

Difference between Bootstrap 3, 4 and 5

BASIS OF	BOOTSTRAP 3	BOOTSTRAP 4	BOOTSTRAP 5
Grid System	It is based on 4 tier grid system (xs, sm, md, lg).	It has 5 tier (xs, sm, md, lg, xl).	It has 6 tier (xs, sm, md, lg, xl, xxl).
Color	Limited colors are available it support inverse navbars but not other classes.	It has limited colors.	Extra colors added with the looks, A card improved color palette. there are various shades available to choose.
CSS	LESS	SASS	LESS(Normalize),SASS in the form of SCSS
Button Size	.btn-xs class is supported.	In which there is only .btn-sm and .btn-lg is available.	In which there is only .btn-sm and .btn-lg is available.
Horizontal Form	.row class is not required using grid in forms.	.row class is required when using grid in form.	.row class is required when using grid in form.
Inverse Table	Not supported.	In which we can add inverse table with the help of .table-inverse class.(Not Working)	In which we can add inverse table with the help of .table-inverse class.(Not Working)
Primary Unit	px(14px)	rem(16px appx)	rem(16px appx)
Font Size	14px	16px	16px
Responsive Table	.responsive-table class added to div element. Only div it will work	.responsive-table class added using table/div element. Both it will work	.responsive-table class added to div element. Only div it will work
Condensed Table	It support .table-condensed.	It support .table-sm.	It support .table-sm.
Responsive Image	Use .img-responsive class.	Use .img-fluid class.	Use .img-fluid class.
Image Alignment	Use .pull-right and .pull-left class.	You can use .float-right, .float-left and various other classes like .text-left and .text-center. {mx-auto d-block} these both too center image	Same as BS4

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Structure	For applying dropdown list, we use , {ul li a}	For applying .dropdown-item we use <a>, <button>.	For applying dropdown list, we use , {ul li a}
Label Pill	.label-pill is not available.	.label-pill class for making the corner round. {Doubt}	.label-pill is not available. {Doubt}
Pagination	.pagination tag.	Same as BS3 extra .pagination-item in 	Same as BS4
Pager	It uses .next or .previous.	Removed pager {Doubt}	Removed pager {Doubt}
Class	Use .breadcrumb class against the tag.	Same as BS3. In tag breadcrumb-item	Same as BS4
Afflix	Yes {data-spy="affix" data-offset="1"}	{ data-spy="scroll" data-target="#myScrollspy" data-offset="1"}	Same as BS4
Flexbox	No	Yes {Grid available with some restriction}	Grid { .row is must}
Carousel Item	It uses .item class.	It uses .carousel-item class.	Same as BS4
Dividers	Apply .divider class to element.	Apply .dropdown-divider class to <div> element.	Same as BS4
Table header	Does not support table header.	.thead-default,.thead-inverse,.thead-dark and .thead-light	Same as BS4
Media objects	.media,. media-body, .media-heading and so on are supported.	.media is only supported.	Not Supported
Jquery	It has jquery and all related plugins.	Same as BS3	Jquery is removed and switched to vanilla JS with some working plugins
Internet Explorer	IE9+	Bootstrap 4 supports both IE 10 and 11.	Bootstrap 5 doesn't support IE 10 and 11.
Form elements	No Idea	Radio buttons, checkboxes have different look in different OS and browsers. The form uses whatever default browsers provide.	The look of form elements will not change, on different OS or browser. The forms can be customized and form controls can be added, they would not depend on browser.
Utilities API	No Idea	We cannot modify utilities in bootstrap 4	Bootstrap 5 gave freedom to modify and also create our own utility

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Gutter	No Idea	We use .glutter with fontsize in px	We use .g* with fontsize in rem
Vertical Classes	No Idea	Columns can be positioned relative	Columns cannot be positioned relative
Bootstrap Icons	Same as BS4	Bootstrap 4 doesn't have its own SVG icons, we have to use font-awesome for icons.	Bootstrap 5 have its own SVG icons
Jumbotron	.jumbotron-fluid class is not required on full-width.	.jumbotron-fluid class for full-width jumbotron.	It doesn't support jumbotron.
Card deck	No idea	The card deck is used to create a set of cards with equal width and height.	Card deck class is removed in bootstrap
Navbar	Same as BS4	We have inline-block property and we will get white dropdown as default for dropdown-menu-dark class.	Inline-block property is removed and we will get black dropdown as default for dropdown-menu-dark class.
Static Site Generator	No idea	Bootstrap 4 uses Jekyll software.	Bootstrap 5 uses Hugo software as it is fast static site generator.
flexbox grid	No idea	this makes easier to implement vertical designs, and the columns and rows can easily be implemented. the classes justify-center-content can directly be used to align according to the requirement.	advanced grid system is made available , also columns don't have relative positions.
RTL Support	No idea	It does not enable RTL(Right to Left) switching.	It enables RTL(Right to Left) switching.
Offcanvas Component	No idea	It does not support Offcanvas Component.	It supports Offcanvas Component(that is it is available now).