# IN4MATX 133: User Interface Software

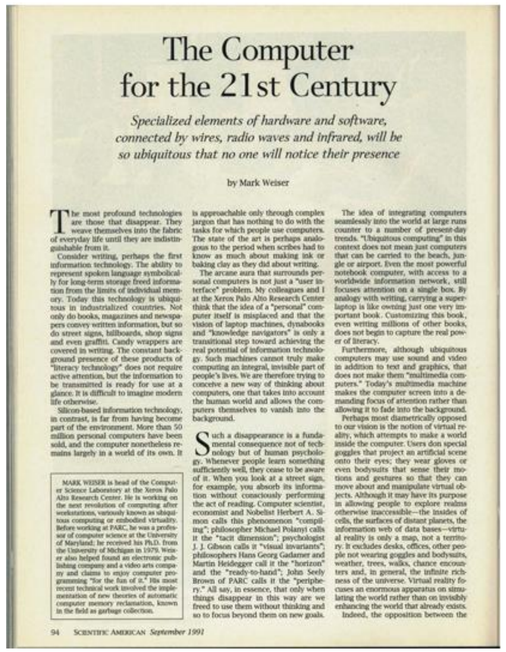
Lecture 4:
Responsive Design & Bootstrap

# Today’s goals

## By the end of today, you should be able to…

- Describe how responsive and adaptive design differ and when you might prefer one or the other
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of a mobile-first design
- Utilize media queries to create responsive layouts
- Develop grid-based layouts using Bootstrap

# Recall the three waves of computing…



The Computer for the 21st Century

*Specialized elements of hardware and software, connected by wires, radio waves and infrared, will be so ubiquitous that no one will notice their presence*

by Mark Weiser

The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it.

Consider writing, perhaps the first information technology. The ability to represent spoken language symbolically for long-term storage freed information from the limits of individual memory. Today this technology is ubiquitous in industrialized countries. Not only do books, magazines and newspapers convey written information, but so do street signs, billboards, shop signs and even graffiti. Candy wrappers are covered in writing. The constant background presence of these products of "literacy technology" does not require active attention, but the information to be transmitted is ready for use at a glance. It is difficult to imagine modern life otherwise.

Silicon-based information technology, in contrast, is far from having become part of the environment. More than 50 million personal computers have been sold, and the computer nonetheless remains largely in a world of its own. It is approachable only through complex jargon that has nothing to do with the tasks for which people use computers. The state of the art is perhaps analogous to the period when scribes had to know as much about making ink or baking clay as they did about writing.

The arcane aura that surrounds personal computers is not just a "user interface" problem. My colleagues and I at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center think that the idea of a "personal" computer itself is misplaced and that the vision of laptop machines, dynabooks and "knowledge navigators" is only a transitional step toward achieving the real potential of information technology. Such machines cannot truly make computing an integral, invisible part of people's lives. We are therefore trying to conceive a new way of thinking about computers, one that takes into account the human world and allows the computers themselves to vanish into the background.

Such a disappearance is a fundamental consequence not of technology but of human psychology. Whenever people learn something sufficiently well, they cease to be aware of it. When you look at a street sign, for example, you absorb its information without consciously performing the act of reading. Computer scientist, economist and Nobelist Herbert A. Simon calls this phenomenon "compiling"; philosopher Michael Polanyi calls it the "tacit dimension"; psychologist J. J. Gibson calls it "visual invariants"; philosophers Hans Georg Gadamer and Martin Heidegger call it the "horizon" and the "ready-to-hand"; John Seely Brown of PARC calls it the "periphery." All say, in essence, that only when things disappear in this way are we freed to use them without thinking and so to focus beyond them on new goals.

The idea of integrating computers seamlessly into the world at large runs counter to a number of present-day trends. "Ubiquitous computing" in this context does not mean just computers that can be carried to the beach, jungle or airport. Even the most powerful notebook computer, with access to a worldwide information network, still focuses attention on a single box. By analogy with writing, carrying a superlaptop is like owning just one very important book. Customizing this book, even writing millions of other books, does not begin to capture the real power of literacy.

Furthermore, although ubiquitous computers may use sound and video in addition to text and graphics, that does not make them "multimedia computers." Today's multimedia machine makes the computer screen into a demanding focus of attention rather than allowing it to fade into the background.

Perhaps most diametrically opposed to our vision is the notion of virtual reality, which attempts to make a world inside the computer. Users don special goggles that project an artificial scene onto their eyes; they wear gloves or even bodysuits that sense their motions and gestures so that they can move about and manipulate virtual objects. Although it may have its purpose in allowing people to explore realms otherwise inaccessible—the insides of cells, the surfaces of distant planets, the information web of data bases—virtual reality is only a map, not a territory. It excludes desks, offices, other people not wearing goggles and bodysuits, weather, trees, walks, chance encounters and, in general, the infinite richness of the universe. Virtual reality focuses an enormous apparatus on simulating the world rather than on invisibly enhancing the world that already exists.

Indeed, the opposition between the

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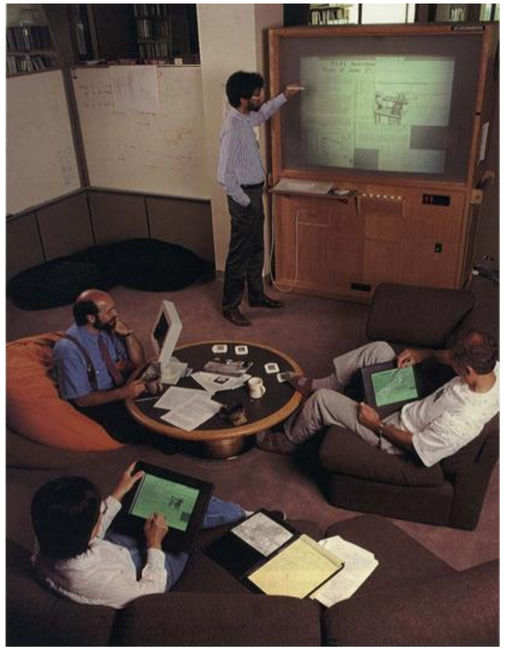

# Three waves of computing

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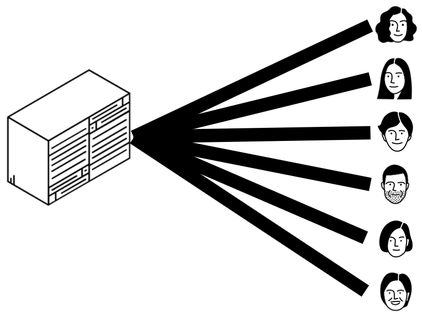
Mainframe computing



“Many to one”

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Personal computing

“One to one”

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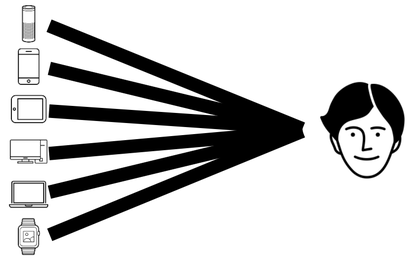
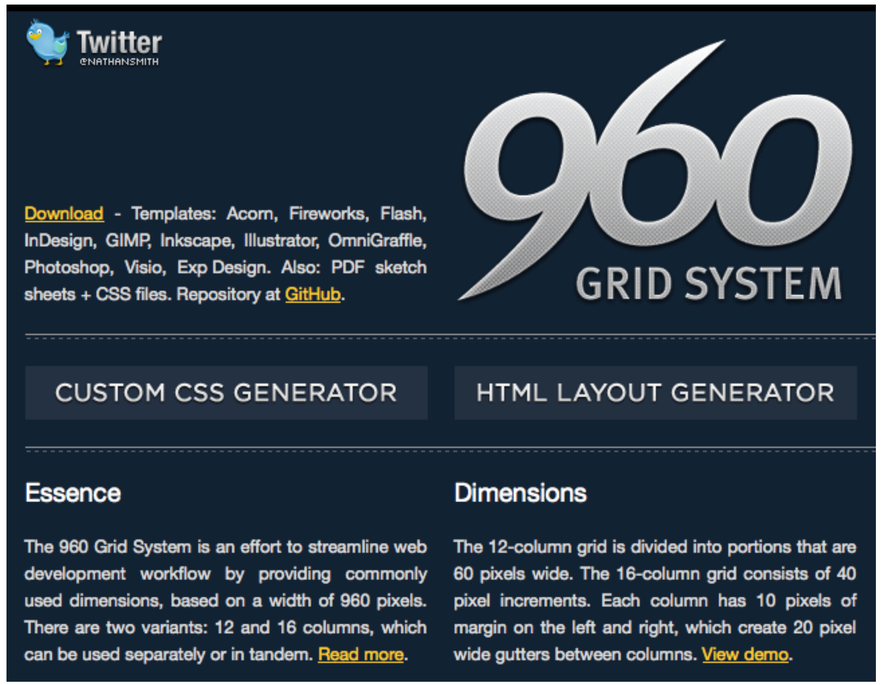
Ubiquitous computing



“One to many”

# Websites in the personal computing era

- 960 px wide was pretty common
  - Most screens were 1024x978,
    leave some room for vertical scrollbar
  - Nicely divisible, can create
    even columns

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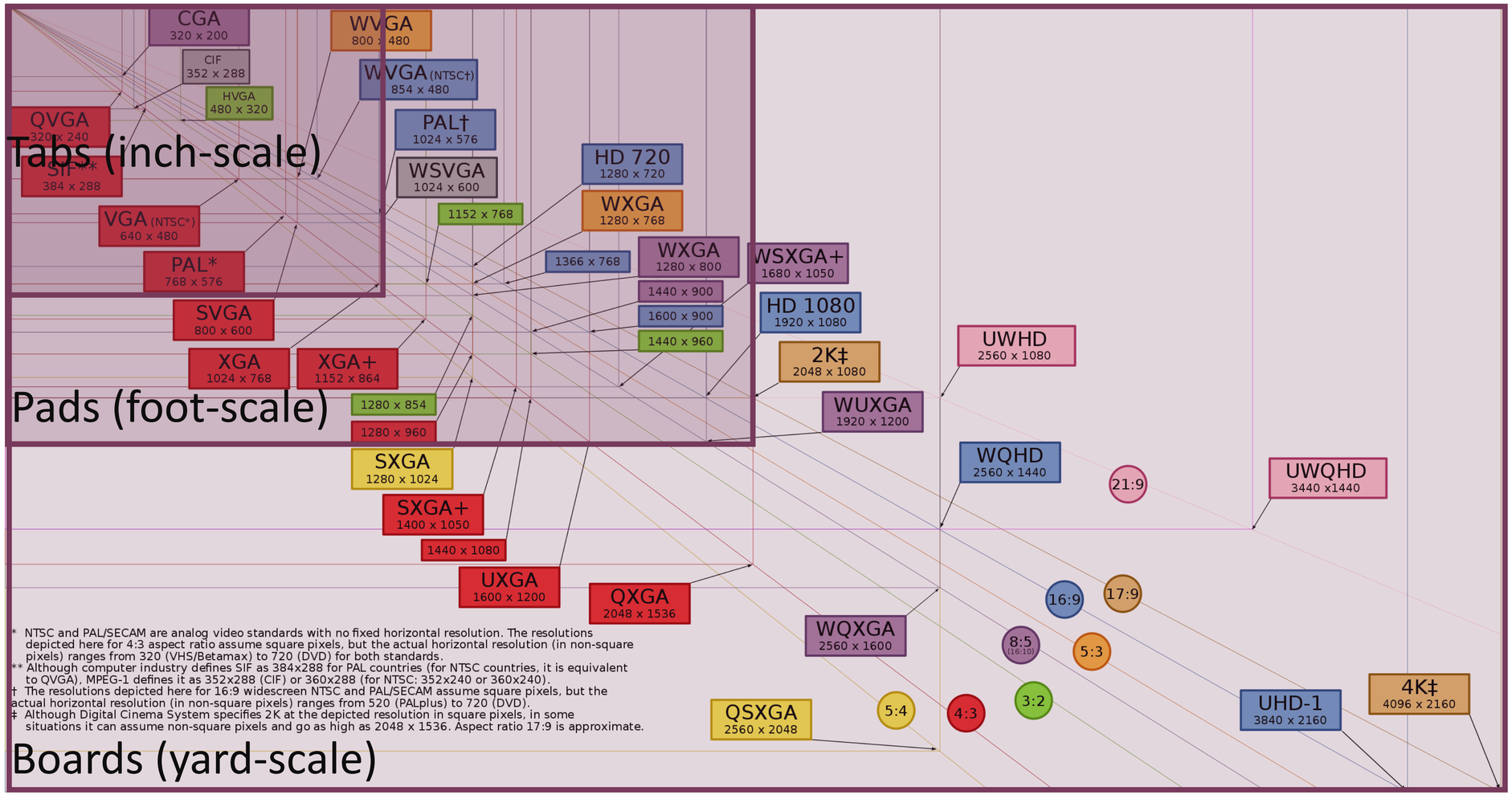
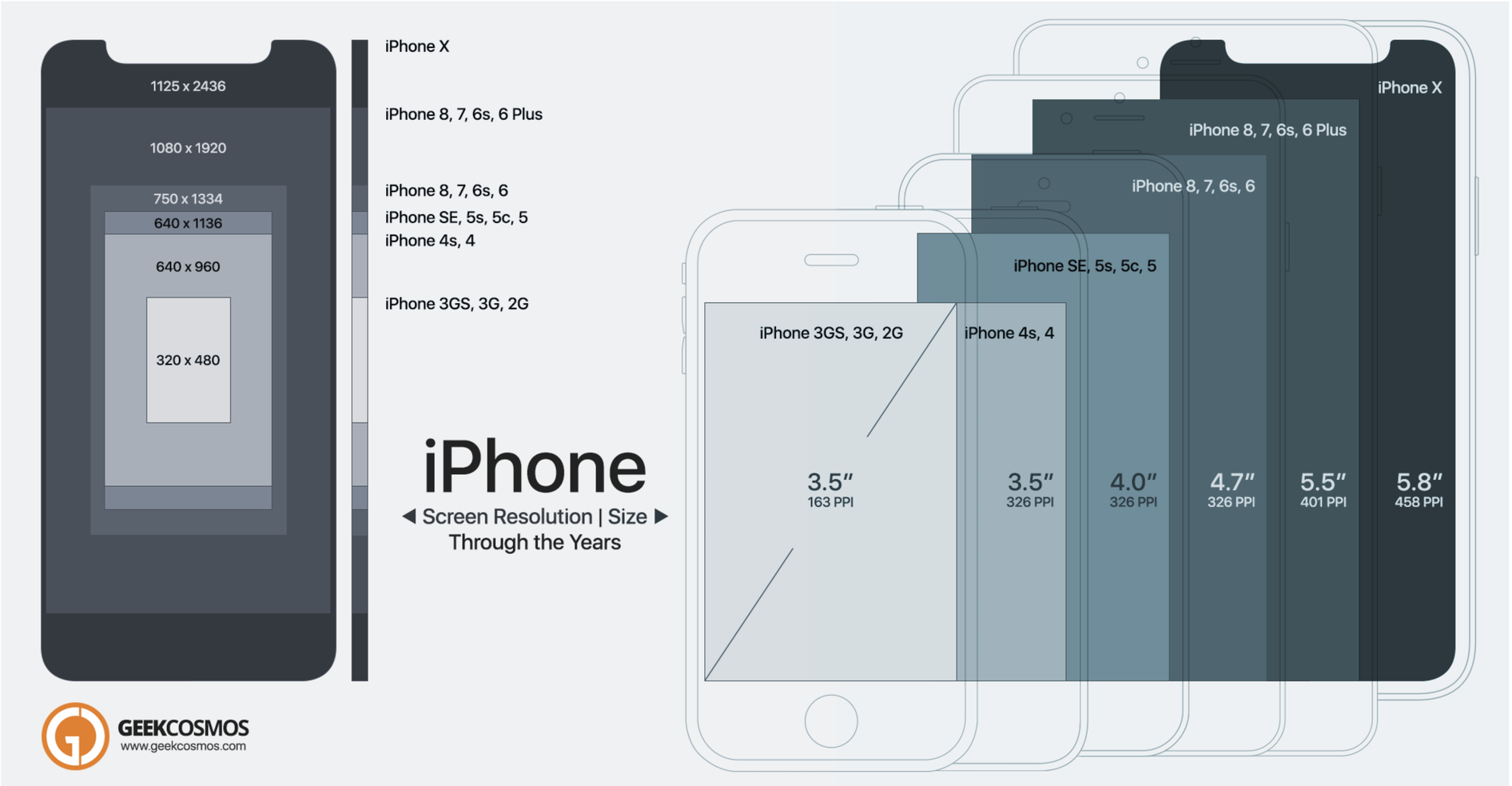
# Websites today: ubiquitous computing




https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Display_resolution

# Websites today: just the iPhone!



So… how do we account for this?

Responsive design or Adaptive design

# Responsive vs Adaptive

**Responsive design**

- Develop one set of HTML and CSS which changes layout depending on screen sizes

**Adaptive design**

- Develop and maintain multiple sets of code, change layout depending on device type and screen size

# Responsive or Adaptive?

A. Top is responsive, bottom is adaptive

B. Top is adaptive, bottom is responsive

C. Both are responsive

D. Both are adaptive

E. These are neither responsive nor adaptive

https://css-tricks.com/the-difference-between-responsive-and-adaptive-design/

# Responsive vs Adaptive

## Responsive design

**+** Easier to maintain one code base, future-proof

**-** Worse performance; requires downloading entire stylesheet

**-** Emphasis on making it “look right” rather than creating an experience

## Adaptive design

**+** Can cater experience to a device’s capabilities and performance

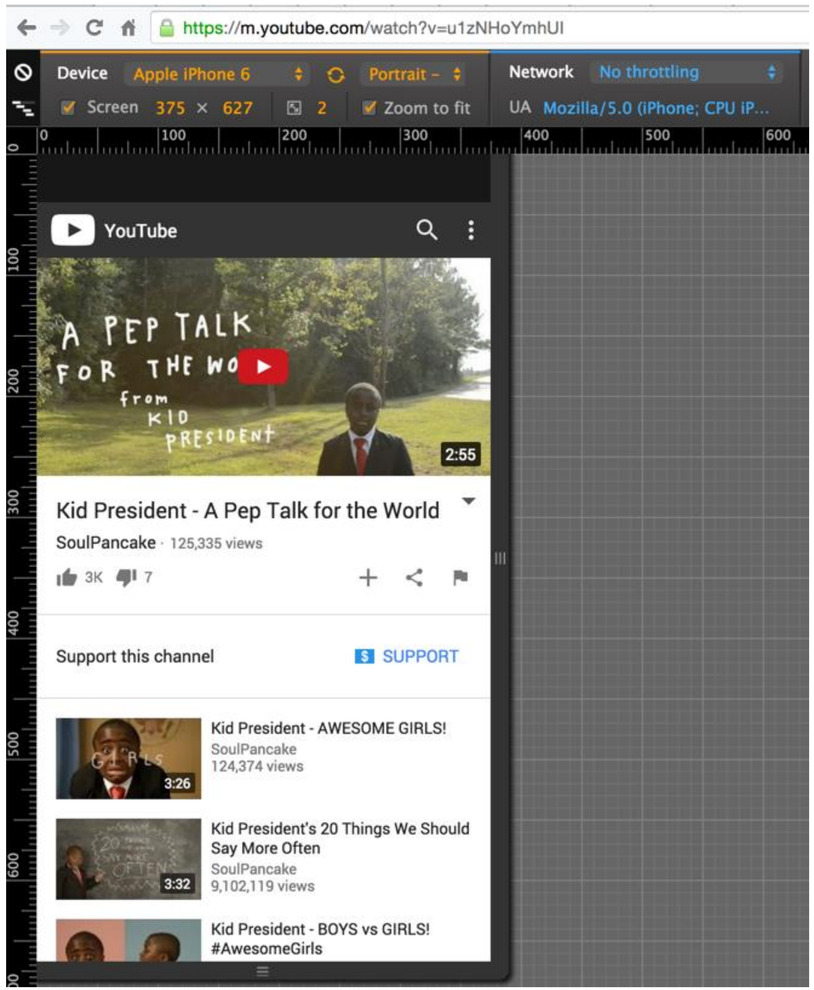
**-** Much more difficult to maintain separate codebases

**-** Limits development to a few key capabilities because you have to implement for everything

Most pages are responsive,
but sometimes it’s crucial
to create the best experience

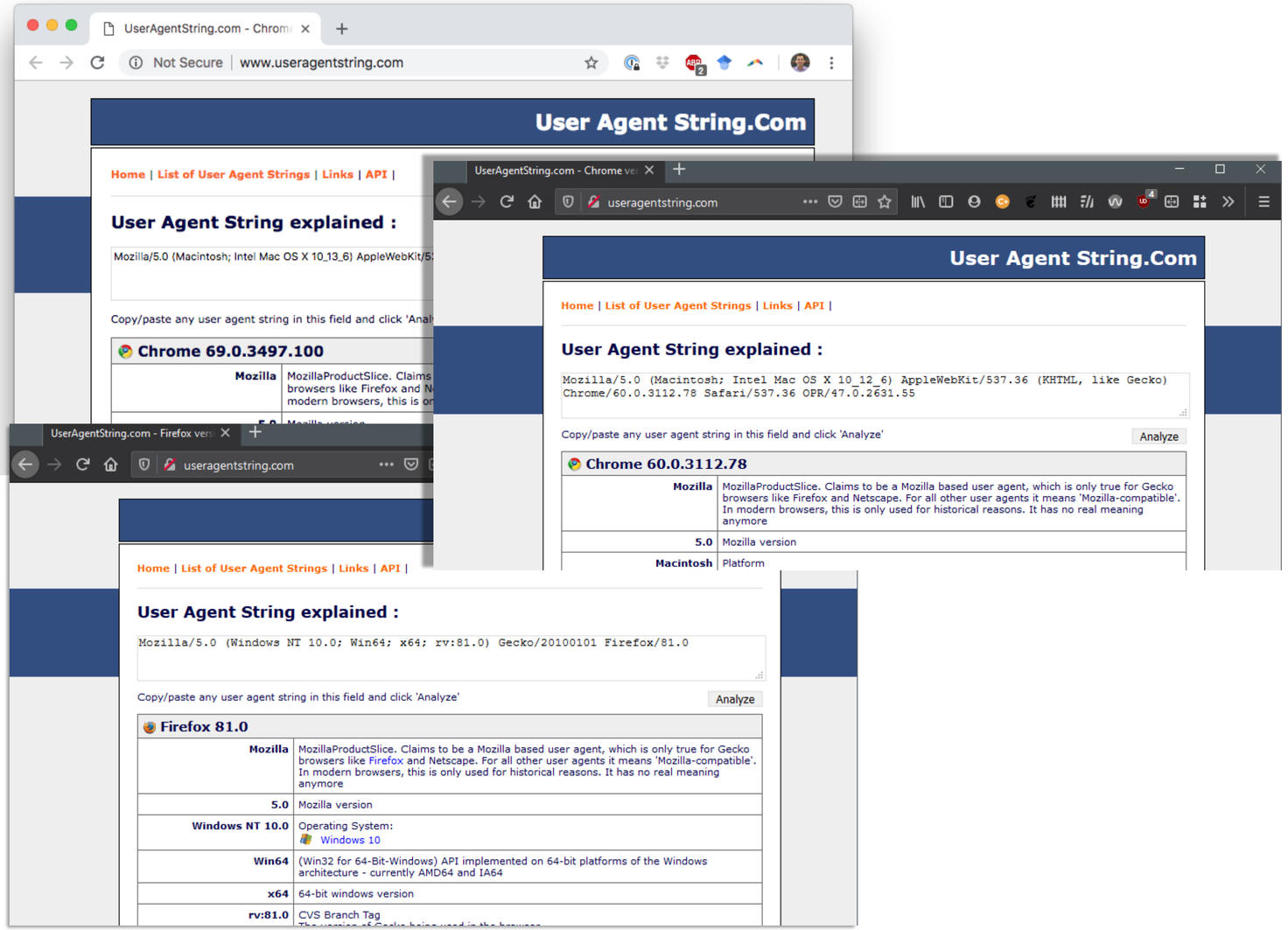
# Adaptive design

- Video = a lot to load
  - Why send a higher resolution than the screen can render?
  - Why use up your own bandwidth?
  - Laggy videos mean unhappy users
- Google can afford the development burden



# Adaptive design

- User agent string accessible via JavaScript
  - `navigator.userAgent`
- There's usually a better way
  - Do you care about the browser or operating system? Or is resolution sufficient?
  - Can be spoofed or incorrect




https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Browser_detection_using_the_user_agent

# Adaptive design

- Media queries in CSS

```
/* CSS */
@media screen and (device-width: 375px) and (device-height: 667px)
and (-webkit-device-pixel-ratio: 2) {
  /* iPhone 8-specific CSS */
}
```

- Load appropriate external stylesheet

```
<!--HTML-->
<head>
  <link rel="stylesheet" media="screen and (device-width: 375px)
  and (device-height: 667px) and (-webkit-device-pixel-ratio: 2)" href="iPhone8.css">
</head>
```

# Media query syntax

- `@media`
- `screen`, `print`, `speech`, `all`
- `min-width`, `max-width`
- `orientation`, `-webkit-min-device-pixel-ratio`
- Many, many more

https://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css3_pr_mediaquery.asp

# Transitioning to responsive design

# Breakpoints

- The point at which your design “breaks” and is no longer visually appealing or usable
- Designs vary, but most have 3-5 breakpoints
  - extra small (old mobile), small (mobile), medium (tablet), large (laptop or desktop), extra large (wide desktop or wall display)
  - Again, somewhat similar to Weiser’s three types of computers

# Breakpoints

```
@media screen and (max-width: 640px) {
  /* small screens */
}

@media screen and (min-width: 640px and max-width:
1024px) {
  /* medium screens */
}

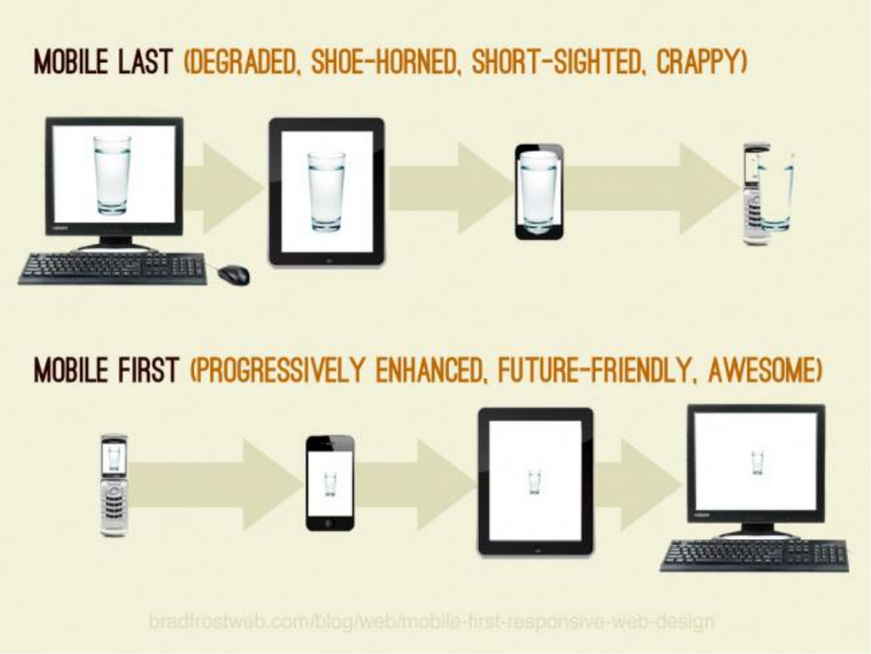
@media screen and (min-width: 1024px) {
  /* large screens */
}
```

# Responsive design

- Fluid grids
  - Lay out content in columns whose widths can vary
  - Bootstrap (and other CSS toolkits) helps with this; more on that in a bit
- Flexible images
  - Let image size change based on screen layout
  - Put images in containers which will scale appropriately
  - Set `width: 100%`, `max-width: 100%`, `height: auto`

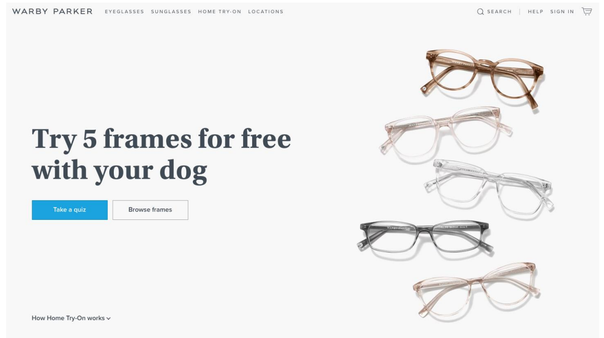
# Mobile-first design

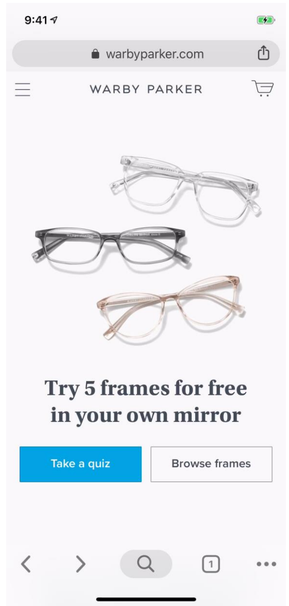
- “Graceful degradation” vs. “progressive enhancement”
- Plan your design for mobile
- Then make your app *better* with more real estate
  - Add more features
  - Make existing features easier to navigate



# A few tips for mobile design

- Show the same content, organize it appropriately
- Stack content vertically
- Show navigation on demand
- Larger touch targets

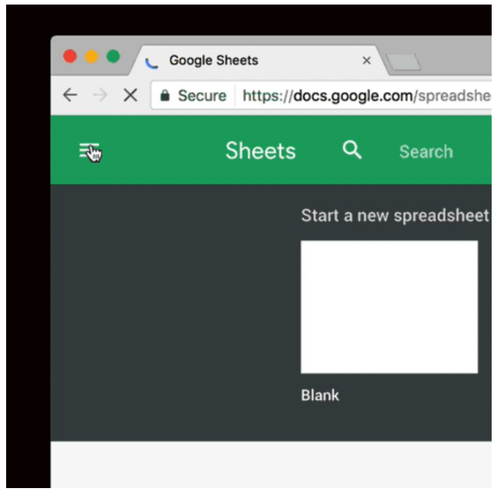


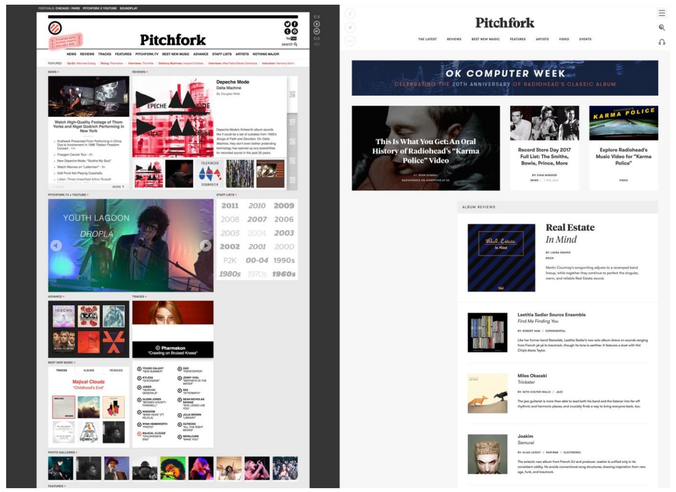

https://www.bluefountainmedia.com/blog/desktop-vs-mobile-three-key-website-design-differences

# Mobile-first, not mobile-only

- Copying mobile UI to desktop creates inefficiencies
  - Extra clicks to navigate
  - Underutilized real estate





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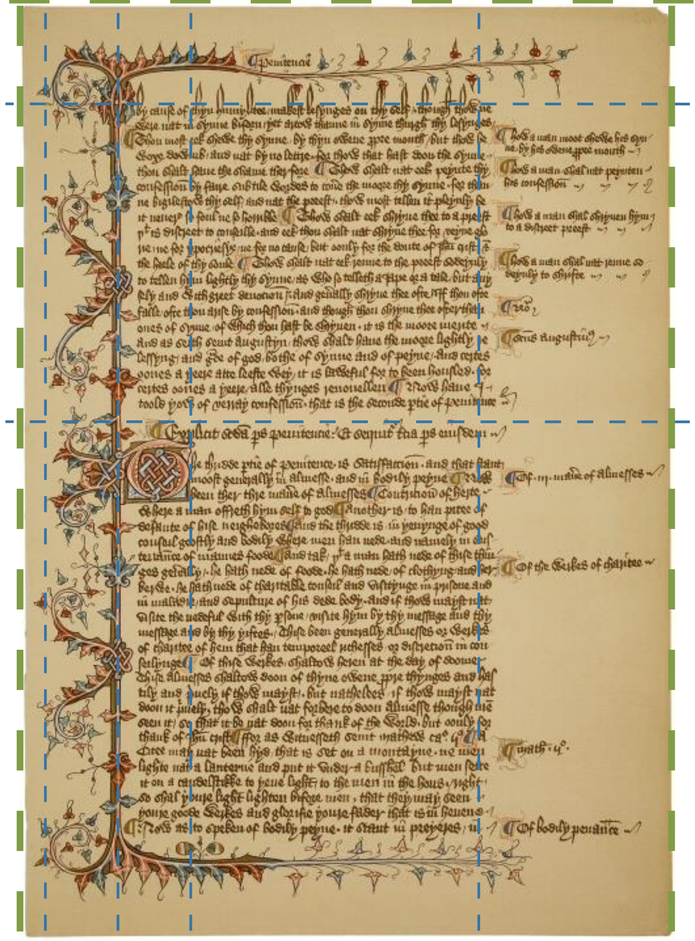
# Mobile-first, not mobile-only

- Plan your design for mobile
- But consider how the experience should change on desktop, etc.
- Go beyond making everything bigger
    - *Enhance* your design

# Grid-based layouts

# Grid-based layouts

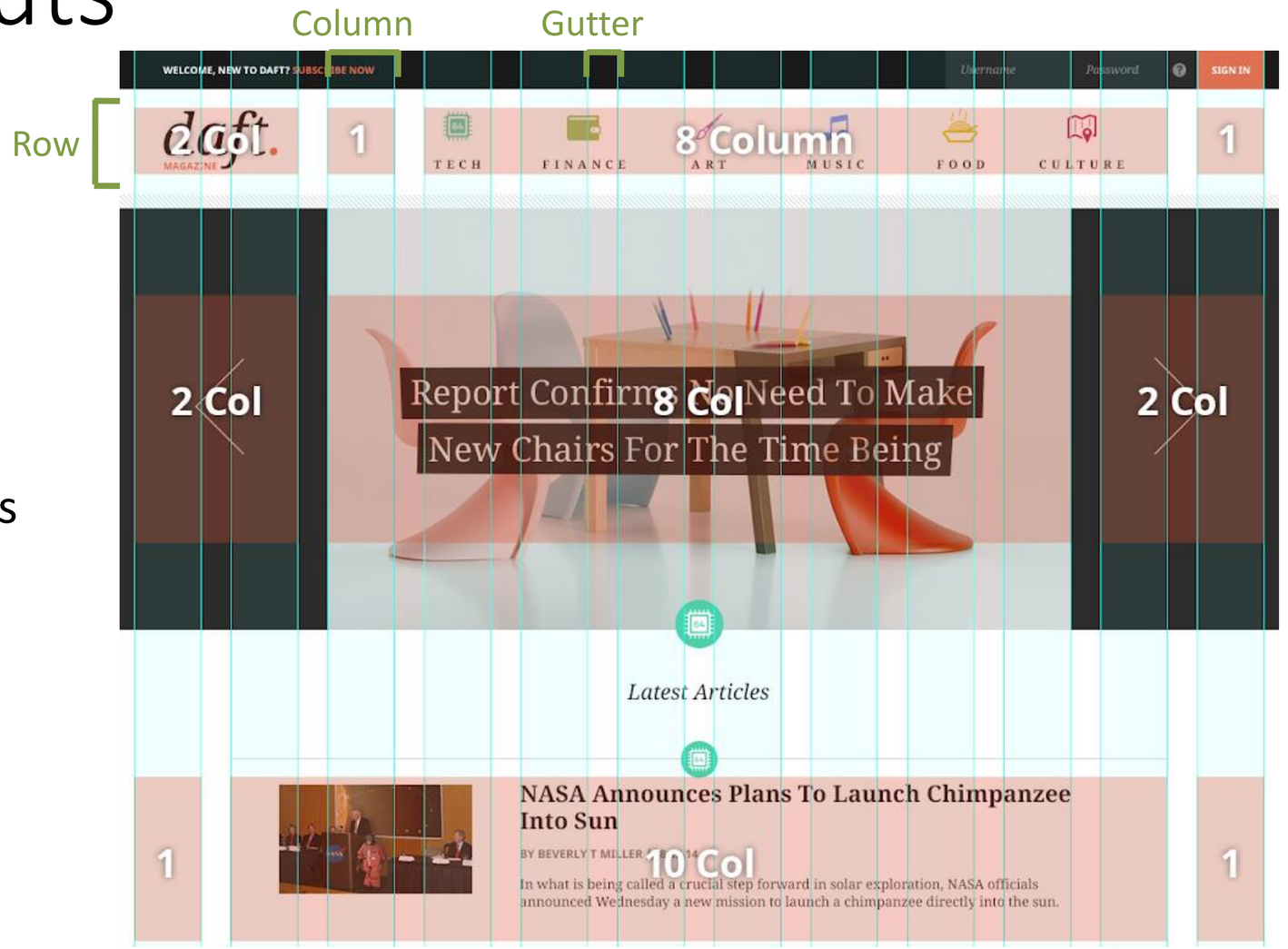
- Established tool
  for content arrangement
- Gridded content is familiar
  and easy to follow
- In general, it's good to target
  fewer lines
  - But breaking that rule is important
    for creativity and attention-grabbing



http://printingcode.runemadsen.com/lecture-grid/

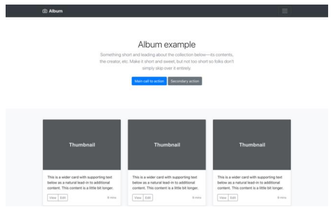
# Grid-based layouts

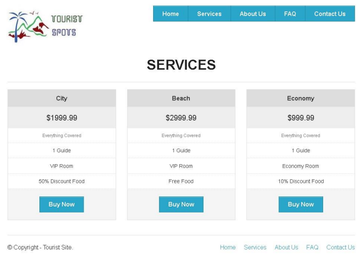
- Rows
- Columns
- Gutters
- Padding/spacing
  - Defined by specific elements



# Grid-based frameworks

- Bootstrap (https://getbootstrap.com/)
  - Most popular, most extensions
- Foundation (https://foundation.zurb.com/)
  - Includes icons, drag&drop editor
- Pure.css (https://purecss.io/)
  - Small file size, 3.8KB
- Basscss (https://basscss.com/v7/)
  - Even smaller, 3.39KB
  - Low-level (closer to raw CSS)

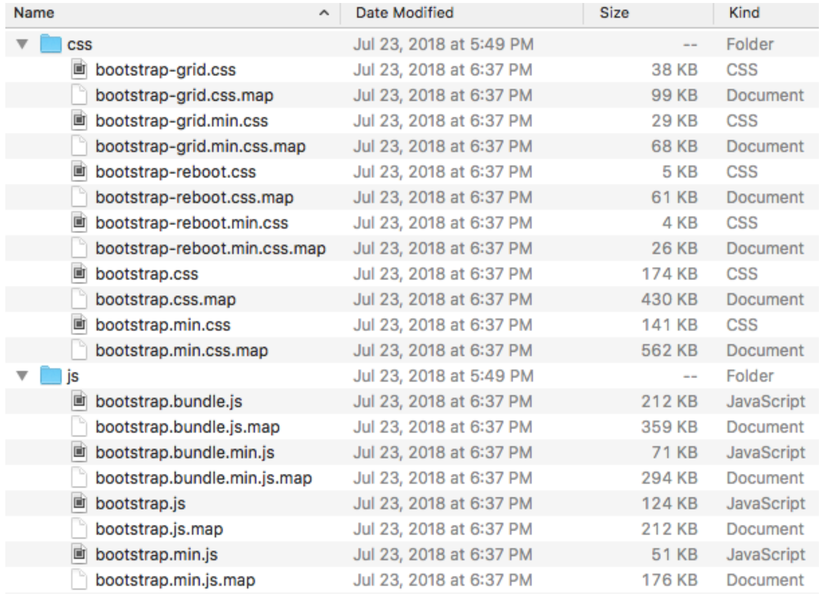



# Digging into Bootstrap

# Bootstrap

- Direct download
  - http://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.5/getting-started/download/
- CSS and JavaScript files
- Minified files are compressed, will load faster
- .map files support editing preprocessed files
  - We won't really touch on those in this class
- We'll use bootstrap.min.css for now



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# Bootstrap

- Load bootstrap

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/bootstrap.min.css">

<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/override.css">
```

# Bootstrap

- Content Delivery Networks (CDN)
- Browser-side caching reduces burdens of loading files
- Integrity: hashes to ensure the downloaded file matches what's expected
    - Protects against server being compromised
- Crossorigin: some imports require credentials, anonymous requires none

```
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integrity="sha384-MCw98/SFnGE8fJT3GXwEOngsV7Zt27NXFoaoApmYm81iuXoPkFOJwJ8ERdknLPMO"
crossorigin="anonymous">
```

# Bootstrap

## Specifying a viewport

- In page's `head`
- Sets device width and scale level (for zooming)

```
<head>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-
width,initial-scale=1">
</head>
```

# Bootstrap

## Designating a container

- All bootstrap content lives in a container

```
<div class="container">
  <!--Bootstrap content-->
</div>
```

- Just a class; anything can be a container

```
<main class="container">
  <!--Bootstrap content-->
</main>
```

# Bootstrap

## Grid System

- Grid system has 12 columns
  - 12 has a lot of factors (1, 2, 3, 4, 6)
- Content over 12 columns will wrap
  - (3+6+4=13, the 4 will wrap)
- 15px gutter for each
- Classes for `row` and `col-[size]-[number]`

| | **Extra small devices** Phones (<768px) | **Small devices** Tablets (≥768px) | **Medium devices** Desktops (≥992px) | **Large devices** Desktops (≥1200px) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grid behavior** | Horizontal at all times | Collapsed to start, horizontal above breakpoints | | |
| **Container width** | None (auto) | 750px | 970px | 1170px |
| **Class prefix** | `.col-xs-` | `.col-sm-` | `.col-md-` | `.col-lg-` |
| **# of columns** | 12 | | | |
| **Column width** | Auto | ~62px | ~81px | ~97px |
| **Gutter width** | 30px (15px on each side of a column) | | | |
| **Nestable** | Yes | | | |
| **Offsets** | Yes | | | |
| **Column ordering** | Yes | | | |

# Bootstrap

## Grid System

- Within the same row, content will wrap once it goes over 12 columns
    - Size parameter is optional; will divide space proportionally

```
<main class="container">
  <div class="row">
    <div class="col-3">A</div>
    <div class="col-6">B</div>
    <div class="col-4">C</div>
    <div class="col">D</div>
    <div class="col">E</div>
  </div>
</main>
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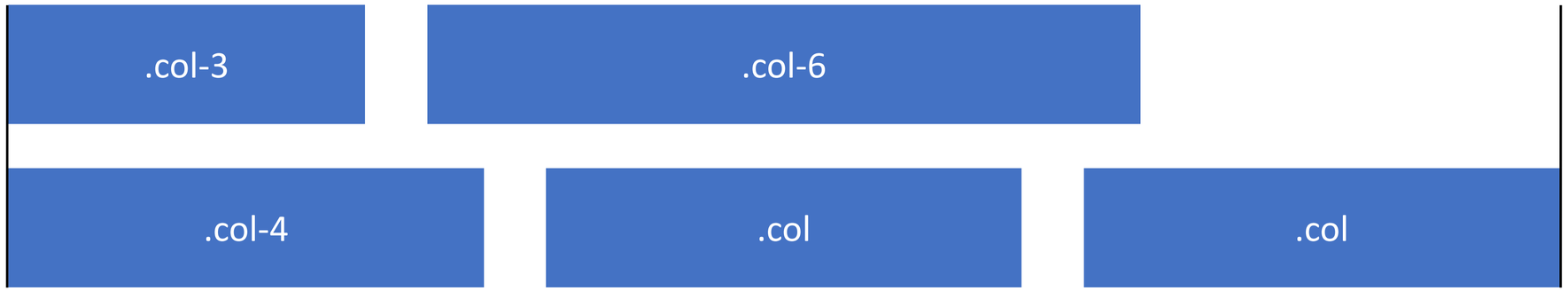
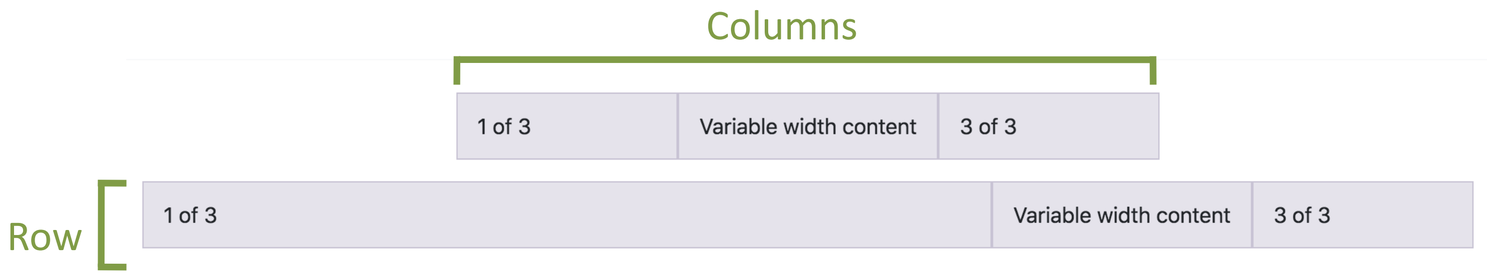


# Bootstrap

## Grid System

- Rows are block elements, while columns are inline

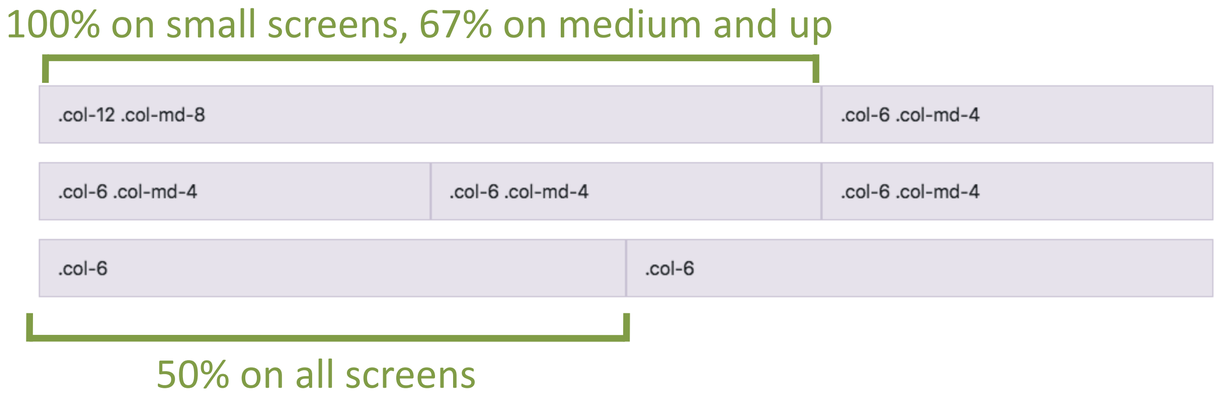
https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.1/layout/grid/



# Bootstrap

## Grid System

- `.col` with no size defaults to the smallest (`xs`)
- The largest size listed will cover any larger sizes which are not-listed
- Will default to width 12 when no size is specified



# Breakpoints

```
@media screen and (max-width: 640px) {
  /* small screens */
}

@media screen and (min-width: 640px and max-width:
1024px) {
  /* medium screens */
}

@media screen and (min-width: 1024px) {
  /* large screens */
}
```

# Bootstrap

## Media queries

```
/* Extra small devices (phones, less than 768px) */
@include media-breakpoint-up(xs) { ... }

/* Small devices (tablets, 768px and up) */
@include media-breakpoint-up(sm) { ... }

/* Medium devices (desktops, 992px and up) */
@include media-breakpoint-up(md) { ... }

/* Large devices (large desktops, 1200px and up) */
@include media-breakpoint-up(lg) { ... }
```

- Variables are Sass mixins, we'll discuss those later in the quarter

# Bootstrap

## Media queries

```
// Example usage:
@include media-breakpoint-up(sm) {
   .some-class {
     display: block;
   }
}
```

# Bootstrap

## Hiding and showing

- There are some helpful classes for showing and hiding content acros breakpoints

Use a single or combination of the available classes for toggling content across viewport breakpoints.

| | **Extra small devices** Phones (<768px) | **Small devices** Tablets (≥768px) | **Medium devices** Desktops (≥992px) | **Large devices** Desktops (≥1200px) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| `.visible-xs-*` | Visible | Hidden | Hidden | Hidden |
| `.visible-sm-*` | Hidden | Visible | Hidden | Hidden |
| `.visible-md-*` | Hidden | Hidden | Visible | Hidden |
| `.visible-lg-*` | Hidden | Hidden | Hidden | Visible |
| `.hidden-xs` | Hidden | Visible | Visible | Visible |
| `.hidden-sm` | Visible | Hidden | Visible | Visible |
| `.hidden-md` | Visible | Visible | Hidden | Visible |
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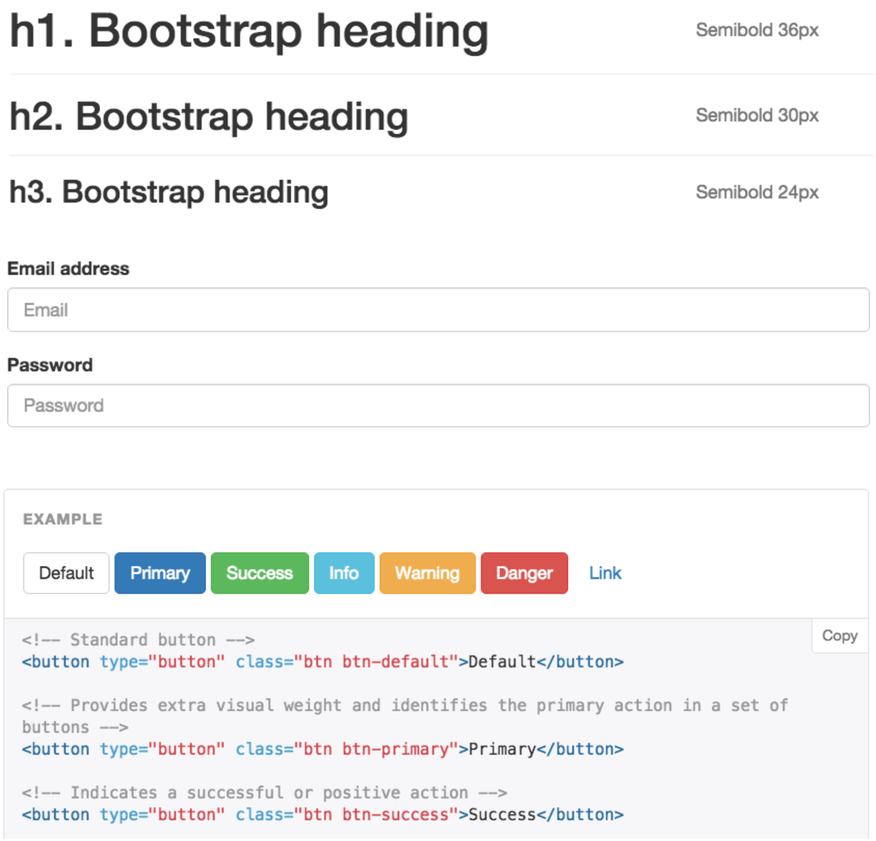
http://getbootstrap.com/css

# Bootstrap

## Default styling

- Bootstrap will change a lot of styles for you
- There are other custom styles involving various suffixes

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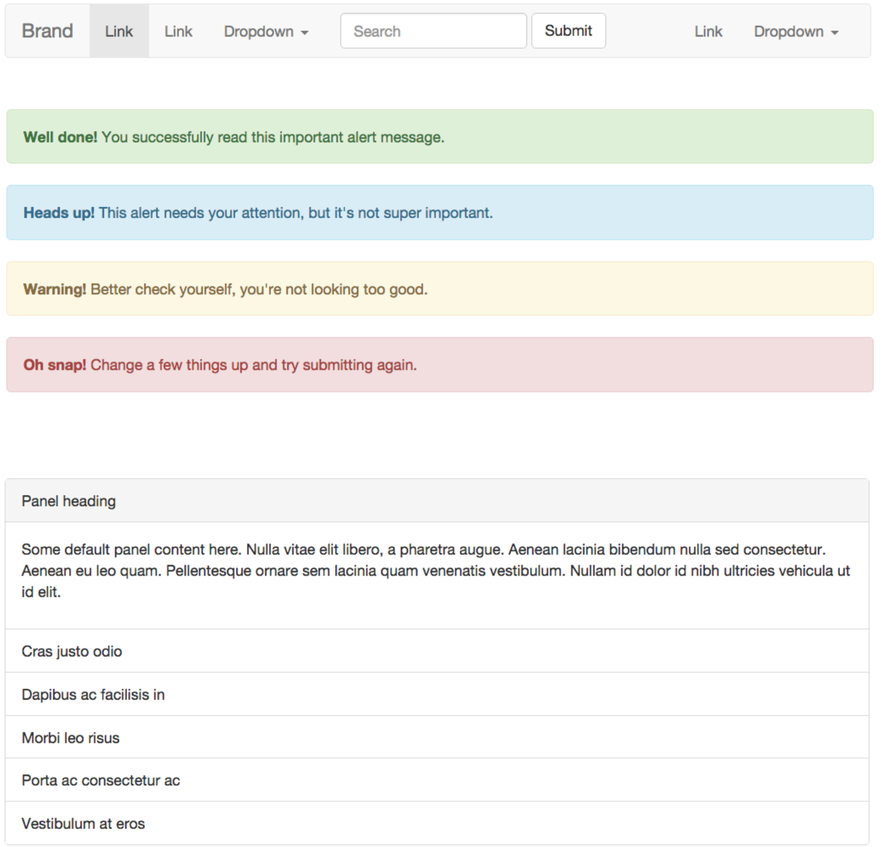
# Bootstrap

## Components

- Components are elements pre-arranged into common patterns
- Makes making navigation bars, dropdowns, alerts, etc. simpler
- Some require JavaScript

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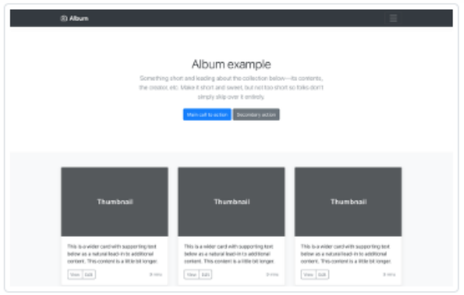
Grid frameworks
make development easier.
What are the downsides?

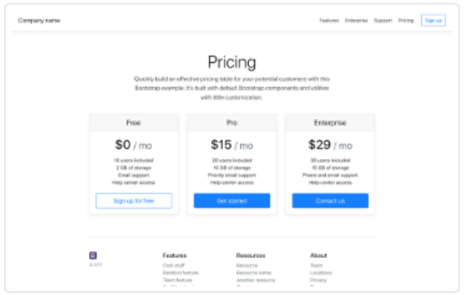
# Opposition to Grid-based frameworks

## Can lead to similar-looking webpages



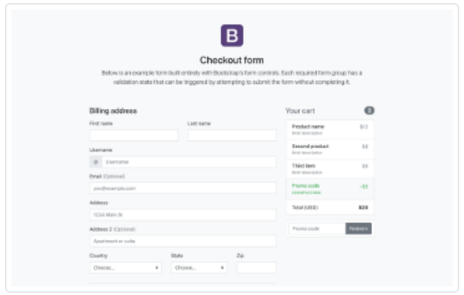

**Album**

Simple one-page template for photo galleries, portfolios, and more.



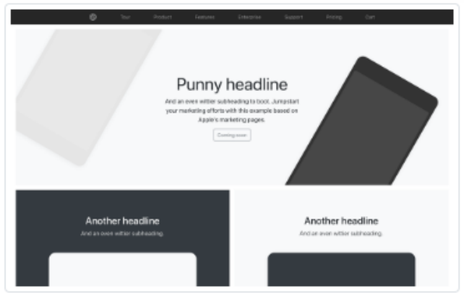

**Pricing**

Example pricing page built with Cards and featuring a custom header and footer.



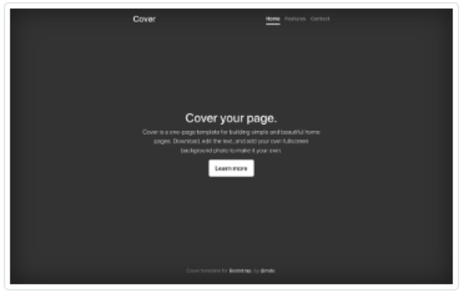

**Checkout**

Custom checkout form showing our form components and their validation features.



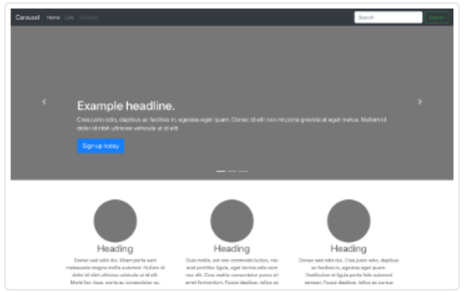

**Product**

Lean product-focused marketing page with extensive grid and image work.



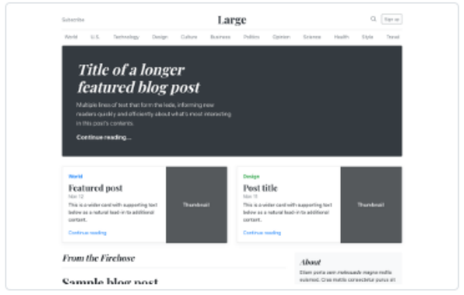

**Cover**

A one-page template for building simple and beautiful home pages.




**Carousel**

Customize the navbar and carousel, then add some new components.




**Blog**

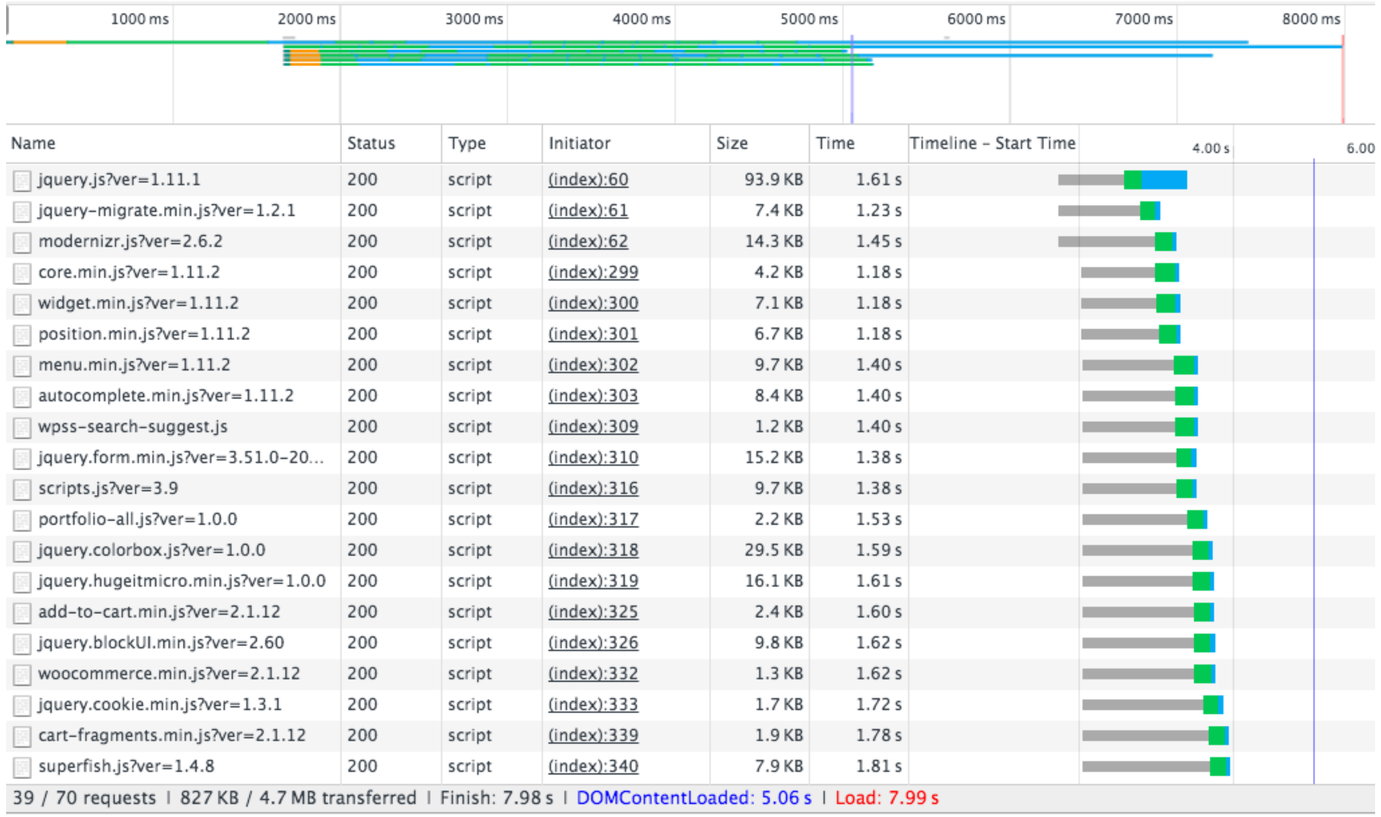
Magazine like blog template with header, navigation, featured content.


**Dashboard**

Basic admin dashboard shell with fixed sidebar and navbar.

# Opposition to Grid-based frameworks

## Can involve loading many files, hurting performance

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# Opposition to Grid-based frameworks

## Can stifle creativity

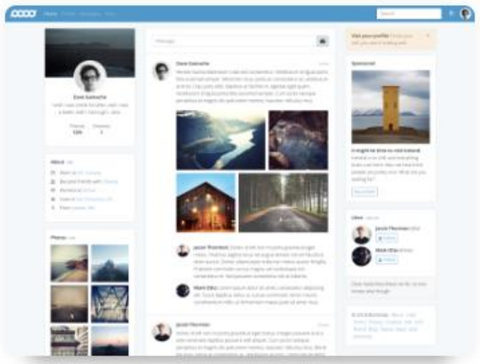
Themes built by or reviewed by Bootstrap's creators.

Why our themes?

**Built by Bootstrap Team**

Component-based frameworks designed, built, and supported by the Bootstrap Team.


**Dashboard** $49.00
Admin & Dashboard ★★★★★



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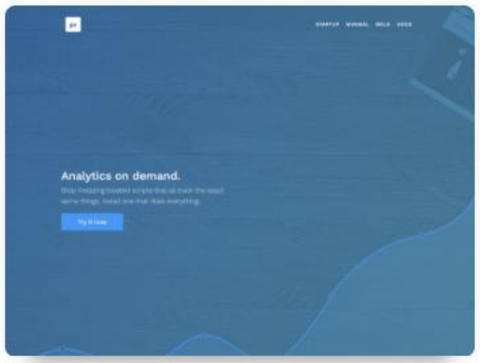


**Marketing** $49.00
Landing & Corporate ★★★★★

# Today’s goals

## By the end of today, you should be able to…

- Describe how responsive and adaptive design differ and when you might prefer one or the other
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of a mobile-first design
- Utilize media queries to create responsive layouts
- Develop grid-based layouts using Bootstrap