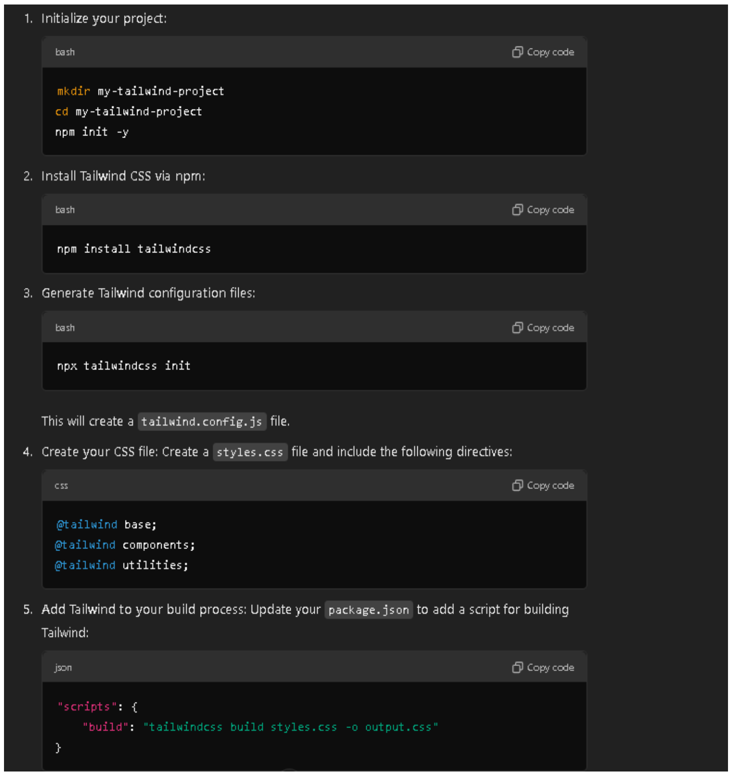
Tailwind CSS Notes: -

Things to know in a frontend framework: -

1. Flex
2. Grids
3. Responsiveness
4. background color, text color, hover,

Getting Started with Tailwind CSS



1. Initialize your project:

```bash
mkdir my-tailwind-project
cd my-tailwind-project
npm init -y
```

2. Install Tailwind CSS via npm:

```bash
npm install tailwindcss
```

3. Generate Tailwind configuration files:

```bash
npx tailwindcss init
```

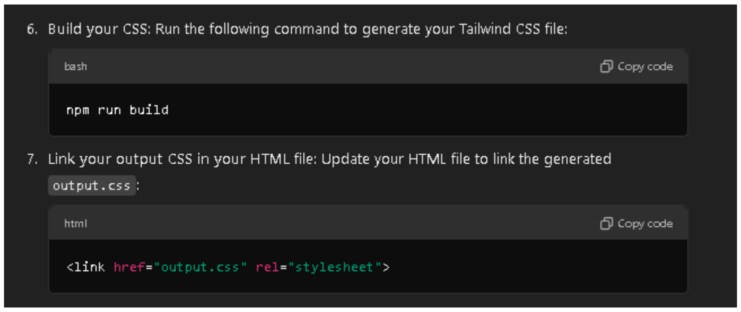
This will create a `tailwind.config.js` file.

4. Create your CSS file: Create a `styles.css` file and include the following directives:

```css
@tailwind base;
@tailwind components;
@tailwind utilities;
```

5. Add Tailwind to your build process: Update your `package.json` to add a script for building Tailwind:

```json
"scripts": {
    "build": "tailwindcss build styles.css -o output.css"
}
```



6. Build your CSS: Run the following command to generate your Tailwind CSS file:

```bash
npm run build
```

7. Link your output CSS in your HTML file: Update your HTML file to link the generated `output.css`:

```html
<link href="output.css" rel="stylesheet">
```

Tailwind CSS is a utility-first CSS framework that enables developers to build custom designs without having to write custom CSS. Instead of defining styles in separate CSS files, you use predefined utility classes directly in your HTML markup.

Key Reasons to Use Tailwind CSS:

1. **Utility-First Approach**: It provides a wide range of utility classes for styling elements, allowing for rapid design iterations without leaving your HTML.
2. **Customizability**: Tailwind is highly customizable; you can easily configure the framework to match your design requirements using a configuration file.
3. **Responsive Design**: It includes responsive design utilities out of the box, enabling you to create mobile-friendly layouts effortlessly.
4. **Maintainability**: By using utility classes, you can avoid deeply nested CSS selectors, which can make your stylesheets cleaner and easier to maintain.
5. **Performance**: With tools like PurgeCSS, Tailwind can help you remove unused styles in production builds, resulting in smaller file sizes and faster load times.

Flex

In Tailwind CSS, Flexbox is a powerful layout model that allows you to design complex layouts easily by using utility classes. Flexbox provides a way to align and distribute space among items in a container, even when their size is unknown or dynamic.

1. Display and Direction

- flex: Applies display: flex.
- inline-flex: Applies display: inline-flex.
- flex-row: Sets flex direction to row (horizontal).
- flex-row-reverse: Sets flex direction to row-reverse.
- flex-col: Sets flex direction to column (vertical).
- flex-col-reverse: Sets flex direction to column-reverse.

2. Wrap

- flex-wrap: Enables wrapping of flex items to new lines.
- flex-wrap-reverse: Wraps flex items in reverse order.
- flex-nowrap: Prevents flex items from wrapping.

3. Flex Basis / Widths

Controls the initial main size of flex items:

- basis-auto: Sets to auto (default).

- basis-[value]: Custom values like basis-1/2, basis-1/3, basis-1/4, etc., or pixel/rem-based values like basis-16.

4. Justify Content

Controls horizontal alignment within the flex container:

- justify-start: Aligns items to the start.
- justify-end: Aligns items to the end.
- justify-center: Centers items.
- justify-between: Spaces items evenly with equal space between, but not at edges.
- justify-around: Spaces items with space on each side.
- justify-evenly: Spaces items with equal space around and between them.

5. Align Items (Vertical Alignment)

Controls vertical alignment of items in a flex container:

- items-start: Aligns items to the start (top).
- items-end: Aligns items to the end (bottom).
- items-center: Centers items vertically.
- items-baseline: Aligns items along their baselines.
- items-stretch: Stretches items to fill the container height.

6. Align Content (Multi-Line Containers)

Aligns rows in multi-line flex containers:

- content-start: Aligns rows to the start.
- content-end: Aligns rows to the end.
- content-center: Centers rows.
- content-between: Distributes rows with equal space between, excluding the edges.
- content-around: Distributes rows with space on each side.
- content-evenly: Distributes rows with equal space around and between them.

7. Align Self (Individual Items)

Overrides align-items for individual flex items:

- self-auto: Default alignment.
- self-start: Aligns item to the start.

- self-end: Aligns item to the end.
- self-center: Centers item vertically.
- self-stretch: Stretches item to fill container height.
- self-baseline: Aligns item along its baseline.

8. Flex Grow / Shrink

Controls growth or shrinkage of individual flex items:

- flex-grow-0: Prevents item from growing.
- flex-grow: Allows item to grow as needed.
- flex-shrink-0: Prevents item from shrinking.
- flex-shrink: Allows item to shrink as needed.

9. Flex (Custom Widths)

Combines grow, shrink, and basis settings in one:

- flex-1: Expands item to fill the available space.
- flex-auto: Sizes item based on content with growth and shrink allowed.
- flex-initial: Sizes item based on content without growth or shrink.
- flex-none: Prevents the item from growing or shrinking.

10. Order

Controls the order of flex items:

- order-[value]: Default values include order-1, order-2, up to order-12, or custom like order-first, order-last, and order-none.

11. Responsive Utilities

Tailwind CSS also provides responsive variations for all of the above classes. You can apply different flex settings at various breakpoints using prefixes. For example:

- **For Flex Direction**:
  - sm:flex-row: Sets the flex direction to row on small screens and above.
  - md:flex-col: Sets the flex direction to column on medium screens and above.
- **For Justify Content**:
  - lg:justify-center: Centers items in the flex container on large screens and above.
- **For Align Items**:

    - xl:items-stretch: Stretches items on extra-large screens and above.

12. Dark Mode Utilities

If you are using Tailwind's dark mode feature, you can also use the same flex utilities with a dark: prefix. For example:

- dark:justify-between: Applies the justify-between utility only in dark mode.

13. Custom Values

Tailwind allows for the use of arbitrary values, enabling you to define specific widths or spacing:

- **Custom Flex Basis**:
    - basis-[100px]: Sets the flex-basis to 100 pixels.
    - basis-[25%]: Sets the flex-basis to 25%.
- **Custom Order**:
    - order-[5]: Sets the order to 5.

14. Mixing Flex with Other Utilities

Tailwind's utility-first approach allows for combining flex classes with other utility classes for responsive design and layout:

- You can use margin, padding, background colors, etc., in combination with flex classes to create complex layouts.

Html code

```
<div className="flex justify-between items-center p-4 bg-blue-500">
 <div className="flex-1">Item 1</div>
 <div className="flex-1">Item 2</div>
 <div className="flex-1">Item 3</div>
</div>
```

15. Additional Utilities

While not exclusively flex utilities, you might find these helpful when working with flexbox:

- **Gap Utilities**: Tailwind provides gap utilities that can be useful in flex layouts, allowing you to add space between flex items.
    - gap-4: Sets the gap between flex items.
    - gap-x-2: Sets horizontal gaps.
    - gap-y-3: Sets vertical gaps.

Grid

In Tailwind CSS, the Grid layout is a powerful system for creating two-dimensional layouts, allowing you to arrange items into rows and columns. Grid provides a flexible way to create complex designs without needing to rely on floats or positioning, making it easier to build responsive and organized layouts.

Key Grid Utilities in Tailwind CSS:

1. **Display Grid**:
   - Use grid to apply a grid container to an element.

html

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```
<div class="grid">
  <!-- Grid items go here -->
</div>
```

2. **Grid Template Columns**:
   - Define the number and size of columns in your grid:
     - grid-cols-{n}: Creates a grid with n equal columns (e.g., grid-cols-2, grid-cols-3).
     - grid-cols-none: Removes any defined columns.
     - You can also define column sizes using fractions, pixels, or other units (e.g., grid-cols-[200px_1fr]).

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```
<div class="grid grid-cols-3">
  <!-- Three equal columns -->
</div>
```

3. **Grid Template Rows**:
   - Define the number and size of rows in your grid:
     - grid-rows-{n}: Creates a grid with n equal rows (e.g., grid-rows-2).
     - You can define row sizes similar to columns (e.g., grid-rows-[100px_1fr]).

html

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```
<div class="grid grid-rows-2">
  <!-- Two equal rows -->
</div>
```

4. **Gap**:
    - Control the spacing between grid items:
        - gap-{size}: Sets the gap between rows and columns (e.g., gap-4).
        - gap-x-{size}: Sets the horizontal gap.
        - gap-y-{size}: Sets the vertical gap.

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```
<div class="grid grid-cols-3 gap-4">
  <!-- Items with gaps between them -->
</div>
```

5. **Grid Area**:
    - Control the placement of grid items within the grid:
        - col-span-{n}: Makes an item span across n columns (e.g., col-span-2).
        - row-span-{n}: Makes an item span across n rows.

html

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```
<div class="grid grid-cols-3">
  <div class="col-span-2">Item 1</div>
  <div class="col-span-1">Item 2</div>
</div>
```

6. **Justify Items**:
    - Control the alignment of items within the grid along the inline (horizontal) axis:
        - justify-items-start, justify-items-end, justify-items-center, justify-items-stretch.

html

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```html
<div class="grid justify-items-center">
  <div>Item 1</div>
</div>
```

7. **Align Items**:
   - Control the alignment of items within the grid along the block (vertical) axis:
     - items-start, items-end, items-center, items-stretch.

html

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```html
<div class="grid items-center">
  <div>Item 1</div>
</div>
```

8. **Justify Content**:
   - Control the alignment of the grid container as a whole:
     - justify-start, justify-end, justify-center, justify-between, justify-around, justify-evenly.

html

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```html
<div class="grid justify-center">
  <div>Item 1</div>
</div>
```

9. **Align Content**:
   - Control the alignment of the grid container's content along the block (vertical) axis:
     - content-start, content-end, content-center, content-between, content-around, content-evenly.

html

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```html
<div class="grid content-center">
  <div>Item 1</div>
```

</div>