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#### **AGENDA**

- Intro
- CSS Grid Layout what is it?
- CSS Grid browser support
- The basics of using CSS Grid
- CSS Grid & Flexbox together
- CSS Grid for a basic layout
- CSS Grid for an advanced layout
- Moving to CSS Grid (approaches and troubleshooting)
- Resources & more examples
- Q&A time



## WHO ARE YOU & WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO YOU?

- **▶** UX
  - Research, strategy, sketches, wireframes, white boarding, paper prototyping, information architecture, content planning, flow diagrams, usability, user testing, accessibility
- **▶** UI
  - Photoshop (Artboards & Generator), Adobe XD, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat, Sketch, branding, print
- Front End Design & Development
  - HTML, CSS, JS, jQuery, Node, ReactJS, Gulp, Webpack, style guides, linting, SonarQube, Selenium & functional testing, browser testing, WordPress/Sitefinity/other CMS's, MVC .NET, PHP, MySQL, SQL, Git
- Agile & Scrum
- Mentor to 3 other Interface teammates and many more developers



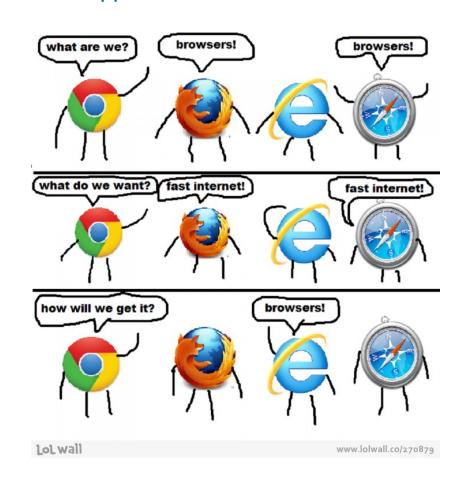
#### CSS GRID LAYOUT — WHAT IS IT?

- CSS Grid Layout / CSS Grid / Grid
  - Two-dimensional: Think rows and columns
  - Sometimes three-dimensional by handling overlapping items (z-index)
- vs. Flexbox
  - One-dimensional: Think rows or columns (flex-direction)
  - Focus on space distribution (grow, shrink, basis) and alignment (margin auto)
- Not a \_\_\_ killer (flexbox, float, absolute positioning, inline-block, table, etc.)
- ► W3C Spec
  - https://www.w3.org/TR/css-grid-1/



## CSS GRID BROWSER SUPPORT

- ► As of March 2017, the most modern browsers support it (65%+)
- Desktop
  - Chrome, Firefox, Edge 16+, Safari, Opera
- Mobile
  - Safari, Chrome, Android, Android Firefox
- Missing
  - <u>IE11</u> (older, outdated version of spec)
  - Edge 15 and older
  - Opera Mini
- Can I Use: <u>CSS Grid</u> / <u>CSS Supports</u>
- CSS Grid Polyfill





## CSS GRID BASICS

- Parent (Grid Container)
  - display: grid (also inline-grid or subgrid)
  - Grid-template (grid-template-columns, grid-template-rows, grid-template-areas)
  - Grid-gap (gutter)
  - New unit: fr (fraction of free space; 1fr = 1 part of the available space)
  - Some familiar properties: justify-items, justify-content, align-items, and align-content
- Children (Grid Items)
  - Grid-area
  - Grid-column
  - Grid-row
  - Some familiar properties: order, justify-self, align-self



# CSS GRID BASICS (CONTINUED)

- Example #1
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/gRjreP?editors=0010
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/wexNjW?editors=0010 (Shorthand)
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/BZPvxb?editors=0100 (Flexbox)
  - Grid Gap: <a href="https://alligator.io/css/grid-gap/">https://alligator.io/css/grid-gap/</a>



## **CSS GRID & FLEXBOX TOGETHER**

- Example #2
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/VWGyMM?editors=0100
  - Repeat: <a href="https://alligator.io/css/css-grid-layout-repeat-notation/">https://alligator.io/css/css-grid-layout-repeat-notation/</a>
  - Minmax: <a href="https://alligator.io/css/css-grid-layout-minmax-function/">https://alligator.io/css/css-grid-layout-minmax-function/</a>



## CSS GRID BASIC SKELETON LAYOUT

- Example #3
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/VWBqdx?editors=1000
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/yXqwzR?editors=0100 (Nested grids)



## CSS GRID ADVANCED SKELETON LAYOUT

- Example #4
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/owMOwG?editors=1000 (Flexbox only)
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/MoBdPr?editors=0100 (Grid)
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/wexLqP?editors=0100 (Fixed header)
  - https://codepen.io/mercuryworks/pen/JJBQgK?editors=0100 (Related)



#### MOVING TO CSS GRID

- Practical Applications
  - Skeleton (header, main, sidebar, footer)
  - Templates (lists)
- Troubleshooting
  - Whiteboard or sketch out your grid
- Debugging
  - https://hacks.mozilla.org/2017/06/new-css-grid-layout-panel-in-firefox-nightly/
- Replacing An Existing Grid System
  - Use @supports (<a href="http://caniuse.com/#feat=css-featurequeries">http://caniuse.com/#feat=css-featurequeries</a>)
  - https://hacks.mozilla.org/2017/04/replace-bootstrap-layouts-with-css-grid/
  - Do you really want to do this?





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- CSS-Tricks: Does CSS Grid Replace Flexbox?
- CSS Tricks: CSS Grid SASS Mixins
- CSS Tricks: Explicit and Implicit Grids
- CSS Tricks: Interesting CSS Grid Facts
- Codrops CSS Reference: Grid
- Sitepoint: An Introduction to the CSS Grid Layout Module
- Smashing Magazine: Building Production-Ready CSS Grid Layouts Today
- A Book Apart: Get Ready For CSS Grid Layout
- A List Apart: Practical CSS Grid: Adding Grid to an Existing Design
- Mozilla Developer Network (MDN): CSS Grid Layout



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- CSS Grid Polyfill
- CSS Grid Cheat Sheet
- Griddy.io
- Grid Bugs
- CSS Grid Polyfill
- Should I try to use the IE implementation of CSS Grid Layout?



# QUESTIONS?

