HTML and CSS: Part II

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Embedded content

The `image` tag

The `img` tag embeds an image into the page.

- `src` : URL of the image to embed into the page.
- `alt` : text description of the image (for accessibility).

```
<img src="https://imgs.xkcd.com/comics/tags.png"
     alt="XKCD Comic strip about web developers" />
```

The **picture** tag

The `picture` tag contains `source` elements and an `img` element to offer alternative versions of an image.

`source` attributes:

- `srcset` : URL of the source.
- `media` : conditions to show this version (media query).

```
<picture>
  <source srcset="logo-big.png" media="(min-width: 1200px)">
  <source srcset="logo-medium.png" media="(min-width: 600px)">
  <img src="logo.png" alt="Company Logo">
<picture>
```

How the **picture** chooses the **source**

The browser will consider each `source` and choose the best match among them.

If...

- no matches are found, or
- the browser doesn't support the `picture`

the URL of the `img` is selected.

The image is presented in the space occupied by the `img` .

The `video` tag

The `video` tag embeds a video player in the browser. It uses `source` elements to provide different versions.

Attributes

- `height`, `width`: Size of the element.
- `autoplay`: Play as soon as the page is loaded.
- `controls`: Show UI to control the video.
- `muted`: Start with muted audio.
- `poster`: Image to show while the video downloads.

```
<video controls muted>
  <source src="/videos/cat-jump.webm" type="video/webm">
  <source src="/videos/cat-jump.mp4" type="video/mp4">
  Your browser does not support embedded videos
</video>
```

The **audio** tag

The `audio` tag embeds an audio track in the browser. It uses `source` elements to provide different versions.

Attributes

- `autoplay` : Play as soon as the page is loaded.
- `controls` : Show UI to control the video
- `muted` : Start with muted audio.
- `loop` : Play in a loop.
- `preload` : Load in advance (hint to the browser).

```
<audio controls>
  <source src="audio/chiquito.mp3">
  Your browser does not support the <code>audio</code> element
</audio>
```

Without `controls`, nothing is shown on the screen

The `iframe` tag

The `iframe` tag represents an *nested browsing context*, embedding a different page.

Attributes

- `height`, `width`: Size of the element.
- `src`: URL of the page to embed.
-

```
<iframe id="bcn-map" title="Map of Barcelona"
  width="600" height="400"
  src="https://www.openstreetmap.org/export/embed.html?bbox=...">
</iframe>
```

Scalable Vector Graphics

XML-based format to represent vector 2D images.

Scalable: images of any size (good for high-resolution displays).

Compressed: the vector representation is much smaller than the pixels.

```
<svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg"
     version="1.1" baseProfile="full" width="300" height="200">
  <rect width="100%" height="100%" fill="red" />
  <circle cx="150" cy="100" r="80" fill="green" />
  <text x="150" y="125" font-size="60"
        text-anchor="middle" fill="white">
    SVG
  </text>
</svg>
```

Using SVG in the `img` tag

To show an SVG, it is enough to put it in an `img` :

```
<img src="/img/logo.svg" alt="HTML5 Logo" />
```

Embedding SVG

But you can directly **embed** SVG in HTML.

```
<html>
  <body>
    <p>Below is an SVG image:</p>
    <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg"
      version="1.1" baseProfile="full" width="300" height="200">
      <rect width="100%" height="100%" fill="red" />
      <circle cx="150" cy="100" r="80" fill="green" />
    </svg>
  </body>
</html>
```

Embedding an SVG lets you *style* it with CSS.

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Lists

The `ol` tag

The `ol` stands for "ordered list", and shows a **numbered** list.

The `li` stands for "list item".

```
<h1>The Three Musketeers</h1>
<ol>
  <li>Athos</li>
  <li>Porthos</li>
  <li>Aramis</li>
</ol>
```

`ol` tag attributes

- `reversed` : To reverse the order of the list.
- `start` : Starting value of the list.
- `type` : Kind of list marker
  - `1` - decimal
  - `a` - lower alpha
  - `A` - upper alpha
  - `i` - lower roman
  - `I` - upper roman

`li` attributes

`value` : Set a specific value (an integer) to the item.
(Only within an `ol` .)

```
<ol>
  <li>First</li>
  <li value="3">Second?</li>
</ol>
```

The `ul` tag

The `ul` tag stands for "unordered list", which shows a **bulleted** list.

(The `li` tag is the "list item".)

```
<h1>Coldplay</h1>
<ul>
  <li>Chris Martin</li>
  <li>Will Champion</li>
  <li>Jonny Buckland</li>
  <li>Guy Berryman</li>
</ul>
```

List styles

list-style : *<type> <position> <image>*

- **list-style-type** none disc square decimal decimal-leading-zero lower-roman upper-roman lower-greek upper-greek lower-latin upper-latin armenian georgian lower-alpha upper-alpha
- **list-style-position** inside outside
- **list-style-image** url(<image-url>)

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Tables

The `table` tag

A `table` shows data in two dimensions.

It contains:

- (`caption`)
- (`colgroup` s)
- (`thead`)
- `tr` : Several **t**able **r**ows (better inside a `tbody`)

  Each contains:

  - `th` : Several **t**able **h**eader elements (header cells).
  - `td` : Several **t**able **d**ata elements (cells).
- (`tfoot`)

A **table** example

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Fruit</th>
    <th>Price</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Kiwi</td>
    <td>5.5€</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Apple</td>
    <td>1.7€</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

thead, tbody and tfoot

```
<table>
  <thead>
    <tr><th>Fruit</th><th>Price</th></tr>
    <tr><th></th><th>in €</th></tr>
  </thead>
  <tbody>
    <tr><td>Kiwi</td><td>5.5</td></tr>
    <tr><td>Apple</td><td>1.7</td></tr>
    <tr><td>Blackberries</td><td>2.7</td></tr>
  </tbody>
  <tfoot>
    <tr><td>Total</td><td>9.9</td></tr>
  <tfoot>
</table>
```

If using `thead`, `tbody` and `tfoot`, no `tr` should be direct children of the table.

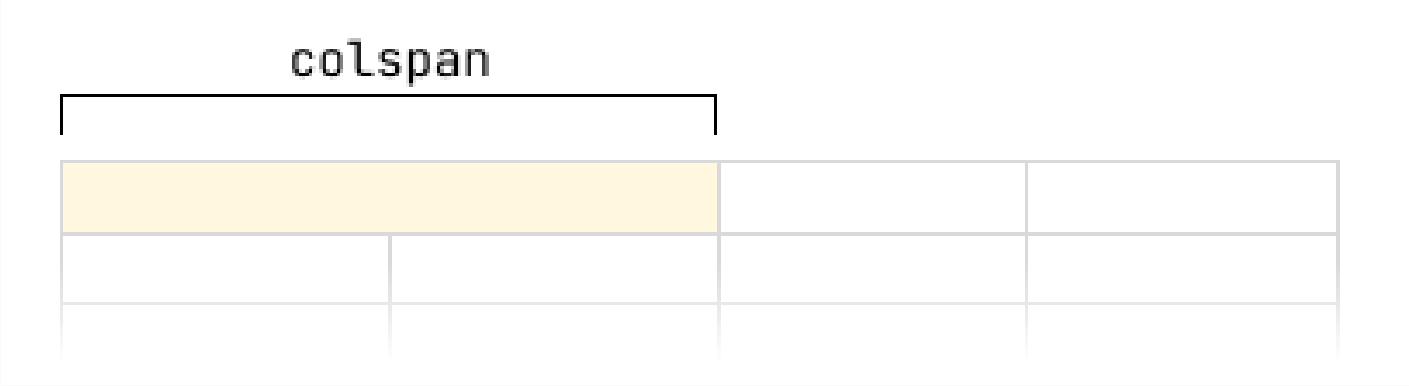
Tag omission

Within a `table`, we can omit closing tags for:
`thead`, `tbody`, `tr`, `th` and `td`

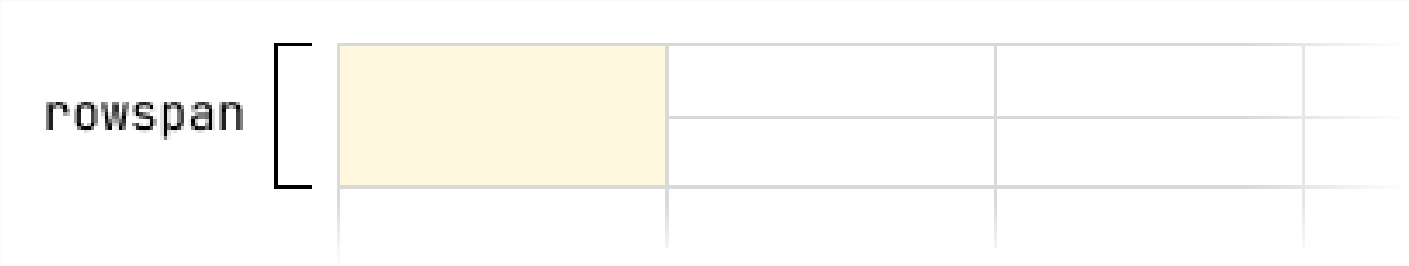
```
<table>
  <thead>
    <tr> <th> Fruit <th> Price
    <tr> <th> <th>in €
  <tbody>
    <tr> <td> Kiwi <td> 5.5
    <tr> <td> Apple <td> 1.7
    <tr> <td> Blackberries <td> 2.7
</table>
```

Joining cells

`colspan` : number of columns that the cell occupies.



`rowspan` : number of rows that a cell occupies.



Joining cells example

```
<table>
  <thead>
    <tr> <th rowspan="2"> Fruit <th colspan="2"> Price
    <tr> <td> in EUR <td> in USD
  <tbody>
    <tr> <td> Kiwi <td> 5.5 <td> 6.1
    <tr> <td> Apple <td> 1.7 <td> 2.0
    <tr> <td> Blackberries <td> 2.7 <td> 2.5
</table>
```

Table styles

`border-collapse`	`separate | collapse`
`border-spacing`	*<length>*
`vertical-align`	`baseline | sub | super | text-top | text-bottom | middle | top | bottom`
`white-space`	`normal | nowrap | pre | pre-wrap | pre-line`

https://cssreference.io/property/white-space/

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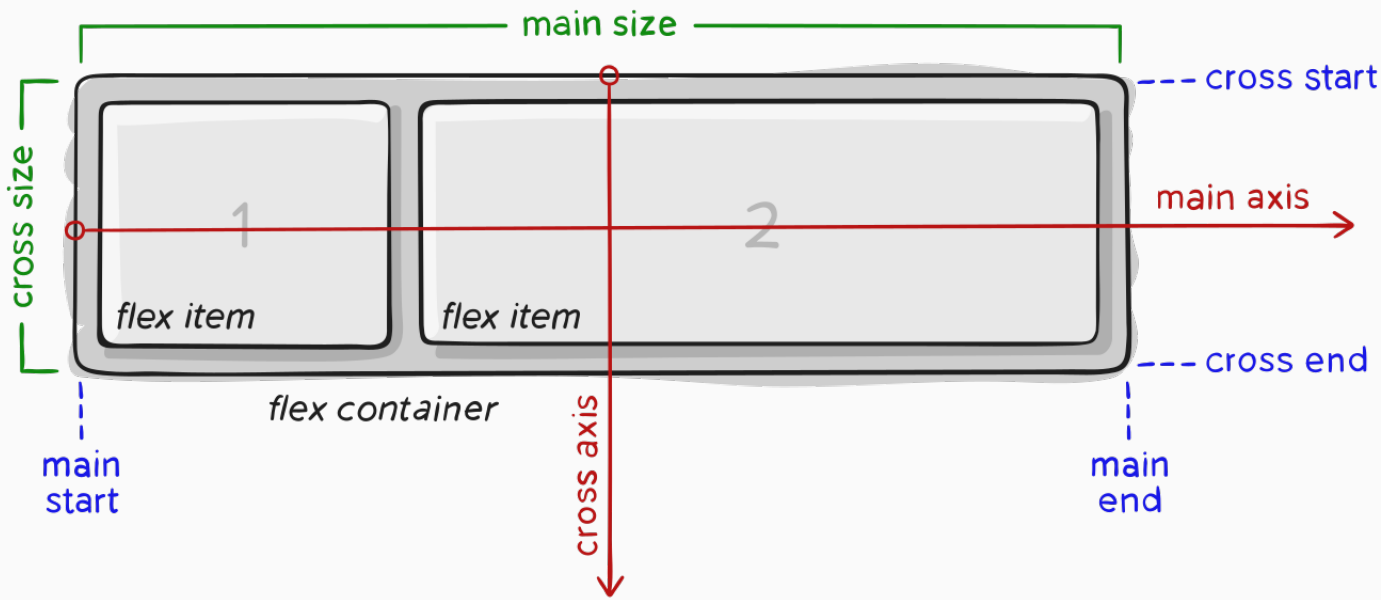
CSS Flexbox

Flexbox

Flexbox is a new mechanism to align items within its parent.

To use the Flexbox algorithm you have set `display` to `flex`:

```
div.carousel { display: flex; }
```



Flexbox Main Parameters

A component can specify the *layout of its children* with 3 main parameters.

`flex-direction`

Specify the `primary axis`

`column` (default) `row`

`justify-content`

Distribution of children along the **primary axis**

`flex-start` `center` `flex-end`

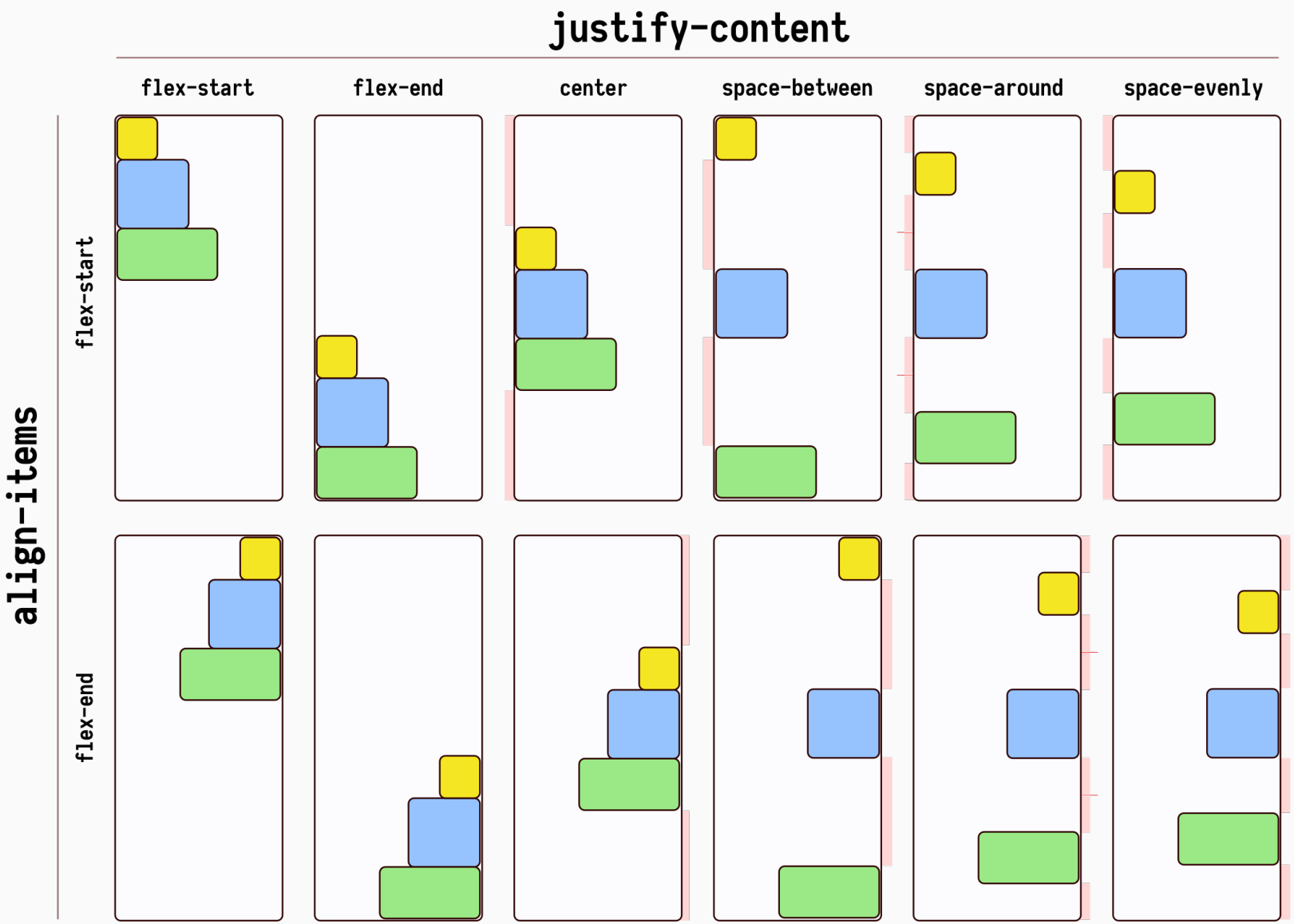
`space-around` `space-between` `space-evenly`

`align-items`

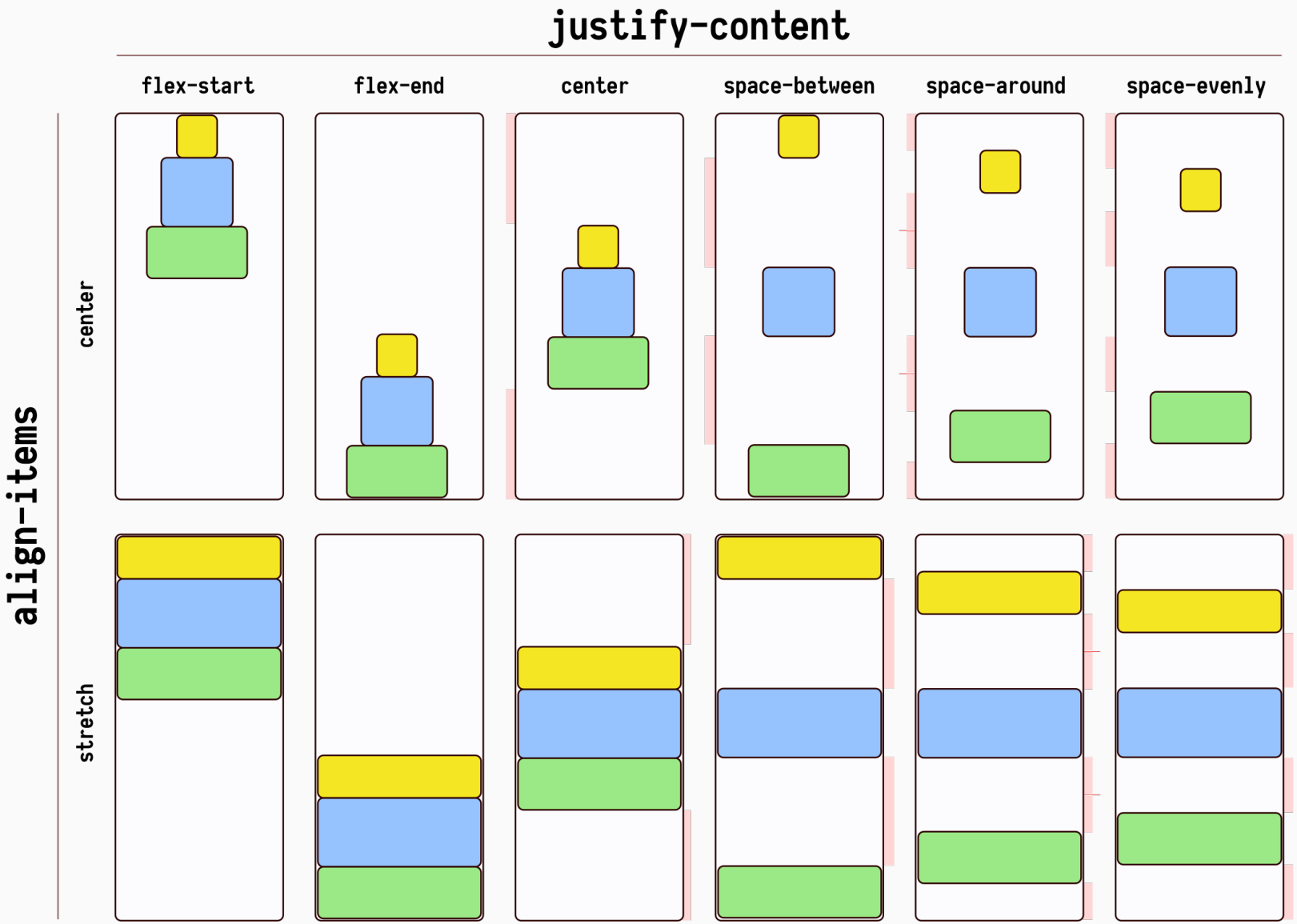
Alignment of children along the **secondary axis**

`flex-start` `center` `flex-end` `stretch`

Flexbox Table 1



Flexbox Table 2



Component Dimensions

A component can either have fixed dimensions, or flex dimensions.

Fixed Dimensions

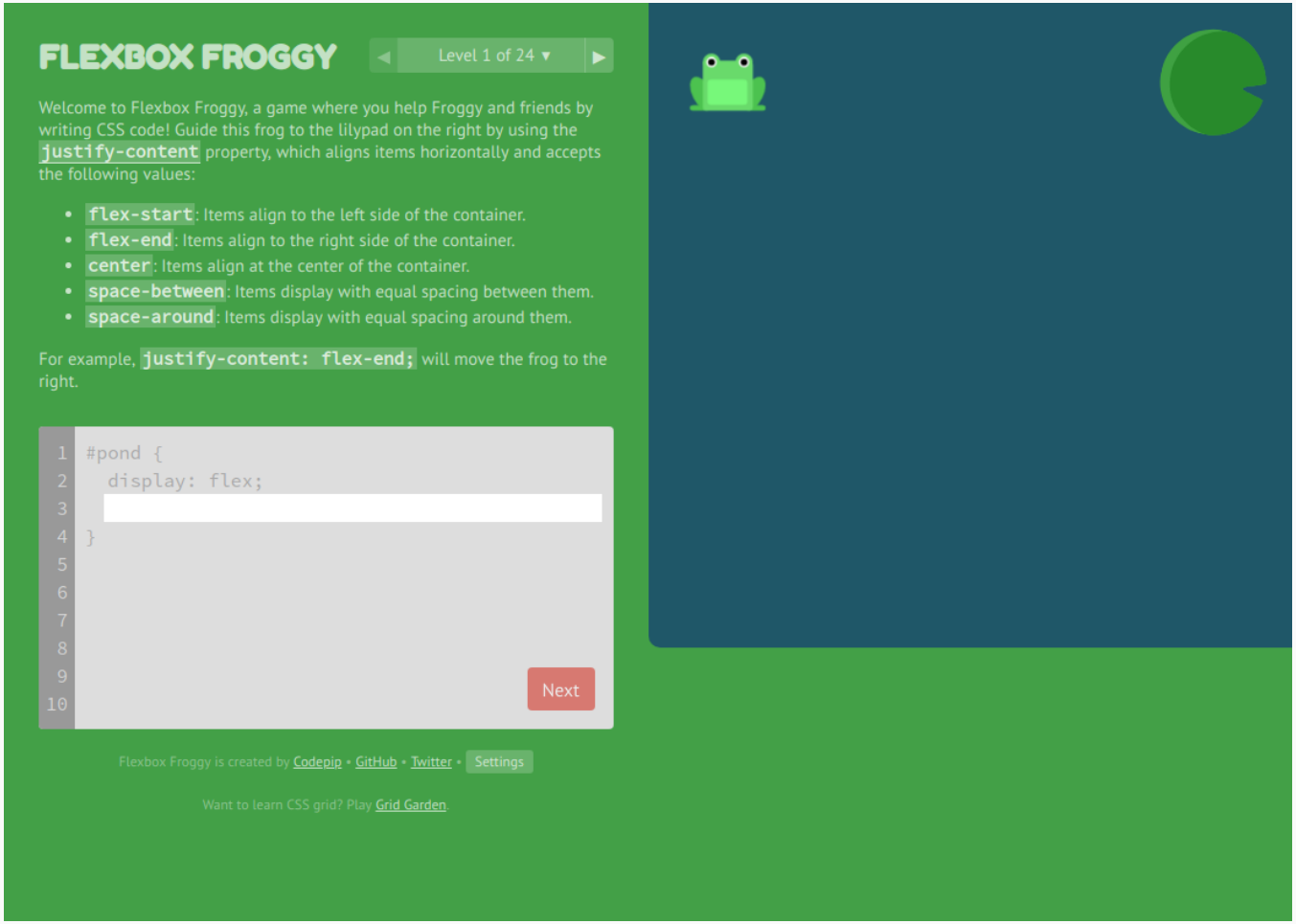
Specified using `width` and `height`, both in DIP (Device Independent Pixels).

Flex Dimensions

Specified using `flex`, which is a ”stretch factor”. The element will expand and shrink dynamically based on available space, according to the value of `flex`.

A Flexbox Game

A game for learning flexbox!



https://flexboxfroggy.com/

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CSS Element Positioning

Static Positioning

`position : static` is the position computed by the browser's layout algorithm.

```
.element {
  position: static;
}
```

This is the **natural position** of the element, included in the document flow.

Layout and Positioning

Layout includes the element
`static`, `relative` (and `sticky`)

vs

Layout doesn't include the element
`absolute`, `fixed` (and `sticky`)

Relative Positioning

`position : relative` allows us to position an element relative to its static position.

```
.element {
  position: relative;
  top: 50px;
  left: -50px;
}
```

`top` , `right` , `bottom` , `left` are distances to the parent's edges, respectively.

Absolute Positioning

`position : absolute` removes the element from normal flow and positions it with respect to the closest "relative" parent.

```
header {
  position: absolute;
  top: 0;
  right: 0;
  left: 0;
  height: 40px;
}
```

`fixed` is the same, with respect to the document (unaffected by scrolling).

Sticky Positioning

`position : sticky` is a combination of `static` and `fixed`.

When the element is visible in its position, it is `static`. When we scroll and make it disappear, it becomes `fixed`.

```
header {
  position: sticky;
  top: 0;
  right: 0;
  left: 0;
  height: 40px;
}
```

Not 100% implemented yet but usable: https://caniuse.com/css-sticky

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Global Attributes

Global attributes

All tags have a certain number of *global attributes*, common to all elements.

Global attributes:

- `class`
- `id`
- `style`
- `title`
- ...

The `class` attribute

A `class` represents a set of elements in a document.

Many elements can be put in the same class.

A single element can belong to many classes.

The `class` attribute just lists all the classes of an element separated by spaces.

Setting classes

Adding one class

```
<h1 class="title">A Humble Title</h1>
```

Adding **many** classes:

```
<div class="box important left">Heads Up!</div>
<nav class="special menu left">
   <a href="#cart">Your Cart</a>
</nav>
```

(different `class` names are just separated by a space)

The `id` attribute

The `id` attribute identifies elements uniquely.

There can be no two items with the same `id`.

```
<h1 id="main-title">The Main Title</h1>
<div id="menu">
  <a href="/">Index</a>
  <a href="/help">Help</a>
</div>
```

Links to specific elements

If an element has an attribute `id`, links can point to that specific element

```
<section id="first">
  <p>The first section</p>
</section>
<section>
  <p>
    The second section <br>
    <a href="#first">Go to first</a>
  </p>
</section>
```

Why do we need `class` and `id`?

To refer to elements from CSS and Javascript, we can:

- Ask for the element with a certain `id`, and apply specific styles to it, or access it programmatically.
- Ask for the *set* of elements with a certain `class`, and apply the same style to all of them, or manipulate them at once.

The `contenteditable` attribute

Setting `contenteditable` to `true`, the browser turns into an editor!

When you start editing, the browser changes the underlying DOM.

The `document.execCommand` is made available (to issue commands that manipulate the content).

Drawbacks:

- Different browsers implement edition in different ways.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Guide/HTML/Editable_content

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CSS Selectors 2

ID selectors

`#id` : specific element with ID `id`.

```
<html>
  <body>
    <p id="abstract">Lorem ipsum...</p>
    <p>dolor sit amet</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

We style the paragraph with ID `abstract` with

```
#abstract {
  border: 1px solid blue;
}
```

Class selector

`.class` : all elements having class `class`.

```
<body>
  <p>Lorem ipsum...</p>
  <p class="special">dolor sit amet</p>
  <p>consectetur adipiscing elit</p>
  <p>sed <span class="special">do eiusmod</span> tempor</p>
</body>
```

We style the set of elements with class `special` with

```
.special {
  background-color: orange;
}
```

Child selector

`tag1 > tag2` : all `tag2` which are direct children of `tag1` .

```
<body>
  <p>First <span>paragraph</span></p>
  <p>Second paragraph</p>
  <p><a href="/third">Third <span>paragraph</span></a></p>
</body>
```

We can target only the first span with

```
p > span {
  color: blue;
}
```

Tag and class

`tag.class` : all `tag` s which have a certain `class`.

```
<body>
  <p>Lorem ipsum...</p>
  <p class="special">dolor sit amet</p>
  <p>consectetur adipiscing elit</p>
  <p>sed <span class="special">do eiusmod</span> tempor</p>
</body>
```

We style the `span` with class `special` with

```
span.special {
  background-color: orange;
}
```

Attribute selector

`tag[attr]` : selects a `tag` with an attribute `attr` .

```
<body>
  <ol>
    <li value="2">First</li>
    <li>Second</li>
    <li value="5">Third</li>
  </ol>
</body>
```

Style `li` s that *have* the `value` attribute:

```
li[value] {
  color: gray;
}
```

Attribute and value selector

`tag[attr=value]` : selects a `tag` with `attr` equal to `value`.

```
<nav>
  <a href="/home">Home</a>
  <a href="/blog">Blog</a>
  <a href="/about">About</a>
</nav>
```

We can style `a` elements which link to "/home".

```
a[href="/home"] {
  color: pink;
}
```

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CSS Pseudo Classes and Elements

Pseudo-class selectors

Pseudo-classes refer to classes that we don't have to declare, and which represent stuff that the browser already knows about:

- If an element is empty.
- Which position an element is (first, last, ...).
- The state of a link (enabled, disabled, clicked, visited, focused, ...).
- The validity of form controls (valid, invalid).
- Negation of other selector (not).

Pseudo-elements

Pseudo-elements refer to parts of elements or special elements:

- First letter of line.
- Before/After content.

Empty elements

The `:empty` class refers to elements which have no content

```
<p>A paragraph with text</p>
<p></p>
```

```
p:empty { margin: 0; }
```

First/last child

The `:first-child` class applies to elements that occupy the first position in the list of children.

The `:last-child` is analogous for the last child.

```
li:first-child { border-top: 1px solid #ccc; }
li:last-child  { border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; }
```

Child in position N

The `nth-child(n)` lets you use an index or a formula:

```
li:nth-child(2) {
  background-color: yellow;
}
tr:nth-child(2) td:nth-child(3) {
  border-color: gray;
}
ul li:nth-child(2n) {
  text-transform: uppercase;
}
```

Link state classes

- `:link` : An unvisited link.
- `:visited` : An visited link.
- `:focus` : A link in focus.
- `:hover` : A link with cursor on top.
- `:active` : A link being clicked.

Negation pseudo-class

The `:not(sel)` class is true for elements that aren't `sel`.

`sel` *is a simple selector (tag or class)*

```
li:not(.more-info) {
  color: red;
}
:not(section) > table {
  display: none;
}
.link:not(li):not(p) {
  font-style: italic;
}
```

Before/After pseudo-elements

`::before` and `::after`, in combination with the `content` property, let you add prefixes and suffixes:

```
.story::before {
  content: "Once upon a time";
}
.story::after {
  content: "and they lived happily ever after.";
}
```

`content` can be a string, an image (no resizing), or a counter.

Similar pseudo-elements: `::first-line` *and* `::first-letter`

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CSS: The Cascade

Ambiguous rules

The **same element** can be the target of rules with different values

```
h1 { color: red; }
body h1 { color: green; }
```

```
h2.grape { color: purple; }
h2 { color: silver; }
```

```
html > body table tr[id="totals"] td ul > li { color: maroon; }
li#answer { color: navy; }
```

How do we know which one will win?

Specificity

A selector's specificity is determined by its components.

Specificity is a vector with 4 components: **(0, 1, 5, 2)**.

Components to the left of the vector weight more.
$(0, 0, 2, 0) > (0, 0, 1, 0)$
$(0, 1, 0, 0) > (0, 0, 1, 0)$

The actual specificity is determined **adding up** the different contributions:

For every element	add **(0, 0, 0, 1)**
For every class	add **(0, 0, 1, 0)**
For every ID	add **(0, 1, 0, 0)**
For every inline style	add **(1, 0, 0, 0)**

Specificity examples

```
h1 { color: purple; }                          /* 0, 0, 0, 1 */
p em { color: blue; }                          /* 0, 0, 0, 2 */
.grape { color: green; }                       /* 0, 0, 1, 0 */
*.bright { color: yellow; }                    /* 0, 0, 1, 0 */
p.bright e.dark { color: black; }              /* 0, 0, 2, 2 */
#id216 { color: orange; }                      /* 0, 1, 0, 0 */
div#sidebar *[href] { color: pink; }           /* 0, 1, 1, 1 */
nav#menu li#top { color: red; }                /* 0, 2, 0, 2 */
```

Importance

The `!important` keyword marks a rule as being above all others.

```
p.dark {
  color: #333 !important;
  background: white;
}
```

`!important` *must go just before the semicolon.*

Important declarations have the same specificity but are considered separately to others. They always win against non-important declarations.

The `!` sign does not mean negation as in many programming languages!

Inheritance

Some rules apply to an element *and its descendants*:

- `color`,
- `font-size`,
- `font-family` ...

Some rules apply just to the root element:

- `border`,
- `margin`,
- `margin` ...

Which rules apply or not to descendants is down to common sense.

The Cascade

1. Importance

If the rule was marked as `!important` (also transitions and animations).

2. Origin

Where the rule was defined (website, user, browser defaults).

3. Specificity

The specificity vector explained before.

4. Order

The order of declaration (last rule overwrites a previous one).