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The `float` property is the most popular method of achieving columnar layouts using CSS. During the course of a project, more and more `float` elements are used to create ever-different layouts throughout a page or site. This leads to fragile CSS that is easy to break if one aspect of the layout changes.

Frequently, using too many `floats` is a sign that your project would benefit from a grid system. CSS grid systems standardize columnar layouts using CSS classes. Some popular grid systems are:

- [960gs](#)
- [Blueprint](#)
- [OOCSS Grids](#)
- [YUI Grids](#)
- [Twitter Bootstrap] (<http://getbootstrap.com>)

Using one of these grid systems can greatly reduce the amount of CSS code you need to write by hand.

## Rule Details

Rule ID: `floats`

This rule is aimed at reducing complexity by watching how many times `float` is used. It warns when `float` has been used more than 10 times. This amount of floats usually indicates that there are a lot of columnar layouts being defined and that a grids system would be a better choice for your CSS.

## Additional Reading

- [Grids improve site performance](#)