

Mastering CSS

Introduction CSS Flexbox vs Grid



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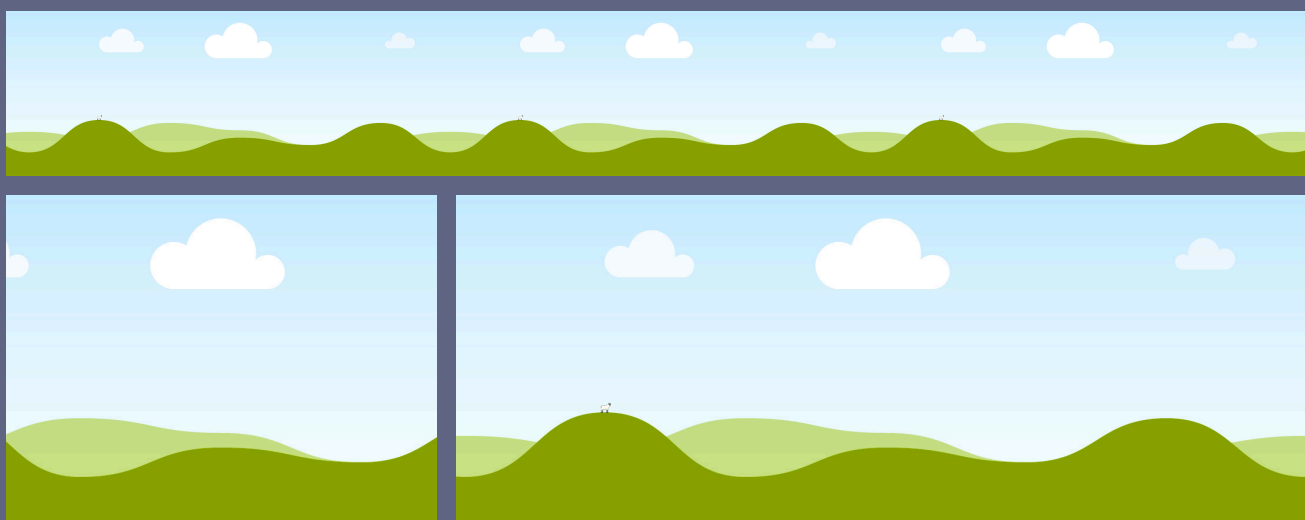
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1D vs 2D Layouts

Flexbox = One-dimensional (row or column)



Grid = Two-dimensional (row and column)



When to Use Flexbox?

Use Flexbox for:

Navigation bars

Centering elements

Lists of items in one direction

Components inside cards or modals



When to Use Grid?

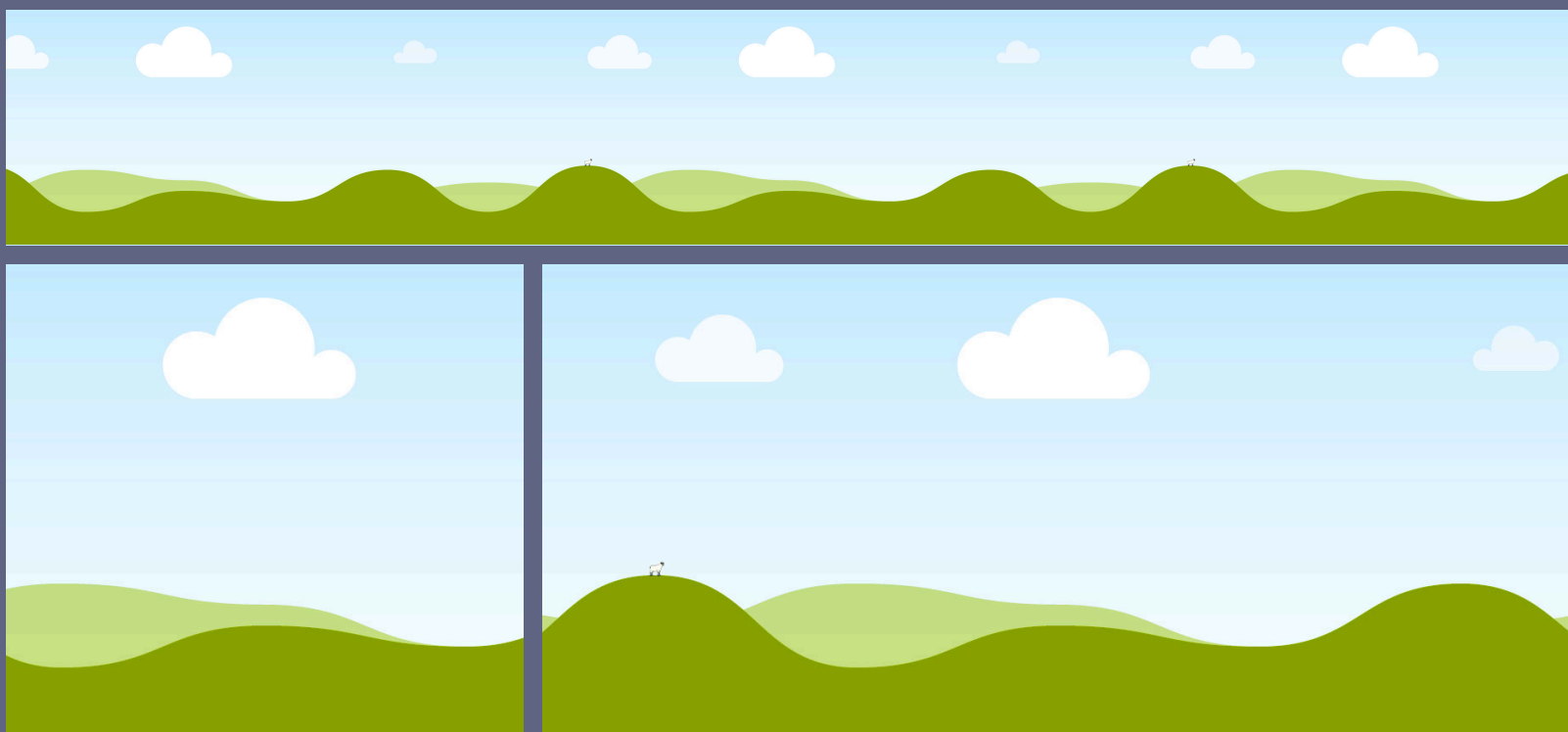
Use Grid for:

Full page layouts

Dashboards

Galleries with rows and columns

Complex nested structures



Pros & Cons of Flexbox

Pros:

Simple to implement

Great for dynamic resizing

Aligns items easily (e.g., center, space-between)

Works well in nested components

Cons:

Limited to 1D layouts

Complex layouts become harder to manage

Requires hacks for some spacing/alignment tricks

Pros & Cons of Grid

Pros:

Perfect for 2D layouts

Precise control over rows and columns

Named grid areas improve readability

Cleaner media query handling

Cons:

Slightly more complex to learn

Can be overkill for simple UI

Less intuitive for dynamic content wrapping

Summary Cheat Sheet

Feature	Flexbox	Grid
Layout Type	1D	2D
Use For	Components	Full layouts
Easy to Start?	Yes	Moderate

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