## Comp 324/424 - Client-side Web Design

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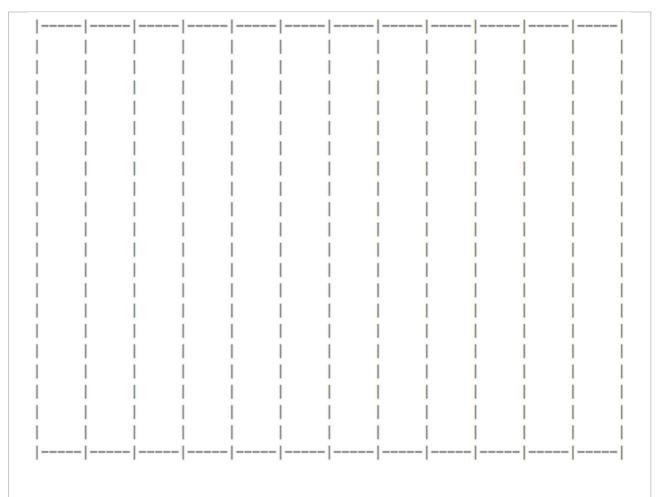
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### CSS grid layout - part I

#### intro

- grid designs for page layout, components...
  - increasingly popular over the last few years
  - useful for creating responsive designs
- quick and easy to layout a scaffolding framework for our structured content
- create boxes for our content
  - then position them within our grid layout
- content can be stacked in a horizontal and vertical manner
  - creating most efficient layout for needs of a given application
- another benefit of CSS grids is that they are framework and project agnostic
  - thereby enabling easy transfer from one to another
- concept is based upon a set number of columns per page with a width of 100%
- columns will increase and decrease relative to the size of the browser window
- also set break points in our styles
  - helps to customise a layout relative to screen sizes, devices, aspect ratios...
  - helps us differentiate between desktop and mobile viewers

## **Image - Grid Layout**



Grid Layout - Columns and rows

### CSS grid layout - part 2

### grid.css

- build a grid based upon 12 columns
  - other options with fewer columns as well
- tend to keep our grid CSS separate from the rest of the site
  - maintain a CSS file just for the grid layout
- helps abstract the layout from the remaining styles
- makes it easier to reuse the grid styles with another site or application
- add a link to this new stylesheet in the head element of our pages

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="assets/styles/grid.css">
```

or

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="assets/styles/grid.css">
```

- ensure padding and borders are included in total widths and heights for an element
  - reset box-sizing property to include the border-box
  - resetting box model to ensure padding and borders are included

```
* {
box-sizing: border-box;
}
```

### grid.css

- set some widths for our columns, 12 in total
  - each representing a proportion of the available width of a page
  - from a 12th to the full width of the page

```
.col-1 {width: 8.33%;}
.col-2 {width: 16.66%;}
.col-3 {width: 25%;}
.col-4 {width: 33.33%;}
.col-5 {width: 41.66%;}
.col-6 {width: 50%;}
.col-7 {width: 58.33%;}
.col-8 {width: 66.66%;}
.col-9 {width: 75%;}
.col-10 {width: 83.33%;}
.col-11 {width: 91.66%;}
.col-12 {width: 100%;}
```

- classes allow us to set a column span for a given element
  - from 1 to 12 in terms of the number of grid columns an element may span

### grid.css

then set some further styling for each abstracted col- class

```
[class*="col-"] {
  position: relative;
  float:left;
  padding: 20px;
  border: 1px solid #333;
}
```

- create columns by wrapping our content elements into rows
- each row always needs 12 columns

```
<div class="row">
    <div class="col-6">left column</div>
    <div class="col-6">right column</div>
</div>
```

### grid.css

- due to the initial CSS of float left, each column is floated to the left
- columns are interpreted by subsequent elements in the hierarchy as non-existent
  - initial placement will reflect this design
- prevent this issue in layout, add the following CSS to grid stylesheet

```
.row:before, .row:after {
  content: "";
  clear: both;
  display: block;
}
```

- benefit of the clearfix, clear: both
  - make row stretch to include columns it contains
  - without the need for additional markup

## DEMO - Grid Layout I - no gutters

## Image - Grid Layout I

grid test	
<u> Grid Layout - I</u>	No Gutters

### grid.css

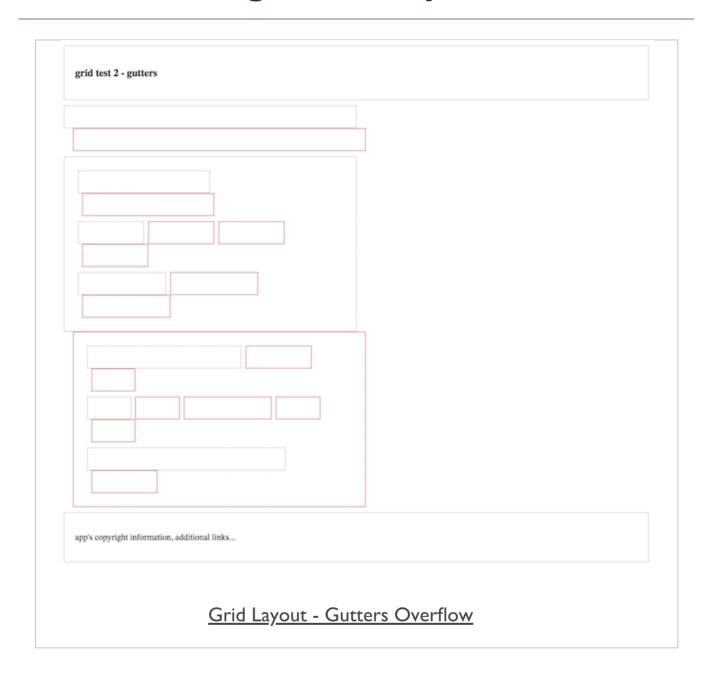
- add gutters to our grid to help create a sense of space and division in the content
- simplest way to add a gutter to the current grid css is to use padding
  - rows can use padding, for example

```
.row {
  padding: 5px;
}
```

- issue with simply adding padding to the columns
- margins are left in place, next to each other
- column borders next to each with no external column gutter
- fix this issue by targeting columns that are a sibling to a preceding column
- means we do not need to modify the first column, only subsequent siblings

```
[class*="col-"] + [class*="col-"] {
  margin-left: 1.6%;
}
```

## **Image - Grid Layout 2**



### CSS grid layout - part 7

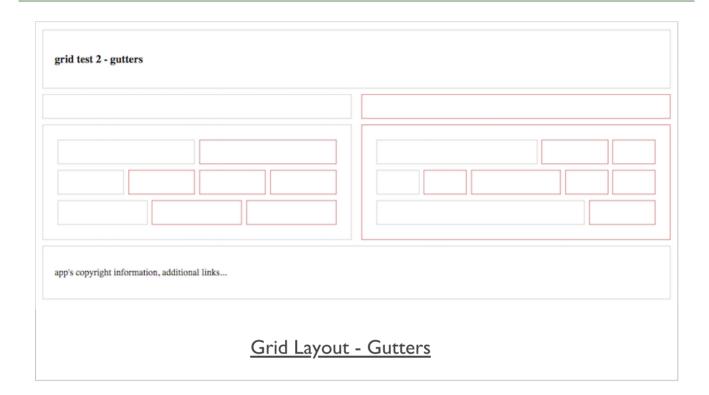
### grid.css

- to fix this issue we recalculate permitted % widths for our columns in the CSS
  - we now have % widths as follows

```
.col-1 {width: 6.86%;}
.col-2 {width: 15.33%;}
.col-3 {width: 23.8%;}
.col-4 {width: 32.26%;}
.col-5 {width: 40.73%;}
.col-6 {width: 49.2%;}
.col-7 {width: 57.66%;}
.col-8 {width: 66.13%;}
.col-9 {width: 74.6%;}
.col-10 {width: 83.06%;}
.col-11 {width: 91.53%;}
.col-12 {width: 100%;}
```

■ DEMO - Grid Layout 2 - gutters

## **Image - Grid Layout 3**



### CSS grid layout - part 8

#### media queries

- often need to consider a mobile-first approach
- introduction of CSS3, we can now add media queries
- modify specified rulesets relative to a given condition
  - eg: screen size for a desktop, tablet, and phone device
- media queries allow us to specify a breakpoint in the width of the viewport
  - will then trigger a different style for our application
- could be a simple change in styles
  - such as colour, font etc
- could be a modification in the grid layout
  - effective widths for our columns per screen size etc...

```
@media only screen and (max-width: 900px) {
   [class*="col-"] {
   width: 100%;
   }
}
```

- gutters need to be removed
  - specifying widths of 100% for our columns

```
[class*="col-"] + [class*="col-"] {
  margin-left:0;
}
```

## **Image - Grid Layout 4**

grid test 2 - gutters	
app's copyright information, additional links	
Grid Layout - Media Queries	
Grid Layout Modia Quaries	

### **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;
}
```

- 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 |

- 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 - 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

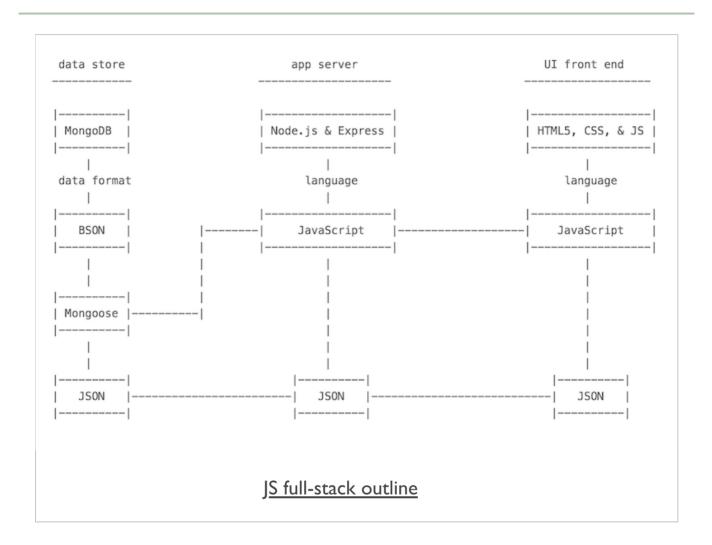
## **CSS3 Grid - working examples**

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

## building a web app - sample outline of underlying structure

- apps developed using a full JavaScript stack
- using and incorporating JS into each part of app's development
  - UI front-end
  - app server and management
  - data store and management
- Technologies will include
  - front-end: HTML5, CSS, JS...
  - app server: Node.js, Express...
  - data store: MongoDB, Redis, Mongoose...
- Data format is JSON

## Image - building a web app - sample outline



**n.b.** I've explicitly omitted any arrows for flow within this diagram. This is something we'll return to as we start to work with Node.js, Mongoose, and MongoDB.

### **JS Intro**

- JavaScript (JS) a core technology for client-side design and development
- now being used as a powerful technology to help us
  - rapidly prototype and develop web, mobile, and desktop apps
- libraries such as jQuery, React, AngularJS, and Node.js
- helps develop cross-platform apps
  - Apache Cordova
  - Electron
- Embedded systems
  - Espruino http://www.espruino.com/
  - Tessel https://tessel.io/

## JS Basics - operators

- operators allow us to perform
- mathematical calculations
- assign one thing to another
- compare and contrast...
- simple \* operator, we can perform multiplication

```
2 * 4
```

- we can add, subtract, and divide numbers as required
- mix mathematical with simple assignment

```
a = 4;
b = a + 2;
```

## JS Basics - some common operators - part

### **Assignment**

\_ =

■ eg: a = 4

### Comparison

**■** <, > <=, >=

■ eg: a <= b

#### Compound assignment

**■** +=, -=, \*=, /=

compound operators are used to combine a mathematical operation with assignment

same as result = result + expression

■ eg: a += 4

### **Equality**

operator	description
==	loose equals
===	strict equals
!=	loose not equals
!==	strict not equals

■ eg: a != b

## JS Basics - some common operators - part 2

#### Increment/Decrement

- increment or decrement an existing value by I
  - ++, --
  - eg: a++ is equal to a = a + 1

### Logical

- used to express compound conditionals and, or
  - &&, //
  - eg: a | | b

#### Mathematical

- **+**, -, \*, /
  - eg: a \* 4 or a / 4

### **Object property access**

- properties in objects are specific named locations for holding values and data
- effectively, values within values
  - •
  - eg: a.b means object a with a property of b

### JS Basics - values and types

- able to express different representations of values
  - often based upon need or intention
  - known as types
- JS has built-in types
  - allow us to represent **primitive** values
  - eg: numbers, strings, booleans
- such values in the source code are simply known as literals
- literals can be represented as follows,
  - string literals use double or single quotes eg: "some text" or 'some more text'
  - numbers and booleans are represented without being escaped eg: 49, true;
- also consider arrays, objects, functions...

#### JS Basics - type conversion

- option and ability to convert types in JS
  - in effect, coerce our values and types from one type to another
- convert a number, or coerce it, to a string
- built-in JS function, Number (), is an explicit coercion
  - explicit coercion, convert any type to a number type
- implicit coercion, JS will often perform as part of a comparison

```
"49" == 49
```

- JS implicitly coerces left string to a matching number
  - then performs the comparison
- often considered bad practice
  - convert first, and then compare
- implicit coercion still follows rules
  - can be very useful

## JS Basics - variables - part I

- symbolic container for values and data
- applications use containers to keep track and update values
- use a variable as a container for such values and data
  - allow values to vary over time
- JS can emphasize types for values, does not enforce on the variable
  - weak typing or dynamic typing
  - JS permits a variable to hold a value of any type
- often a benefit of the language
- a quick way to maintain flexibility in design and development

#### JS Basics - variables - part 2

- declare a variable using the keyword var
- declaration does not include type information

```
var a = 49;
//double var a value
var a = a * 2;
//coerce var a to string
var a = String(a);
//output string value to console
console.log(a);
```

- var a maintains a running total of the value of a
- keeps record of changes, effectively state of the value
- state is keeping track of changes to any values in the application

#### JS Basics - variables - part 3

- use variables in JS to enable central, common references to our values and data
- better known in most languages simply as constants
- JS is similar
  - creates a read-only reference to a value
  - value itself is not immutable, e.g. an object...
  - it's simply the identifier that cannot be reassigned
  - JS constants are also bound by scoping rules
- allow us to define and declare a variable with a value
  - not intended to change throughout the application
- constants are often declared together
  - uppercase is standard practice although not a rule...
- form a store for values abstracted for use throughout an app
- JS normally defines constants using uppercase letters,

```
var NAME = "Philae";
```

- ECMAScript 6, ES6, introduces additional variable keywords
  - e.g. const

```
const TEMPLE_NAME = "Philae";
```

- benefits of abstraction, ensuring value is not accidentally changed
  - change rejected for a running app
  - in strict mode, app will fail with an error for any change

### **JS Basics - comments**

- JS permits comments in the code
- two different implementations

#### single line

```
//single line comment
var a = 49;
```

#### multi-line

```
/* this comment has more to say...
we'll need a second line */
var b = "forty nine";
```

## JS Basics - logic - blocks

- simple act of grouping contiguous and related code statements together
  - known as blocks
- block defined by wrapping statements together
  - within a pair of curly braces, {}
- blocks commonly attached to other forms of control statement

```
if (a > b) {
...do something useful...
}
```

#### JS Basics - logic - conditionals - part I

- conditionals, conditional statements require a decision to be made
- code statement, application, consults state
  - answer will predominantly be a simple yes or no
- JS includes many different ways we can express conditionals
- most common example is the if statement
  - if this given condition is true, do the following...

```
if (a > b) {
console.log("a is greater than b...");
}
```

- if statement requires an expression between the parentheses
  - evaluates as either true or false

#### JS Basics - logic - conditionals - part 2

- additional option if this expression returns false
  - using an **else** clause

```
if (a > b) {
  console.log("a is greater than b...");
} else {
  console.log("no, b is greater...");
}
```

- for an if statement, JS expects a boolean
- JS defines a list of values that it considers false
- eg: 0...
- any value not on this list of false values will be considered true
  - coerced to true when defined as a boolean
- conditionals in JS also exist in another form
  - the switch statement
  - more to come...

#### JS Basics - logic - loops

- loops allow repetition of sets of actions until a condition fails
- repetition continues whilst the requested condition holds
- loops take many different forms and follow this basic behaviour
- a loop includes the test condition as well as a block
  - normally within curly braces
  - block executes, an iteration of the loop has occurred
- good examples of this behaviour include while and do...while loops
- basic difference between these loops, while and do...while
  - conditional tested is before the first iteration (while loop)
  - after the first iteration (do...while) loop
- if the condition is initially false
  - a while loop will never run
  - a do...while will run through for the first time
- also stop a JS loop using the common break statement
- for loop has three clauses, including
  - initialisation clause
  - conditional test clause
  - update clause

### JS Basics - logic - functions - part I

- functions are a type of object
  - may also have their own properties
  - define once, then re-use as needed throughout our application
- function is a named grouping of code
  - name can be called, and code will be run each time
- JS functions can be designed with optional arguments
  - known as parameters
  - allow us to pass values to the function
- functions can also optionally return a value

```
function outputTotal(total) {
  console.log(total);
}
var a = 49;
a = a * 3; // or use a *= 3;
outputTotal(a);
```

## JS Basics - logic - functions - part 2

```
function outputTotal(total) {
   console.log(total);
}

function calculateTotal(amount, times) {
   amount = amount * times;
   return amount;
}

var a = 49;
a = calculateTotal(a, 3);
outputTotal(a);
```

JSFiddle Demo

#### JS Basics - logic - scope

- scope or lexical scope
  - collection of variables, and associated access rules by name
- in JS each function gets its own scope
- variables within a function's given scope
  - can only be accessed by code inside that function
- variable name has to be unique within a function's scope
- same variable name could appear in different scopes
- nest one scope within another
  - code in inner scope can access variables from either inner or outer scope
  - code in outer scope cannot, by default, access code in the inner scope

## JS Basics - logic - scope example

```
function outerScope() {
  var a = 49;
  //scope includes outer and inner
  function innerScope() {
    var b = 59;
    //output a and b
    console.log(a + b); //returns 108
  }
  innerScope();
  //scope limited to outer
  console.log(a); //returns 49
}

//run outerScope function
outerScope();
```

#### JSFiddle Demo

#### JS Basics - strict mode

- intro of ES5 JS now includes option for strict mode
  - ensures tighter code and better compliance...
  - often helps ensure greater compatibility, safer use of language...
  - can also help optimise code for rendering engines
- add strict at different levels within our JS code
  - eg: single function level or enforce for whole file

```
function outerScope() {
   "use strict";
   //code is strict

function innerScope() {
   //code is strict
}
```

- if we set strict mode for complete file set at top of file
  - all functions and code will be checked against **strict** mode
  - eg: check against auto-create for global variables
  - or missing var keyword for variables...

```
function outerScope() {
   "use strict";
   a = 49; // `var` missing - ReferenceError
}
```

#### JS Core - values and types

- JS has typed values, not typed variables
- JS provides the following built-in types
  - boolean
  - null
  - number
  - object
  - string
  - symbol (new in ES6)
  - undefined
- more help provided by JS's typeof operator
  - examine a value and return its type

```
var a = 49;
console.log(typeof a); //result is a number
```

- as of ES6, there are 7 possible return types in JS
- NB: JS variables do not have types, mere containers for values
  - values specify the type

```
var a = null;
console.log(typeof a); //result is object - known bug in JS...
```

### JS Core - objects - part I

#### **Objects**

- **object** type includes a compound value
  - JS can use to set properties, or named locations
- each of these properties holds its own value
  - can be defined as any type

```
var objectA = {
    a: 49,
    b: 59,
    c: "Philae"
};
```

access these values using either dot or bracket notation

```
//dot notation
objectA.a;
//bracket notation
objectA["a"];
```

## JS Core - objects - example

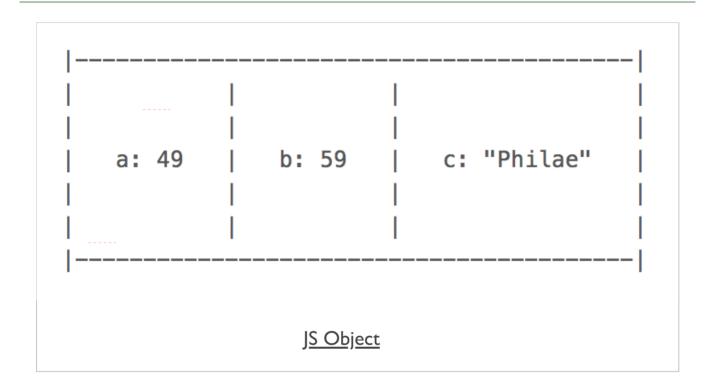
```
// create object
var object = {
    archive: 'waldzell',
    access: 'castalia',
    purpose: 'gaming'
};

// log output with dot notation
console.log(`archive is ${object.archive}`);

// log output with bracket notation - returns undefined
console.log(`access is restricted to ${object[1]}`);

// log output with bracket notation
console.log(`purpose is ${object['purpose']}`);
```

# **Image - JS Object**



### ES6 - template literals

```
// create object
var object = {
   archive: 'waldzell',
   access: 'castalia',
   purpose: 'gaming'
};

// log output with template literals
console.log(`archive is ${object.archive}`);

// log output
console.log('archive is ' + object.archive);

// log output all object properties with template literals
console.log(`archive = ${object.archive}, access = ${object.access}, purple purple
```

#### **Demos**

- CSS Grid
  - grid basic page zones and groups
  - grid basic article style page
  - grid layout articles with scroll
- JSFiddle
  - Basic logic functions
  - Basic logic scope

#### Resources

- MDN CSS3 Grid
- MDN JS
- MDN JS Data Types and Data Structures
- MDN JS Grammar and Types
- MDN JS Objects
- W3 Schools CSS Grid View
- W3 Schools JS