

The background of the image is a dark, moody forest. In the foreground, several fallen tree trunks and branches are scattered across the ground, partially obscuring the view. The trees in the background are tall and thin, with many bare branches extending upwards. The overall lighting is low, creating a somber and mysterious atmosphere.

Flex-Box

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Before the invention of CSS Flexbox, web designers were limited in their ability to control the position and size of elements on a page.

They had to use a combination of:

- `float`s,
- `position`ing,
- and other hacks to create the layouts they wanted.

But then, in 2017, a new technology was introduced to the world of web design - **CSS Flexbox**.

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With Flexbox, designers were finally able to easily control the alignment, direction, and distribution of elements within a container. They could create flexible and responsive designs with ease, and make their websites look great on any device.

"And so, Flexbox became a game changer in the web design industry, and is now an essential tool for any modern web designer."

What is Flex-Box ?

The main idea behind the flex layout is to give the container the ability to alter its items' width/height (and order) to best fill the available space (mostly to accommodate to all kind of display devices and screen sizes). A flex container expands items to fill available free space or shrinks them to prevent overflow.

Most importantly, the flexbox layout is direction-agnostic as opposed to the regular layouts (block which is vertically-based and inline which is horizontally-based). While those work well for pages, they lack flexibility to support large or complex applications (especially when it comes to orientation changing, resizing, stretching, shrinking, etc.).

Note: Flexbox layout is most appropriate to the components of an application, and small-scale layouts, while the Grid layout is intended for larger scale layouts.

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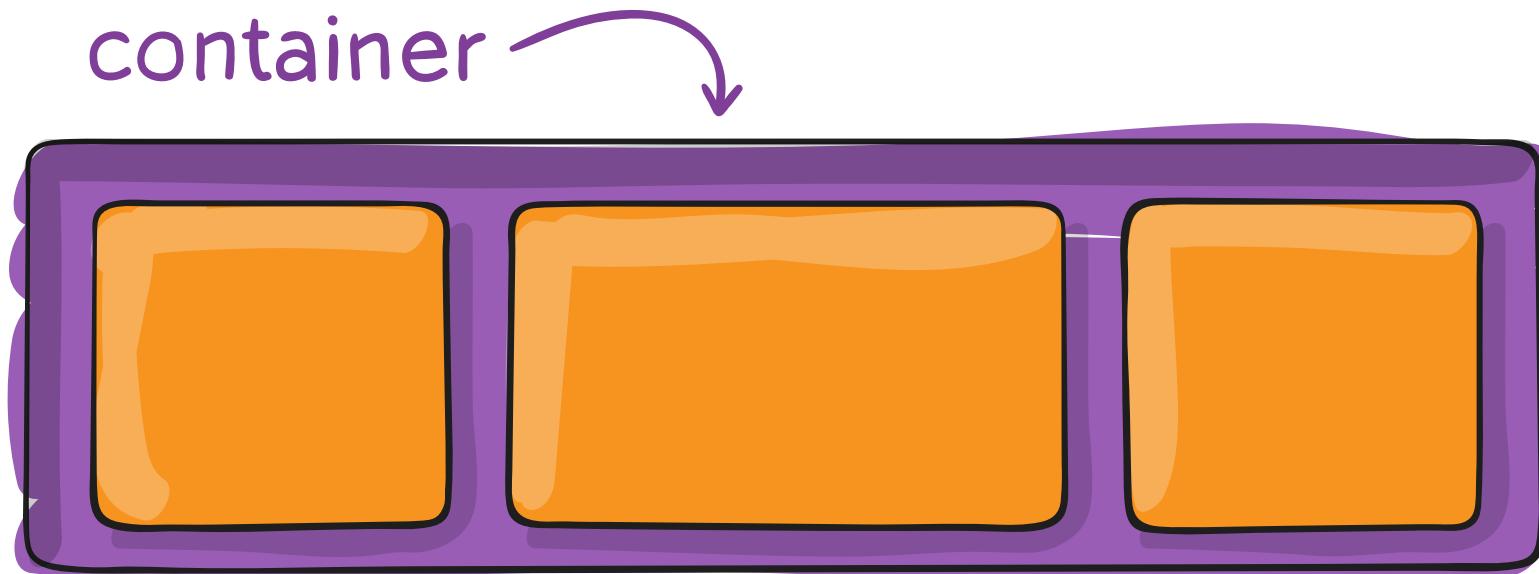
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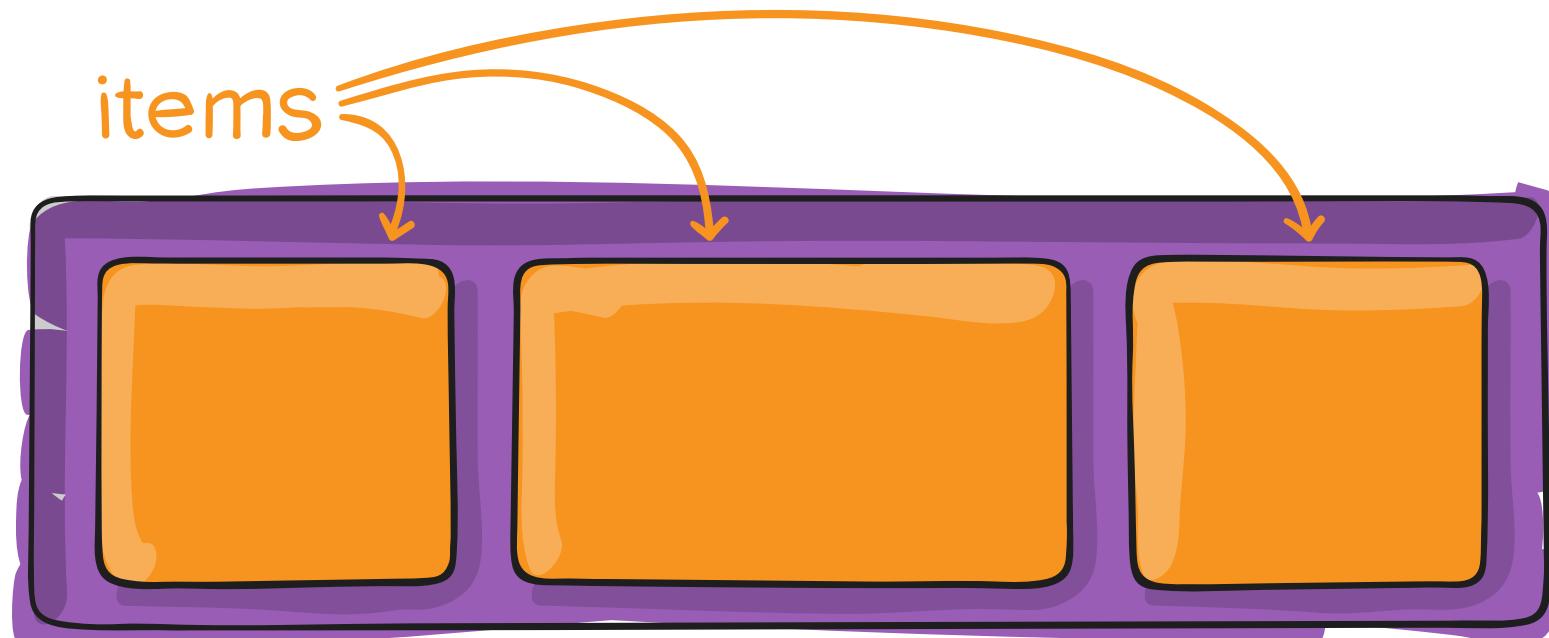
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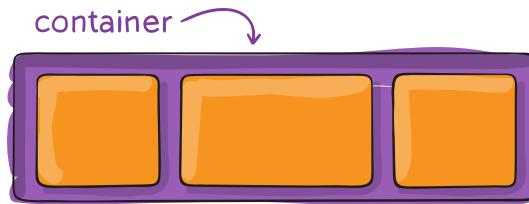
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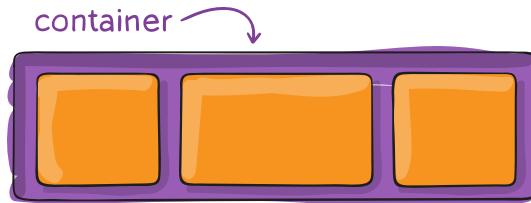
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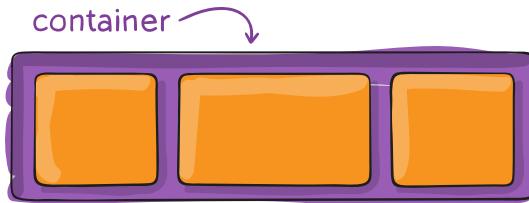


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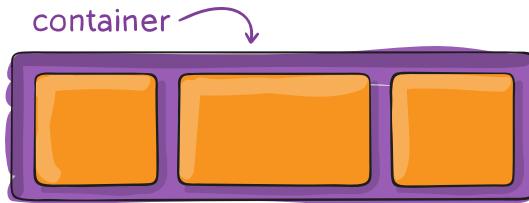
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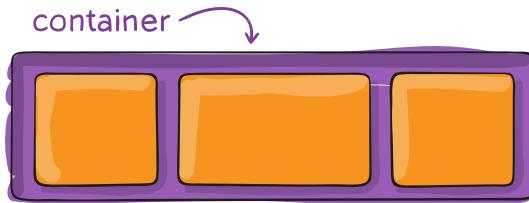
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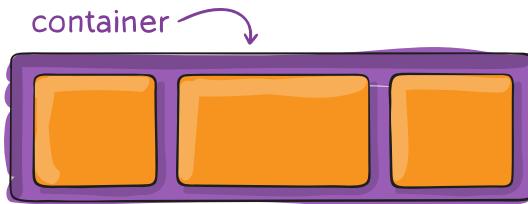
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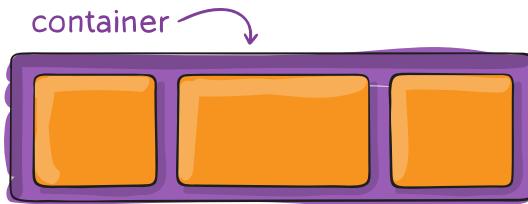
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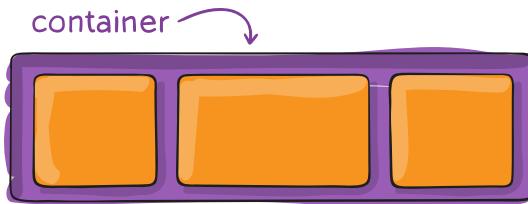
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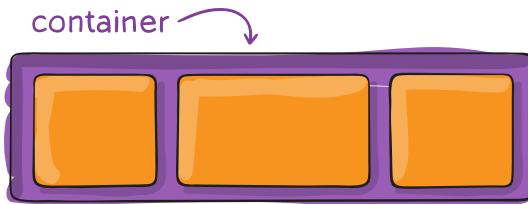
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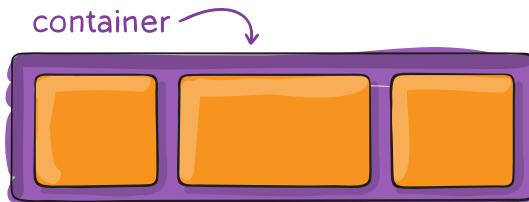
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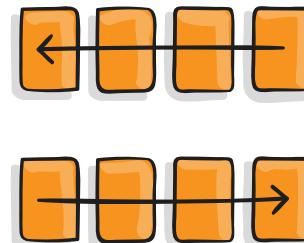
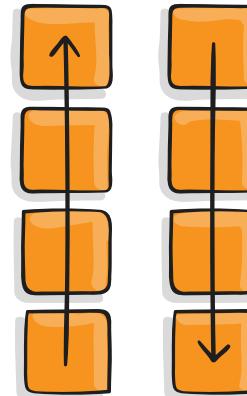
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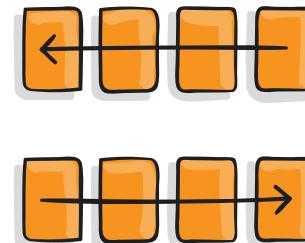
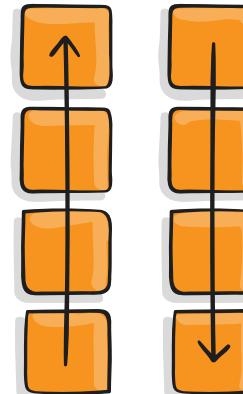
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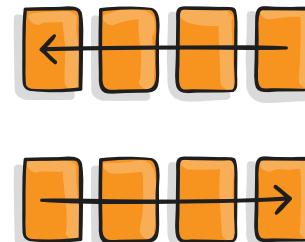
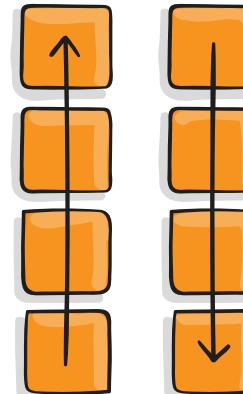


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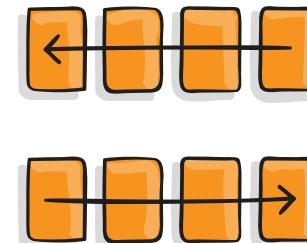
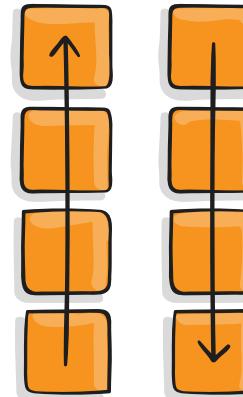


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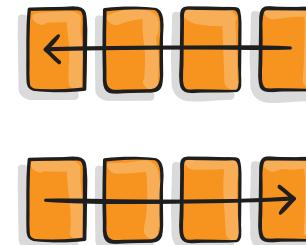
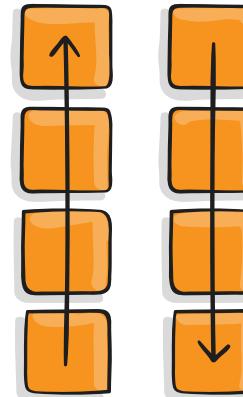


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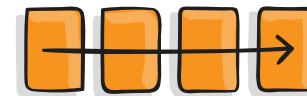
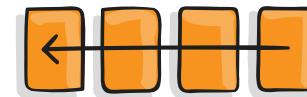
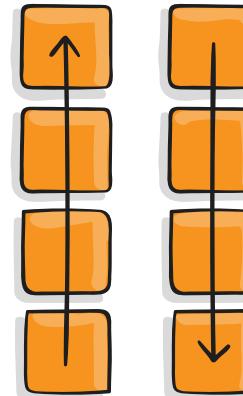


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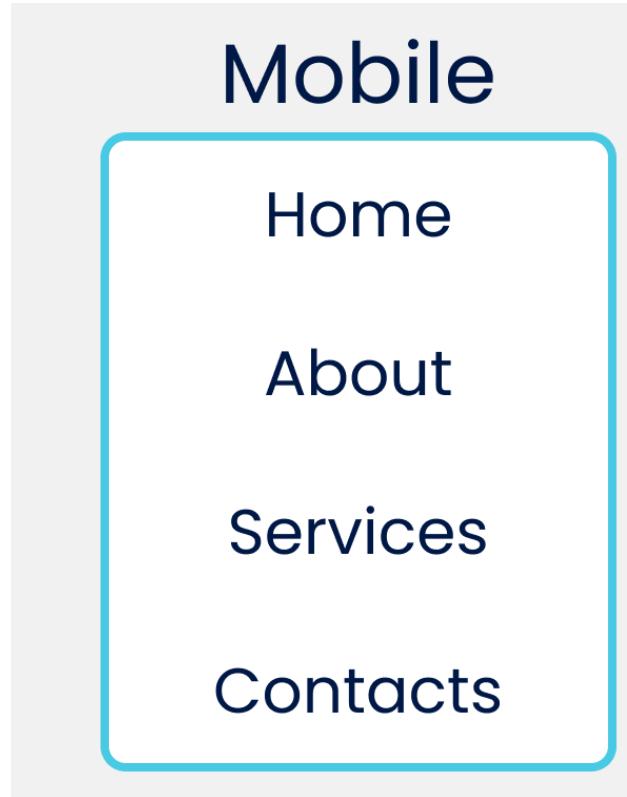
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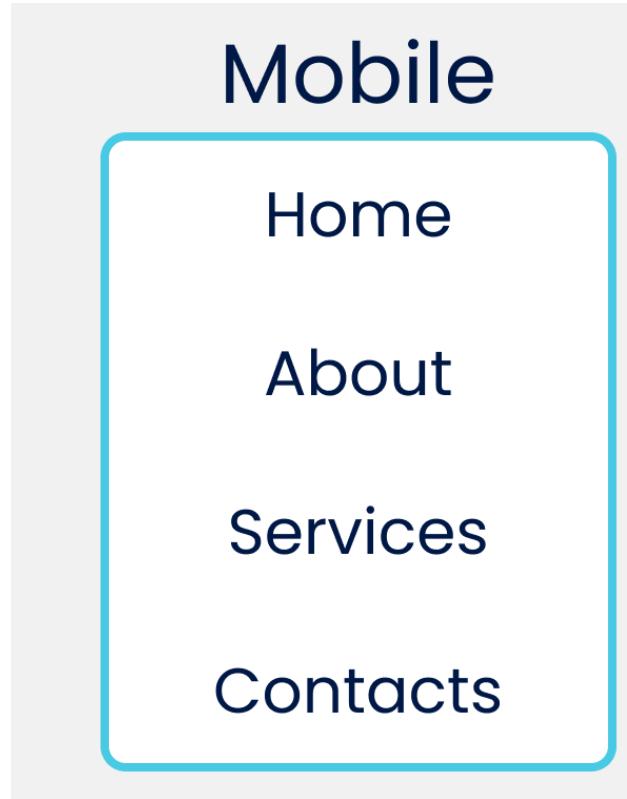


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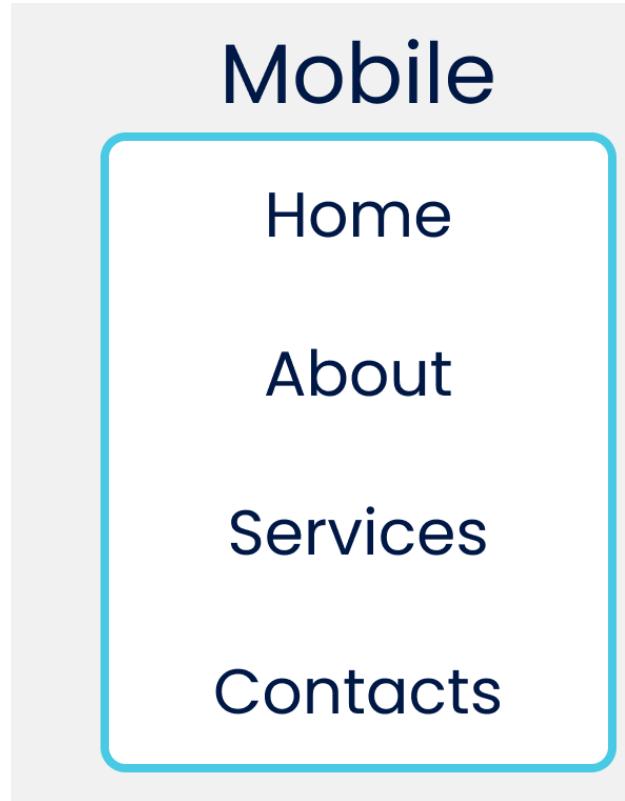


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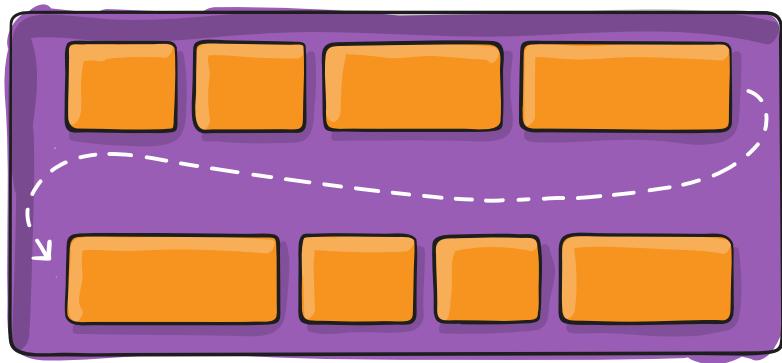
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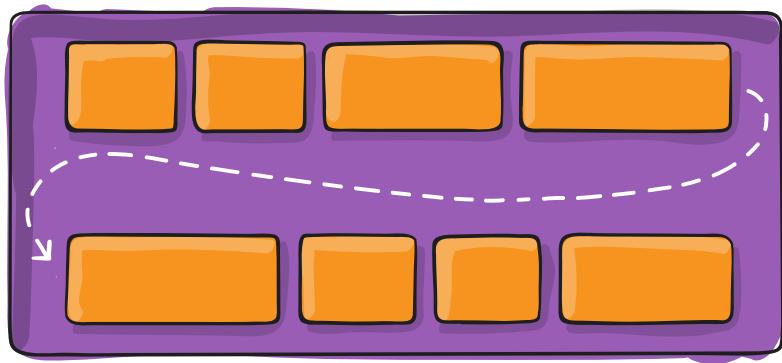
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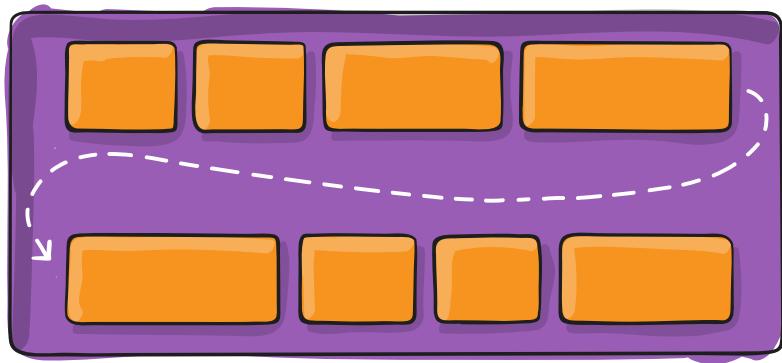
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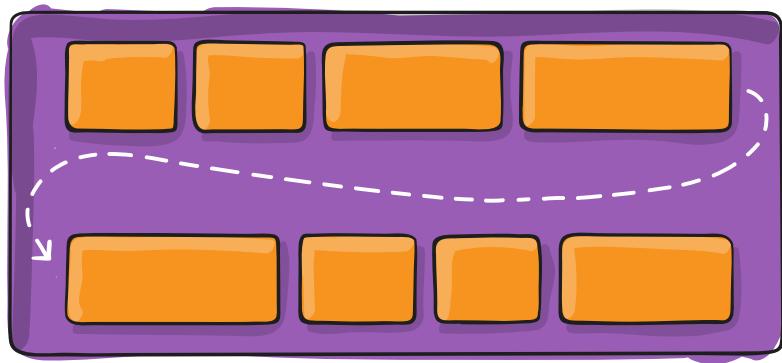


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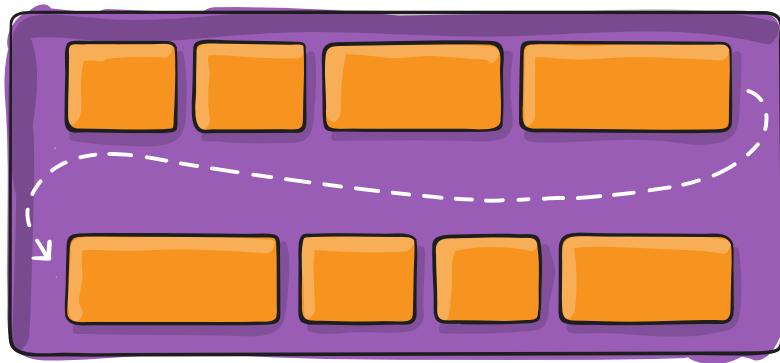


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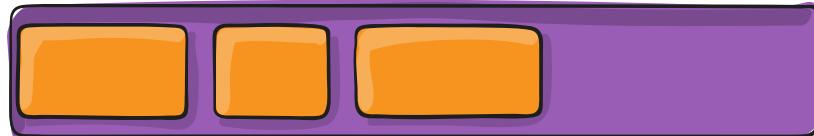
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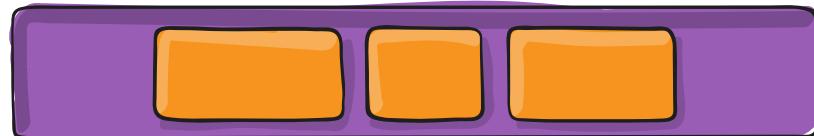
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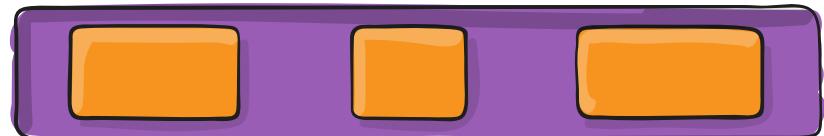
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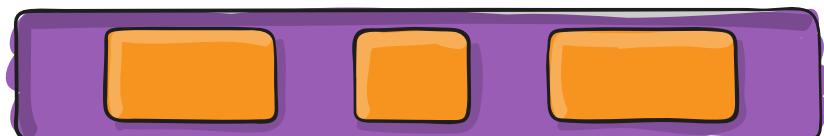
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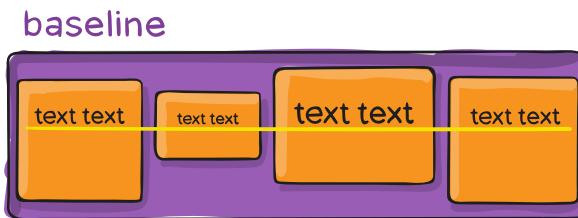
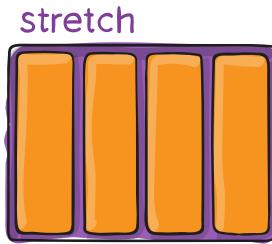
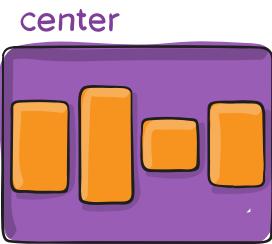
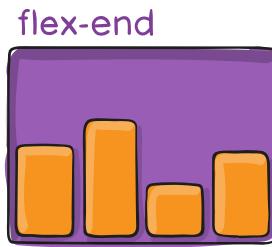
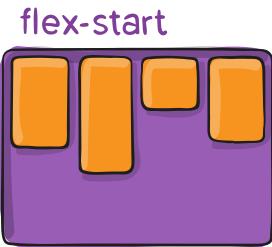
Justify-Content

This defines the alignment along the main axis. It helps distribute extra free space leftover when either all the flex items on a line are inflexible, or are flexible but have reached their maximum size. It also exerts some control over the alignment of items when they overflow the line.

```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  justify-content: center;  
}
```

- `space-between` : items are evenly distributed in the line; first item is on the start line, last item on the end line
- `space-around` : items are evenly distributed in the line with equal space around them. Note that visually the spaces aren't equal, since all the items have equal space on both sides. The first item will have one unit of space against the container edge, but two units of space between the next item because that next item has its own spacing that applies.
- `space-evenly` : items are distributed so that the spacing between any two items (and the space to the edges) is equal.

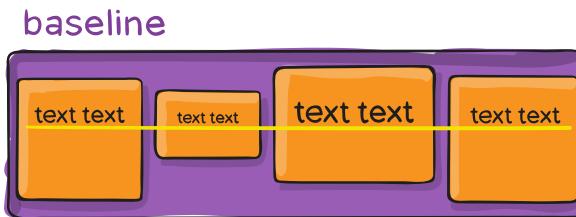
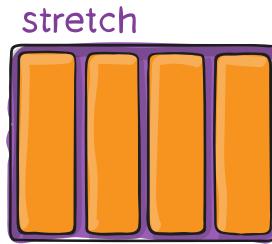
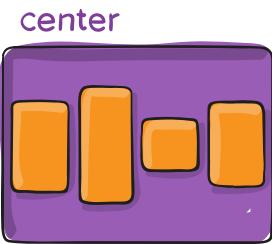
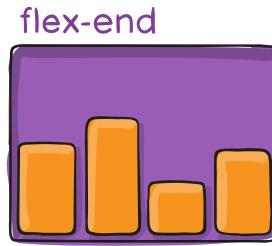
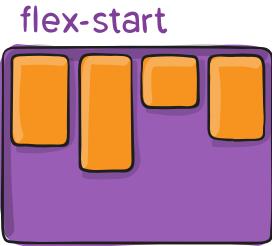
Align-Items



This defines the default behavior for how flex items are laid out along the cross axis on the current line. Think of it as the justify-content version for the cross-axis (perpendicular to the main-axis).

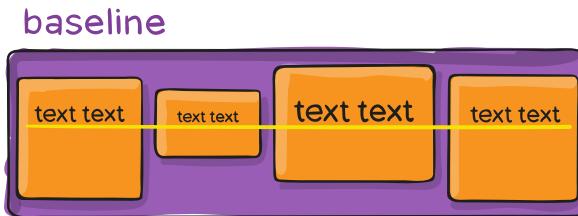
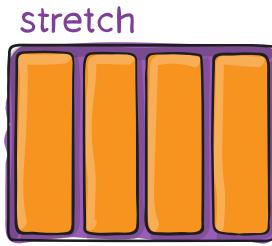
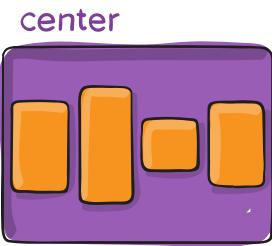
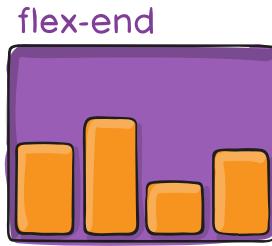
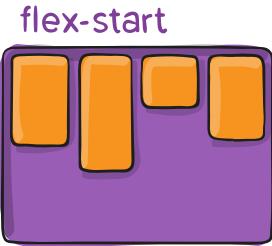
```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: stretch;  
}
```

Align-Items



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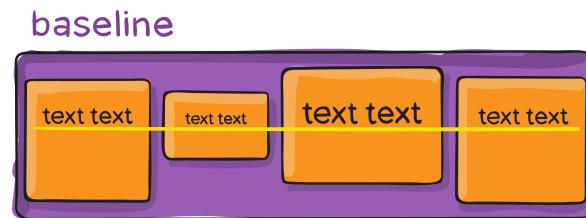
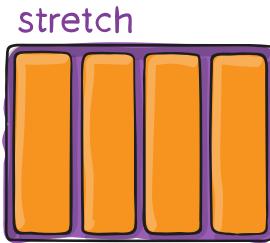
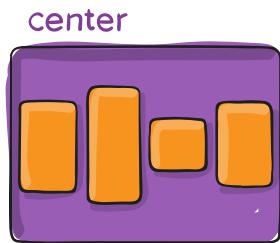
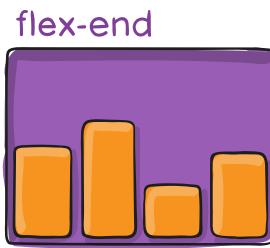
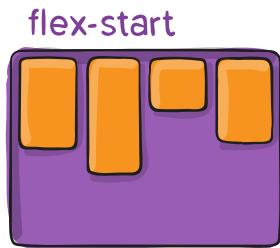
Align-Items



```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: stretch;  
}
```

- stretch (default): stretch to fill the container (still respect min-width/max-width)

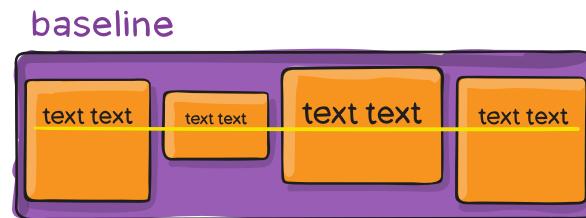
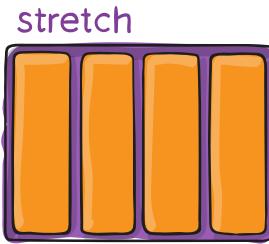
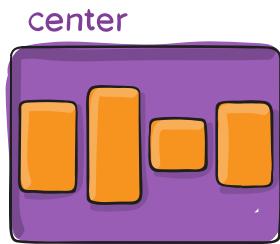
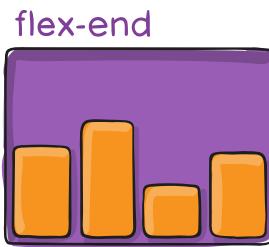
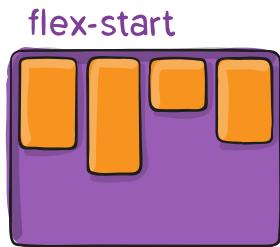
Align-Items



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}
```

- stretch (default): stretch to fill the container (still respect min-width/max-width)
- flex-start / start / self-start: items are placed at the start of the cross axis. The difference between these is subtle, and is about respecting the flex-direction rules or the writing-mode rules.

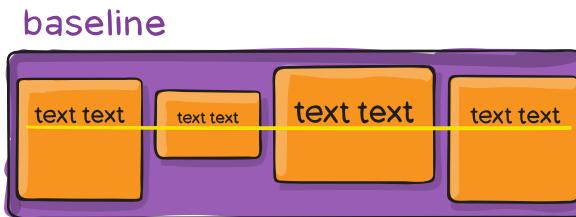
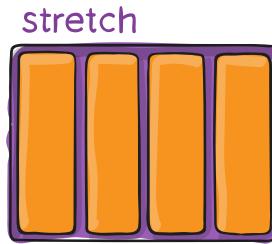
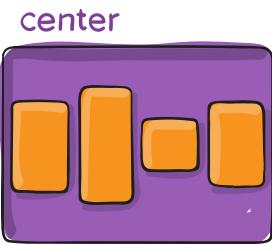
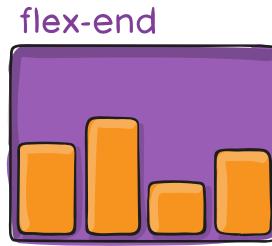
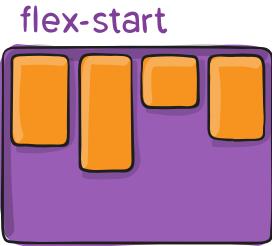
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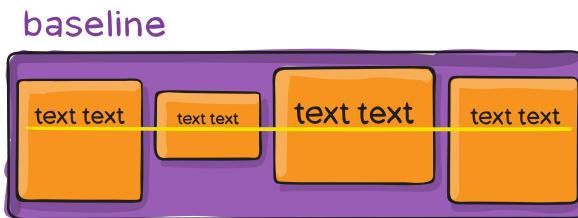
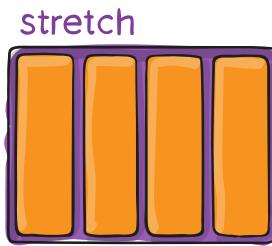
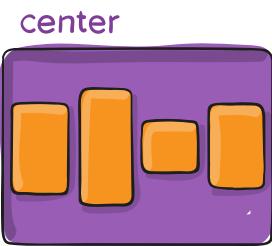
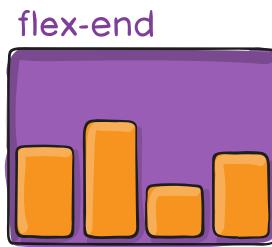
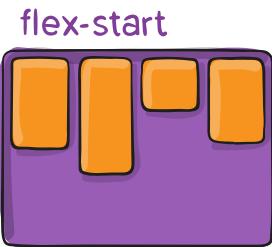
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- flex-end / end / self-end: items are placed at the end of the cross axis. The difference again is subtle and is about respecting flex-direction rules vs. writing-mode rules.

Align-Items



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.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: stretch;  
}
```

Align-Items



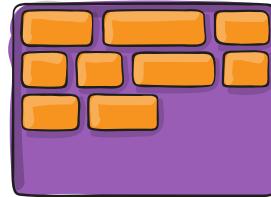
```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: stretch;  
}
```

- center: items are centered in the cross-axis
- baseline: items are aligned such as their baselines align

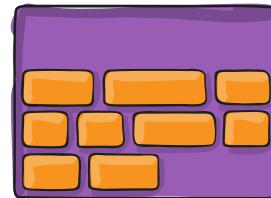
Align-Content

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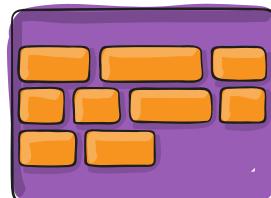
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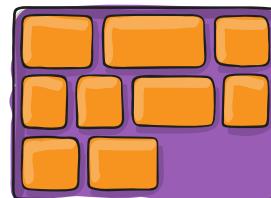
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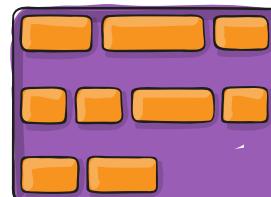
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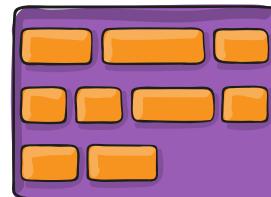
stretch



space-between



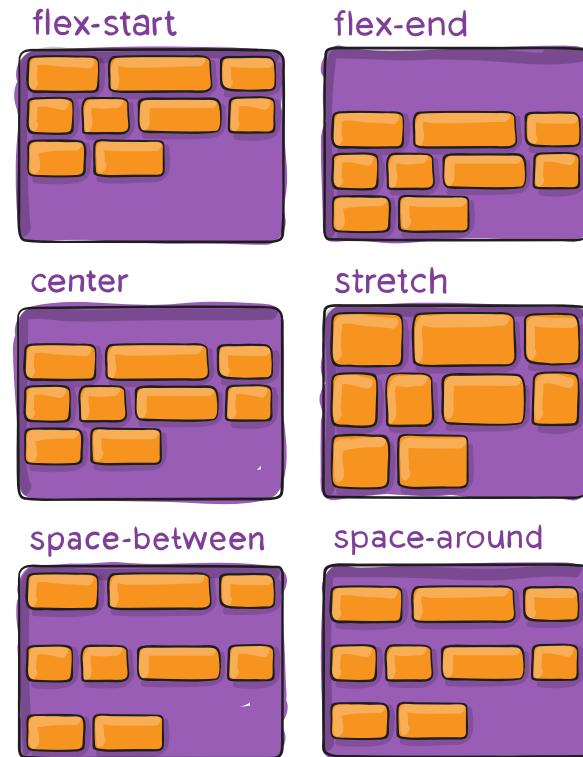
space-around



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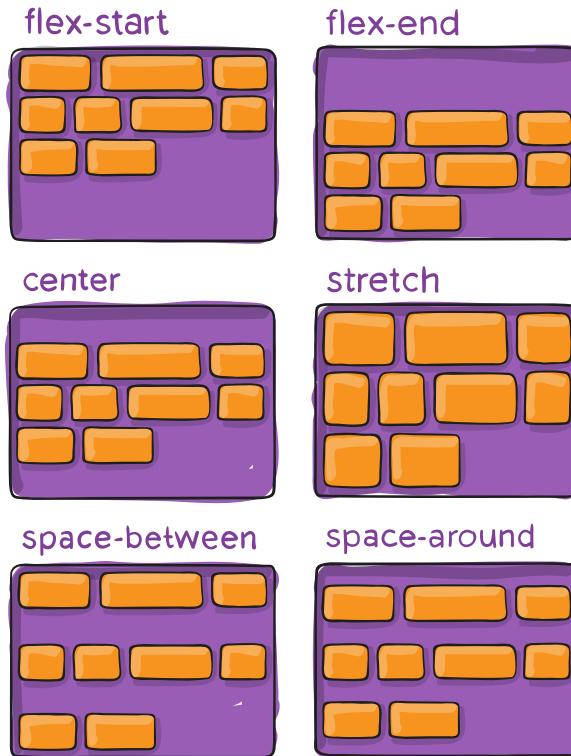
Note: This property only takes effect on multi-line flexible containers, where flex-wrap is set to either wrap or wrap-reverse). A single-line flexible container (i.e. where flex-wrap is set to its default value, no-wrap) will not reflect align-content.



Align-Content

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```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-content: normal;  
}
```

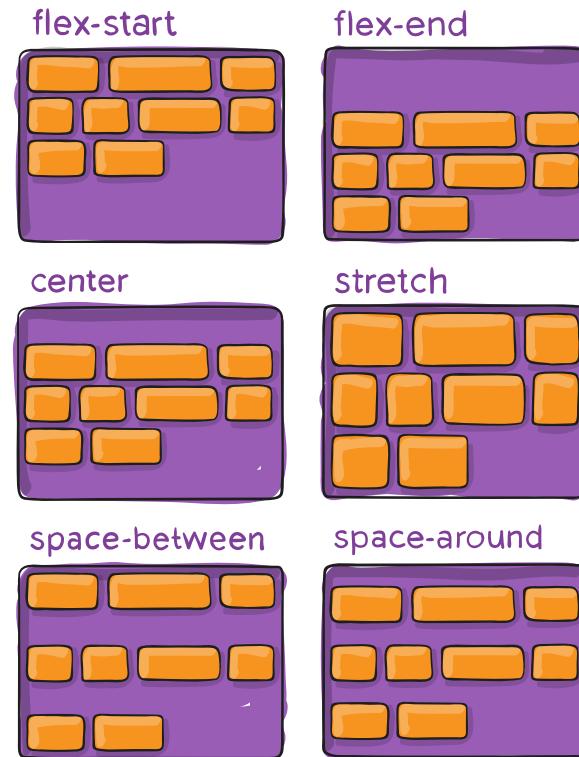


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```
.container {  
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  align-content: normal;  
}
```

- normal (default): items are packed in their default position as if no value was set.

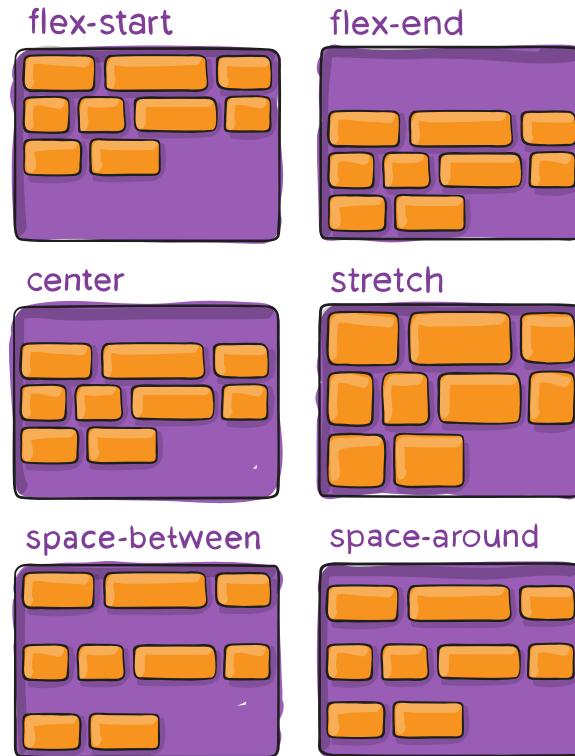


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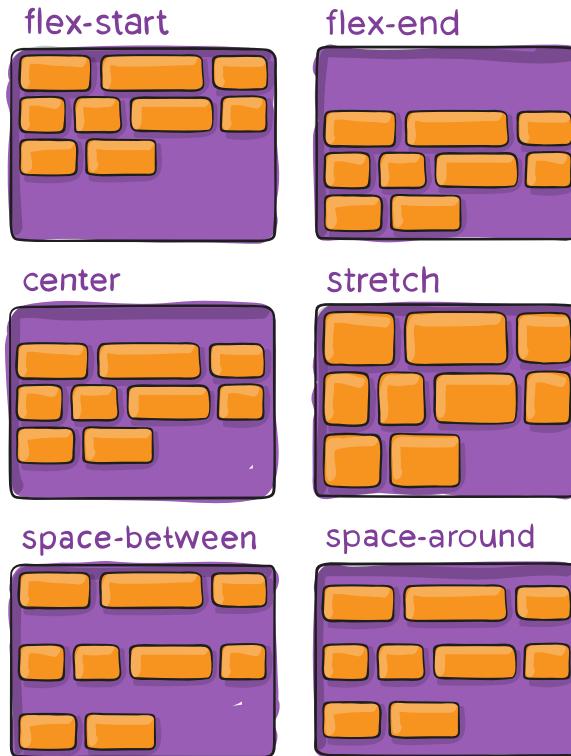
- normal (default): items are packed in their default position as if no value was set.
- flex-start / start: items packed to the start of the container. The (more supported) flex-start honors the flex-direction while start honors the writing-mode direction.



Align-Content

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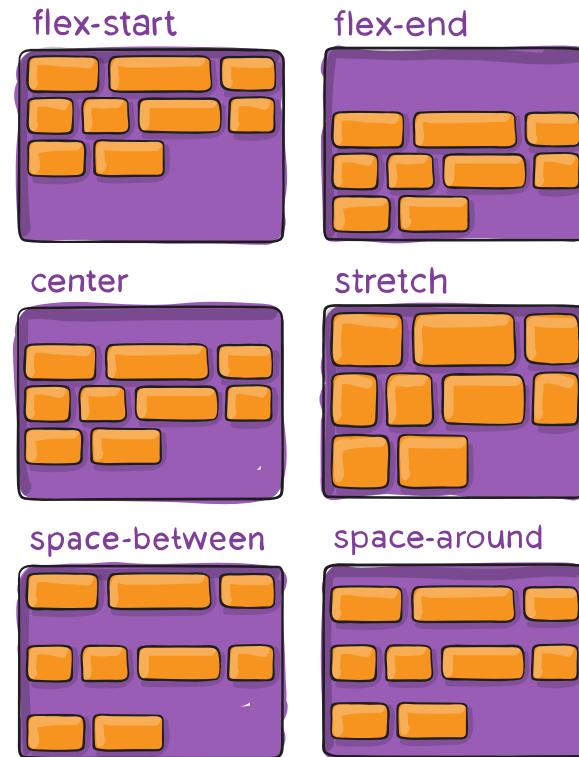


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```
.container {  
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}
```

- flex-end / end: items packed to the end of the container. The (more support) flex-end honors the flex-direction while end honors the writing-mode direction.

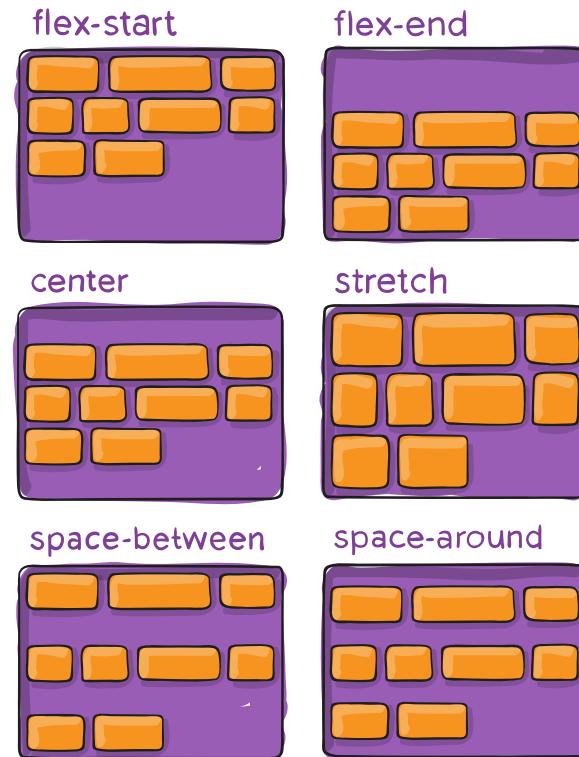


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```
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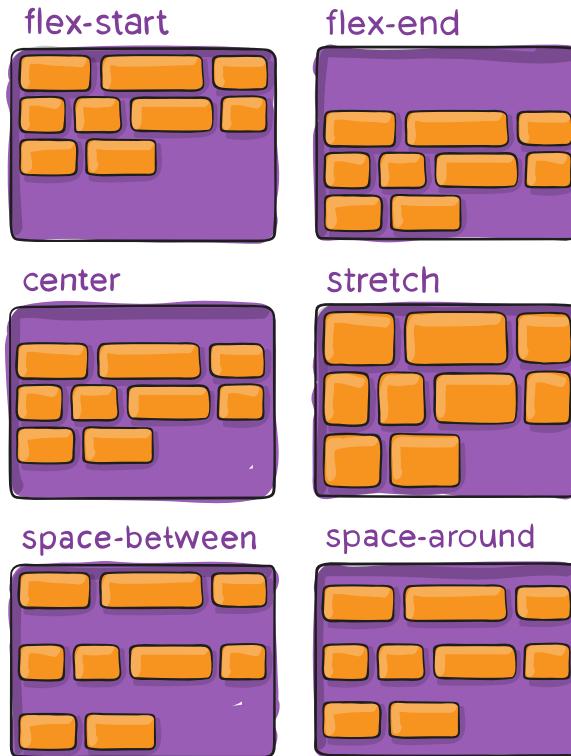
- flex-end / end: items packed to the end of the container. The (more support) flex-end honors the flex-direction while end honors the writing-mode direction.
- center: items centered in the container



Align-Content

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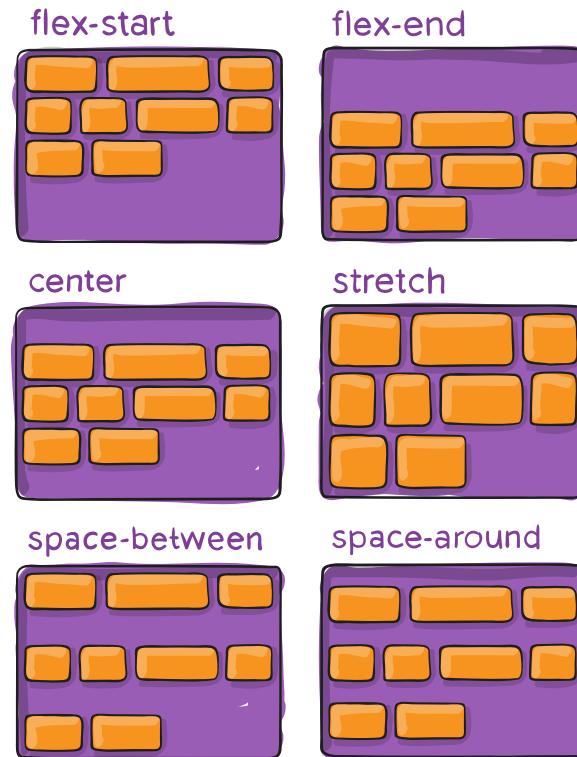


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```
.container {  
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}
```

- space-between: items evenly distributed; the first line is at the start of the container while the last one is at the end

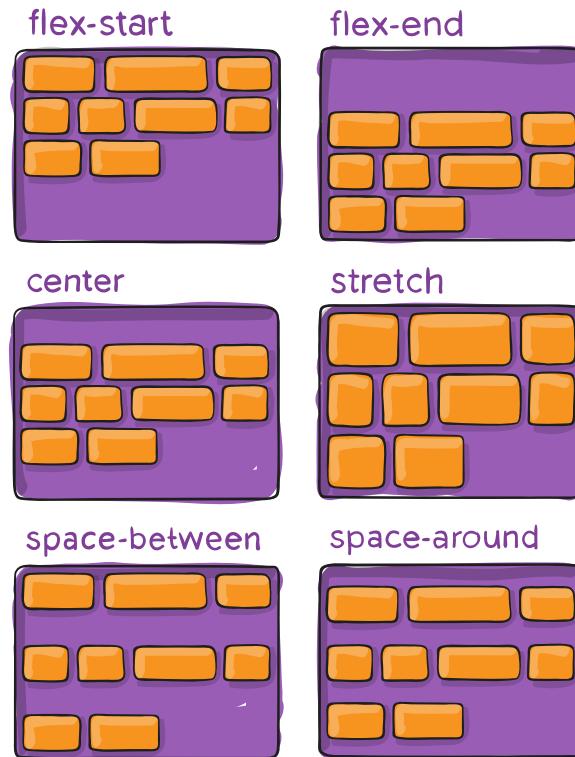


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```
.container {  
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}
```

- space-between: items evenly distributed; the first line is at the start of the container while the last one is at the end
- space-around: items evenly distributed with equal space around each line

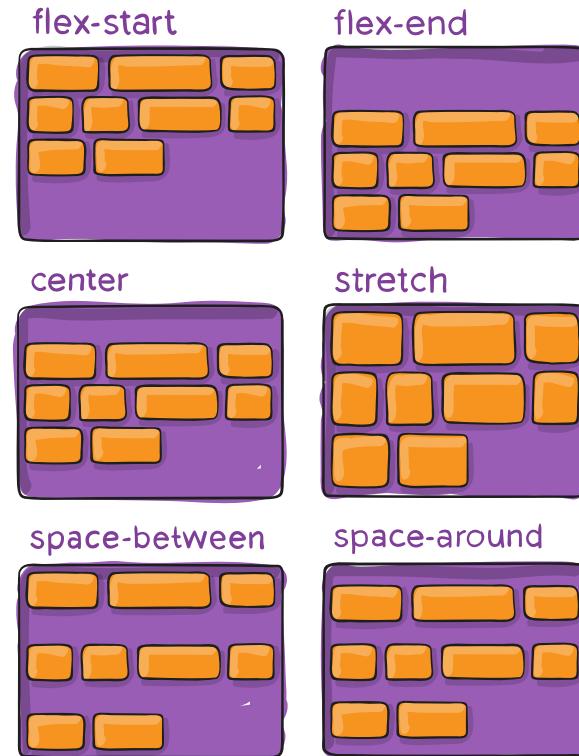


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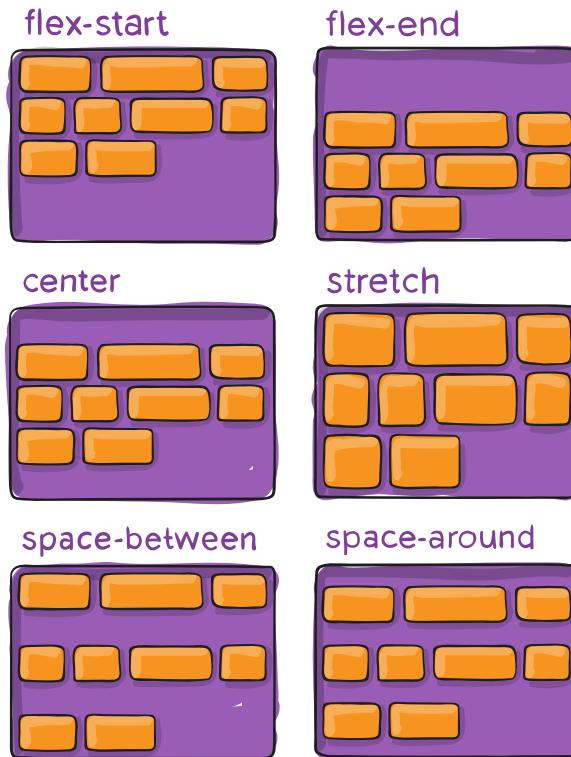
- space-between: items evenly distributed; the first line is at the start of the container while the last one is at the end
- space-around: items evenly distributed with equal space around each line
- space-evenly: items are evenly distributed with equal space around them



Align-Content

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  align-content: normal;  
}
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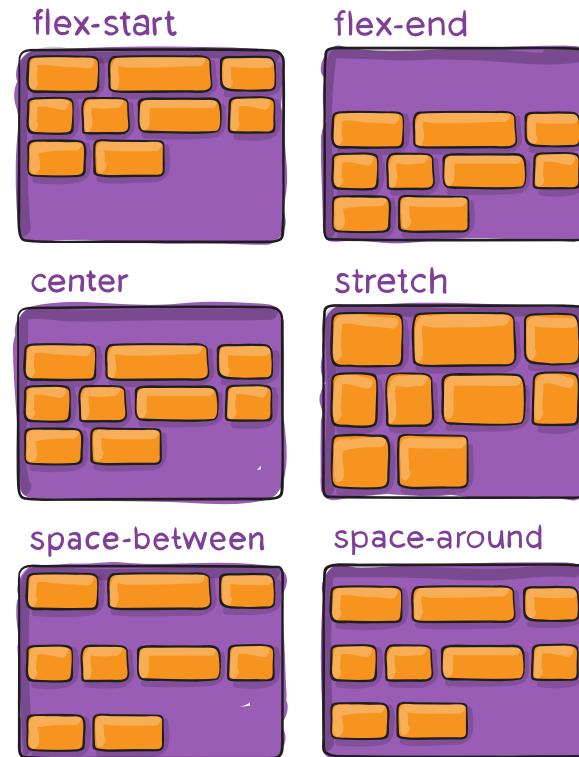


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```
.container {  
  display: flex;  
  align-content: normal;  
}
```

- stretch: lines stretch to take up the remaining space



Questions Time =D