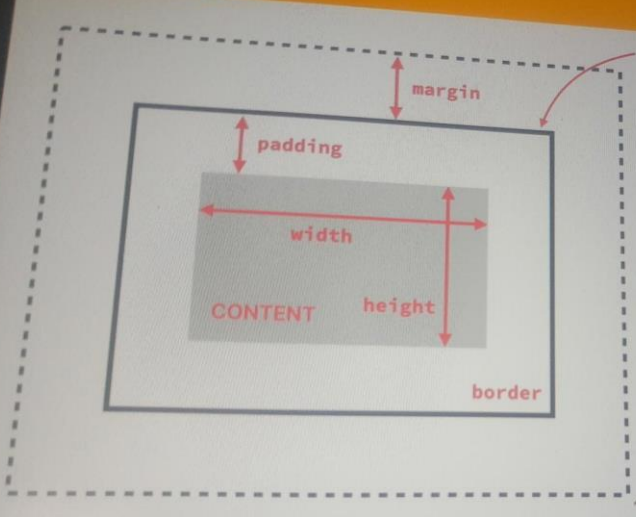


## THE CSS BOX MODEL



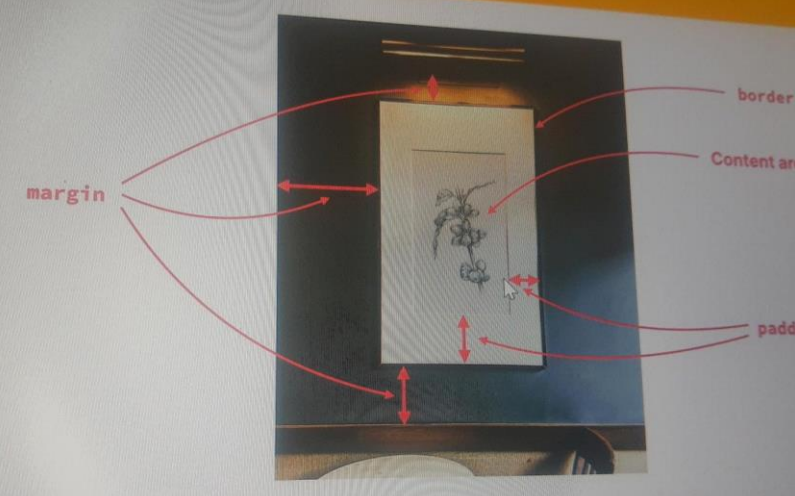
Visible part of element on the page

- Content: Text, images, etc.
- Border: A line around the element, still **inside** of the element
- Padding: Invisible space around the content, **inside** of the element
- Margin: Space **outside** of the element, between elements

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## ANALOGY FOR THE CSS BOX MODEL



margin border Content area padding

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## SUMMARY: INLINE, BLOCK-LEVEL AND INLINE-BLOCK BOXES

### BLOCK-LEVEL BOXES

- Elements formatted visually as blocks
- 100% of parent's width
- Vertically, one after another
- Box-model applies as showed

### INLINE-BLOCK BOXES

- Looks like inline from the **outside**, behaves like block-level on the **inside**
- Occupies only content's space
- Causes no line-breaks
- Box-model applies as showed

```
display: inline-block
```

### INLINE BOXES

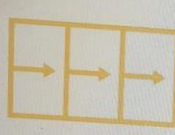
- Occupies only content's space
- Causes no line-breaks
- Box model is different: heights and widths do not apply
- Paddings and margins only horizontal (left and right)

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## THE 3 WAYS OF BUILDING LAYOUTS WITH CSS


### 1



#### FLOAT LAYOUTS

The **old way of building layouts** of all sizes, using the **float** CSS property. Still used, but getting outdated fast.


### 2



#### FLEXBOX

Modern way of laying out elements in a **1-dimensional row** without using floats. Perfect for **component layouts**.

### 3



#### CSS GRID

For laying out element in a **fully-fledged 2-dimensional grid**. Perfect for **page layouts** and **complex components**.



## ABSOLUTE POSITIONING VS. FLOATS

### NORMAL FLOW

- Default positioning
- Element is "in flow"
- Elements are simply laid out according to their order in the HTML code

Default positioning  
`position: relative`

### ABSOLUTE POSITIONING

- Element is removed from the normal flow: "out of flow"
- No impact on surrounding elements, might overlap them
- We use top, bottom, left, or right to offset the element from its **relatively positioned container**

`position: absolute`

### FLOATS

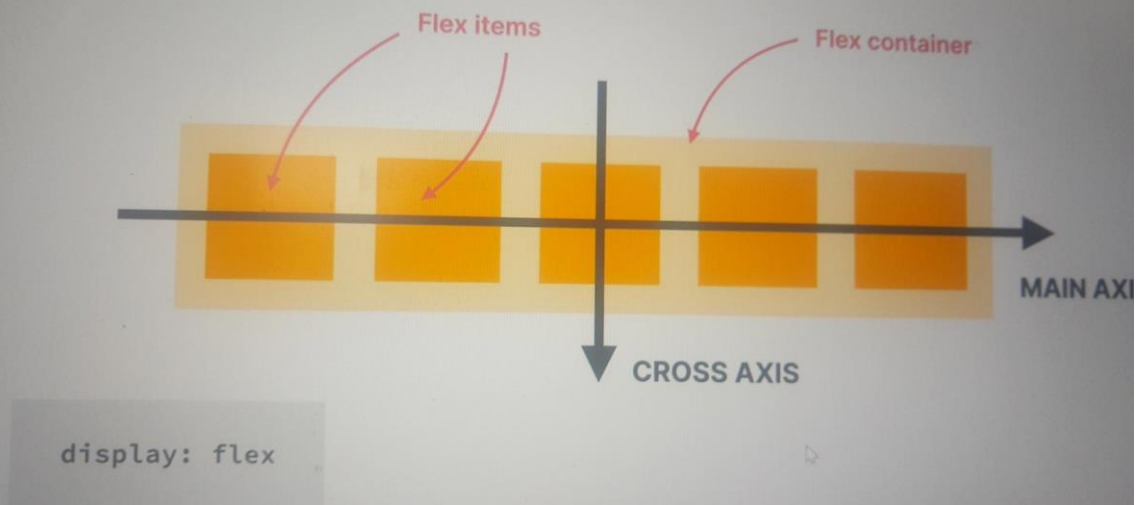
- Element is removed from the normal flow: "out of flow"
- Text and inline elements will wrap around the floated element
- The container will **not** adjust its height to the element


`float: left`  
`float: right`

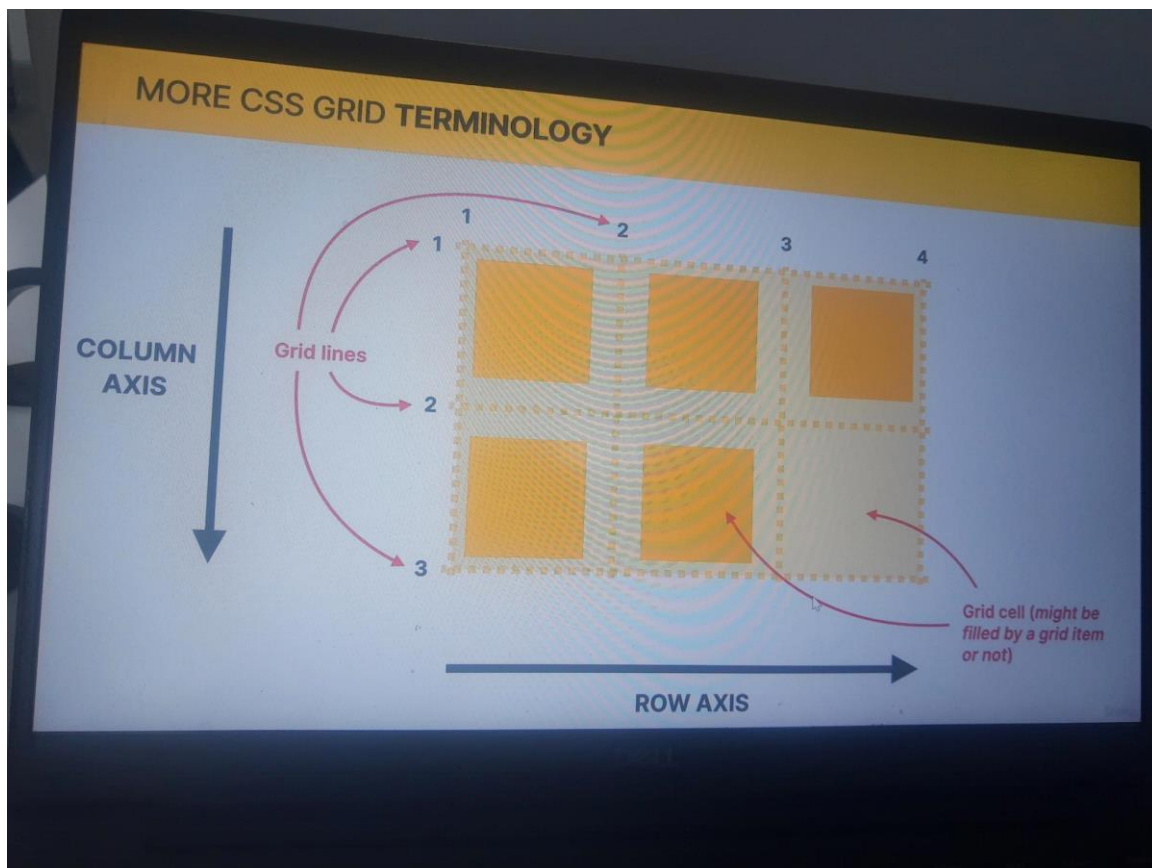
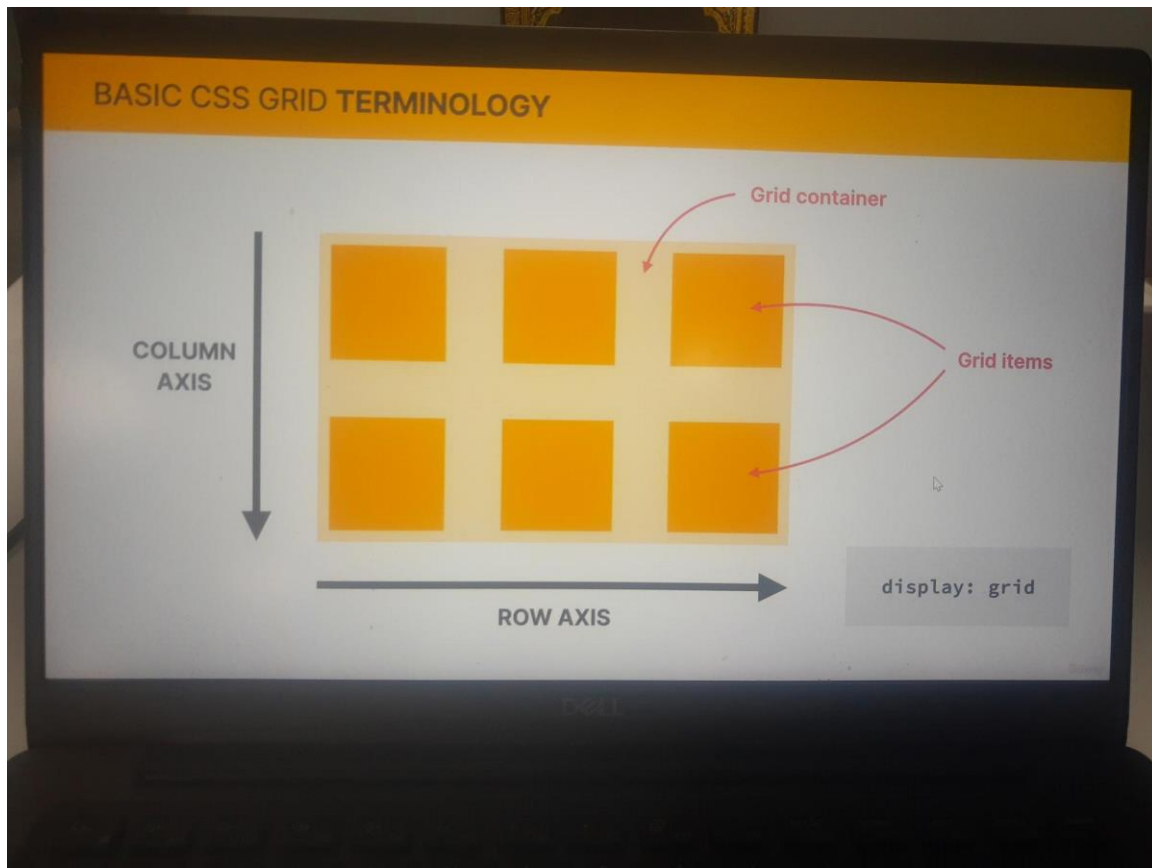
## FLEXBOX

- Flexbox is a set of related **CSS properties** for **building 1-dimensional layouts**
- The main idea behind flexbox is that empty space inside a container element can be **automatically divided** by its child elements
- Flexbox makes it easy to automatically **align items to one another** inside a parent container, both horizontally and vertically
- Flexbox solves common problems such as **vertical centering** and creating **equal-height columns**
- Flexbox is perfect for **replacing floats**, allowing us to write fewer and cleaner HTML and CSS code

# FLEXBOX TERMINOLOGY



| FLEX CONTAINER   |  | FLEX ITEMS   |
|--|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>gap:</b> 0   &lt;length&gt;<br/>To create <b>space between items</b>, without using margin</li> <li><b>justify-content:</b> flex-start   flex-end   center   space-between   space-around   space-evenly<br/>To align items along main axis (<b>horizontally</b>, by default)</li> <li><b>align-items:</b> stretch   flex-start   flex-end   center   baseline<br/>To align items along cross axis (<b>vertically</b>, by default)</li> <li><b>flex-direction:</b> row   row-reverse   column   column-reverse<br/>To define which is the <b>main axis</b></li> <li><b>flex-wrap:</b> nowrap   wrap   wrap-reverse<br/>To allow items to <b>wrap into a new line</b> if they are too large</li> <li><b>align-content:</b> stretch   flex-start   flex-end   center   space-between   space-around<br/>Only applies when there are <b>multiple lines</b> (flex-wrap: wrap)</li> </ol> |   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>align-self:</b> auto   stretch   flex-start   flex-end   center   baseline<br/>To <b>overwrite align-items</b> for individual flex items</li> <li><b>flex-grow:</b> 0   &lt;integer&gt;<br/>To allow an element to <b>grow</b> (0 means no, 1+ means yes)</li> <li><b>flex-shrink:</b> 1   &lt;integer&gt;<br/>To allow an element to <b>shrink</b> (0 means no, 1+ means yes)</li> <li><b>flex-basis:</b> auto   &lt;length&gt;<br/>To define an item's width, <b>instead of the width property</b></li> <li><b>flex:</b> 0 1 auto   &lt;int&gt; &lt;int&gt; &lt;len&gt;<br/>Recommended shorthand for flex-grow, -shrink, -basis.</li> </ol> |



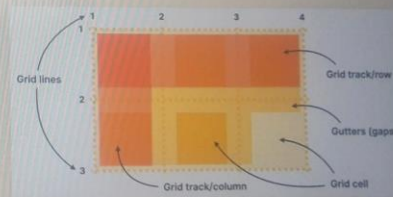


## GRID CONTAINER

- 1 `grid-template-rows: <track size>*`  
`grid-template-columns: <track size>*`  
 To establish the grid row and column tracks. One length unit for each track. Any unit can be used, new **fr** fills unused space
- 2 `row-gap: 0 | <length>`  
`column-gap: 0 | <length>`      `gap: 0 | <length>`  
 To create empty space between tracks
- 3 `justify-items: stretch | start | center | end`  
`align-items: stretch | start | center | end`  
 To align items inside rows / columns (horizontally / vertically)
- 4 `justify-content: start | start | center | end | ...`  
`align-content: start | start | center | end | ...`  
 To align entire grid inside grid container. Only applies if container is larger than the grid

## GRID ITEMS

- 1 `grid-column: <start line> / <end line> | span <number>`  
`grid-row: <start line> / <end line> | span <number>`  
 To place a grid item into a specific cell, based on line numbers. **span** keyword can be used to span an item across more cells
- 2 `justify-self: stretch | start | center | end`  
`align-self: stretch | start | center | end`  
 To overwrite justify-items / align-items for single items



This list of CSS Grid properties is not exhaustive, but enough to get started.