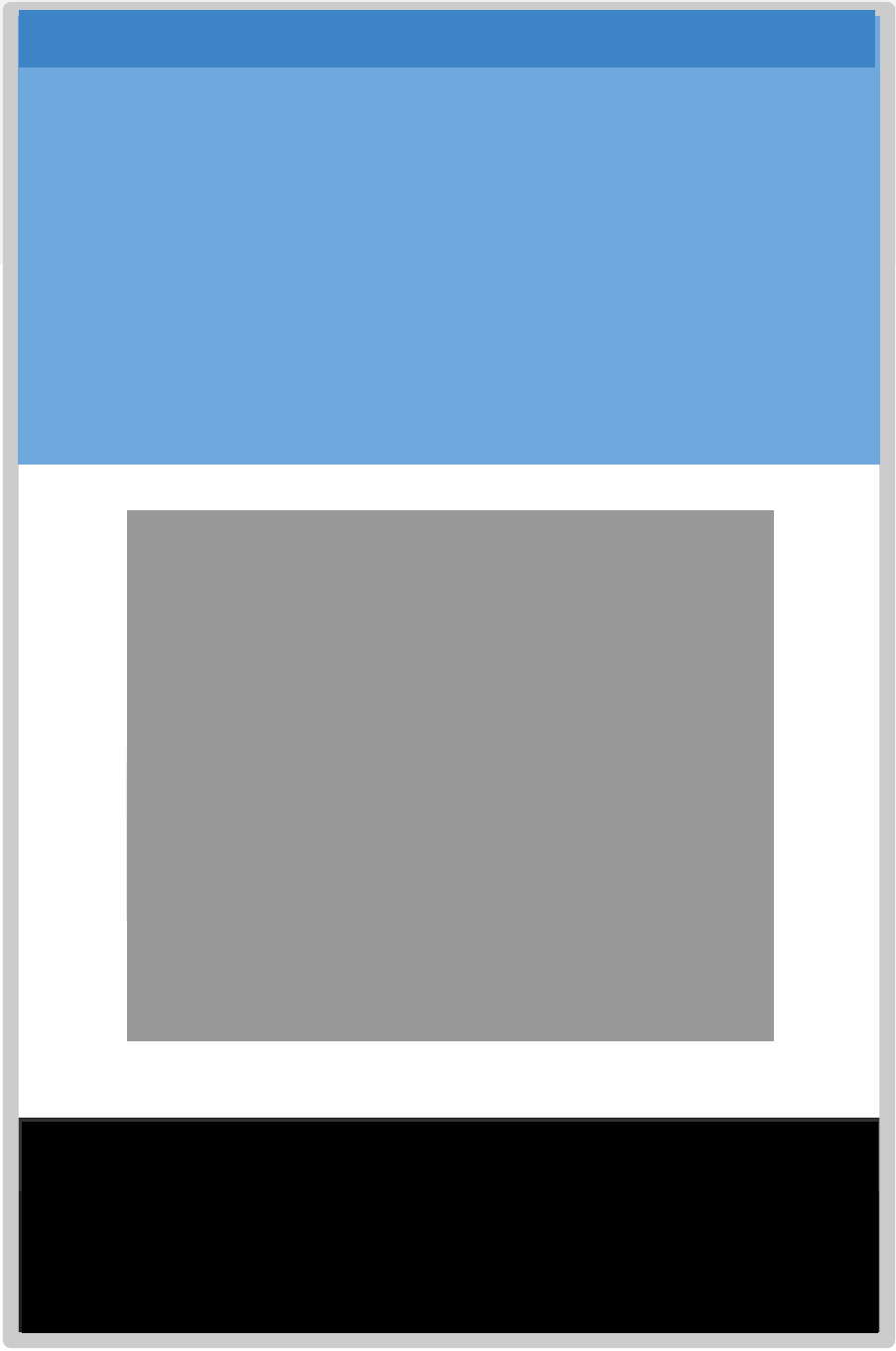
Header:

- Height: 400px;
- Background: lightskyblue
- <header>

Main section

Gray box:

- Surrounding space: 75px above and below; 100px on each side
- Height: 500px
- Background: gray
- `<section>`



Footer

Footer:

- Height: 100px
- Background: Black
- `<footer>`

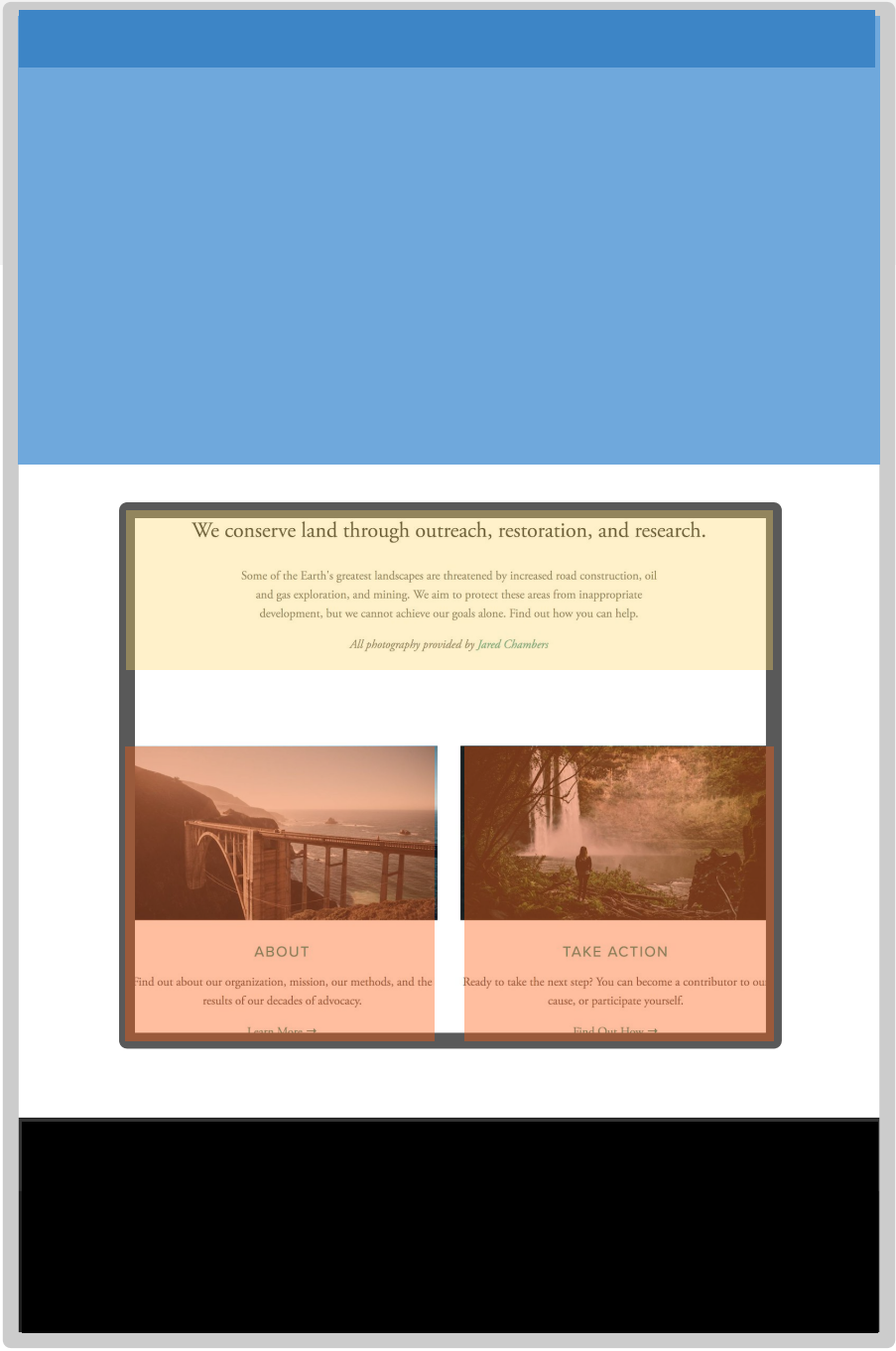
Main contents

Yellow paragraph:

- Height: 200px
- Background: khaki
- Space beneath: 75px
- `<p>`

Orange box:

- Height: 400px;
- Width: 48% of the parent's width, with space in between
- Background: tomato
- `<div>`



Flexbox

CSS layout so far

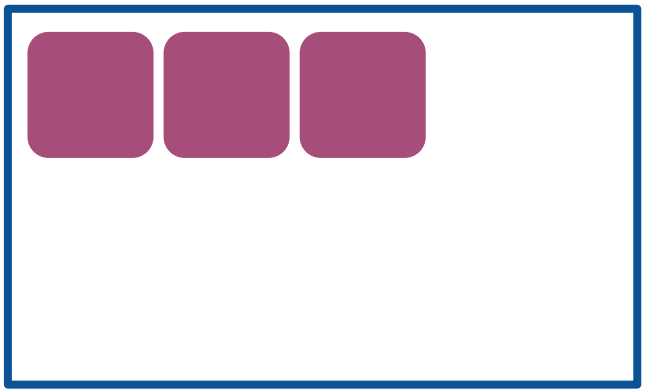
Block layout:
Laying out large sections of a page

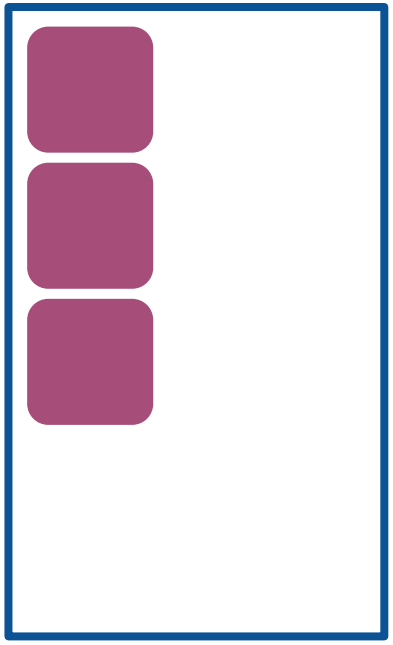
Inline layout:
Laying out text and other inline content within a section

Flex layout

To achieve more complicated layouts, we can enable a different kind of CSS layout rendering mode: **Flex layout.**

Flex layout defines a special set of rules for laying out items in rows or columns.

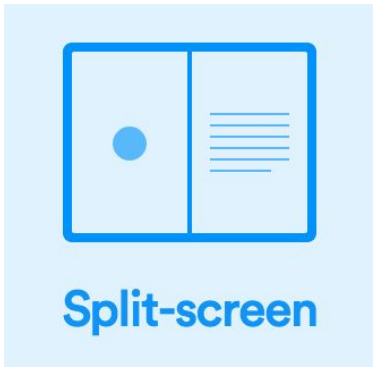


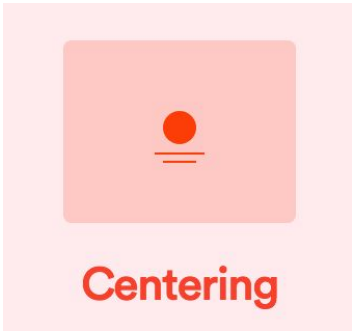


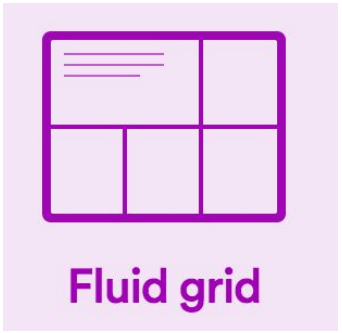
Flex layout

Flex layout solves all sorts of problems.

- Here are some examples of layouts that are easy to create with flex layout (and really difficult otherwise):







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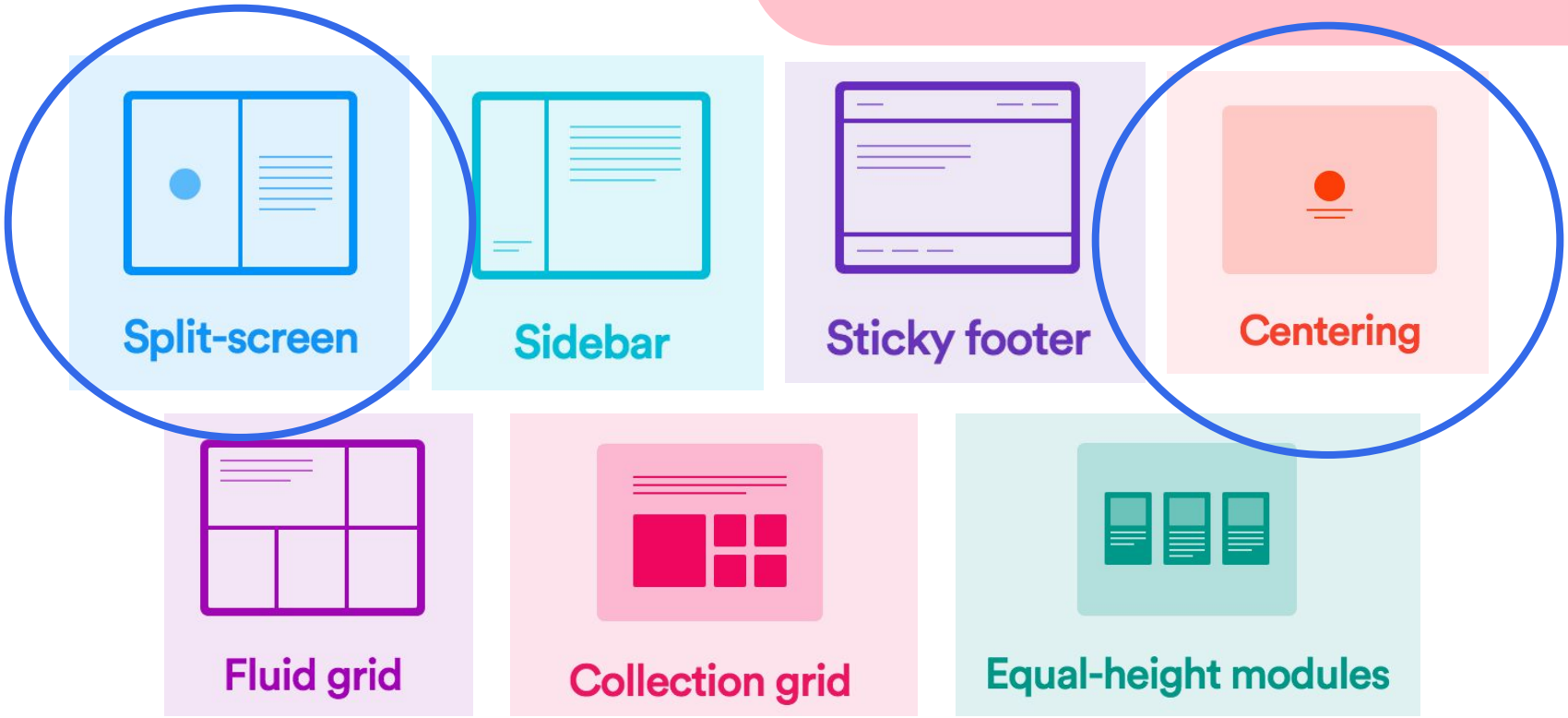
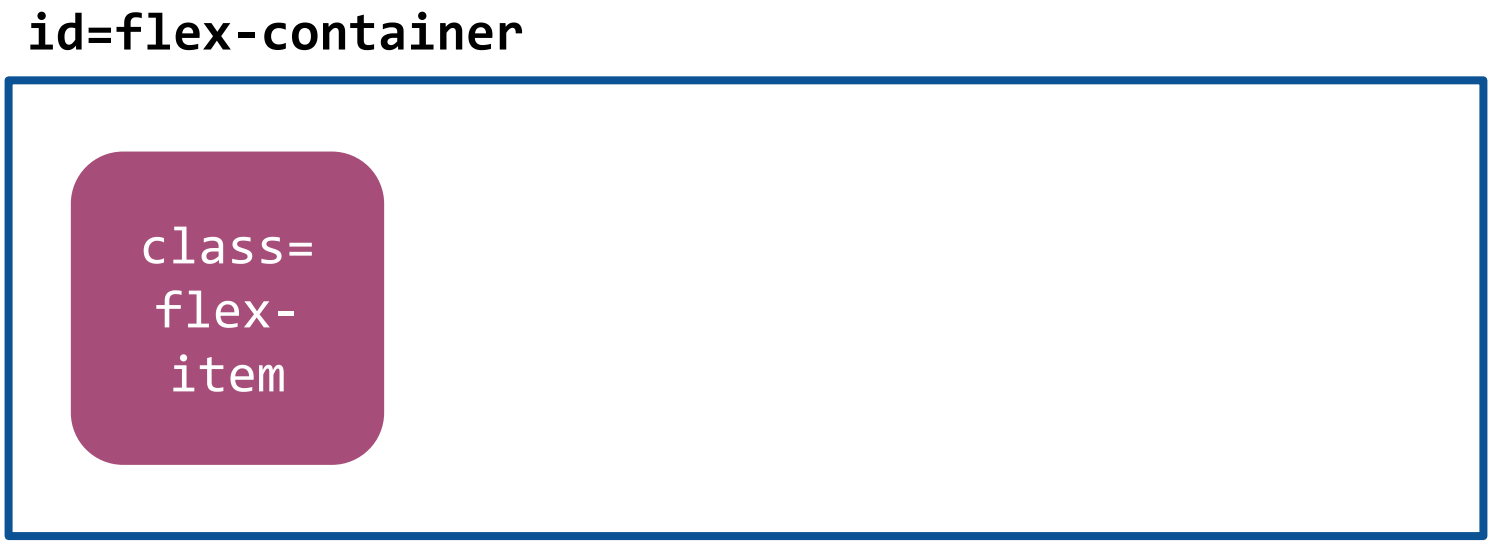


Flex basics

Flex layouts are composed of:

- A **Flex container**, which contains one or more:
  - **Flex item**(s)

You can then apply CSS properties on the **flex container** to dictate how the flex items are displayed.



Flex basics

To make an element a flex container, change `display`:

- Block container: `display: flex;` or
- Inline container: `display: inline-flex;`

Follow along in Codepen

HTML

```
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
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CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
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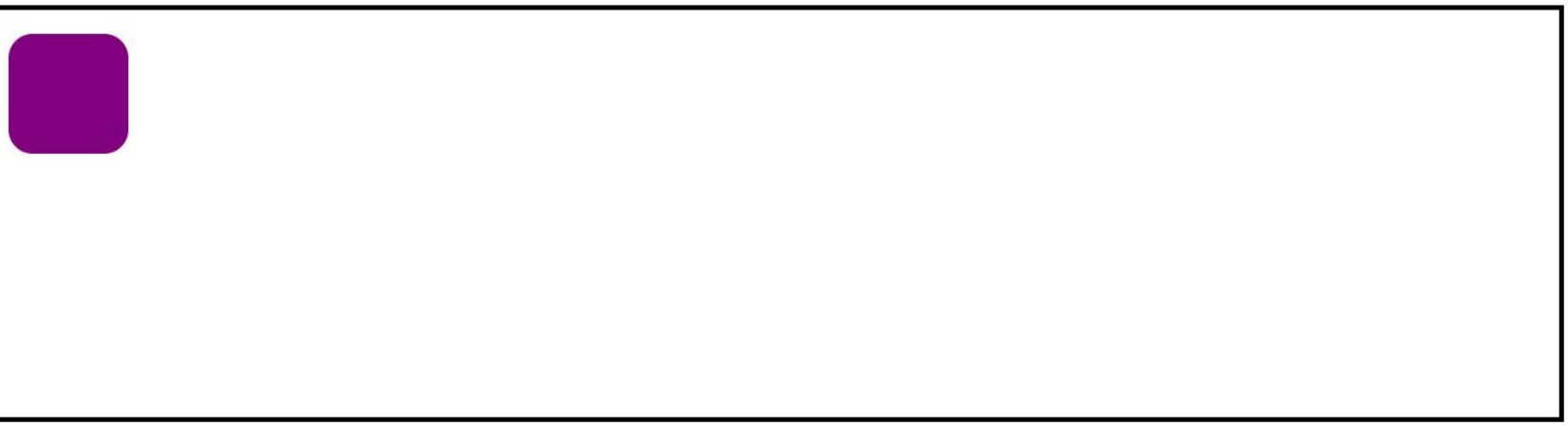

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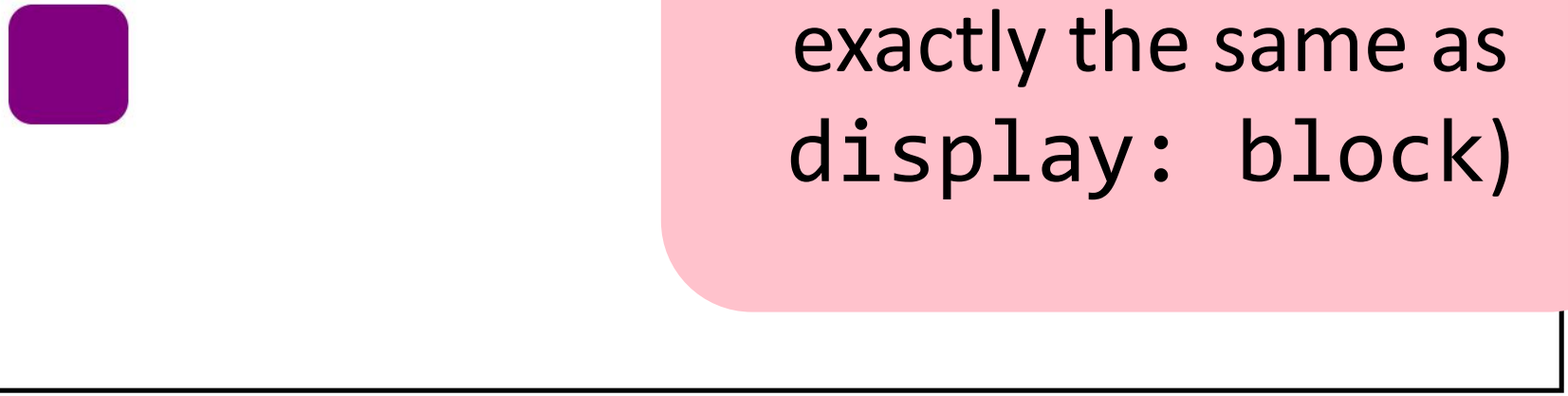

(So far, this looks exactly the same as `display: block`)

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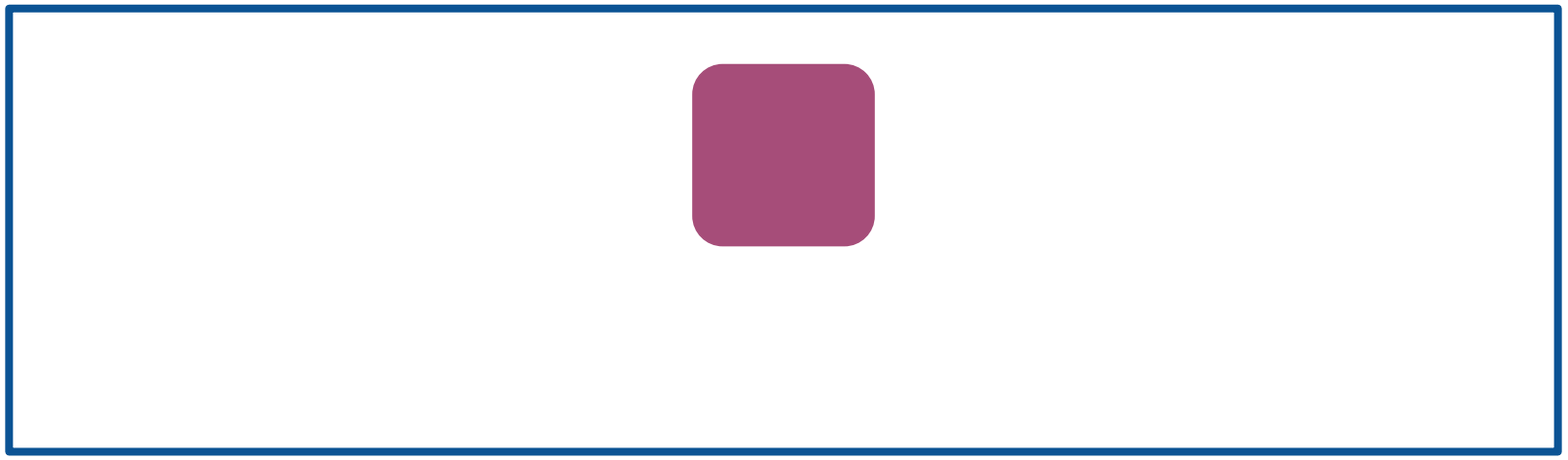

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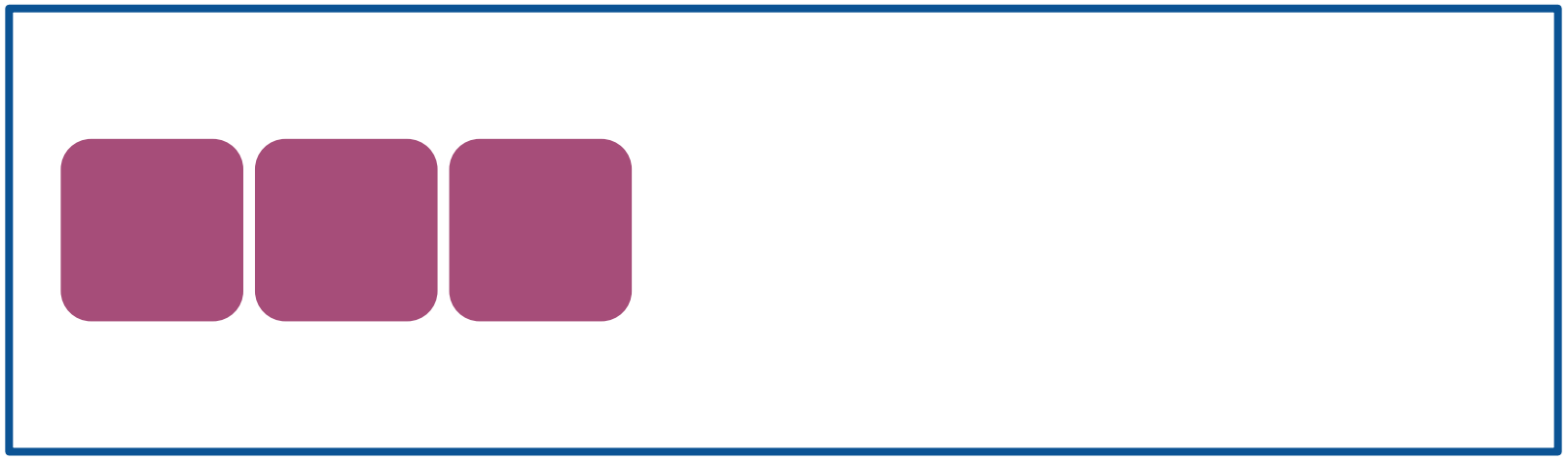

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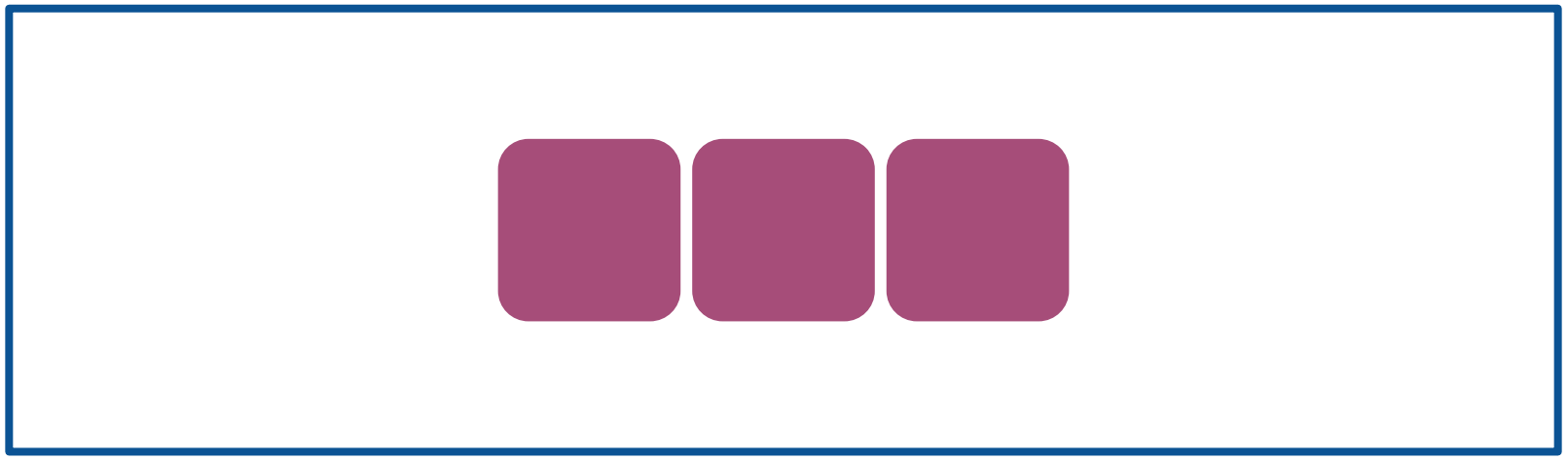

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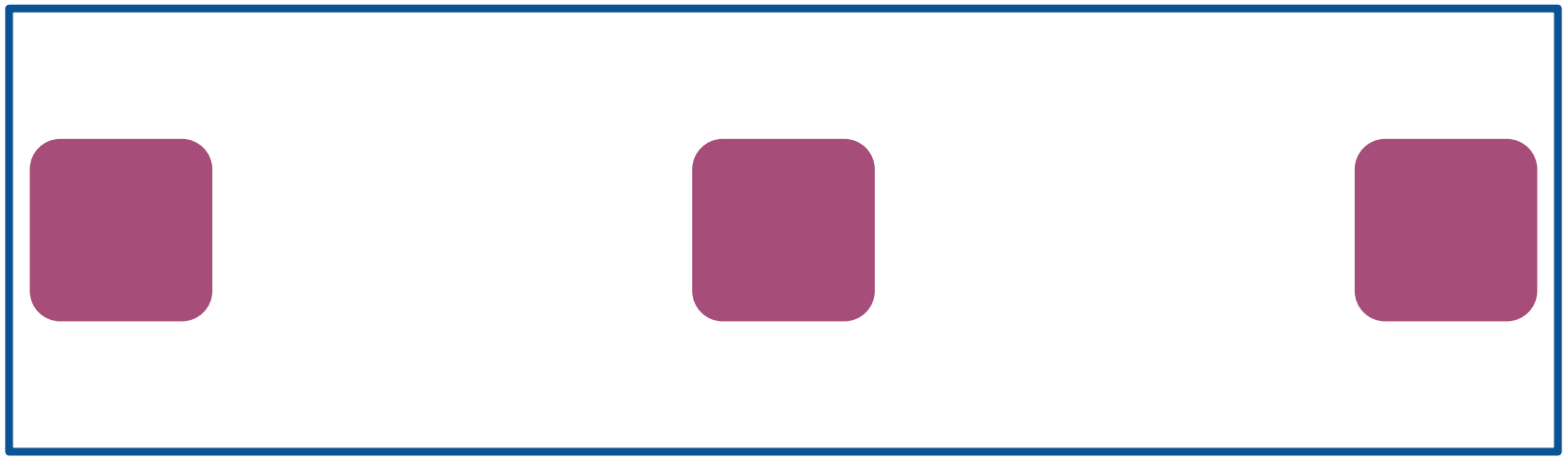

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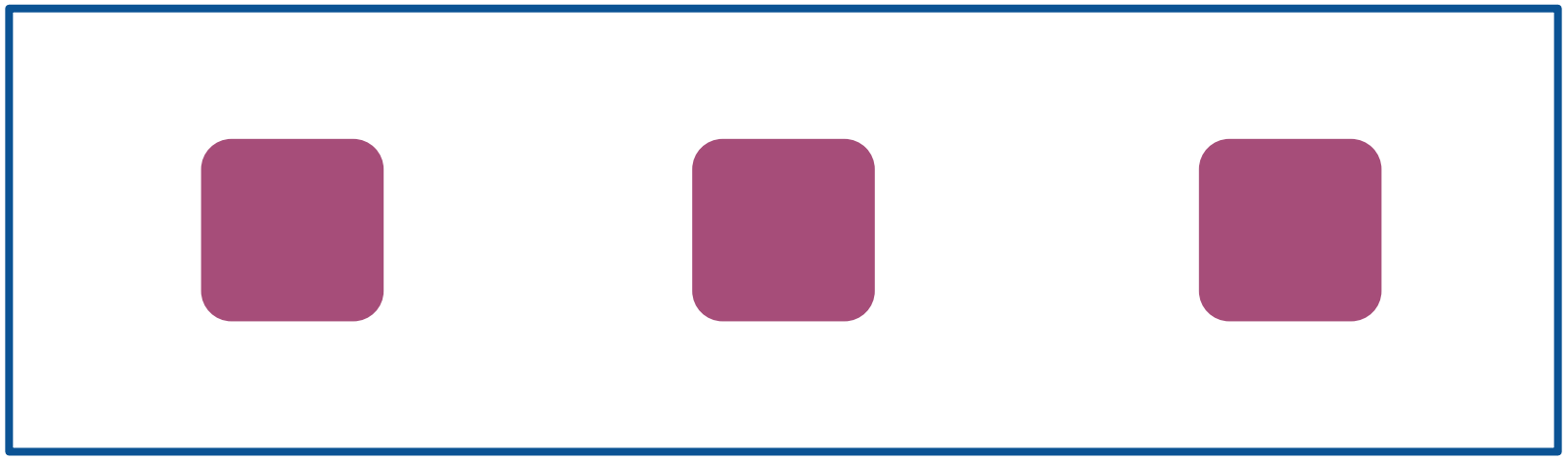

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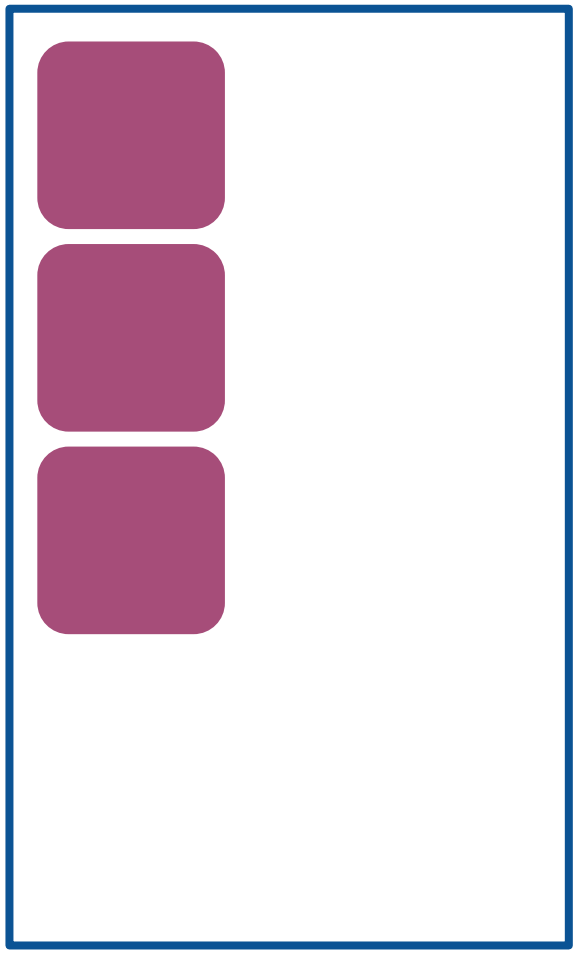

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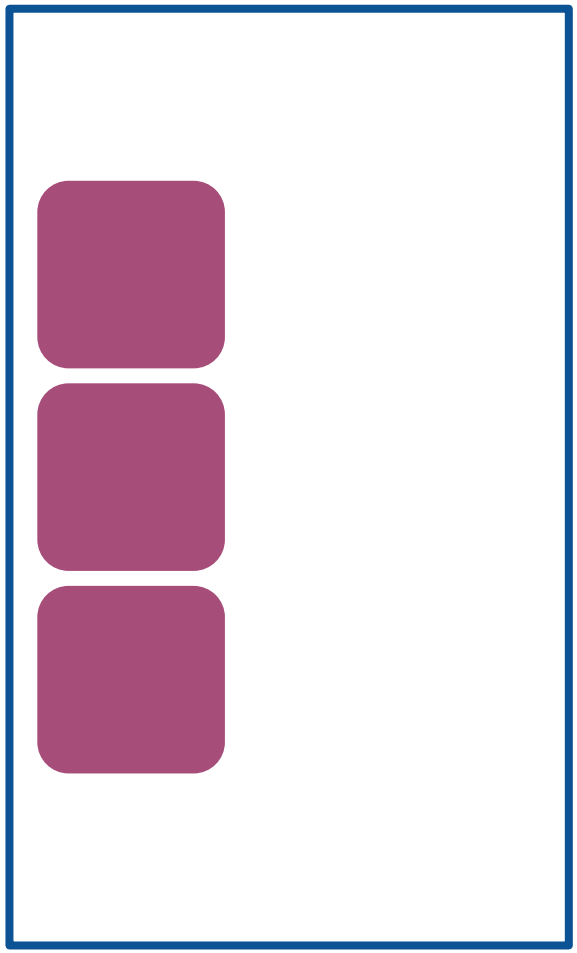

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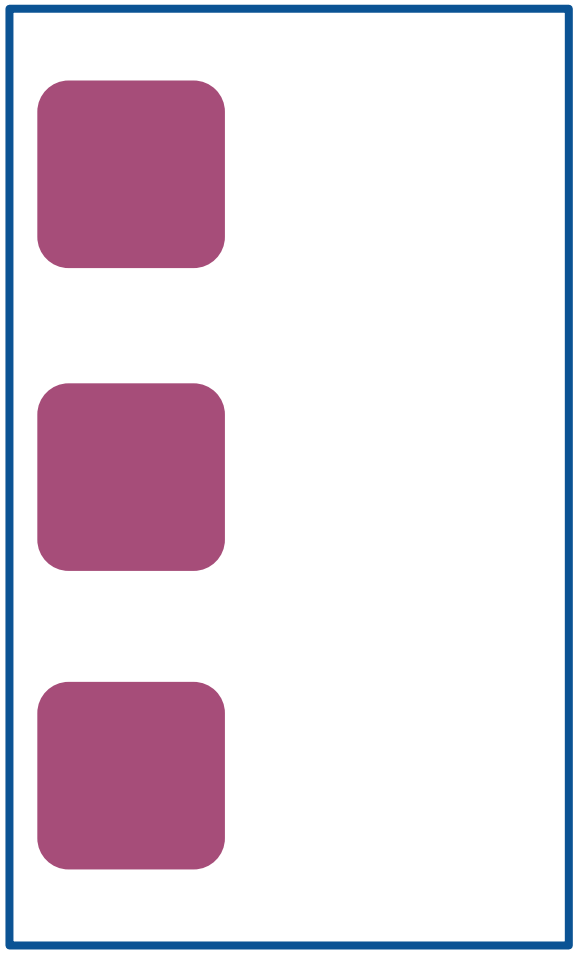

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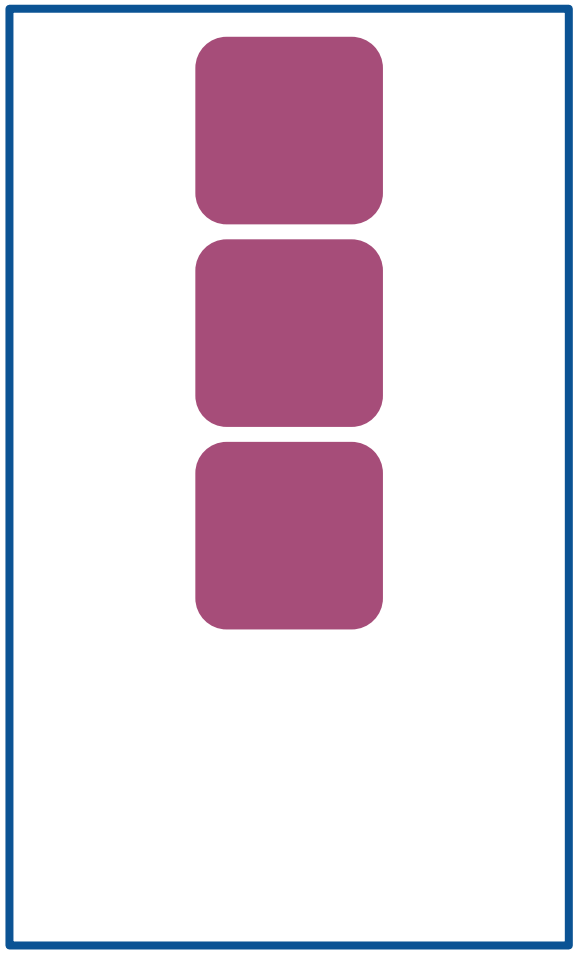

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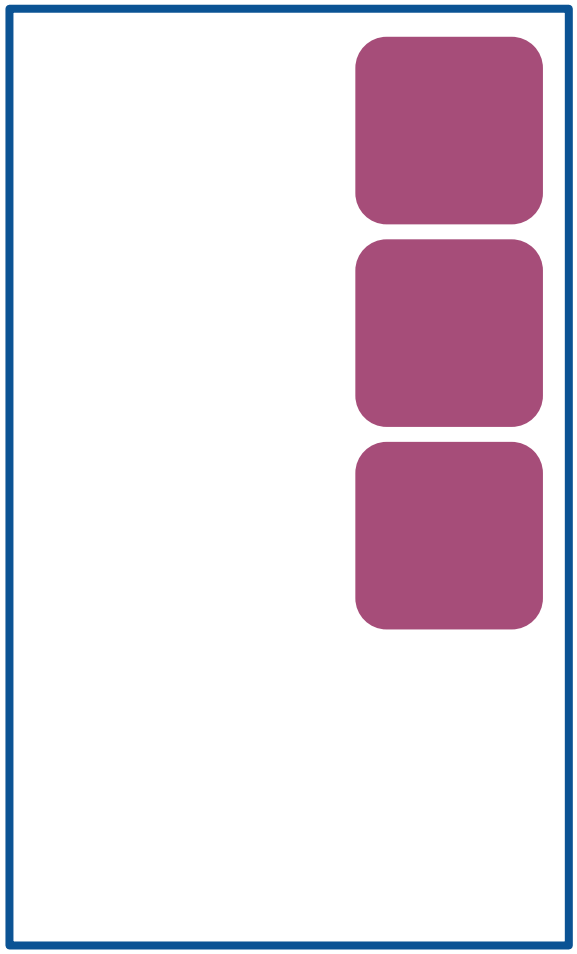

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Before we move on...

What happens if the flex item is an inline element?

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```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
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  height: 50px;
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  margin: 5px;
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JS

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Recall: block layouts

If `#flex-container` was **not** `display: flex`:

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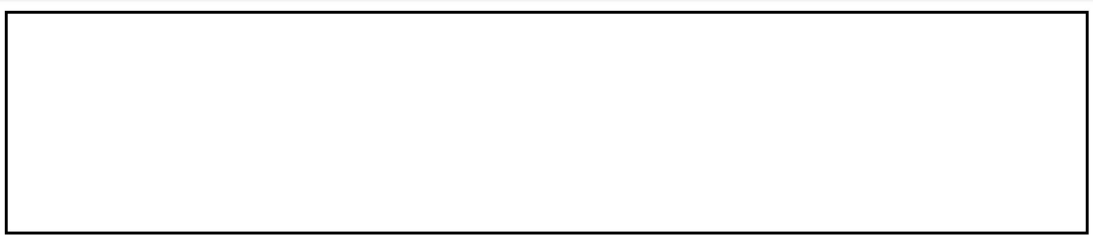

Then the span `flex-items` would not show up because span elements are inline, which don't have a height and width

Flex layouts

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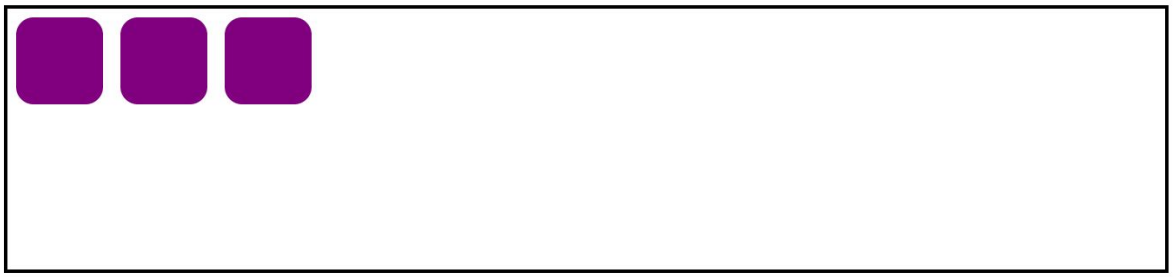

Why does this change when `display: flex`?

Why do inline elements suddenly seem to have height and width?

Flex: A different rendering mode

- When you set a container to `display: flex`, the direct children in that container are **flex items** and follow a new set of rules.
- **Flex items are not block or inline;** they have different rules for their height, width, and layout.
  - The *contents* of a flex item follow the usual block/inline rules, relative to the flex item's boundary.
- The **height** and **width** of flex items are… complicated.

Flex item sizing

Flex basis

Flex items have an initial width*, which, by default is either:

- The content width, or
- The explicitly set **`width`** property of the element, or
- The explicitly set **`flex-basis`** property of the element

This initial width* of the flex item is called the **flex basis**.

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The explicit width* of a flex item is respected *for all flex items*, regardless of whether the flex item is inline, block, or inline-block.

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Flex basis

If we unset the `height` and `width`, our flex items disappears, because the **flex basis** is now the content size, which is empty:

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}
```

flex-shrink

The width* of the flex item can automatically shrink **smaller than the flex basis** via the **`flex-shrink`** property:

`flex-shrink`:

- If set to 1, the flex item shrinks itself as small as it can in the space available.
- If set to 0, the flex item does not shrink.

Flex items have `flex-shrink`: 1 by default.

*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

```css
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  align-items: flex-start;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}
```

```css
.flex-item {
  width: 500px;
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  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```

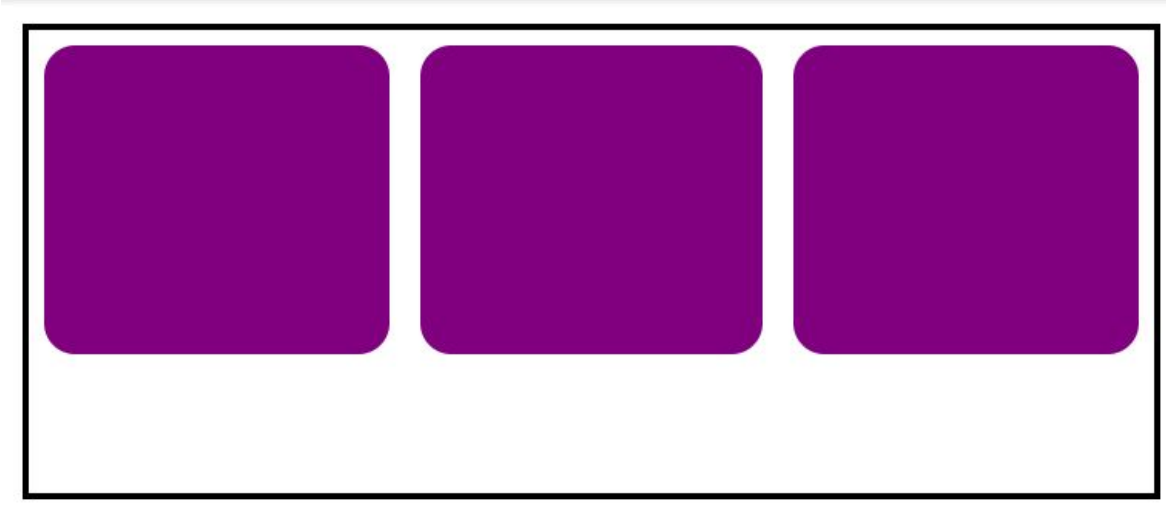

The flex items' widths all shrink to fit within the container.

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}
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```css
.flex-item {
  width: 500px;
  height: 100px;
  flex-shrink: 0;

  border-radius: 10px;
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  margin: 5px;
}
```
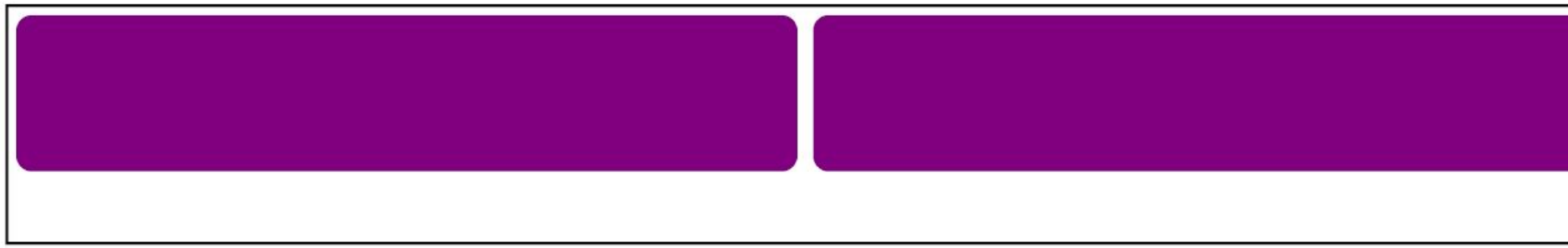

Setting `flex-shrink: 0;` undoes the shrinking behavior, and the flex items do not shrink in any circumstance:



`flex-grow`

The width* of the flex item can automatically **grow larger than the flex basis** via the `flex-grow` property:

`flex-grow`:

- If set to 1, the flex item grows itself as large as it can in the space remaining.
- If set to 0, the flex-item does not grow.

Flex items have `flex-grow: 0` by default.

*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

`flex-grow` example

Let's unset the height and width of our flex items again:

HTML

```
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```

`flex-grow` example

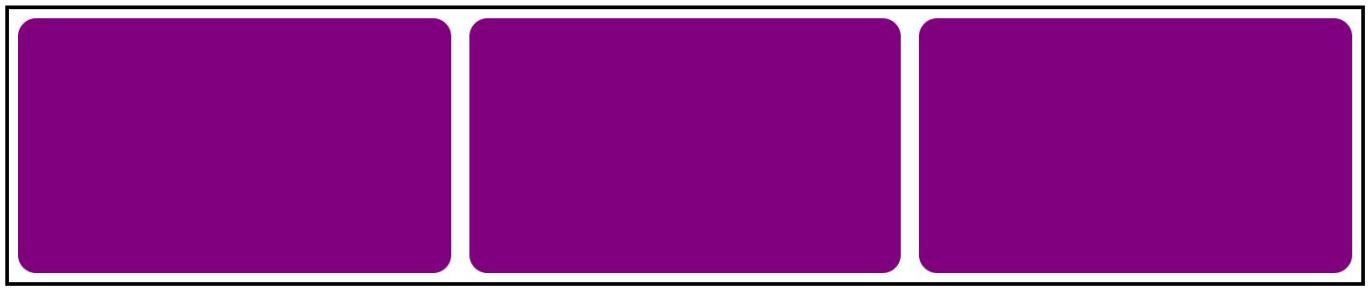
If we set `flex-grow: 1`, the flex items fill the empty space:

HTML

```
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  flex-grow: 1;
  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```



Flex item height**?!

Note that `flex-grow` only controls width*.

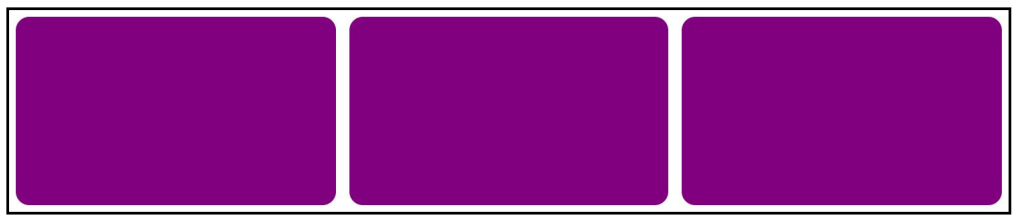
So why does the height** of the flex items seem to "grow" as well?

HTML

```
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  flex-grow: 1;
  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```



*width in the case of rows; height in the case of columns

**height in the case of rows; width in the case of columns

`align-items: stretch;`

The default value of `align-items` is `stretch`, which means every flex item grows vertically* to fill the container by default.

(This will not happen if the `height` on the flex item is set)

HTML

```
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  flex-grow: 1;
  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```

*vertically in the case of rows; horizontally in the case of columns

`align-items: stretch;`

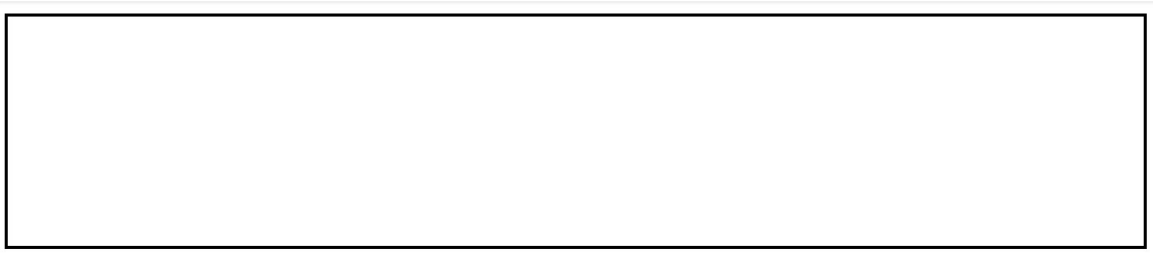
If we set another value for `align-items`, the flex items disappear again because the height is now content height, which is 0:

HTML

```
    <title>Flexbox example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <div id="flex-container">
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
      <div class="flex-item"></div>
      <span class="flex-item"></span>
    </div>

  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
#flex-container {
  display: flex;
  align-items: flex-start;
  border: 2px solid black;
  height: 150px;
}

.flex-item {
  border-radius: 10px;
  flex-grow: 1;
  background-color: purple;
  margin: 5px;
}
```



FLEXBOX FROGGY

Most entertaining way to learn and practice Flexbox:

https://flexboxfroggy.com/

More next time!