# Comp 324/424 - Client-side Web Design

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### Project outline & mockup assessment

### Course total = 15%

- begin outline and design of a web application
  - built from scratch
  - HTML5, CSS...
  - builds upon examples, technology outlined during first part of semester
  - purpose, scope &c. is group's choice
  - NO blogs, to-do lists, note-taking...
  - chosen topic requires approval
  - presentation should include mockup designs and concepts

### Project mockup demo

# Assessment will include the following:

- brief presentation or demonstration of current project work
  - ~ 5 to 10 minutes per group
  - analysis of work conducted so far
  - presentation and demonstration
  - outline current state of web app concept and design
  - show prototypes and designs
  - due Tuesday 24th September 2019 @ 7pm

#### **CSS3 Grid - intro**

- gid layout with CSS is useful for structure and organisation
  - applied to HTML page
- usage similar to table for structuring data
- in its basic form
  - enables developers to add columns and rows to a page
- grid layout also permits more complex, interesting layout options
  - e.g. overlap and layers...
- further information on MDN website,
  - MDN CSS Grid Layout

### **CSS3 Grid - general concepts & usage**

- grid may be composed of rows and columns
  - thereby forming an intersecting set of horizontal and vertical lines
- elements may be added to the grid with reference to this structured layout

# Grid layout in CSS includes the following general features,

- additional tracks for content
  - option to create more columns and rows as needed to fit dynamic content
- control of alignment
  - align a grid area or overall grid
- control of overlapping content
  - permit partial overlap of content
  - an item may overlap a grid cell or area
- placement of items explicit and implicit
  - precise location of elements &c.
  - use line numbers, names, grid areas &c.
- variable track sizes fixed and flexible, e.g.
  - specify pixel size for track sizes
  - or use flexible sizes with percentages or new fr unit

# **CSS3 Grid - grid container**

- define an element as a grid container using
  - display: grid or display: inline-grid
- any children of this element become grid items
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
}
```

- we may also define other, child nodes as a grid container
  - any direct child nodes to a grid container are now defined as grid items

### CSS3 Grid - what is a grid track?

- rows and columns defined with
  - grid-template-rows and grid-template-columns properties
- in effect, these define grid tracks
- as MDN notes,
- "a grid track is the space between any two lines on the grid.""
- (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS\_Grid\_Layout/Basic\_Concepts\_of\_Grid\_Layout)
- so, we may create both row and column tracks, e.g.

```
.wrapper {
   display: grid;
   grid-template-columns: 200px 200px 200px;
}
```

- wrapper class now includes three defined columns of width 200px
  - thereby creating three tracks
- n.b. a track may be defined using any valid length unit, not just px...

### CSS3 Grid - fr unit for tracks - part I

- CSS Grid now introduces an additional length unit for tracks, fr
- fr unit represents fractions of the space available in the current grid container
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr;
}
```

we may also apportion various space to tracks, e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 2fr 1fr 1fr;
}
```

- creates three tracks in the grid
  - but overall space effectively now occupies four parts
  - two parts for 2fr, and one part each for remaining two 1fr

# CSS3 Grid - fr unit for tracks - part 2

• we may also be specific in this sub-division of parts in tracks, e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 200px 1fr 1fr;
}
```

- first track will occupy a width of 200px
  - remaining two tracks will each occupy 1 fraction unit

### CSS3 Grid - repeat() notation for fr - part I

- for larger, repetitive grids, easier to use repeat ()
  - helps define multiple instances of the same track
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
}
```

this creates four separate tracks - each defined as 1fr unit's width

# CSS3 Grid - repeat() notation for fr - part 2

- repeat () notation may also be used as part of the track definition
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 200px repeat(4, 1fr) 100px;
}
```

- this example will create
  - one track of 200px width
  - then four tracks of 1fr width
  - and finally a single track of 100px width
- repeat () may also be used with multiple track definitions
  - thereby repeating multiple times
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr 2fr);
}
```

- this will now create eight tracks
  - the first four of width 1fr
  - and the remaining four of 2fr

### CSS3 Grid - implicit and explicit grid creation

- in the above examples
  - we simply define tracks for the columns
  - and CSS grid will then apportion content to required rows
- we may also define an explicit grid of columns and rows
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
   display: grid;
   grid-template-columns: repeat(2 1fr);
   grid-auto-rows: 150px;
}
```

 this slightly modifies an implicit grid to ensure each row is 200px tall

### **CSS3 Grid - track sizing**

- a grid may require tracks with a minimum size
  - and the option to expand to fit dynamic content
- e.g. ensuring a track does not collapse below a certain height or width
  - and that it has the option to expand as necessary for the content...
- CSS Grid provides a minmax() function, which we may use with rows
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(2 1fr);
  grid-auto-rows: minmax(150px, auto);
}
```

- ensures each row will occupy a minimum of 150px in height
  - still able to stretch to contain the tallest content
- whole row will expand to meet the auto height requirements
- thereby affecting each track in the row

### **CSS3 Grid - grid lines**

- a grid is defined using tracks
  - and not lines in the grid
- created grid also helps us with positioning by providing numbered lines
- e.g. in a three column, two row grid we have the following,
  - four lines for the three vertical columns
  - three lines for the two horizontal rows
- such lines start at the left for columns, and at the top for rows
- *n.b.* line numbers start relative to written script
  - e.g left to right for western, right to left for arabic...

### **CSS3 Grid - positioning against lines**

- when we place an item in a grid
  - we use these lines for positioning, and not the tracks
- reflected in usage of
  - grid-column-start, grid-column-end, grid-row-start, and grid-row-end properties.
- items in the grid may be positioned from one line to another
  - e.g. column line 1 to column line 3
- n.b. default span for an item in a grid is one track,
  - e.g. define column start and no end default span will be one track...
  - e.g.

```
.content1 {
   grid-column-start: 1;
   grid-column-end: 4;
   grid-row-start: 1;
   grid-row-end: 3;
}
```

# CSS3 Grid - grid cell & grid area

#### grid cell

- a cell is the smallest unit on the defined grid layout
- it is conceptually the same as a cell in a standard table
- as content is added to the grid, it will be stored in one cell

#### grid area

- we may also store content in multiple cells
  - thereby creating grid areas
- grid areas must be rectangular in shape
- e.g. a grid area may span multiple row and column tracks for required content

### **CSS3 Grid - add some gutters**

- gutters may be created using the gap property
  - available for either column or row
  - column-gap and row-gap
  - e.g.

```
.wrapper {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr 2fr);
  column-gap: 5px;
  row-gap: 10px;
}
```

 n.b. any space used for gaps will be determined prior to assigned space for fr tracks

# **CSS3 Grid - working examples**

- grid basic page zones and groups
- grid basic article style page
- grid layout articles with scroll

### **CSS3 Grid - sample layouts**

#### intro

- grid layout enables more complex and interesting layout options
  - overlap, layers...
- sample layouts using CSS grid structure
  - common layout options and designs
  - useful repetition of design
  - modify base layouts for various site requirements
- sample layouts
  - responsive layouts
  - auto placement for dynamic content and media
  - platform agnostic designs
  - useful with SPA, SVG, async patterns &c.

#### intro

- display a layout with a variety of patterns and structures, e.g.
  - single column for a phone
  - add a sidebar for a tablet of lower window resolution
  - full width view with dual sidebars &c.
- use responsive designs and structures for various games, media playback...
- responsive works with variety of markup
  - e.g. transform SVG designs

#### page structure

start with a sample page structure for a HTML page

#### page structure - HTML5

 add some HTML5 markup for a header, navigation, footer, and some main content

```
<div class="wrapper">
   <header class="site-header">
       <h3>Spire & the Signpost</h3>
       <h5>Shine through the gloom, and point to the stars...</h5>
   </header>
   <nav class="site-nav">
       <u1>
           <a href="">Home</a>
           <a href="">Charts</a>
           <a href="">Data</a>
           <a href="">Views</a>
       <!-- use aside for tangentially related content for parent section... -->
   <aside class="content-side">
       <header>
           <h5>sidebar...</h5>
       </header>
   </aside>
   <main class="content">
       <article class="content-article">
           <header class="article-header">
               <h5>Welcome</h5>
           </header>
           ...
       </article>
   </main>
   <section class="site-links">
       <h6>social links...</h6>
   </section>
   <footer class="site-footer">
       <h6>footer...</h6>
   </footer>
</div>
```

demo - basic responsive

#### CSS and structure - part I

- for the page structure
  - need to define some template areas for our grid in the CSS
  - e.g.

```
/* CONTENT */
.content {
   grid-area: content;
}
```

- use such template area names
  - defined with the grid-area property
  - define a layout for the overall page or part of a page

#### CSS and structure - part 2

- template areas may then be used with the parent for the grid structure
  - e.g. wrapper for the overall page

```
.wrapper {
    display: grid;
    grid-gap: 10px;
    grid-template-areas:
        "site-header"
        "site-nav"
        "content-side"
        "content"
        "site-links"
        "site-footer"
}
```

- wrapper class will display as a grid
  - with a gap between each area of the grid
  - has a single column in this example
  - includes the required order for the grid areas

#### define media query

- current example would be suitable for a collapsed phone view
  - single column view
  - will also render for other resolutions and devices
- then add a media query for alternative layouts and displays
  - may be triggered using a check of current width for screen
  - check width of window...

```
/* min 700 */
@media (min-width: 700px) {
    .wrapper {
        grid-template-columns: 1fr 3fr;
        grid-template-areas:
        "site-header site-header"
        "site-nav site-nav"
        "content-side content"
        "site-links site-footer"
    }
}
```

#### specific media query

- add further media queries to handle various rendering requirements
  - e.g. add height property to fix footer at bottom of page

```
@media (min-width: 700px) {
    .wrapper {
         grid-template-columns: 1fr 3fr;
         grid-template-rows: 120px 60px calc(98vh - 240) 60px;
         grid-template-areas:
         "site-header site-header"
         "site-nav site-nav"
         "content-side content"
         "site-links site-footer";
         height: 98vh;
    }
}
```

- specify height of current viewport using a relative unit, vh
- add grid-template-rows to define known heights for three of the four rows
- add a variant height for the main content
- main content is only given a height corresponding to available space in viewer window
- height achieved using the calc() function
- demo responsive with specific media query

#### relative lengths

- use relative lengths and calculations for CSS property values
- for example,
  - vw variable width relative to 1% of width of current viewport
  - vh variable height relative to 1% of height of current viewport
  - vmin relative to 1% of viewport's smaller dimension
  - vmax relative to 1% of viewport's larger dimension

#### sample updates - part I

- after testing this type of responsive layout
  - we might add various updates
  - e.g. create a parent banner area for a header, user login, site search, and site nav

```
.banner {
    grid-area: site-banner;
    display: grid;
    grid-template-columns: auto 300px;
    grid-template-rows: 120px 60px;
    grid-template-areas:
        "site-header banner-extras"
        "site-nav site-nav";
}
```

- helps manage layout and relative sizes of banner content
  - regardless of page width and height

#### sample updates - part 2

banner-extras might be styled as follows,

```
.banner-extras {
    grid-area: banner-extras;
    display: grid;
    grid-template-areas:
        "site-user"
        "site-search";
    padding: 5%;
}
```

 use of a child grid helps us manage fixed places within the parent banner area

#### sample updates - part 3

update our current media query for a min-width of 900px

```
/* min 900 */
@media (min-width: 900px) {
    .wrapper {
         grid-template-areas:
         "site-banner site-banner"
         "content-side content"
         "site-links site-footer";
         height: 98vh;
         grid-template-columns: 250px 3fr;
         grid-template-rows: 180px auto 60px;
    }
}
```

- demo responsive layout part I
- demo responsive layout part 2

### **CSS3 Grid - auto placement**

#### dynamic content and media - part I

- also use CSS grid with Flexbox to create content layouts
  - e.g. similar to placing cards in the UI
- we might create a layout to dynamically render images for a photo album
  - or a series of products in a brochure &c.
- start by defining a simple list with various list items

## **CSS3 Grid - auto placement**

#### dynamic content and media - part 2

- then render these list items in flexible columns within our grid layout
  - define a minimum size
  - then ensure they expand to equally fill available space
- ensures rendered layout includes equal width columns regardless of available content

```
/* content items */
.items {
    display: grid;
    grid-gap: 5px;
    grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fill, minmax(200px, 1fr));
    list-style: none;
}
```

and render individual items using flexbox

```
.items li {
   border: 1px solid #3b8eb4;
   display: flex;
   flex-direction: column;
}
```

- demo dynamic content part I
- demo dynamic content part 2

#### a game board

- also use a grid layout for internal uses
  - e.g. design a game board
- basic HTML list use for 3x3 game board
  - each list item as a square on the board

```
<main class="content">
  <1i>>
        <h5>One</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Two</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Three</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Four</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Five</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Six</h5>
     <h5>Seven</h5>
     <h5>Eight</h5>
     <1i>>
        <h5>Nine</h5>
     </main>
```

#### a game board - part 2

then create the grid for the content class

```
/* CONTENT */
.content {
    grid-area: content;
    display: grid;
    grid-template-areas:
        "items";
    grid-template-columns: lfr;
    align-self: center;
    justify-self: center;
    align-items: center;
    padding: 50px;
    border: lpx solid #aaa;
}
```

- we can embed this content area within other grids
- then add child items for the grid content itself
- content container will be aligned and justified to the centre of the parent
- each child column will occupy the same proportion of available space
  - using grid-template-columns: 1fr
- each item will also be aligned to the centre of the available space
- properties such as padding and border are optional
  - e.g. dictated by aesthetic requirements...

#### grid items for the board - part I

- each square will be a child list item to the parent ul
  - e.g. style u1 as follows

```
.items {
    grid-area: items;
    display: grid;
    grid-gap: 10px;
    grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 150px);
    grid-template-rows: 150px 150px 150px;
}
```

#### grid items for the board - part 2

then style each item, which creates the squares on the game board

```
.items li {
    margin: 0;
    list-style-type: none;
    border: 1px solid #333;
    background-color: #333;
    color: #fff;
    padding: 10%;
}
```

- styling is for aesthetic purposes
  - e.g. to render a list item as a square without the default list style
- also define an alternating colour scheme for our squares, e.g.

```
.items li:nth-child(even) {
   border: 1px solid #ccc;
   background-color: #ccc;
   color: #333;
}
```

demo - Fun with Squares

## **CSS3 Grid - structure and layout**

#### fun exercise

## Choose one of the following app examples,

- sports website for latest scores and updates
- e.g. scores for current matches, statistics, team data, player info &c.
- shopping website
  - product listings and adverts, cart, reviews, user account page &c.
- restaurant website
  - introductory info, menus, sample food images, user reviews &c.

## Then, consider the following

- use of a grid to layout your example pages
  - where is it being used?
  - why is it being used for a given part of the UI?
- how is the defined grid layout working with the box model?
- rendering of box model in the main content relative to grid usage
  - i.e. box model updates due to changes in content

#### intro

- helps solve many issues that have continued to plague layout and positioning
- used with HTML elements and components
  - both client-side and cross-platform apps
- a few issues it tries to solve
  - vertical and horizontal alignment
  - defining a centred position for child elements relative to their parent
  - equal spacing and proportions for child nodes regardless of available space
  - equal heights and widths for varied content
  - & lots more...

#### basic usage

- for any app layout, we need to define specific elements as flexible boxes
- i.e. those allowed to use flexbox in a given app
  - e.g.

```
section {
  display: flex;
}
```

- ruleset will define a section element as a parent flex container
  - child elements may now accept flex declarations
- initial declaration, display: flex
  - also includes default values for flexbox layout of child elements
- e.g. <div> elements in a section
  - by default now arranged as equal sized columns with the same initial height

#### axes

- elements arranged using flexbox are laid out on two axes
- main axis
  - axis running in the direction of the currently laid out flex items
  - e.g. rows or columns
  - start and end of axis = main start & main end
- cross axis
  - axis running perpendicular to the current main axis
  - start and end of axis = cross start & cross end
- each child element laid out inside flex container called a flex item

#### flex direction

- set a property for the flex direction
  - defines direction of flex items relative to main axis
  - i.e. layout direction for child elements
- default setting is row
  - direction will be relative to current browser language setting
  - e.g. for English language browsers = left to right

```
section {
  flex-direction: column;
}
```

- override the default row setting
  - arrange child items in a column

```
section {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
}
```

- ensures child flex items were laid out in a single column
- then override specific section elements
  - allow child flex items in a row direction

```
#tabs {
  flex-direction: row;
}
```

## flex direction

spire and the signpost  Lorem Ipsum Dolor
Get Distance
footer tab 1 footer tab 2 footer tab 3
CSS Flexbox - flex direction

## flex item wrapping

- ensure child items do not overlap their parent flex container
  - add a declaration for flex-wrap to a required ruleset
  - e.g.

```
#tabs {
  flex-direction: row;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
}
```

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## with wrap

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<u>CSS Flexbox - flex wrap</u>

## flex direction reverse

- also set flex direction to reverse
  - starts flex items from the right on an English language browser

```
#tabs {
  flex-direction: row-reverse;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
}
```

## flex direction reverse

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#### flex-flow shorthand

- also combine direction and wrap into a single declaration
  - flex-flow
  - now contain values for both row and wrap
  - e.g.

```
#tabs {
  flex-flow: row wrap;
}
```

## sizing of flex items

- for each flex item, we may need to specify apportioned space in the layout
  - e.g. set space as an equal proportion for each flex item
  - · we may add the following to a child item ruleset

```
div.fTab {
   flex: 1;
}
```

- defines each child flex item <div class="fTab">
  - occupy an equal amount of space within the given row
  - after considering margin and padding
- **n.b.** this value is proportional
  - doesn't matter if the value is 1 or 100 &c.
- define additional flex proportions for specific child items
  - e.g.

```
div.fTab:nth-child(odd) {
  flex: 2;
}
```

- each odd flex-item will now occupy twice available space
  - space in the current direction

## flex item sizing

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#### minimum size

- then set a minimum size for a flex item
  - e.g.

```
div.fTab {
   flex: 1 100px;
}
```

or a relative unit for the size

```
div.fTab {
  flex: 1 20%;
}
```

- each flex item will initially be given a minimum
  - e.g. 20% of the available space
  - the remaining space will be defined relative to proportion units

## flex item sizing

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#### flex item alignment

- Flexbox allows us to define alignment for flex items in each flex container
  - relative to the main and cross axes
- e.g. we might want to specify a centred alignment for flex items

```
#tabs {
  flex-direction: row;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
  align-items: center;
}
```

- align-items: center
  - causes flex item in flex container to be centred along the cross axis
  - however, they'll still maintain their basic dimensions
- also modify value for align-items to either flex-start or flex-end
- such values will align flex items to either start or end of cross axis

## override align per flex item

- as with flex
  - also override alignment per flex item
  - using align-self property add a value for positioning
- e.g. a sample declaration might be as follows

```
div.fTab:nth-child(even) {
  flex: 2;
  align-self: flex-end;
}
```

#### justify content for flex item

- also specify justify-content for flex items in a flex container
  - property allows us to define position of a flex item relative to main axis
- default value is flex-start
- then modify it relative to one of the following
  - flex-end
  - center
  - space-around
    - o distributes each flex item evenly along main axis with space at either end
  - space-between
    - o same as space-around without space at either end...

### alignment and order - part I

- define alignment relative to each axis using a specific declaration
  - e.g. for the main we may use justify-content
  - for the cross axis we use align-items
- also modify layout order of flex items
  - without directly changing underlying source order
- use the following pattern to specify order

```
div.fTab:first-child {
  order: 1;
}
```

• first flex item will now move to the end of the tab list

## flex item order

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CSS Flexbox - flex item order I			

#### alignment and order - part 2

- due to default order for flex items
  - by default, all flex items have an order value set to 0
- higher the order value, later the item will appear in the list &c.
- items with the same order will revert to the order in the source code
- also possible to ensure certain items will always appear first
  - or at least before default order values
  - by using a negative value for the order declaration
  - e.g.

```
div.fTab:last-child {
  order: -1;
}
```

#### nesting flex containers and items - part I

- Flexbox can also be used to create nested patterns and structures
  - e.g. we may set a flex item as a flex container for its child nodes
- we might add a banner to the top of a page

#### nesting flex containers and items - part 2

- set #banner, #page-header, and #search as flex containers
  - e.g.

```
#search {
  display: flex;
}
```

- then specify various declarations for #search
  - e.g.

```
#search {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: row;
  flex: 2;
  align-self: flex-start;
}
```

- includes values for itself and any child elements
  - if we then add some rulesets for the nested flex items
  - e.g.

```
#searchBox {
  flex: 4;
}

#searchBtn {
  flex: 1;
}
```

 we get a simple proportional split of 4:1 for the input field to the button

## nested flex containers

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#### **Demos**

#### CSS - Grid

- grid basic page zones and groups
- grid basic article style page
- grid layout articles with scroll
- grid layout basic responsive
- grid layout responsive with specific media query
- grid layout responsive layout part I
- grid layout responsive layout part 2
- grid layout dynamic content part I
- grid layout dynamic content part 2
- grid layout Fun with Squares

## Resources

- MDN CSS3 Grid
- MDN CSS Flexbox
- W3 Schools CSS Grid View
- W3 Schools CSS Flexbox