Comp 324/424 - Client-side Web Design

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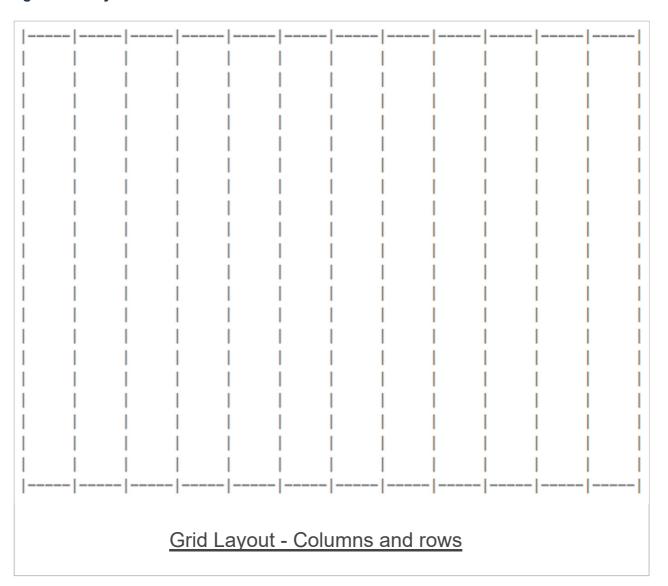
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CSS grid layout - part 1

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



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 1 - no gutters

Image - Grid Layout 1

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

grid.css

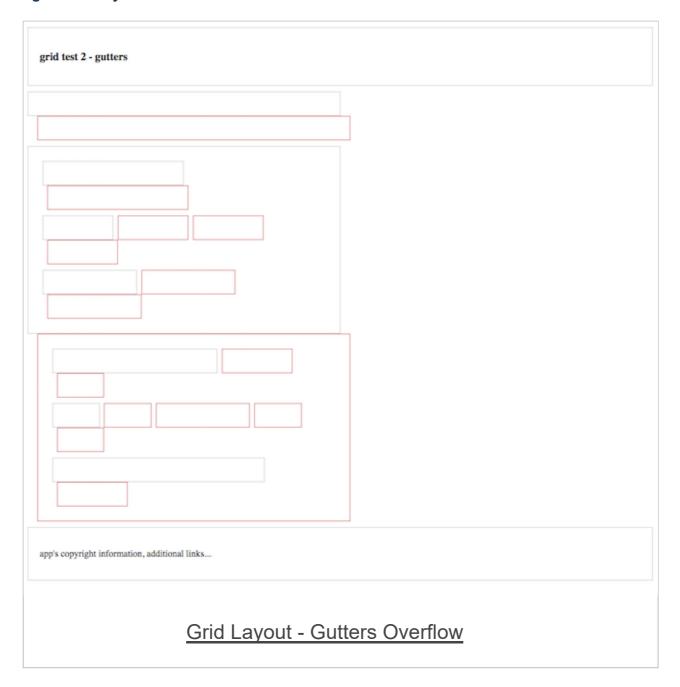
- add gutters to our grid to help create a sense of space and division in the content
- simplest way to add a gutter to the current grid css is to use padding
 - rows can use padding, for example

```
.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%;}

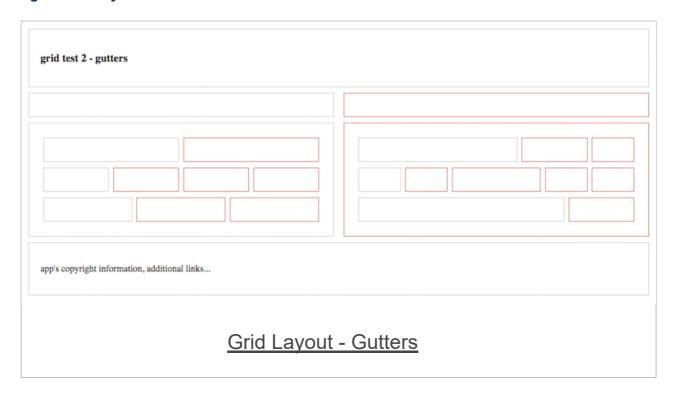
.col-10 {width: 83.06%;}

.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
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add grid layout

- update the layout of our Travel Notes application to include a grid layout
- apply this grid layout to the overall application
 - organisation and presentation of the notes
- remove the centred, fixed width for the body in our style.css stylesheet
- removes centre styling, results in content spanning full width of browser window
- add the grid layout to help us control this layout

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

then modify content categories, child elements to use new grid css

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - grid layout

travel notes record notes from various places visited	
add note	
app's copyright information, additional links	
Grid Layout - Updated Header	

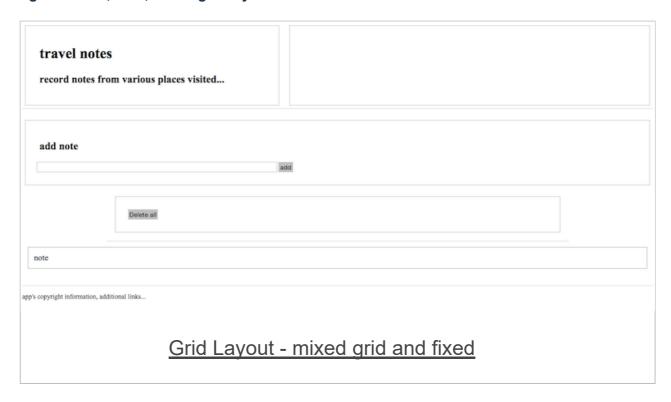
add grid layout

update our main content to position the note-input and note-controls

```
<!-- note input -->
<section class="note-input">
 <div class="row">
   <div class="col-12">
     <h5>add note</h5>
     <input><button>add</button>
   </div>
 <div>
</section>
<!-- note controls for delete... -->
<section class="note-controls">
 <div class="row">
   <div class="col-12">
     <button id="notes-delete">Delete all
   </div>
 </div>
</section>
```

still need to amend style.css to remove additional fixed styling

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - grid layout 2



add grid layout

 fix mixed rendering by removing width, margin, and padding for .note-controls

```
/* note controls */
.note-controls {
  border-bottom: 1px solid #dedede;
  display: none;
}
```

- continue to update Travel Notes app
 - modify output for notes
 - add further options for users

DEMO - Travel Notes - grid layout with media queries

add flex to grid layout

- an additional option to consider flex layouts
 - a recent W3 working draft
 - aims to provide efficient way to align and proportion content
- known as Flexbox Layout
 - idea is to apportion width and height for content
 - proportions relative to container even when their size is unknown or dynamic
- flex layout could, in theory, replace a full grid layout
 - considered more a complement to overall grid structure
- defined flex container expands items to fill the container's available space
 - can also shrink them to prevent any possible overflow
- think of a flex layout as supporting multiple directions
 - direction agnostic
- many properties available for flex
 - focus upon styling flex container and any flex items

add flex to grid layout

we might specify CSS properties for a flex container

```
.flex-container {
    display: flex; /* defines container as flex */
    flex-direction: row; /* defines positioning of items added to container */
    flex-wrap: wrap; /* defines whether to wrap items to another line */
    justify-content: flex-start; /* defines start point and distribution of items */
}
```

- allows us to position our container starting at the left
 - items contained in a row
 - contained items wrapping to additional lines if necessary
- many additional options available for each property
- also add rulesets for specific styling of items within a flex container
- we could add properties to a flex item such as
 - specify the order of the flex items
 - whether a particular item can grow or shrink relative to content
 - default size of an item before any remaining space is distributed
 - individual alignment for a given item...

add flex to notes

- flex container and items useful for organising and positioning our notes
- due to uncertainty about content, size, and general note requirements
 - flex positioning and styling removes the need for assumptions or fixed sizes
- we can start to modify the styling and rendering of our notes using flex

```
/* flex item */
.flex-item {
  flex-basis: 300px; /* default size before extra */
  flex-grow: 1; /* all items will be equal */
}
```

- gives us a default smallest size for each note
- then the ability for each note to grow to fill the row as required
- also work with responsive layouts
 - due to the minimum size and the option to grow for each item
 - and wrap flex items per flex container
- modify and update styles as we develop travel notes app

DEMO - Travel Notes - grid layout with flex notes

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Flex Notes



Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Flex Notes 2

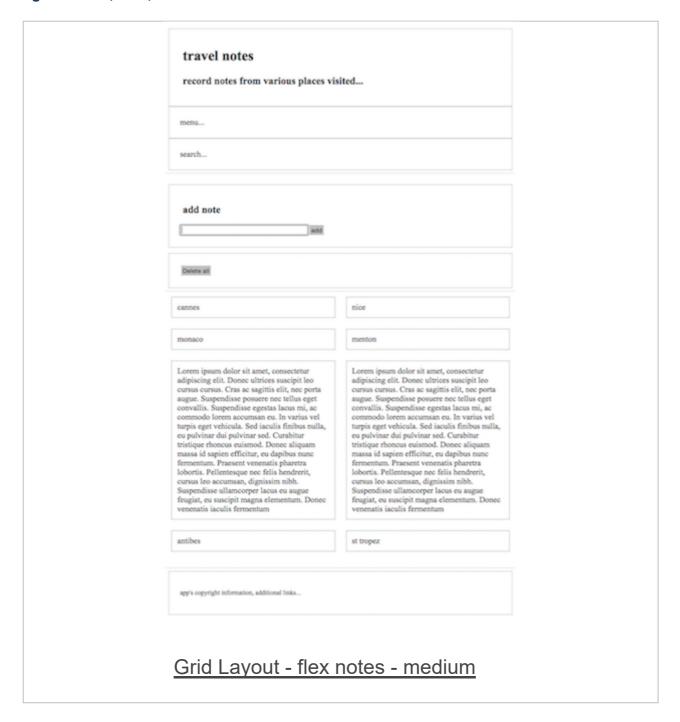
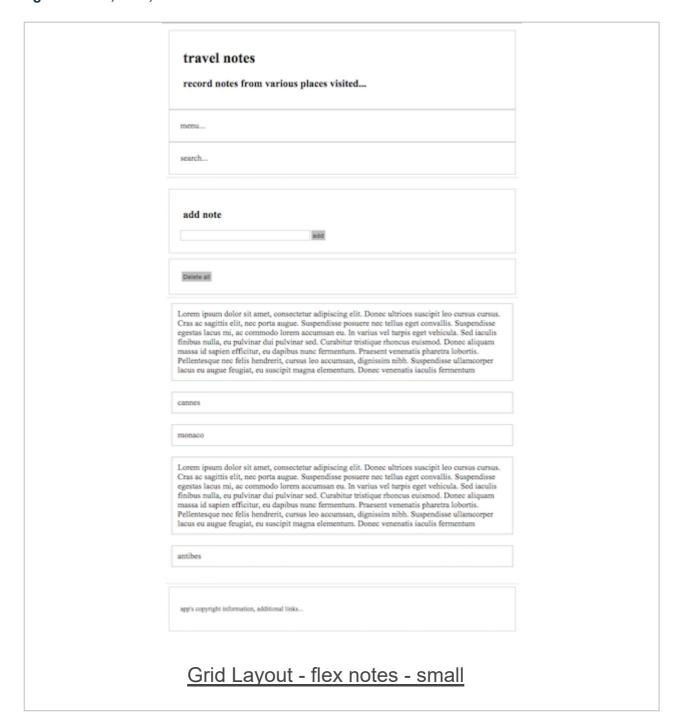


Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Flex Notes 3



add flex to notes

Notes with Flex and Media Queries

jQuery Deferred

- jQuery provides a useful solution to the escalation of code for asynchronous development
- known as the \$.Deferred object
 - effectively acts as a central despatch and scheduler for our events
- with the deferred object created
 - parts of the code indicate they need to know when an event completes
 - whilst other parts of the code signal an event's status
- deferred coordinates different activities
 - enables us to separate how we trigger and manage events
 - from having to deal with their consequences

using deferred objects

- now update our AJAX request with deferred objects
- separate the asynchronous request
 - into the initiation of the event, the AJAX request
 - from having to deal with its consequences, essentially processing the response
- separation in logic
 - no longer need a success function acting as a callback parameter to the request itself
- now rely on .getJSON() call returning a deferred object
- function returns a restricted form of this deferred object
 - known as a promise

```
deferredRequest = $.getJSON (
   "file.json",
   {format: "json"}
);
```

using deferred objects

 indicate our interest in knowing when the AJAX request is complete and ready for use

```
deferredRequest.done(function(response) {
   //do something useful...
});
```

- key part of this logic is the done() function
- specifying a new function to execute
 - each and every time the event is successful and returns complete
 - our AJAX request in this example
- deferred object is able to handle the abstraction within the logic
- if the event is already complete by the time we register the callback via the done () function
 - our deferred object will execute that callback immediately
- if the event is not complete
 - it will simply wait until the request is complete

handling errors with deferred objects

- also signify interest in knowing if the AJAX request fails
- instead of simply calling done(), we can use the fail() function
- still works with JSONP
 - the request itself could fail and be the reason for the error or failure

```
deferredRequest.fail(function() {
   //report and handle the error...
});
```

example

- add the option to read and write from a JSON file
- we'll use AJAX for these requests
- initially we can consider our application as follows
 - read data from JSON file
 - load initial data to application
- no edit features for now
- add edit features with DB

example - JSON

- test reading and loading JSON file and data
- ignore standard AJAX pattern
 - passing two callbacks, success and error
- use deferred and promise
- initial JSON for Travel Notes app

```
"travelNotes": [{
    "created": "2015-10-12T00:00:00z",
    "note": "a note from Cannes..."
}, {
    "created": "2015-10-13T00:00:00z",
    "note": "a holiday note from Nice..."
}, {
    "created": "2015-10-14T00:00:00z",
    "note": "an autumn note from Antibes..."
}]
```

example - deferred

- start by submitting a query for the required JSON file
- then retain the deferred object we're using for tracking
- then indicate interest in knowing when AJAX request is complete

```
//load main app logic
function loadApp() {
    "use strict";

    var $deferredNotesRequest = $.getJSON (
        "docs/json/notes.json",
        {format: "json"}
    );

    $deferredNotesRequest.done(function(response) {
        console.log("tracking json...");
    });

};

$(document).ready(loadApp);
```

example - deferred

- done () method is the key part
- helps us specify the required logic to execute
 - when the request is complete
- if the given event has already completed as callback is registered
 via done()
 - deferred object will execute required callback immediately
- if not, it will simply wait until request is complete
- respond to an error
 - add fail () method for errors handling and reporting

example - work with data

- returned data
 - our response returns an object containing an array with notes
- we could simply extract the required notes
 - then append them to the DOM

```
$deferredNotesRequest.done(function(response) {
    //get travelNotes
    var $travelNotes = response.travelNotes
    //process travelNotes array
    $travelNotes.forEach(function(item) {
        if (item !== null) {
            var note = item.note;
            //create each note's 
            var p = $("");
            //add note text
            p.html(note);
            //append to DOM
            $(".note-output").append(p);
        }
        ));
    }
});
```

DEMO - ajax & json basic loader

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - AJAX & JSON

AJAX and JSON

a note from Cannes...

a holiday note from Nice...

an autumn note from Antibes...

app's copyright information, additional links...

AJAX & JSON - basic loader

example - work with data

- we can use simple deferred requests with our local JSON data
- with staggered API calls to data, need to use slightly modified approach
 - digging through data layer by layer
 - submitting a request as one layer returns
- we could now create a second deferred object
 - use to track additional processing requests
 - stagger our requests to the API
 - ensuring we only request certain data as needed or available
- also create multiple deferred objects to handle our requests and returned data
 - allows us to respond accordingly within the application

example - work with data

resolve()

- use this method with the deferred object to change its state, effectively to complete
- as we resolve a deferred object
 - any doneCallbacks added with then () or done () methods will be called
 - these callbacks will then be executed in the order added to the object
 - arguments supplied to resolve() method will be passed to these callbacks

promise()

 useful for limiting or restricting what can be done to the deferred object

```
function returnPromise() {
  return $.Deferred().promise();
}
```

- method returns an object with a similar interface to a standard deferred object
 - only has methods to allow us to attach callbacks
 - does not have the methods required to resolve or reject deferred object
- restricting the usage and manipulation of the deferred object
 - eg: offer an API or other request the option to subscribe to the deferred object
 - NB: they won't be able to resolve or reject it as standard

example - work with data

- still use the done() and fail() methods as normal
- use additional methods with these callbacks including the then ()
 method
- use this method to return a new promise
 - use to update the status and values of the deferred object
 - use this method to modify or update a deferred object as it is resolved, rejected, or still in use
- can also combine promises with the when () method
 - method allows us to accept many promises, then return a sort of master deferred
- updated deferred object will now be resolved when all of the promises are resolved
 - it will likewise be rejected if any of these promises fail
- use standard done () method to work with results from all of the promises
 - eg: could use this pattern to combine results from multiple JSON files
 - multiple layers within an API
 - staggered calls to paged results in a API...

example - work with data

- now start to update our test AJAX and JSON application
 - begin by simply abstracting our code a little

```
function buildNote(data) {
    //create each note's 
    var p = $("");
    //add note text

    p.html(data);
    //append to DOM
    $(".note-output").append(p);
}

//get the notes JSON

function getNotes() {
    //.get returns an object derived from a Deferred object - do not need explicit deferred object
    var $deferredNotesRequest = $.getJSON (
    "docs/json/notes.json",
    {format: "json"}
    );
    return $deferredNotesRequest;
}
```

DEMO - ajax & json abstract loader

example - work with data

- requesting our JSON file using .getJSON()
- we get a returned promise for the data
- with a promise we can only use the following
 - deferred object's method required to attach any additional handlers
 - or determine its state
- our **promise** can work with
 - then, done, fail, always...
- our **promise** can't work with
 - resolve, reject, notify...

example - work with data

- one of the benefits of using promises is the ability to load one JSON file
 - then wait for the results
 - then issue a follow-on request to another file
 - ...
- a simple example of chained then () methods

```
getNotes().then(function(responsel) {
  console.log("responsel="+responsel.travelNotes[2].note);
  $(".note-output").append(responsel.travelNotes[2].note);
  return getPlaces();
}).then(function(response2) {
  console.log("response2="+response2.travelPlaces[2].place);
  $(".note-output").append(response2.travelPlaces[2].place);
});
```

- outputting a limited test result to the DOM and the console
- as we chain our then () methods
 - pass returned results to next chained then () method...
- DEMO ajax & json deferred .then()

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

- update our travel notes app to allow us to load some test persistent notes from a local JSON file
- initial JSON is as follows

```
{
  "travelNotes": [{
    "created": "2015-10-12T00:00:00z",
    "note": "a note from Cannes..."
}, {
    "created": "2015-10-13T00:00:00z",
    "note": "a holiday note from Nice..."
}, {
    "created": "2015-10-14T00:00:00z",
    "note": "an autumn note from Antibes..."
}]
```

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

- add option to load notes from JSON as app initially loads
 - use deferred promise pattern
 - · checks source JSON as it loads via the promise
 - then outputs the end result
- start with the following update

```
//get the notes JSON
function getNotes() {
    //.get returns an object derived from a Deferred object - do not need explicit deferred object
    var $deferredNotesRequest = $.getJSON (
        "docs/json/notes.json",
        {format: "json"}
    );
    return $deferredNotesRequest;
}
```

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

- help us better manage logic of our notes from app's loading and execution
 - create two separate JS files
- our updated structure might be as follows

```
...
|- assets
|- scripts
|- travel.js
|- notes.js
```

we can extend this further, as needed by app features and data

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

- add our .when () function to the app's loader
 - .when() function accepts a deferred object
 - in our case a limited promise
- then allows us to chain additional deferred functions
 - including required . done () function
- for returned data, use standard response object to get travelNotes
 - then iterate over the array for each property
 - for each iteration, we can simply call our createNote function
 - builds and renders required notes to the app's DOM

```
//use deferred object from getJson
$.when(getNotes()).done(function(response) {
    //get travelNotes object
    var $travelNotes = response.travelNotes
    //process travelNotes array
    $travelNotes.forEach(function(item) {
        //check each property
        if (item !== null) {
            //get note
            var note = item.note;
            //create each note for rendering
            createNote(note);
        }
        ));//end foreach
});
```

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

- simple problem existing createNote() function does not accept a parameter
- need to update the logic of that function to accept and handle a parameter
- also requires a quick update to any functions and calls to the createNote()
 - event handlers for creating a new note using the add button and keypress within the input field

```
//manage input field and new note output
function createNote(data) {
    ...
    //conditional check for data
    if (data !== "") {
        //set content for note
        $note.html(data);
        ...
    }
}
```

add AJAX and JSON - load notes from json

 update our event handlers for the note input button and input field keypress as follows,

```
//handle user event for `add` button click

$(".note-input button").on("click", function(e) {
   var $note_data = getNoteInput();
   //call note builder function
   createNote($note_data);
});
```

```
//handle user event for keyboard press
$(".note-input input").on("keypress", function(e) {
    //check code for keyboard press
    if (e.keyCode === 13) {
        var $note_data = getNoteInput();
        //call note builder function
        createNote($note_data);
}
});
```

- our notes now load by default as the app starts
- note input button and keypress work as expected
- DEMO travel notes & JSON

Working with APIs - part 1

remote api options - Flickr

- Travel Notes app loads data from a local JSON file
- add option to load different types of data using remote APIs
 - Flickr API for images, tags...
- basics and principles are similar to the patterns we've already seen and tested
- test a sample JSON return from the Flickr API
- JSON return useful properties for app
 - title
 - link
 - media (direct url for image where available)
 - description
 - ...
- public feed for searching public photos, videos, groups, recent activity...
- Flickr API Public Feed Cannes and France

Working with APIs - part 2

working with Flickr API

- query Flickr's public feed for photos
 - we can use our now familiar pattern for requesting JSON

```
//get the Flickr public feed JSON for images
function getImages() {
    //.get returns an object derived from a Deferred object - do not need explicit deferred object
    var $deferredNotesRequest = $.getJSON (
    "http://api.flickr.com/services/feeds/photos_public.gne?jsoncallback=?",
    { tags: "cannes,france,boules",
        tagmode: "all",
        format: "json"
    });
    return $deferredNotesRequest;
}
```

- need to make a few specific modifications to the request
 - JSONP to avoid browser security restrictions

Working with APIs - part 3

working with Flickr API

- Flickr's public feed includes options
 - eg: a specific user ID for photos, various tags, how tags are interpreted by the search...
- use our .when() function to load and render some test images from Flickr

```
$.when(getImages()).done(function(response) {
  console.log("done..."+response);
  //use jQuery's generic iterative function for the response...
  $.each( response.items, function(i, item) {
    buildImage(item.media.m);
    //limit test images to 8
    if (i === 7) {
        return false;
    }
});
```

DEMO - AJAX and JSON - Flickr api

- add option to Travel Notes app to allow a user to view images from Flickr
- need to update app's HTML, CSS, and JS
- modify how our notes, and associated options, are rendered to our users
- add a search option for photos on Flickr
- render our images to match the notes
- app's structure still reflects three primary content categories
 - header, main, and footer with slight modifications to the main category
- main content category updated to create two distinct rows for initial content
 - contain defined semantic containers
- row containing .note-input and Flickr search option
 .contextual-choice
 - then split this row into two columns of 6

- updated HTML for .note-input and Flickr search
 - .contextual-choice

- update the HTML for rendering the images
 - add alongside our notes
- create another row for these containers
 - add two section containers for .note-output and .contextual-output
- make .note-output slightly larger to show primary app focus

```
<div class="row">
  <!-- note output -->
  <section class="note-output col-7 flex-container">
    </section>
  <!-- contextual output -->
    <section class="contextual-output col-5 flex-container">
    </section>
  </div>
```

- add further functionality to Travel Notes app
- split our JS logic into three files to help with oranisation
 - a main loader file, travel.js,
 - and a file each for notes and contextual options
- updated app structure for JS

```
- assets
|- assets
|- scripts
|- contextual.js
|- notes.js
|- travel.js
```

- underlying logic for the notes will remain the same
 - move loading of default notes to the travel.js main loader file
- updates for searching, returning, and rendering images from Flickr
 - added to the contextual.js file

- test Flickr API in our app using some set data for image tags
 - respond to the user clicking on the search button
 - submit our query to Flickr
 - process the returned JSON for the images
 - render them for viewing
- request and process our images using the familiar pattern

```
//get the Flickr public feed JSON for images
function getImages(data) {
  var img_tags = data;
  //.get returns an object derived from a Deferred object - do not need explicit deferred object
  var $deferredNotesRequest = $.getJSON (
    "http://api.flickr.com/services/feeds/photos_public.gne?jsoncallback=?",
    { tags: img_tags,
        tagmode: "all",
        format: "json"
    });
    return $deferredNotesRequest;
}
```

- returned data using standard deferred promise object
 - add a new function to handle the processing of the images

```
function processImages(data) {
    $.when(getImages($img_data)).done(function(response)) {
        //use jQuery's generic iterative function for the response...
        $.each( response.items, function( i, item ) {
            createImage(item.media.m);
            //limit test images to 4
            if ( i === 3 ) {
                return false;
            }
            });
      });
}
```

- using deferred promise object with .when() function chained to .done() function
- add jQuery's generic iterative function to help us process the response
 - instead of standard JavaScript .forEach() option
- loop through each value, and pass the image to our new function, createImage()
 - ready for rendering to our app's DOM
 - limit number of images for testing

```
//manage new image output

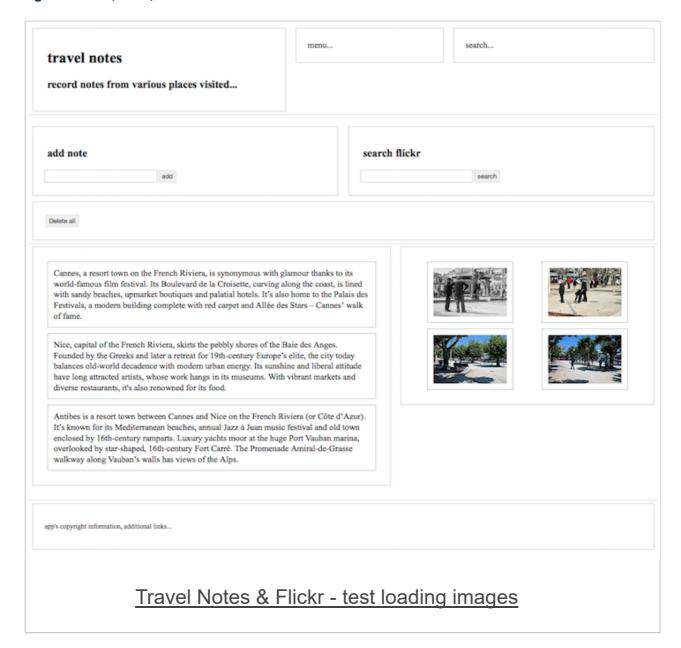
function createImage(data) {
    //create each image element
    var img = $('<img class="flex-img">');
    //add image
    img.attr("src", data);
    //append to DOM
    $(".contextual-output").append(img);
}
```

- .createImage() function accepts a parameter for image data
- then process ready for rendering to the app's DOM
- image is added to a new img element with a new class of .flex-img
 - creates a flex item for rendering
- added to the new .contextual-output section
- rendered images displayed as thumbnails for the user
 - complementary to the existing notes

- to add images to the app
 - a user can enter their requested tags in the search field
 - then click on the search button to return any available images
- event handler for this search button click uses the requested tags
 - passes them as a parameter to the processImages() function

```
//handle user event for image `search` button click
$(".contextual-choice button").on("click", function(e) {
    //test tags for testing image search
    $img_data = "cannes,france,boules"
    //process images
    processImages($img_data);
});
```

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- need to update and modify existing CSS
 - helps with correct rendering of the thumbnail images
- CSS additions are initially modest
 - reflects integration with existing app, grid, and flex layouts
- add new ruleset for image rendering in the .contextual-output section

```
/* contextual output images */
.contextual-output img {
  margin: 5px;
  padding: 5px;
  border: 1px solid #blc4b1;
}
```

- update .flex-container class to change justify-content property to value of space-around
- add new ruleset for a .flex-img class.

```
/* flex image */
.flex-img {
  flex-basis: 150px;
  flex-grow:0;
}
```

- specify size of a thumbnail image
 - initially restrict their ability to grow relative to flex

- we can now request, process, and render images from Flickr to Travel Notes app
 - still need to accept and process search queries from search input field.
- add option to check search input field
 - then submit query to Flickr for images

```
//get input value for image search
function getImageInput() {
    //define img value
    var img_val = "";
    //define input field

var $img_tags = $(".contextual-choice input");
    if ($img_tags.val() !== "") {
        img_val = $img_tags.val();
        return img_val;
    } else {
        return img_val;
    }
}
```

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use getImageInput() function with a modified processImages() function

```
//process image production, loading, and pass to rendering
function processImages() {
  //check img visibility for contextual-output - clear existing images
  if (checkVisible($(".contextual-output img")) === false) {
   //empty existing images
   $(".contextual-output").empty();
  //get data from image search input field
  var $img_data = getImageInput();
  //use image data to get images, and pass for rendering
  $.when (getImages ($img_data)).done (function (response) {
   console.log("done..."+response);
    //use jQuery's generic iterative function for the response...
   $.each( response.items, function( i, item ) {
     createImage(item.media.m);
     //limit test images to 4
     if ( i === 3 ) {
       return false;
    });
  });
```

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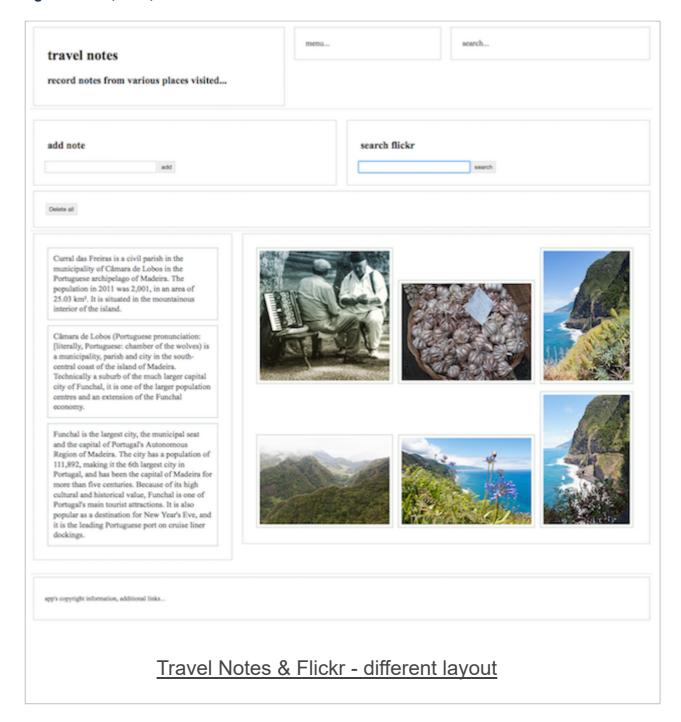
- updated processImages() function then called within event handlers
 - for the search button and a keypress in the search input field

```
//handle user event for image search button click
$(".contextual-choice button").on("click", function(e) {
    //process images
    processImages();
});

//handle user event for keyboard press
$(".contextual-choice input").on("keypress", function(e) {
    //check code for keyboard press
    if (e.keyCode === 13) {
        //process images
        processImages();
    }
});
```

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- room for improvement, updates, abstraction, and general refactoring of the existing code
- return to this issue when we consider refactoring the code in general
 - there are still a few simple features we need to add
- for example,
 - add images to the .contextual-output section, resize .note-output section
 - moves focus to the current images
 - check loading progress of the notes and images
 - show feedback to the user
 - need to output a title for the images
 - set using the search query

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- first modification is to resize the .notes-output
 - create more space for the images
 - · gently shift focus to the new images
- update existing .createImage() function in the contextual.jsfile

```
//manage new image output
function createImage(data) {
...
    if (checkVisible($(".contextual-output img")) === true) {
        $(".note-output").removeClass("col-12");
        $(".note-output").addClass("col-4");
        $(".contextual-output").fadeIn("slow");
    }
...
}
```

- add check to ensure images are not visible in the DOM
- remove current class from .note-output section
 - 12 column class for the grid
- add new grid class to resize .note-output to 4 columns
 - then fade in the .contextual-output class
 - set in the app's HTML to a class of . col-8

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- next modification is some initial error handling
 - checking for an empty array of images from the returned Flickr JSON
- check processImages() function for an empty array of image items

```
if (response.items.length === 0) {
  var img = "";
  createImage(img);
} else {
  //return images from items array...
}
...
```

- checks images in the items array for the promise object
- if not, send an empty variable as a parameter to our createImage() function

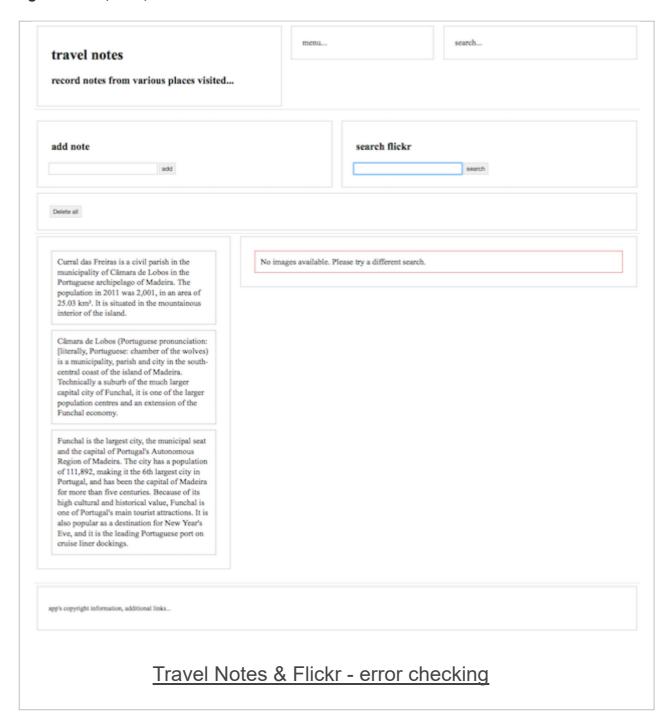
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- check for empty value in createImage() function
 - handle the simple errors as follows

```
if (data !== "") {
    //create each image element
    var $img = $('<img class="flex-img">').attr("src", data);
    //add image
    img_output = $img;
} else {
    var $img_error = $('').html("No images available...");
    //add error
    img_output = $img_error;
}
```

- we've abstracted the return variable for the image output
 - can hold either the image or the error output...
- add a check to see whether the .contextual-output section is visible or not
- modify the column class for the .note-output section
- then append our image output
- then show the .contextual-output section within the app
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- continue to modify and build our Travel Notes app
- add some metadata for the returned images
 - using the title and link from the search query response
- add initial metadata output in the contextual.js file
 - modify the processImages () function
 - metadata from Flickr JSON response in the deferred promise object

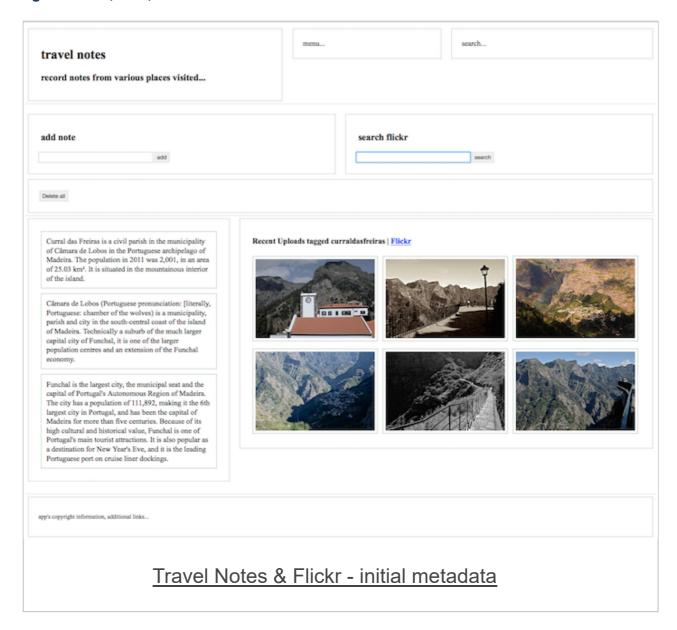
```
...
//create object for search metadata
var search_meta = {title:response.title, link:response.link};
...
```

then pass this to a new function, called metaOutput()

```
//prepare and render metadata for returned search...
function metaOutput(data) {
   if (data !== "") {
      //search metadata from response
      var search_title = data.title;
      var search_link = data.link;
      //build heading output for metadata heading
      var metaHeading = '<h6>'+search_title+' | <a href=""+search_link+'">Flickr</a></h6>';
      //render metadata to contextual-output
      $(".contextual-output").prepend(metaHeading);
   }
}
```

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- as we continue to add features and modify existing code
 - may start to see unnecessary repetition and function calls in the code
- eg: initial error handling for our contextual images
 - createImage() function is being called in the processImages() function
 - called regardless of returned image data
- createImage() is being used unnecessarily to manage the error handling
- move check to processImages () function
 - then call function to render necessary error message

```
function outputError(message) {
  var $img_error = $('').html(message);
  //check for visible contextual-output - if not visible
  if (checkVisible($(".contextual-output")) === true) {
    $(".note-output").removeClass("col-12");
    $(".note-output").addClass("col-4");
}

//append output to DOM

$(".contextual-output").append($img_error);
  //fade in contextual-output with appended results

$(".contextual-output").fadeIn("slow");
}
```

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updated processImages() function can call .outputError()
 function as needed

```
if (response.items.length !== 0) {
//logic to add metadata and each image...
}
else {
  var img_error = "No images available - please try a different search.";
  outputError(img_error);
}
...
```

- use this function to output error messages for any type of contextual data
- also remove some unnecessary replication of code
 - by adding a simple function to change an element's class

```
//modify element class - from, to
function changeClass(element, size1, size2) {
    $(element).removeClass(size1);
    $(element).addClass(size2);
}
```

- resize a class, for example to modify our grid output
 - call this function pass the selector to update, original class to remove, and new class to add

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- add a modification to check for the image loading and the notes
 - offer status feedback to the user

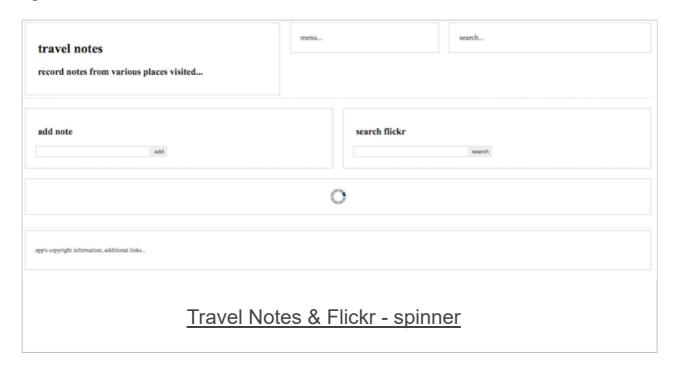
```
//add initial loader spinner for ajax...
$(".contextual-output").html('<img class="spinner" src="assets/images/ajax-loader.gif">');
```

remove it when the deferred promise object has returned

```
//remove ajax spinner
$(".spinner").remove();
```

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Demos

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AJAX and JSON

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- AJAX-JSON 3 test deferred .then()
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Grids

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- DEMO 1 Travel notes grid layout with media queries
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