

Out-of-flow Positioned Fragmentation

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Fragmentation Overview

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- Fragmentation
 - “The process of splitting a content flow across the fragmentainers that form a fragmentation context.”

Paged Media

- Fragmentainer = page
- Fragmentation context = Collection of pages

CSS Fragmentation Module Level 3

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Abstract

This module describes the fragmentation model that partitions a flow into pages, columns, or regions. It builds on the Page model module and introduces and defines the fragmentation model. It adds functionality for pagination, breaking variable fragment size and orientation, widows and orphans.

[CSS](#) is a language for describing the rendering of structured documents (such as HTML and XML) on screen, on paper, in speech, etc.

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Multi-columns

- Fragmentainer = column
- Fragmentation context =
Collection of columns

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Regions

- Fragmentainer = region
- Fragmentation context = Collection of regions

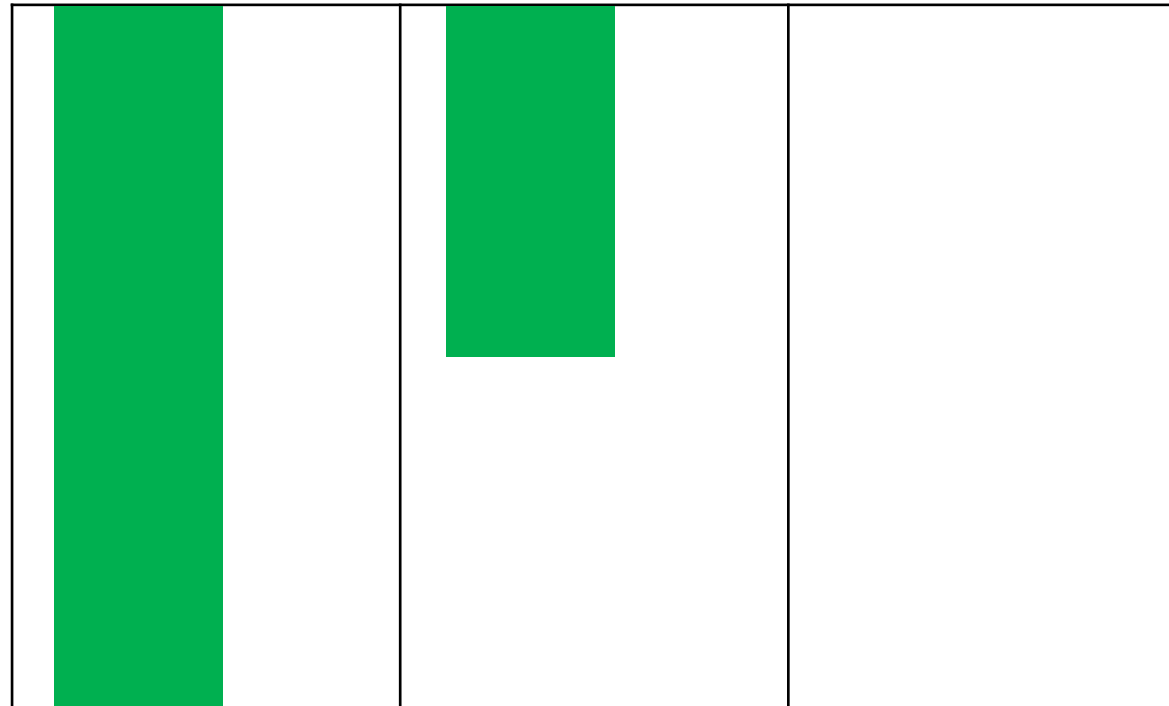


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- Monolithic content
 - Content that isn’t allowed to fragment
 - Ex: images and videos

CSS Specifications

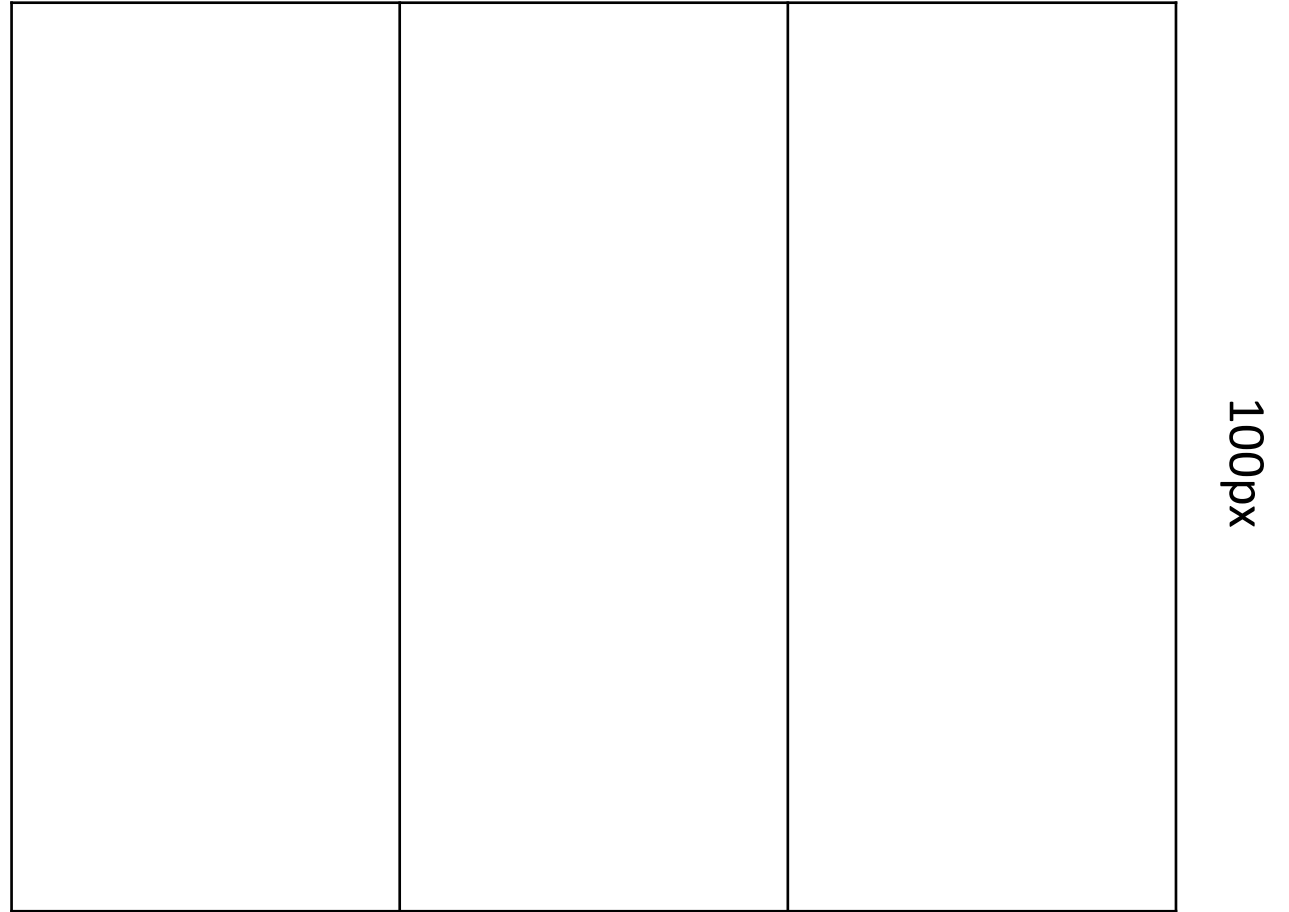
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(<https://drafts.csswg.org/css-break/>)
- CSS Multi-column Layout Module Level 1
(<https://drafts.csswg.org/css-multicol/>)
- CSS Paged Media Module Level 3
(<https://drafts.csswg.org/css-page-3/>)
- CSS Regions Module Level 1
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Fragmentation in LayoutNG

Multi-column Example

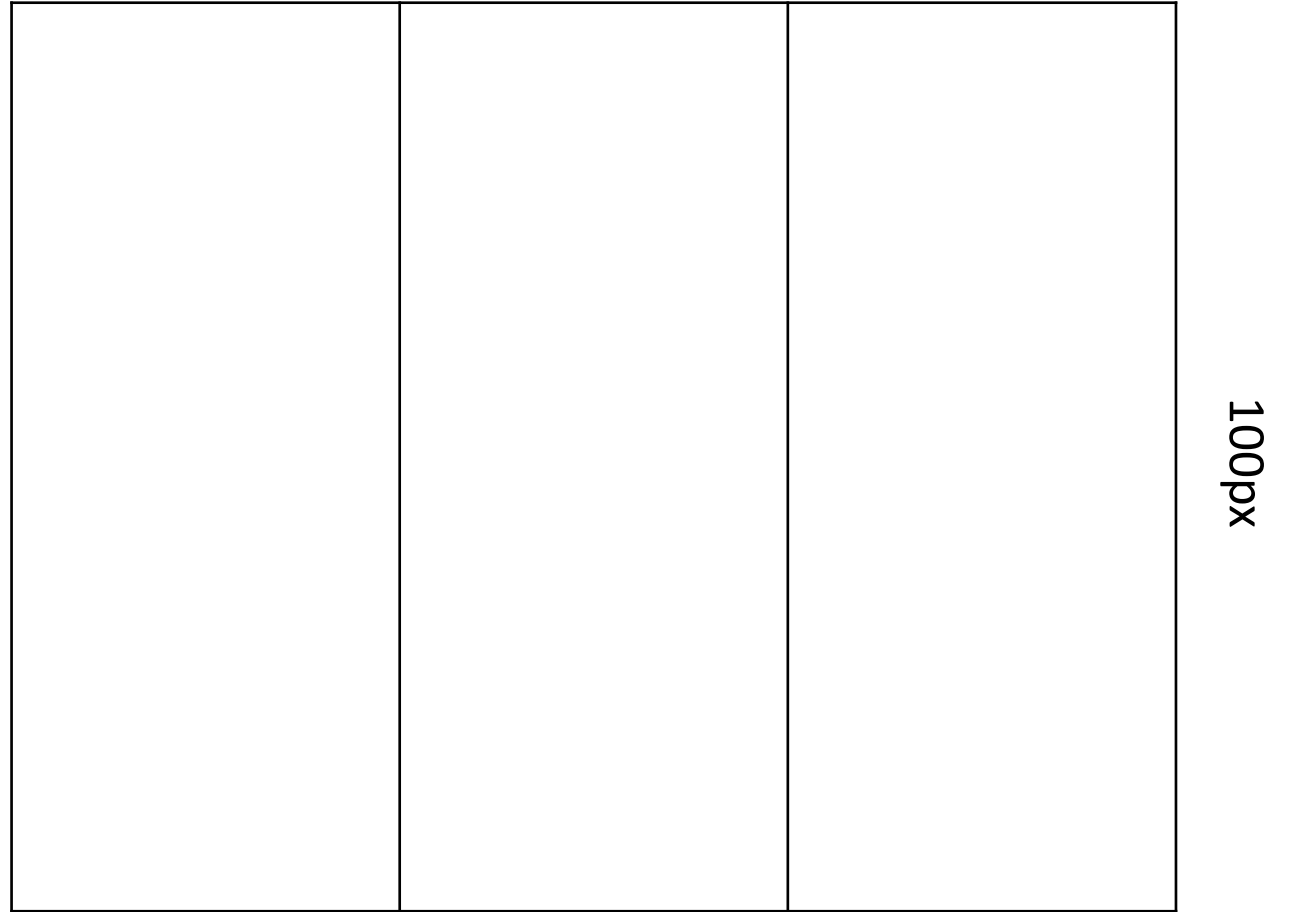
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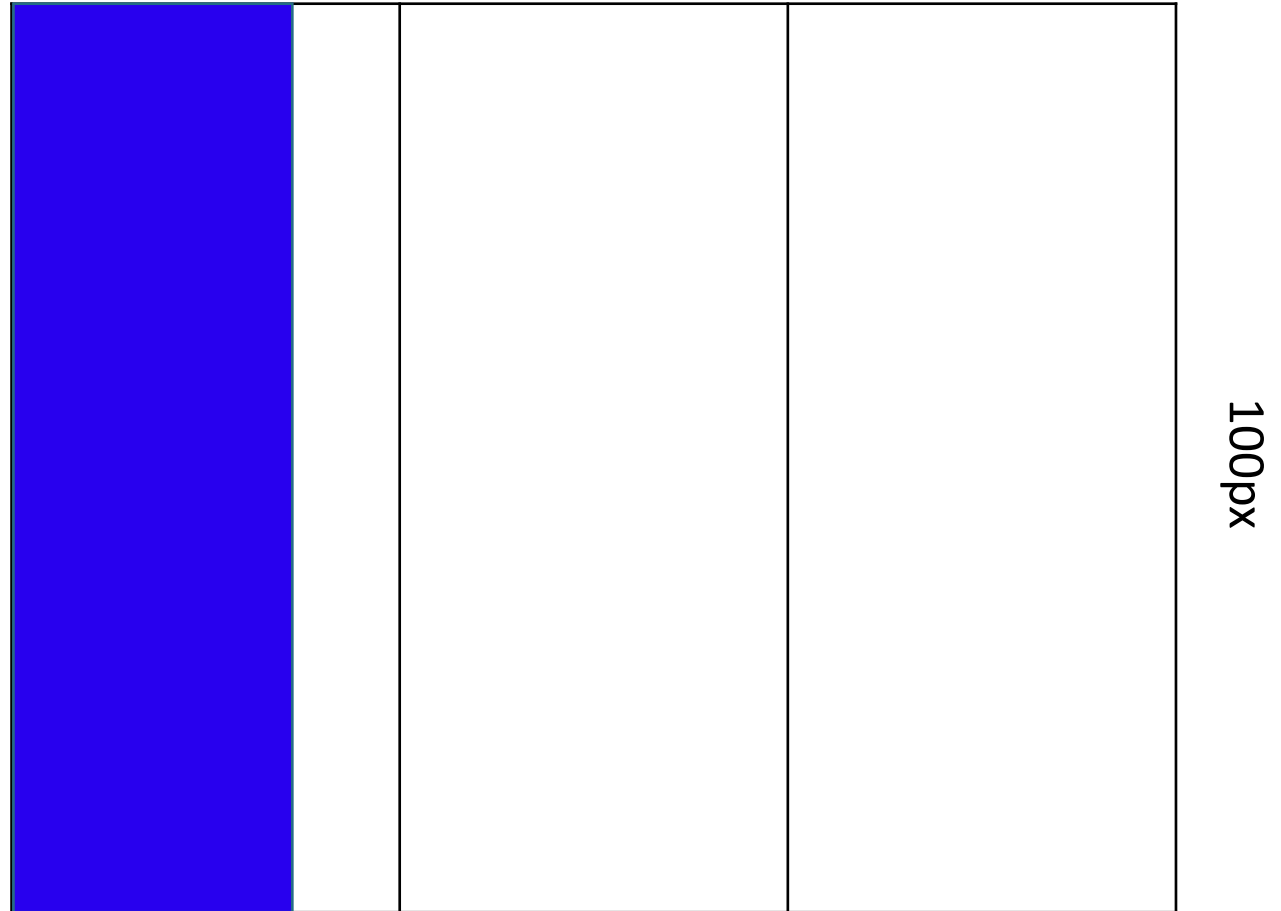
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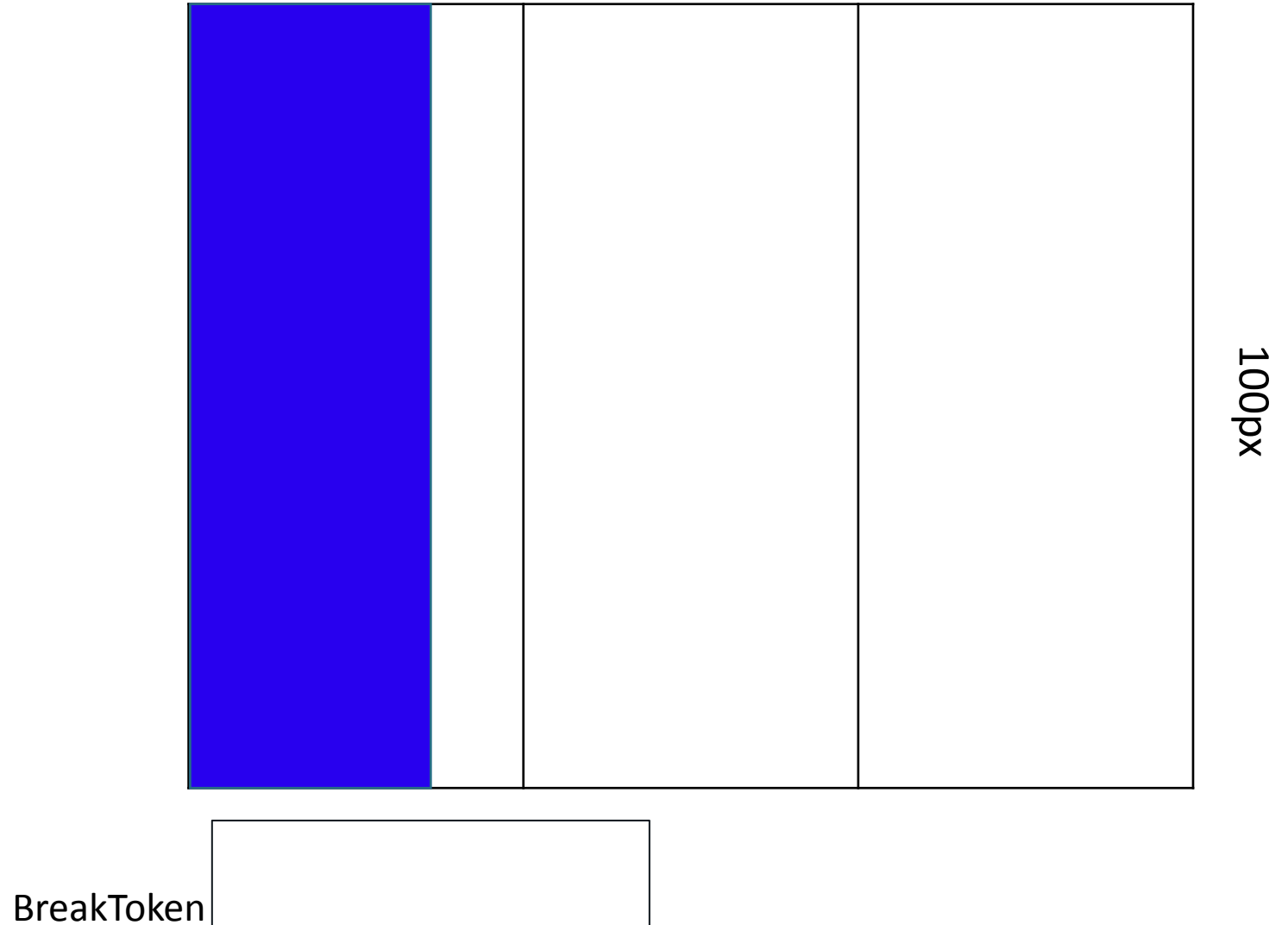
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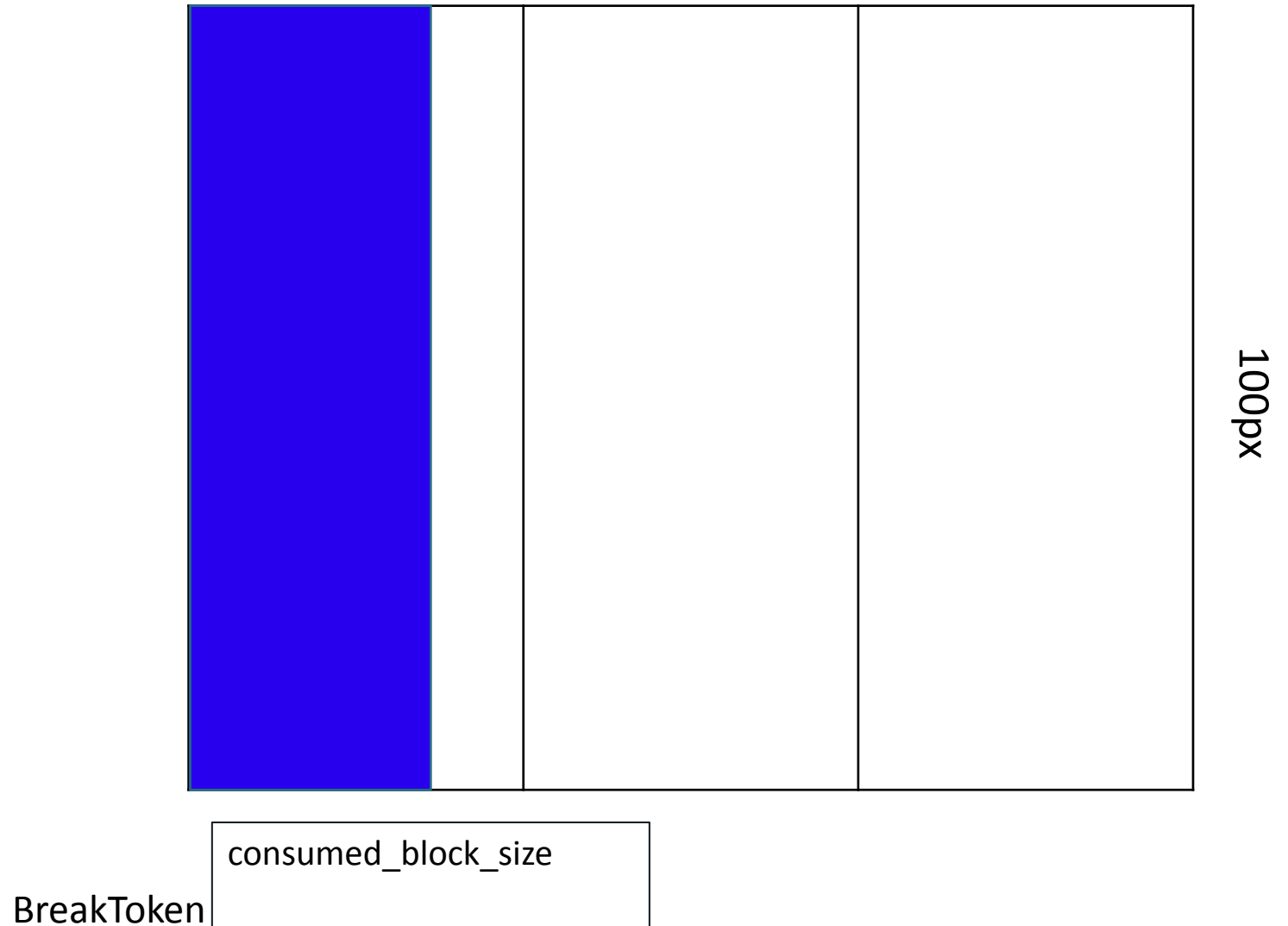
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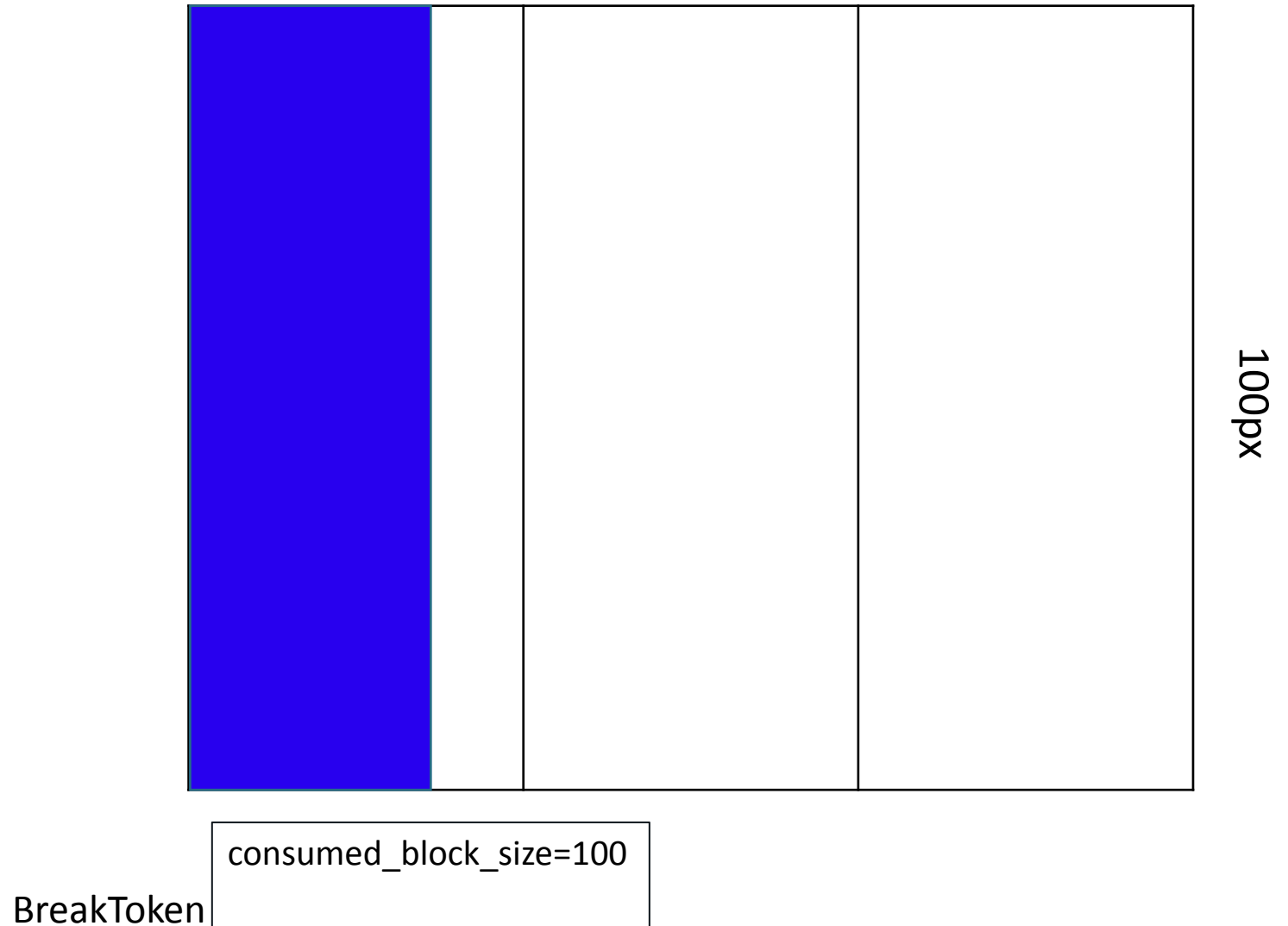
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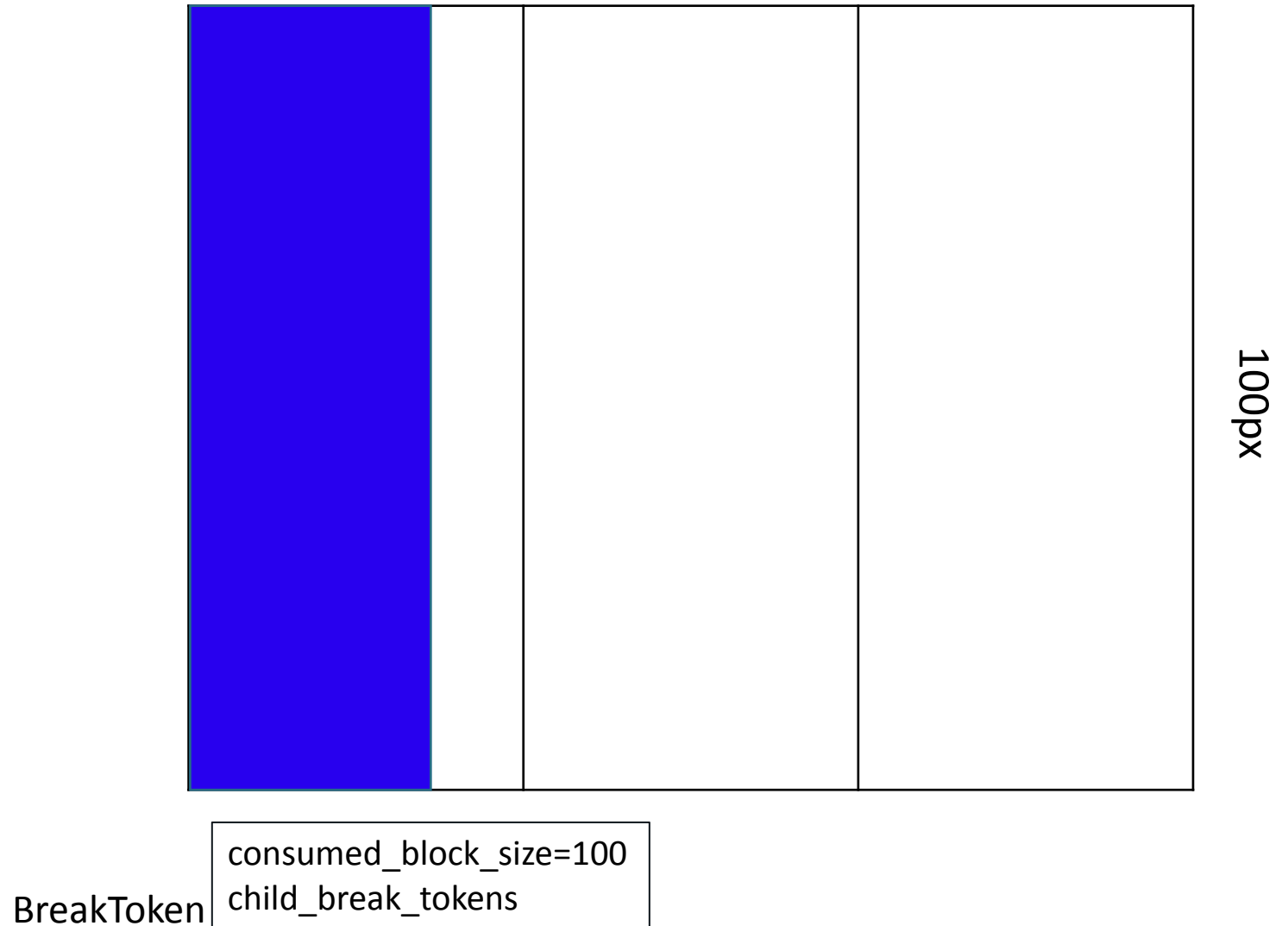
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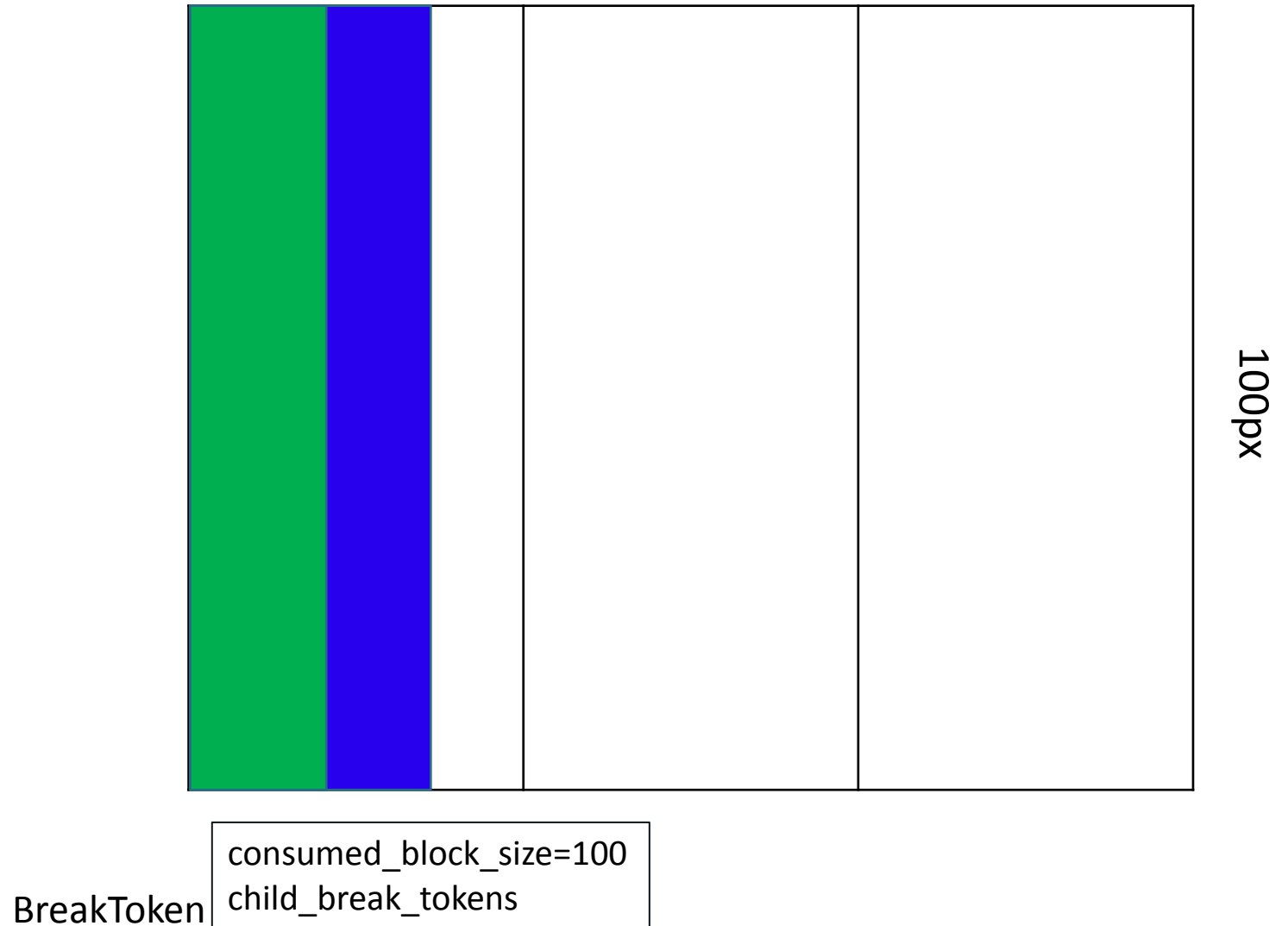
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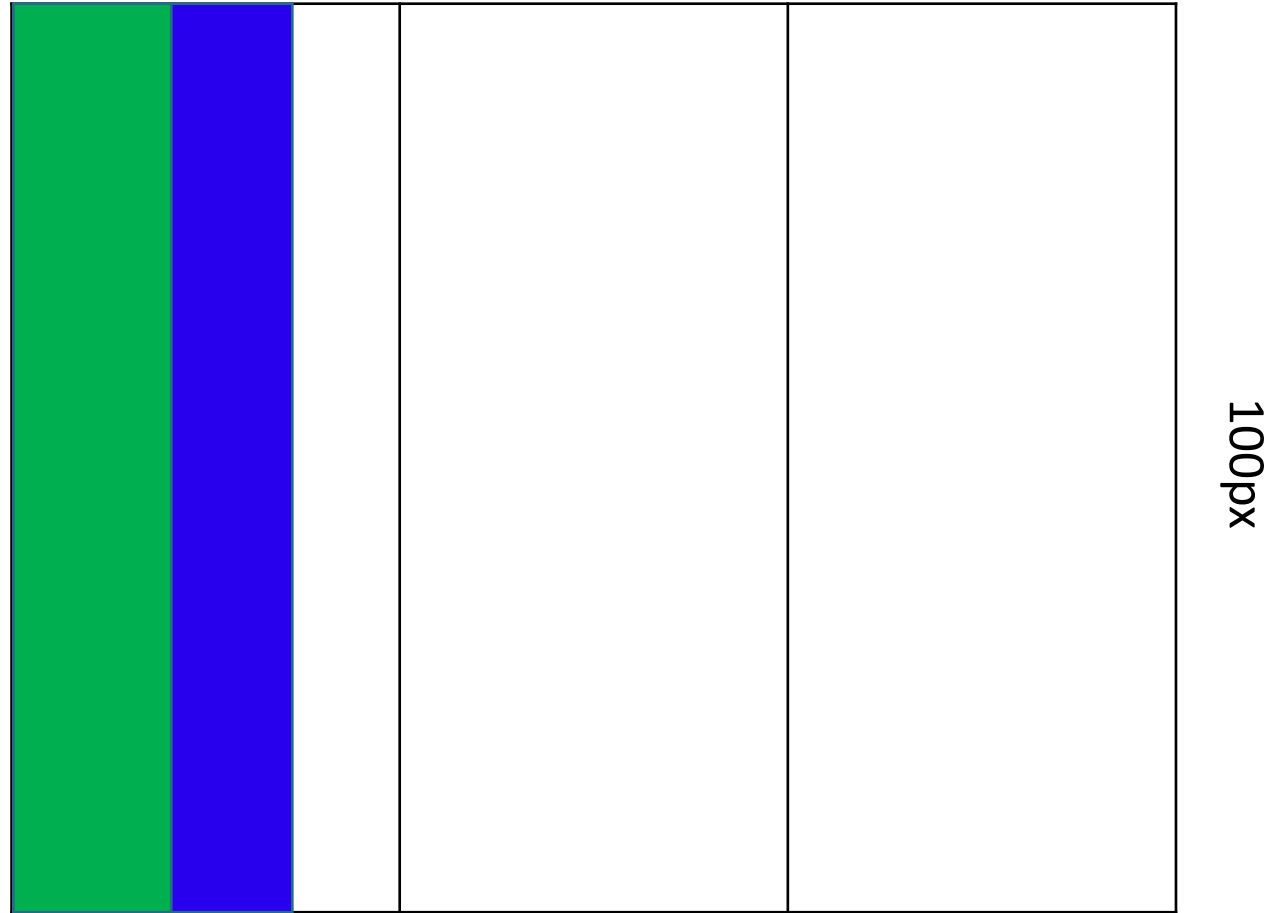
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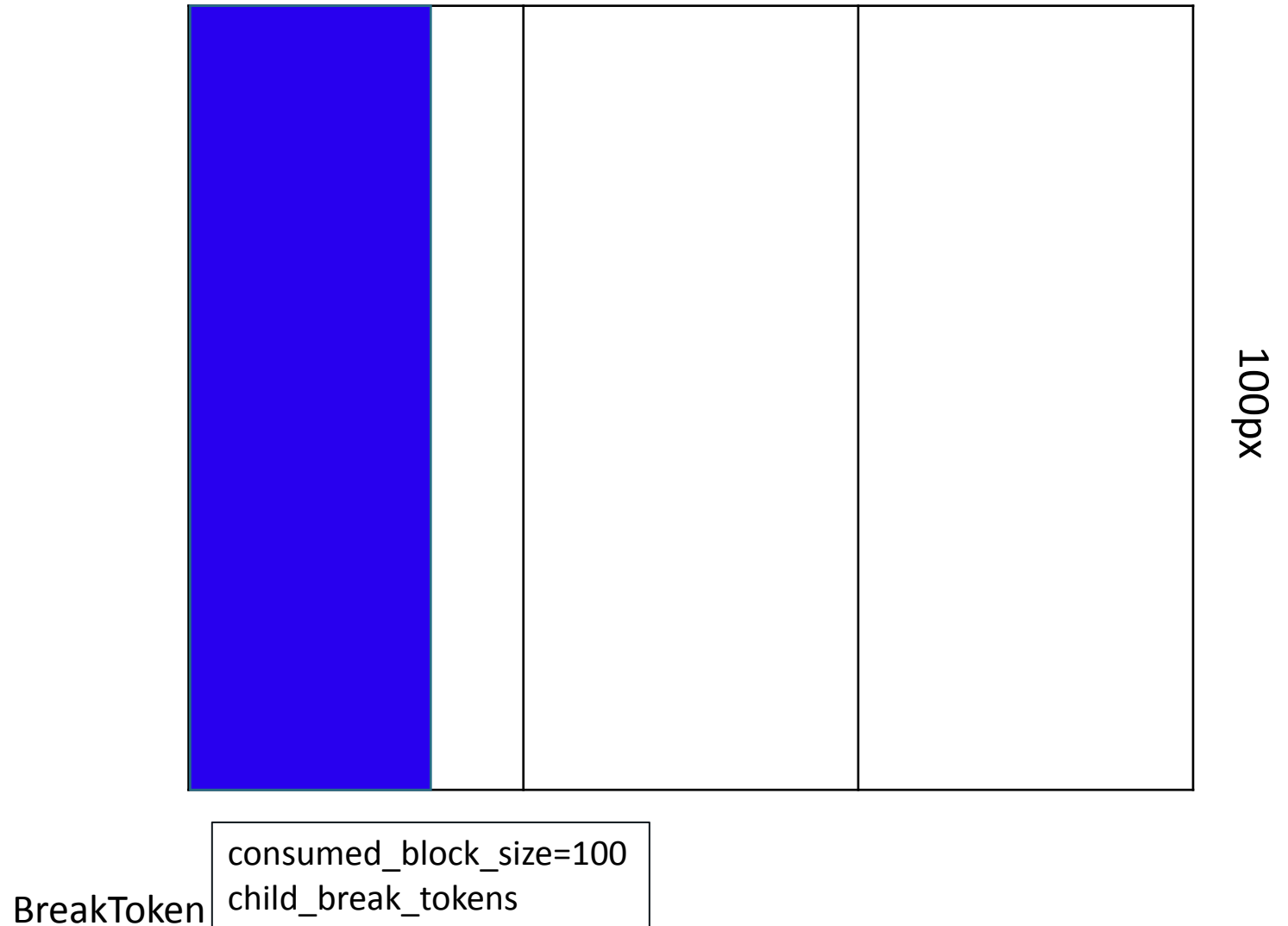
BreakToken

consumed_block_size=100
child_break_tokens

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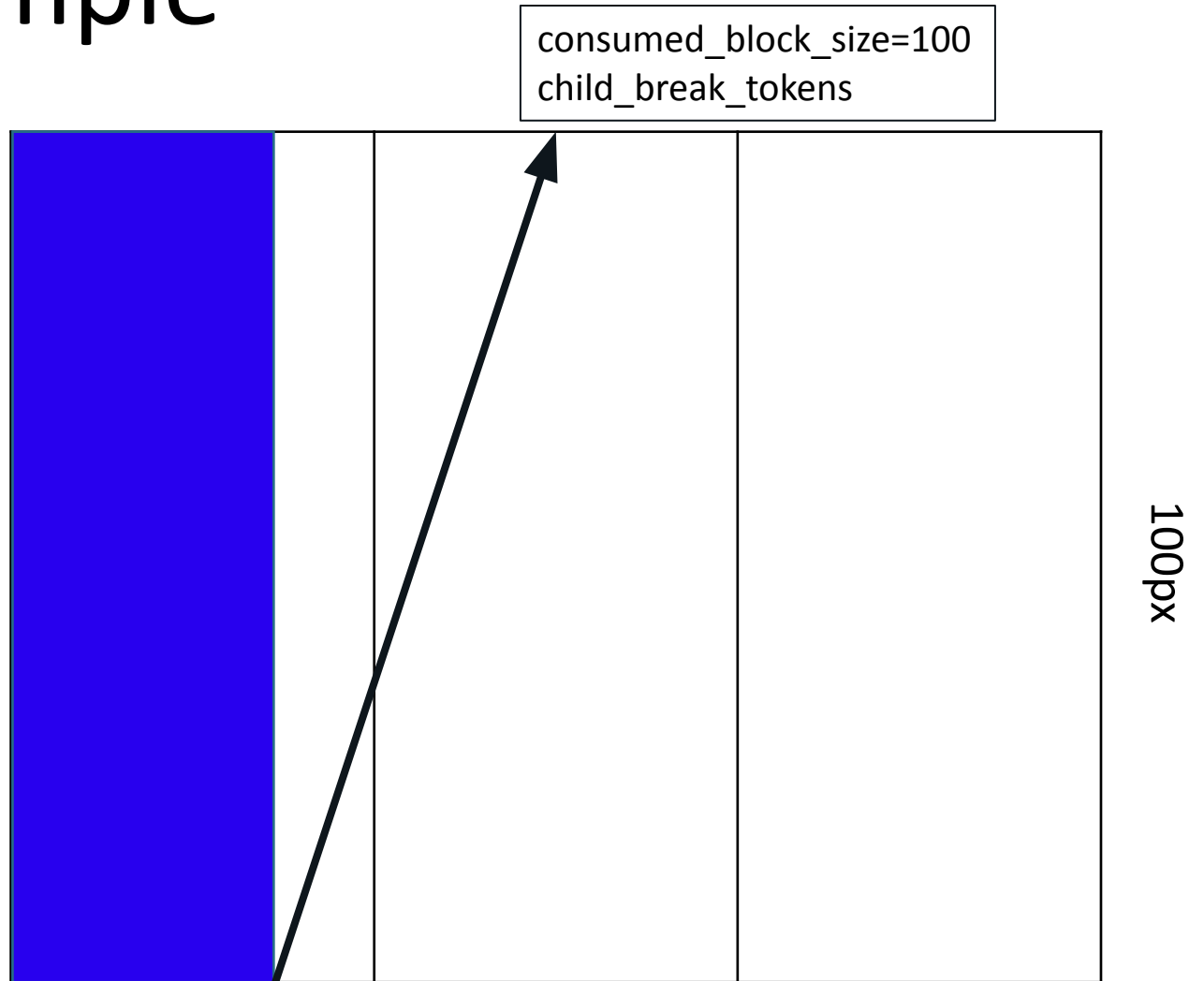
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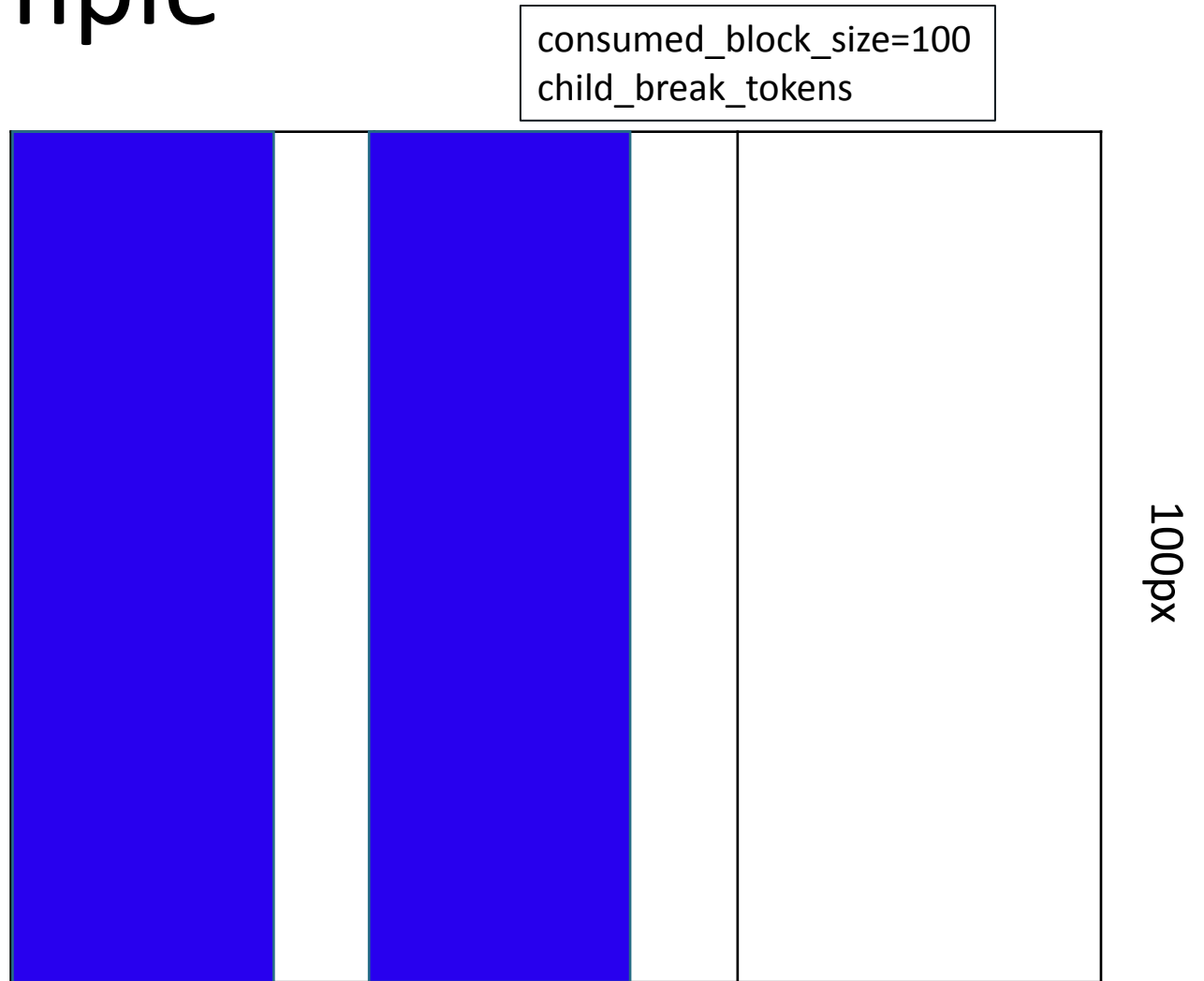
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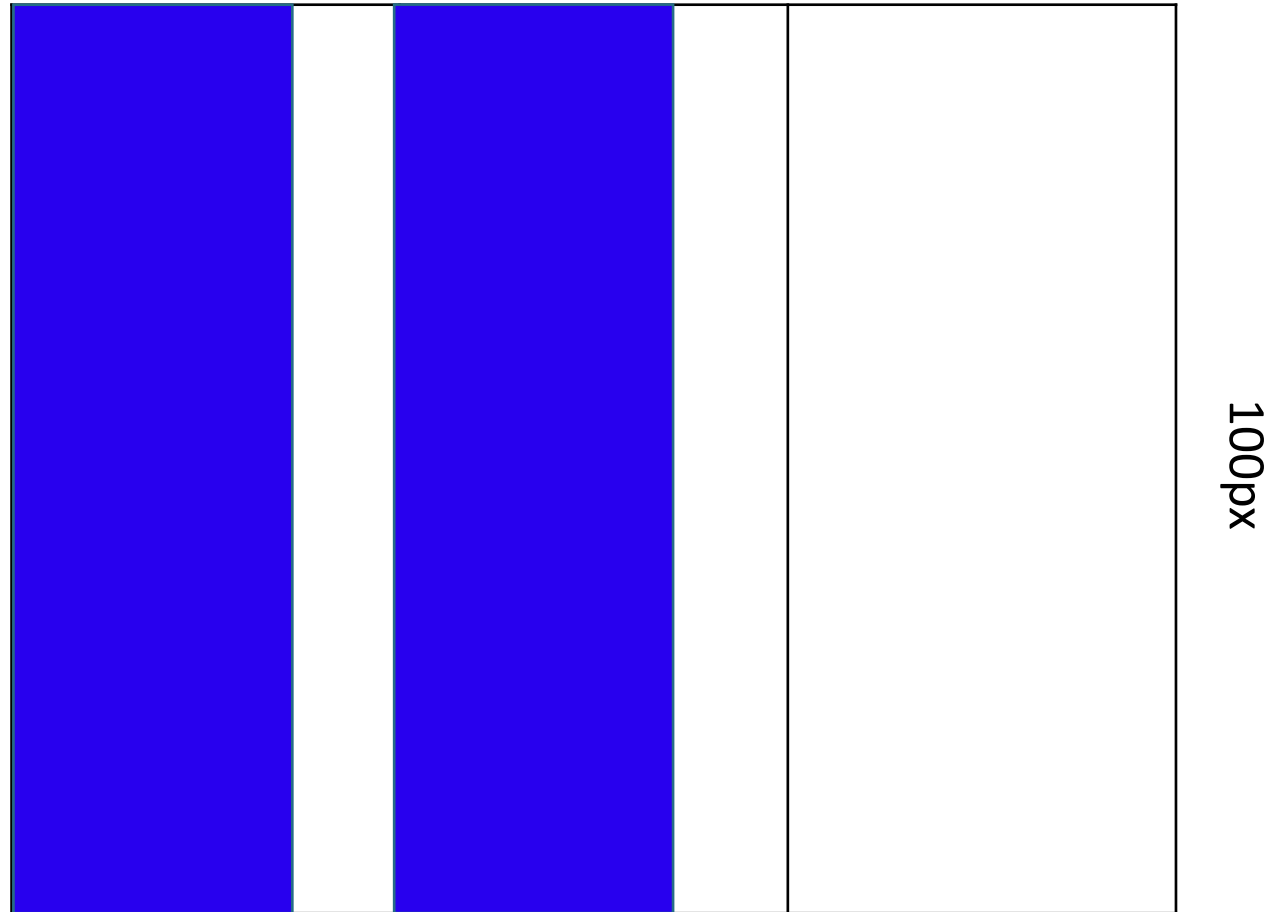
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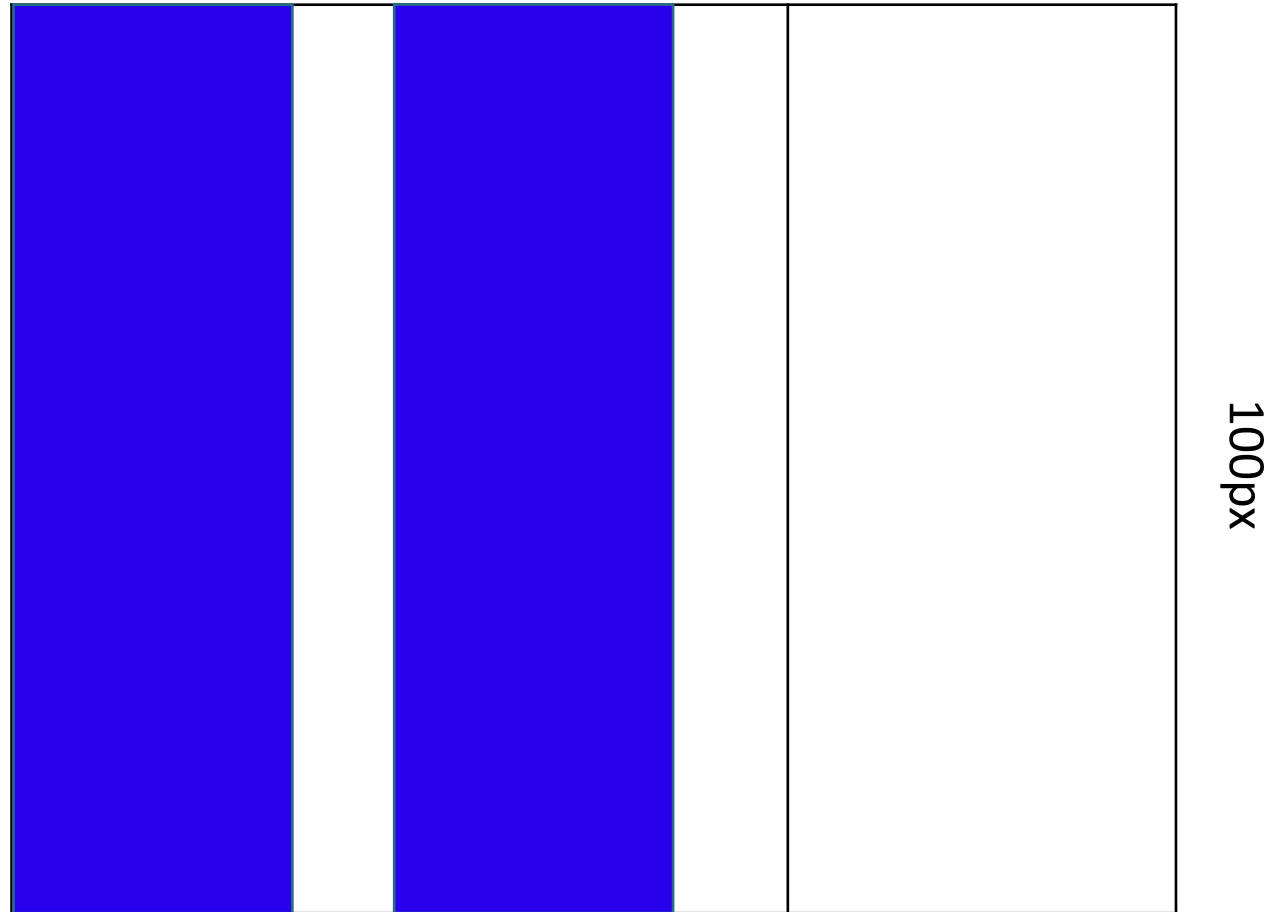
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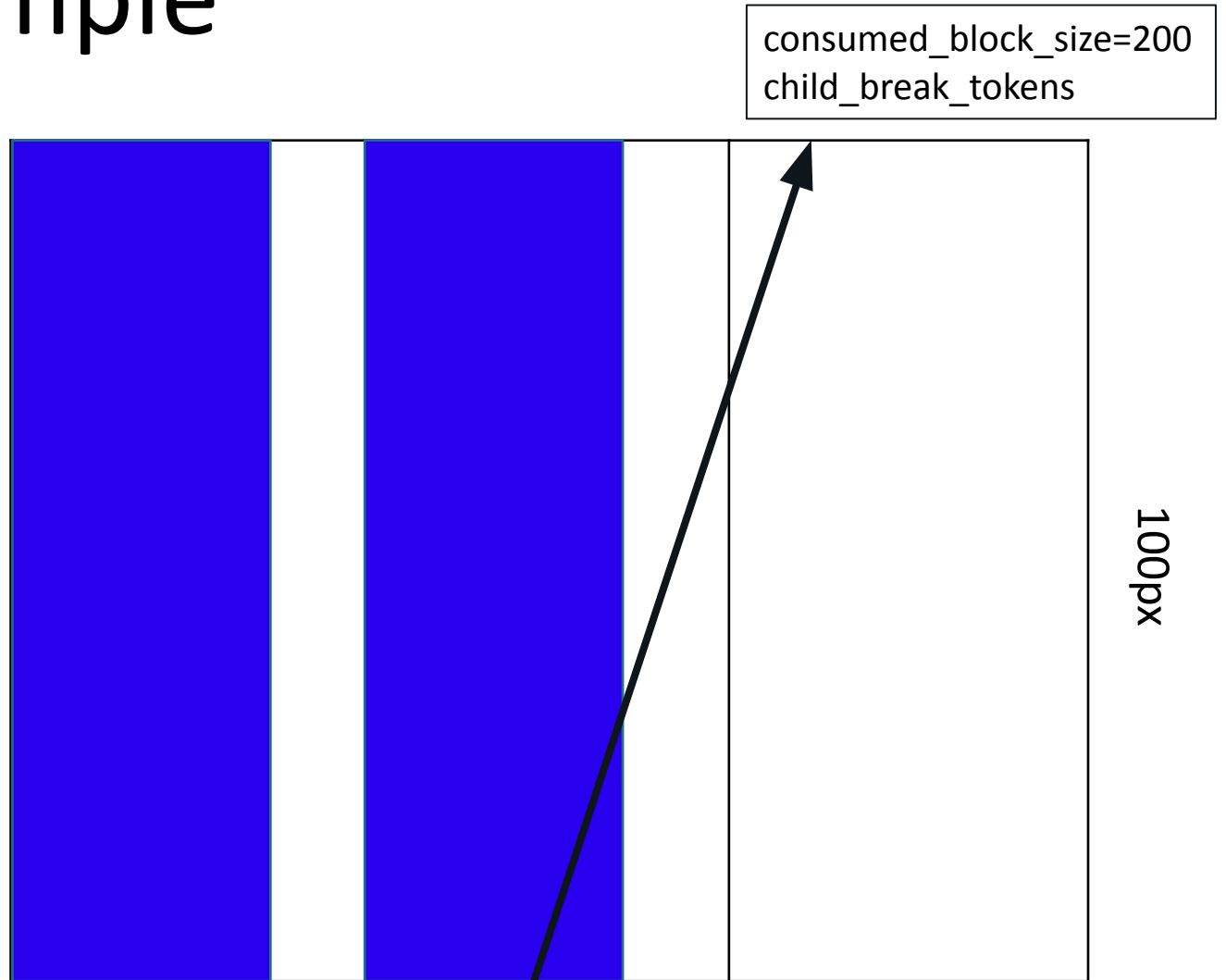
BreakToken

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child_break_tokens

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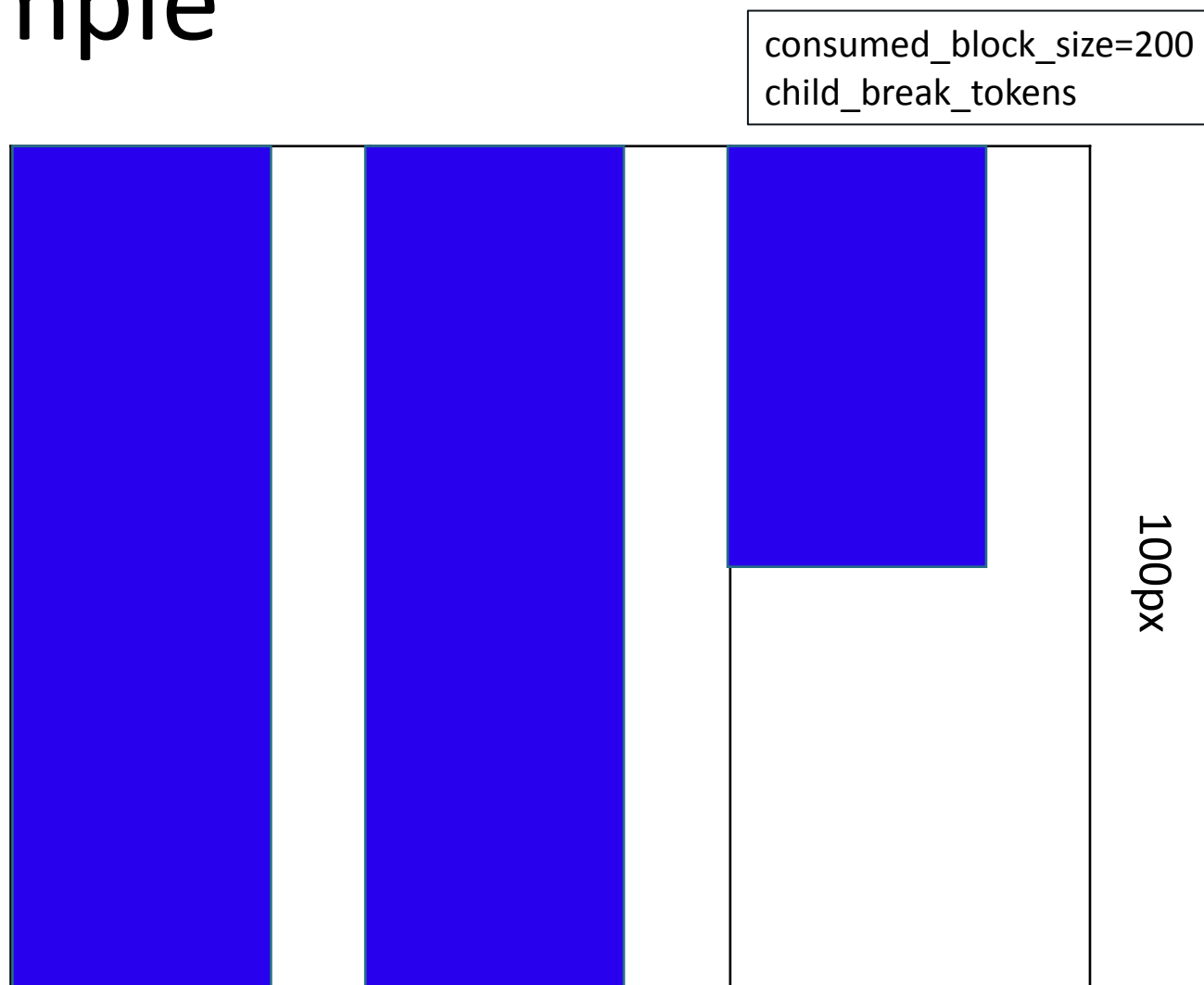
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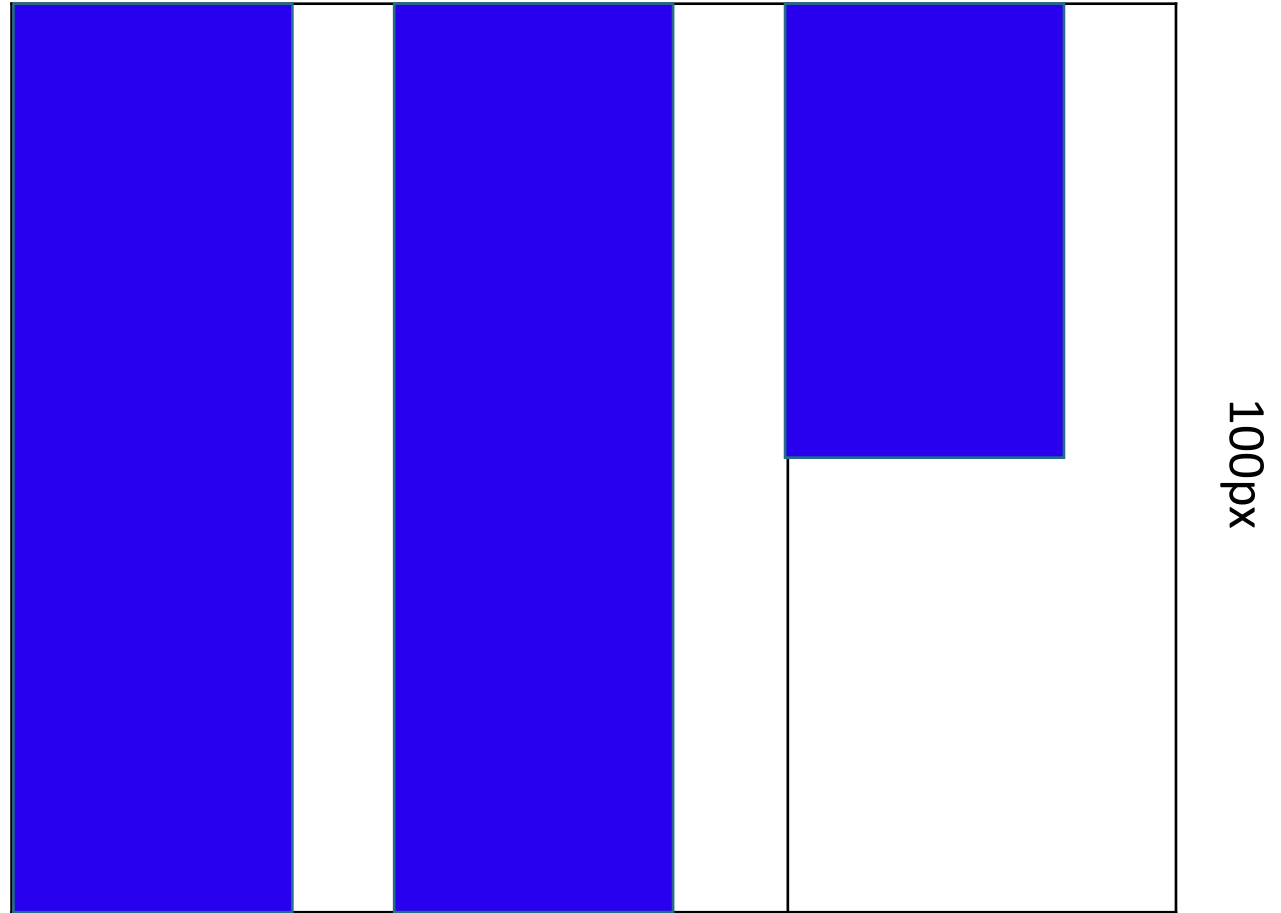
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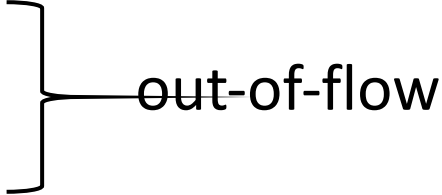


Out-of-flow Positioned Overview

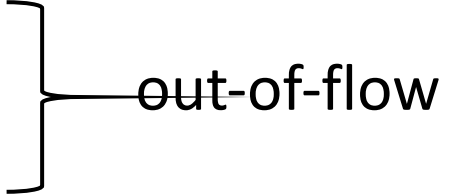
CSS position property

- static
- relative
- fixed
- absolute
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- 
- out-of-flow

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Out-of-flow Positioned in LayoutNG

Abspos Layout

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OutOfFlowPositionedNode

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OutOfFlowPositionedNode

- Block node
 - The out-of-flow node that we need to perform layout on
- Static position
 - The offset the out-of-flow node had it been in-flow



Out-of-flow Positioned Fragmentation

Issue #1

<div style="position: relative;">

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



<div>

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</div>

</div>

Issue #1

```
<div style="columns: 3;">
```

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```

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



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```
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```

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

Issue #2

- We are performing layout at a later point in time
- We need more information to position correctly
 - What is the containing block?
 - Where is the containing block located?

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

- Collecting extra info in OutOfFlowPositionedNode

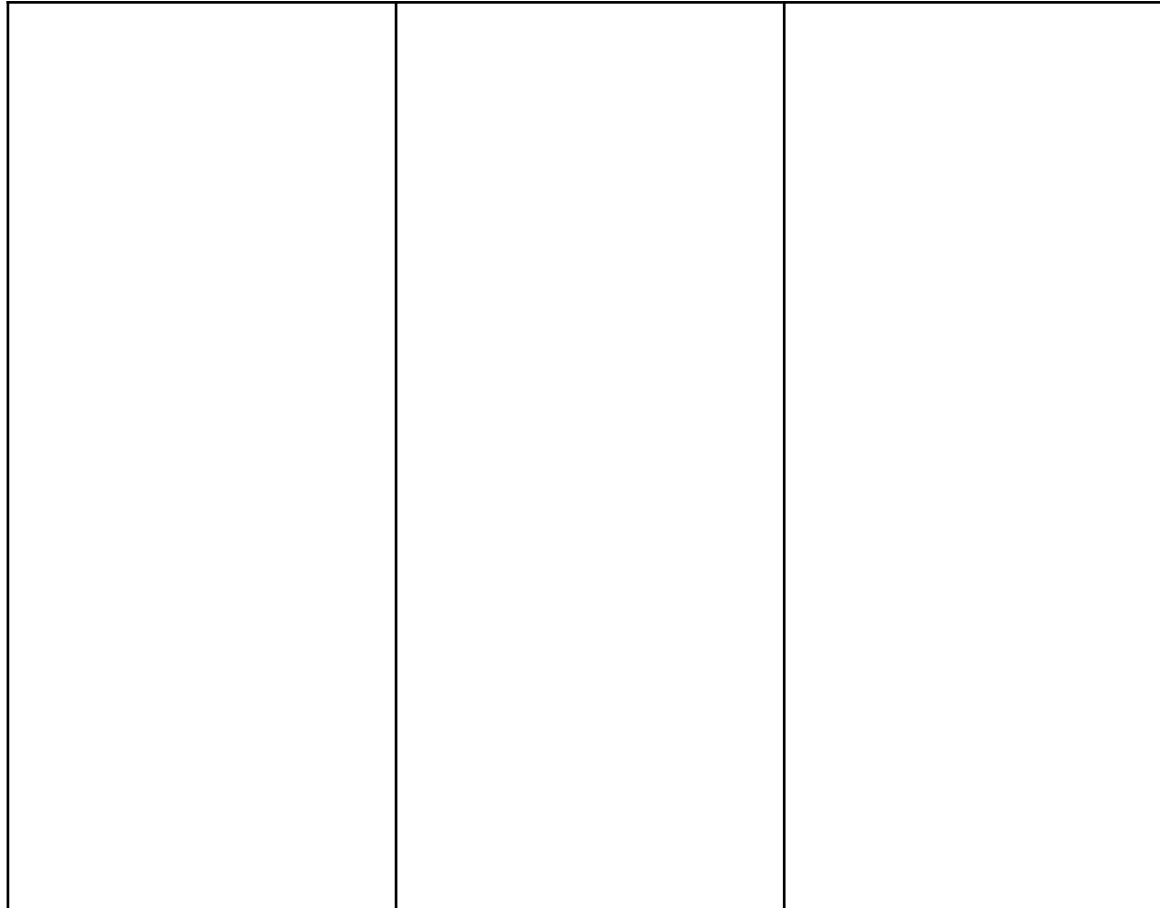
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OutOfFlowPositionedNode

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 - The out-of-flow node that we need to perform layout on
- Static position
 - The offset the out-of-flow node had it been in-flow
- Containing block physical fragment
 - Reference to the containing block we are positioned relative to
- Containing block offset
 - The offset from the first containing block fragment to the fragmentation context root (as if all fragmentainers were lined up in the block direction)

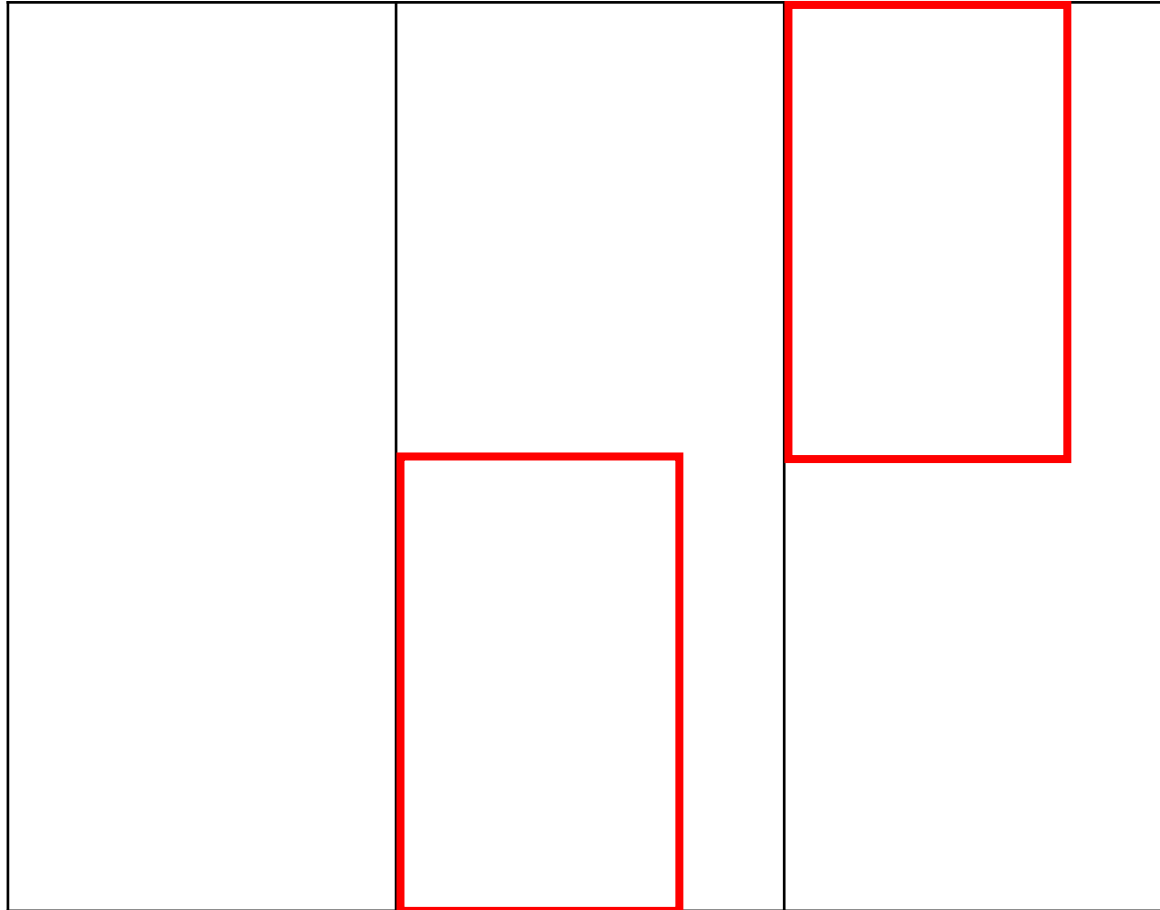
OutOfFlowPositionedNode



OutOfFlowPositionedNode

- Block Node
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- Containing block offset

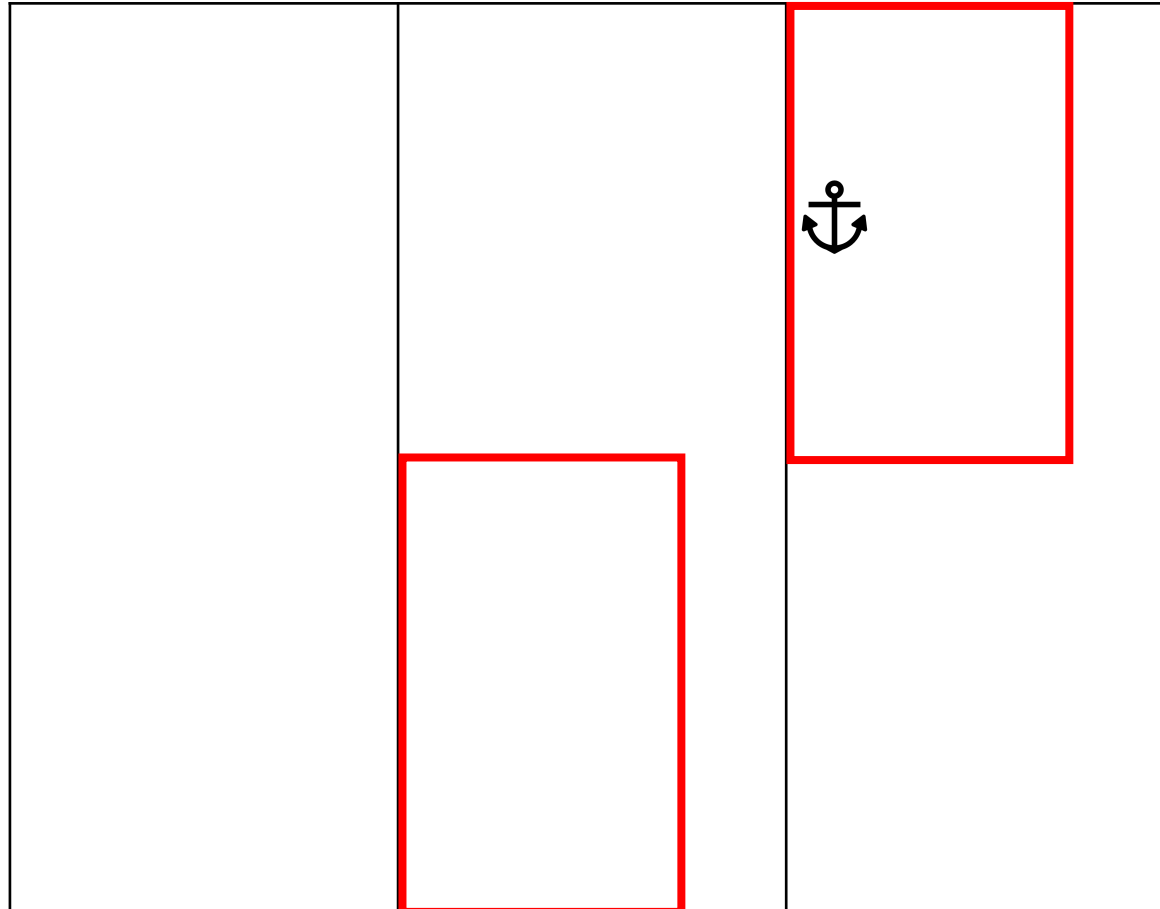
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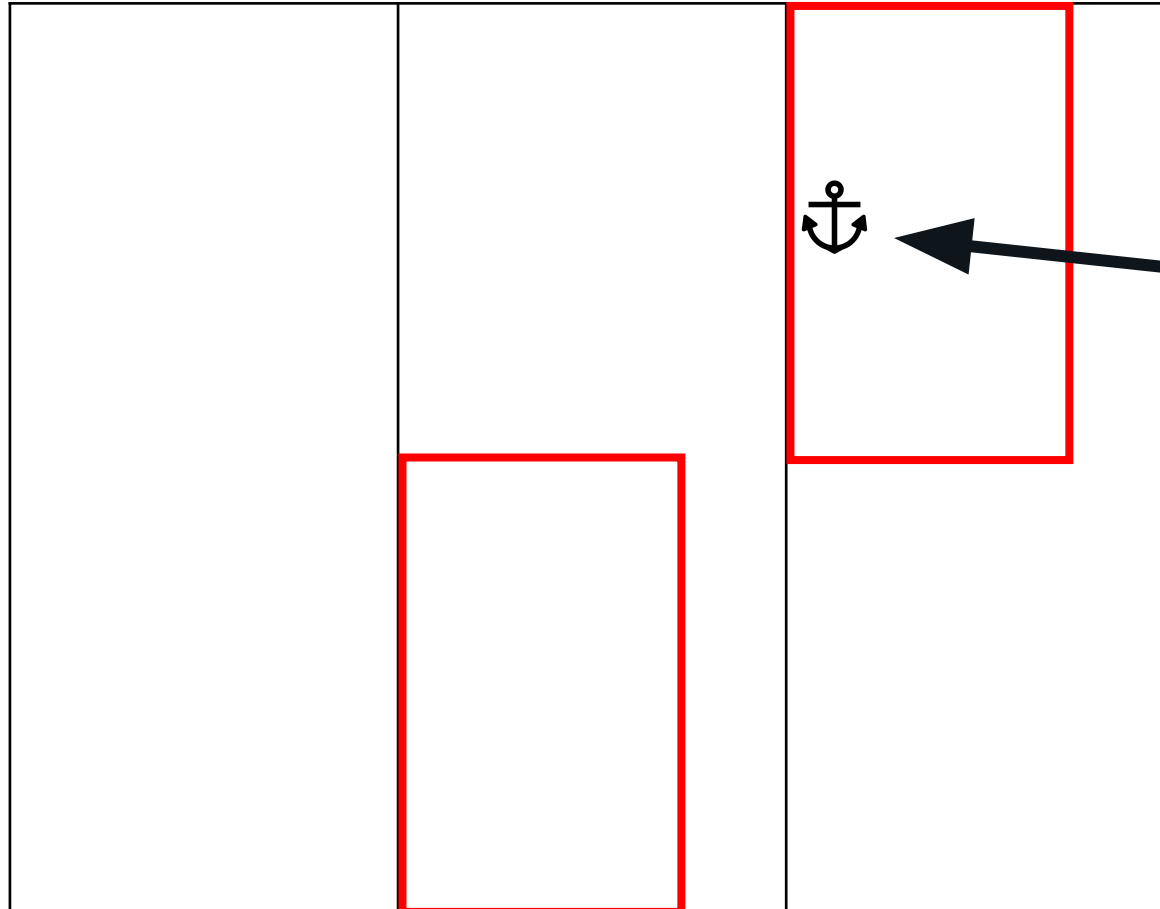
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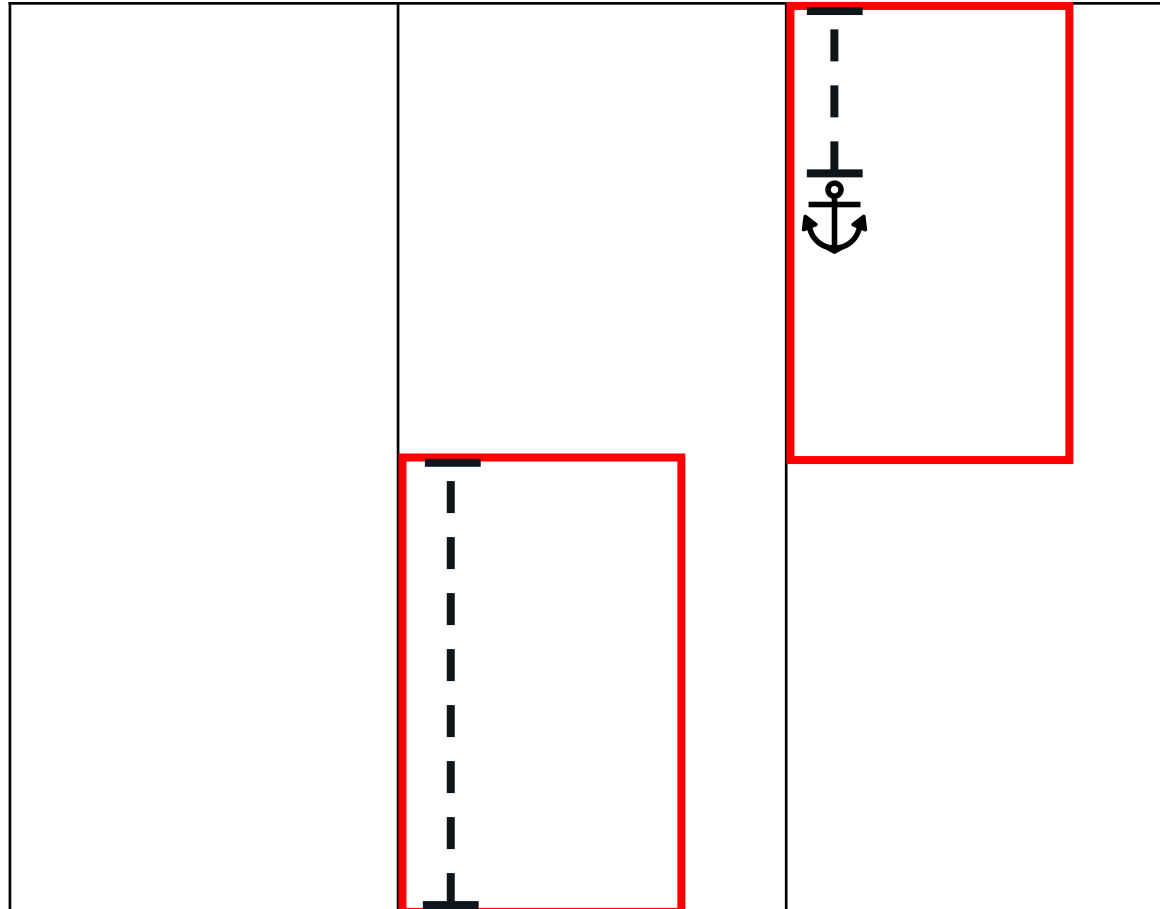
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OutOfFlowPositionedNode

- **Block Node**
- Static position
- Containing block physical fragment
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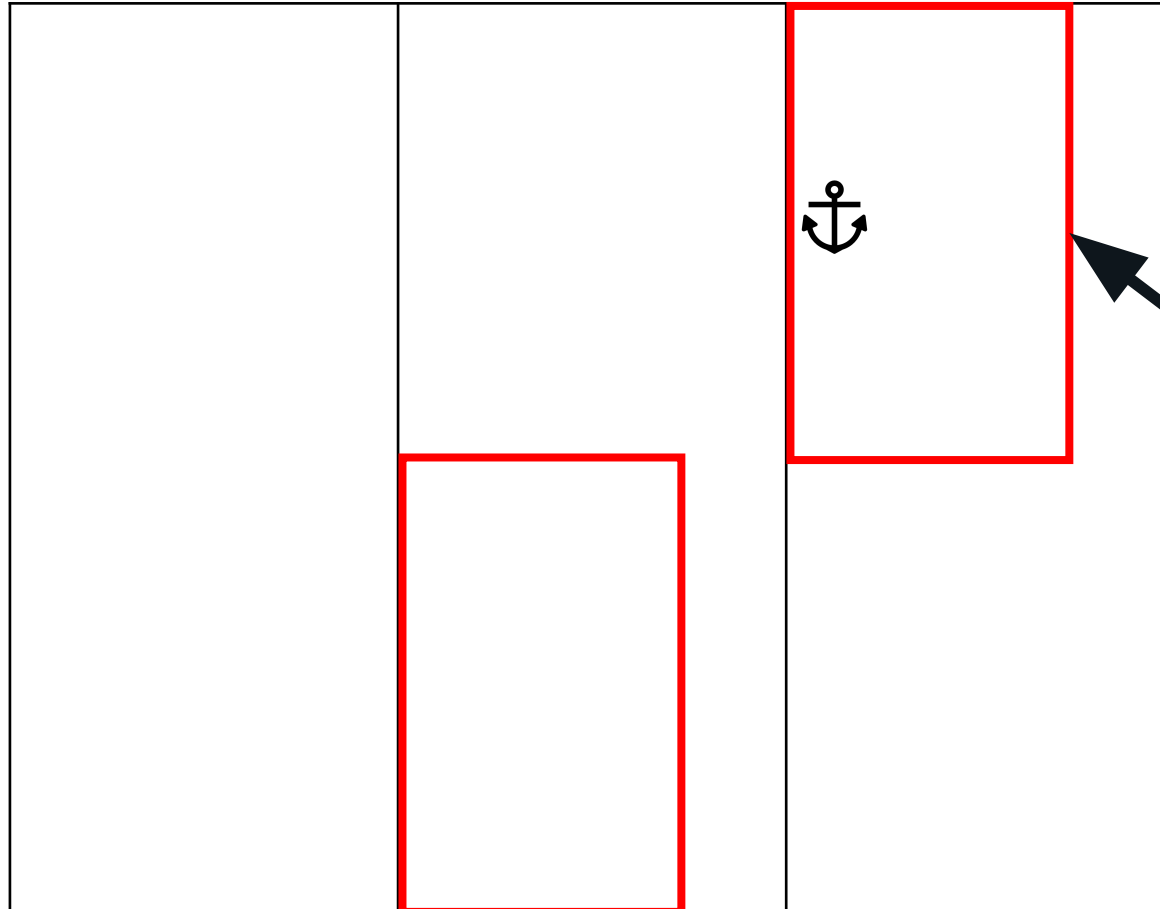
OutOfFlowPositionedNode



OutOfFlowPositionedNode

- Block Node
- **Static position**
- Containing block physical fragment
- Containing block offset

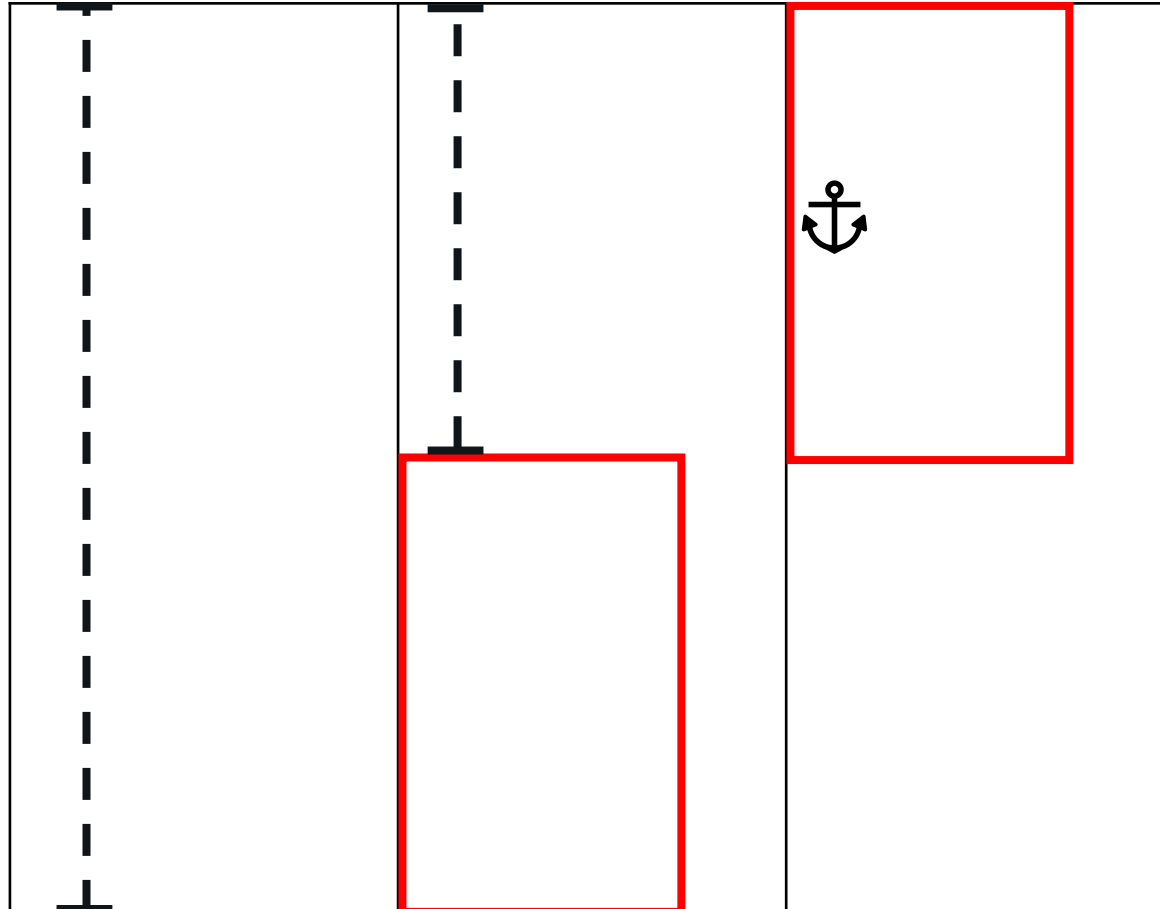
OutOfFlowPositionedNode



OutOfFlowPositionedNode

- Block Node
- Static position
- **Containing block physical fragment**
- Containing block offset

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



OutOfFlowPositionedNode

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- Containing block physical fragment
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Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

- Collecting extra info in OutOfFlowPositionedNode

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

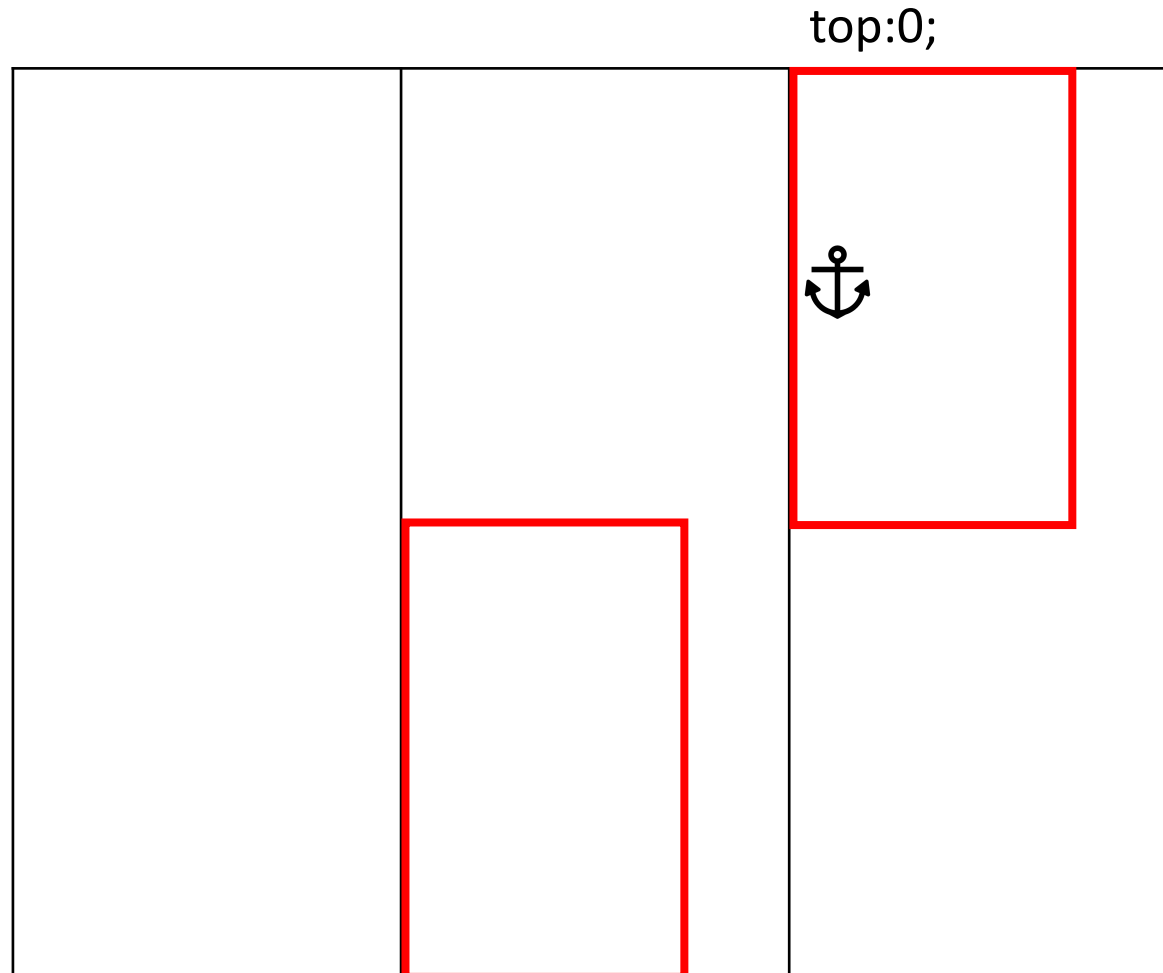
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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset

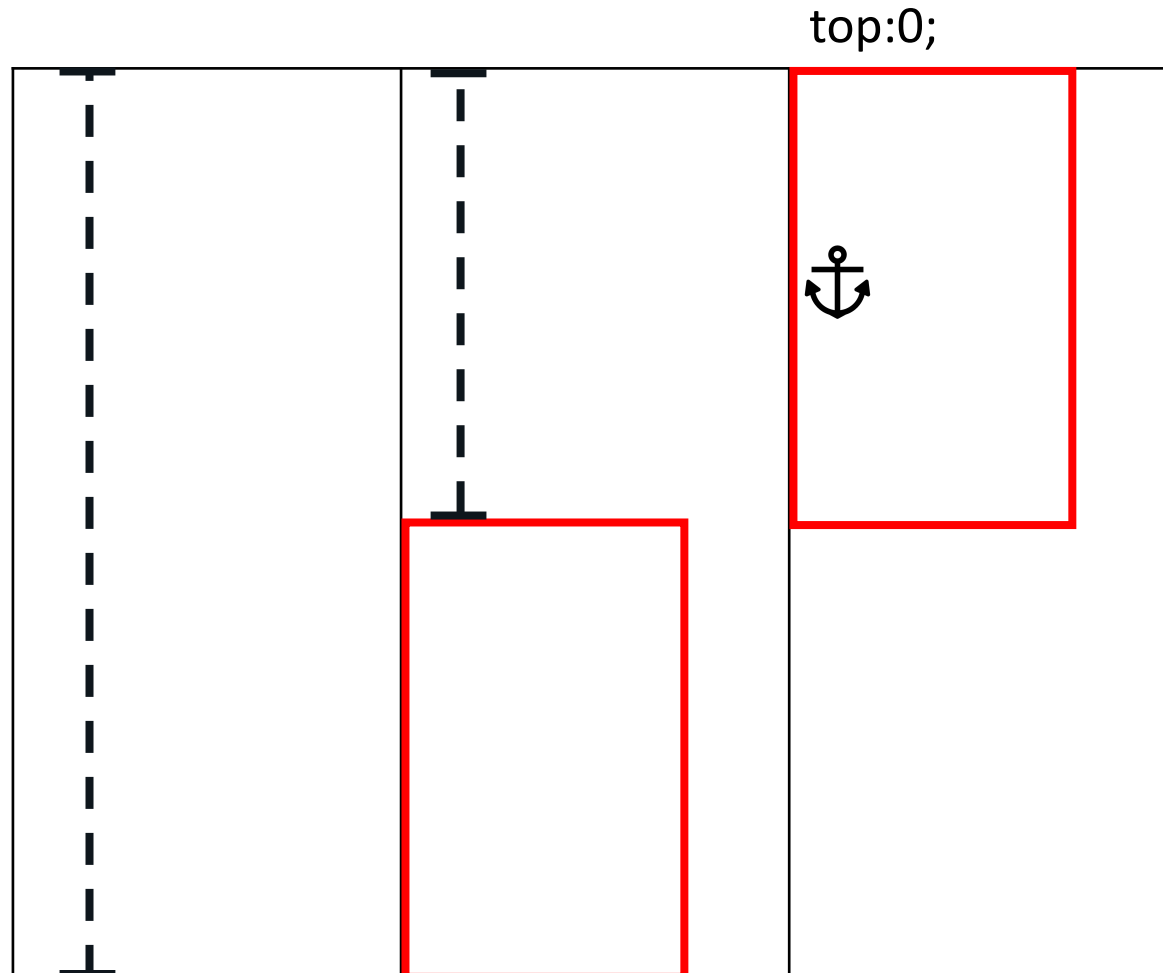
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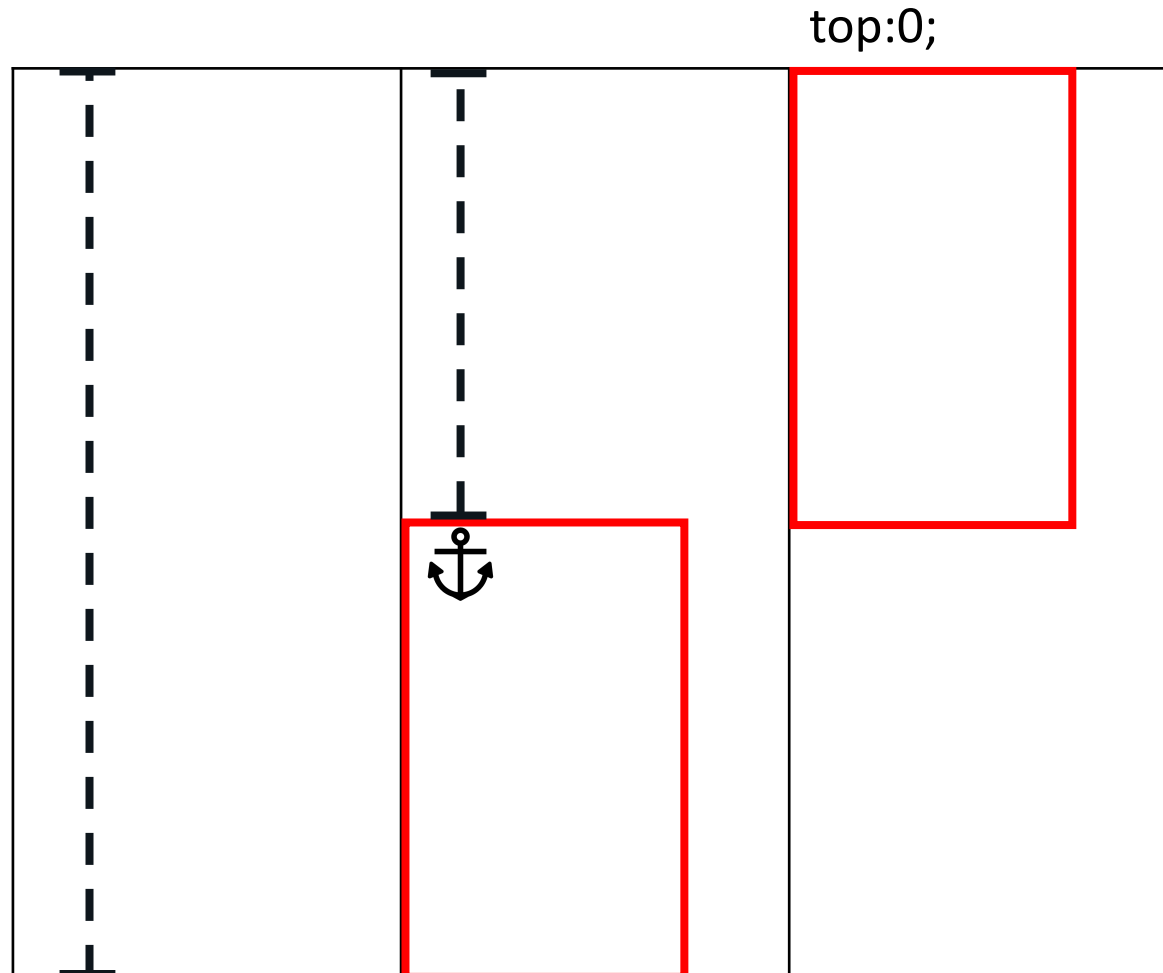
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Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

- Collecting extra info in OutOfFlowPositionedNode

Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset
- Fragmentainer to start layout

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

- Collecting extra info in OutOfFlowPositionedNode

Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset
- Fragmentainer to start layout
- Constraint space

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset
- Fragmentainer to start layout
- Constraint space
- Layout() -> LayoutResult

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset
- Fragmentainer to start layout
- Constraint space
- Layout() -> LayoutResult
- Handle break tokens

Handle Break Tokens

- If the LayoutResult produced BreakToken
 - Determine the next fragmentainer
 - Create a new ConstraintSpace
 - Perform Layout
 - Repeat until no BreakToken

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

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Step 3: Transplant the OOF fragments into fragmentainers

Issue #3

- We want to add the OOF fragments to fragmentainers
- Fragmentainers have already finished layout
- PhysicalFragments are immutable

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

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- Layout() -> LayoutResult
- Handle break tokens

Step 3: Transplant the OOF fragments into fragmentainers

- Clone fragmentainer

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 3: Transplant the OOF fragments into fragmentainers

- Clone fragmentainer
- Add OOF children

Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

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Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

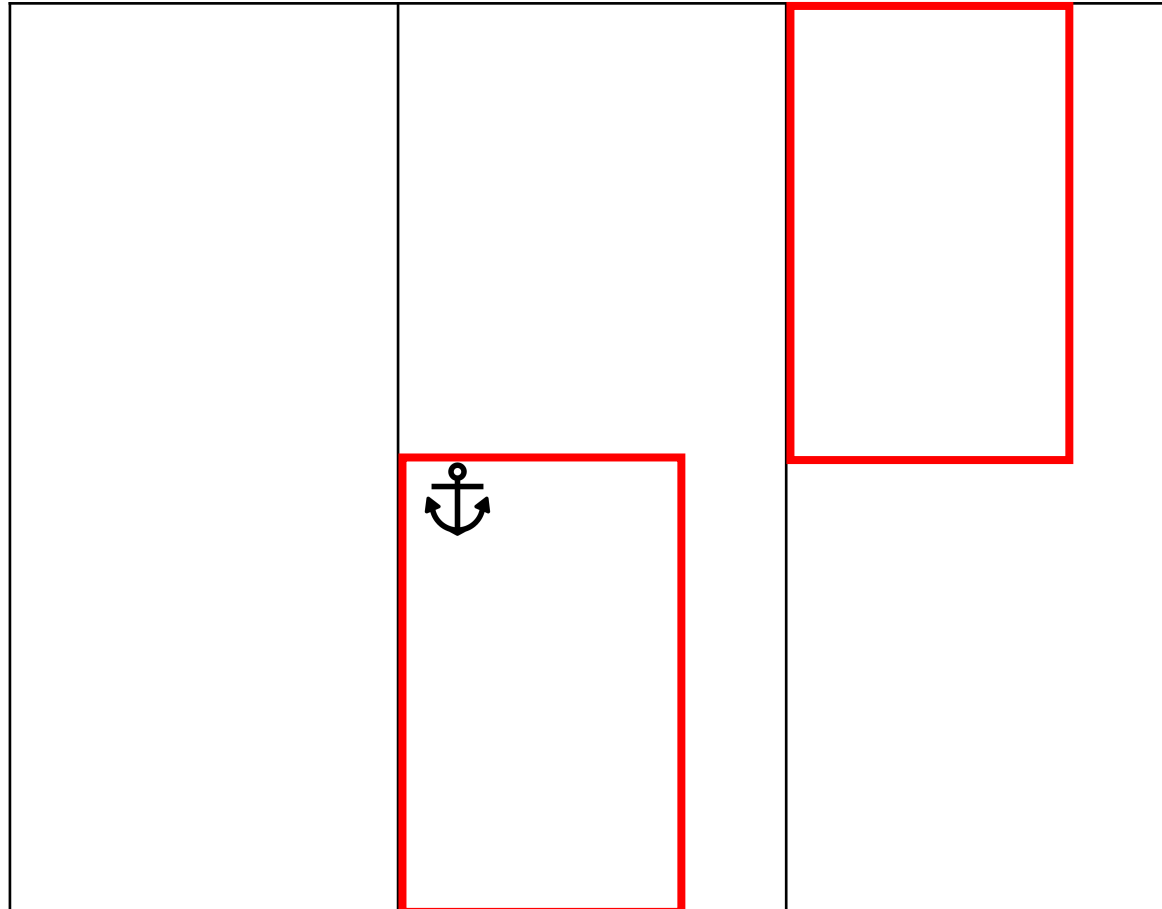
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Step 3: Transplant the OOF fragments into fragmentainers

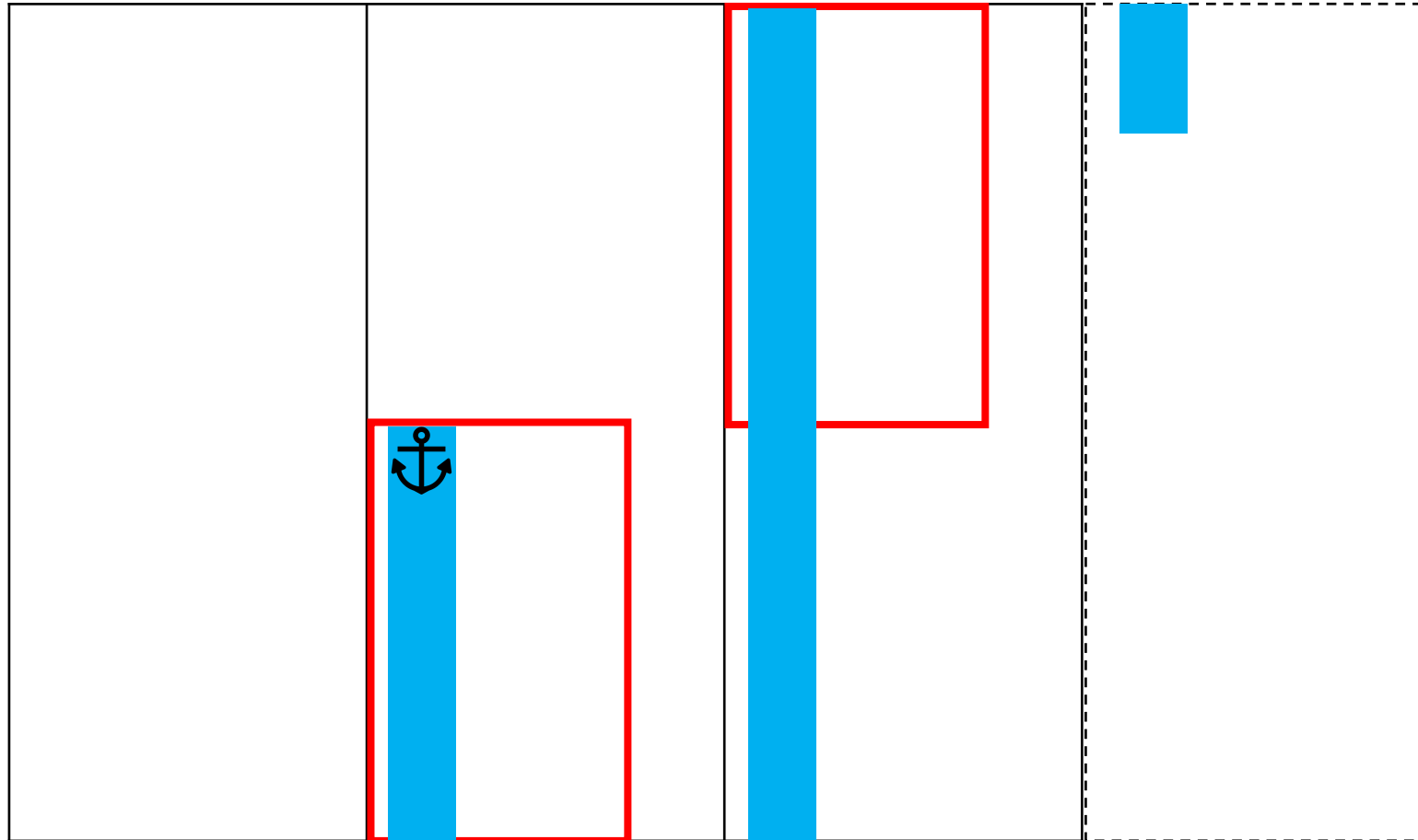
- Clone fragmentainer
- Add OOF children

Step 4: Add new fragmentainers

Add New Fragmentainers



Add New Fragmentainers



Out-of-flow Fragmentation algorithm

Step 1: Bubble nodes up to fragmentation context root

- Collecting extra info in OutOfFlowPositionedNode

Step 2: Layout the OOF positioned nodes

- Start offset
- Fragmentainer to start layout
- Constraint space
- Layout() -> LayoutResult
- Handle break tokens

Step 3: Transplant the OOF fragments into fragmentainers

- Clone fragmentainer
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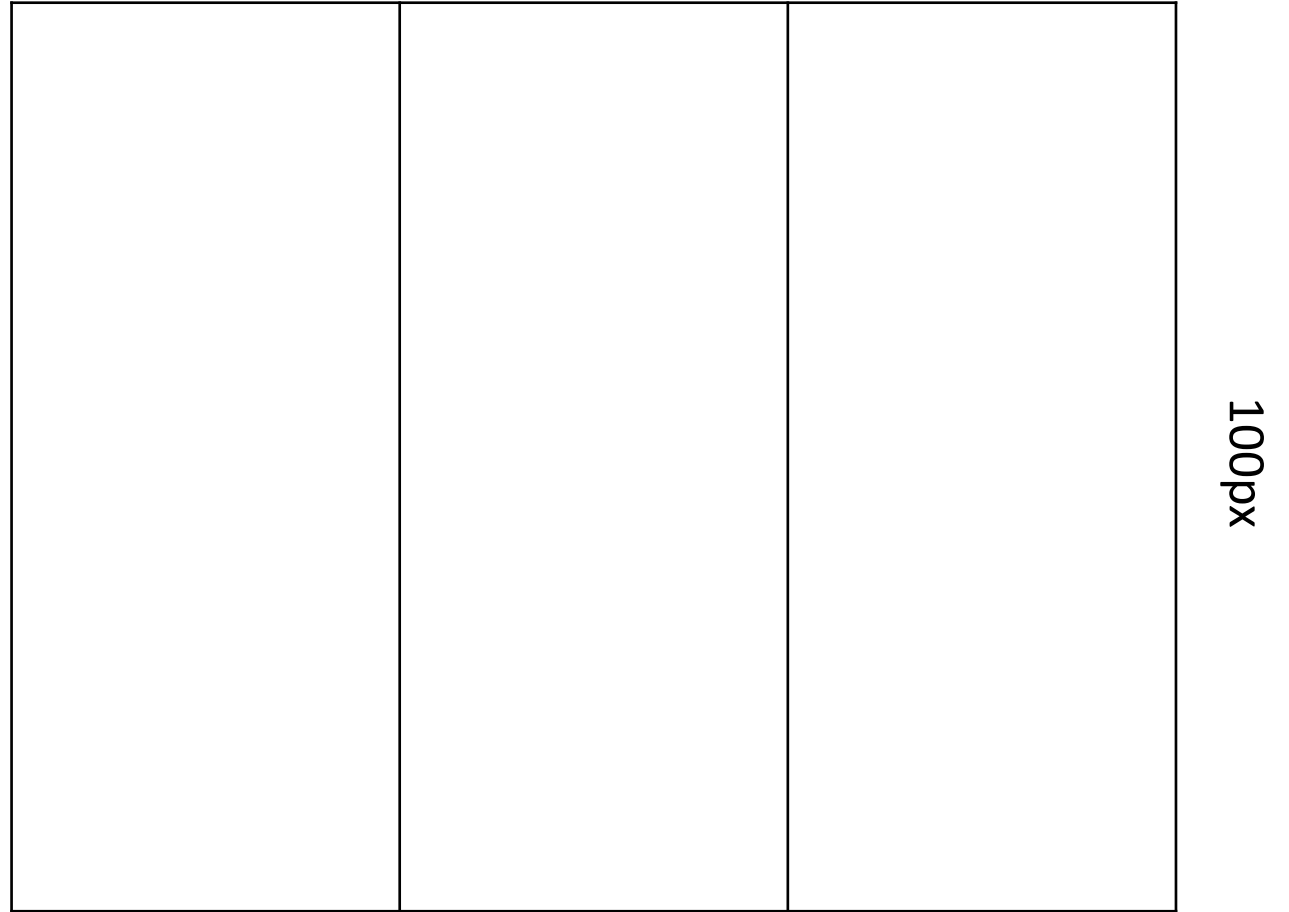


What's Next?

Example: height:auto; bottom:0;

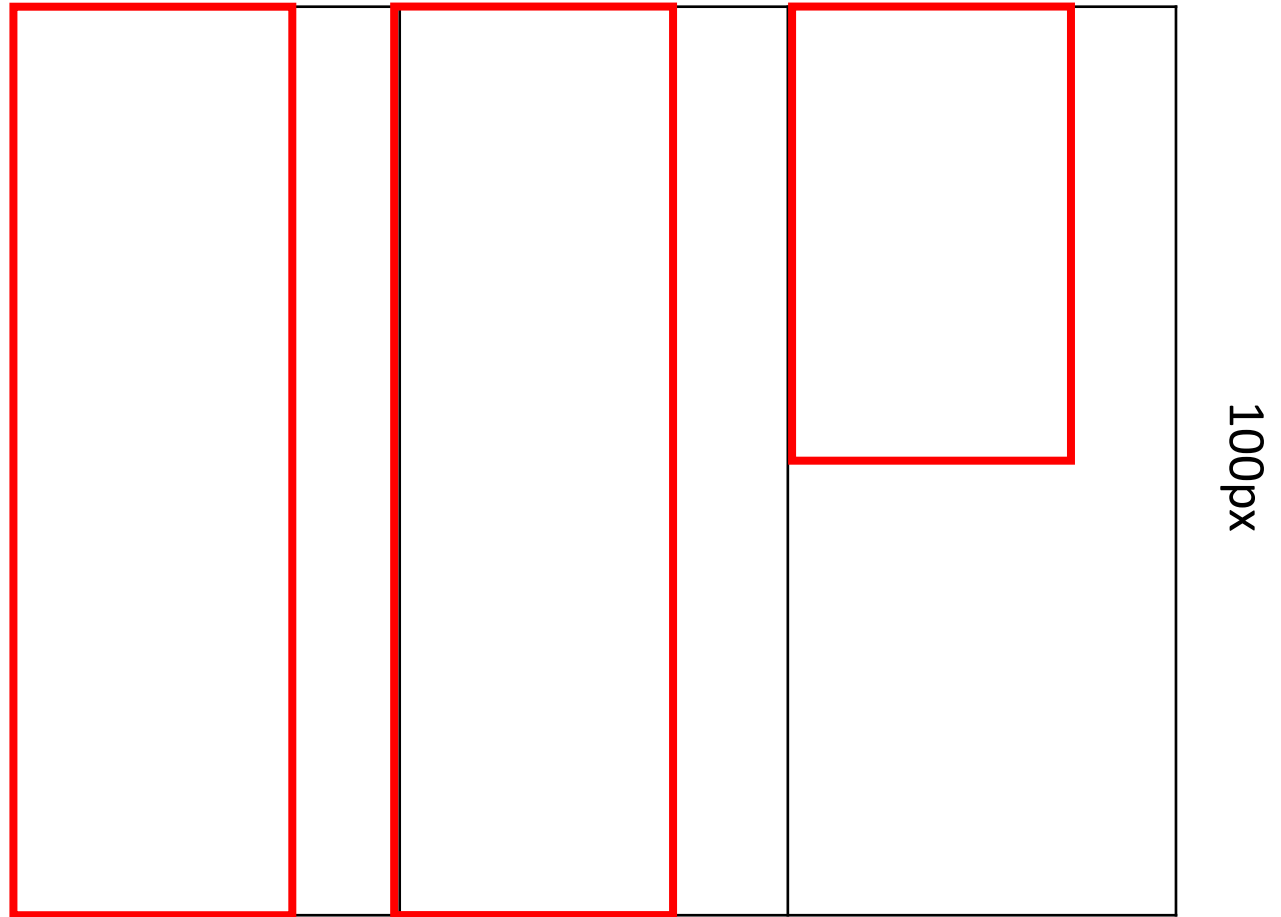
Example: height:auto; bottom:0;

```
.multicol {  
  column-count: 3;  
  height: 100px;  
}
```



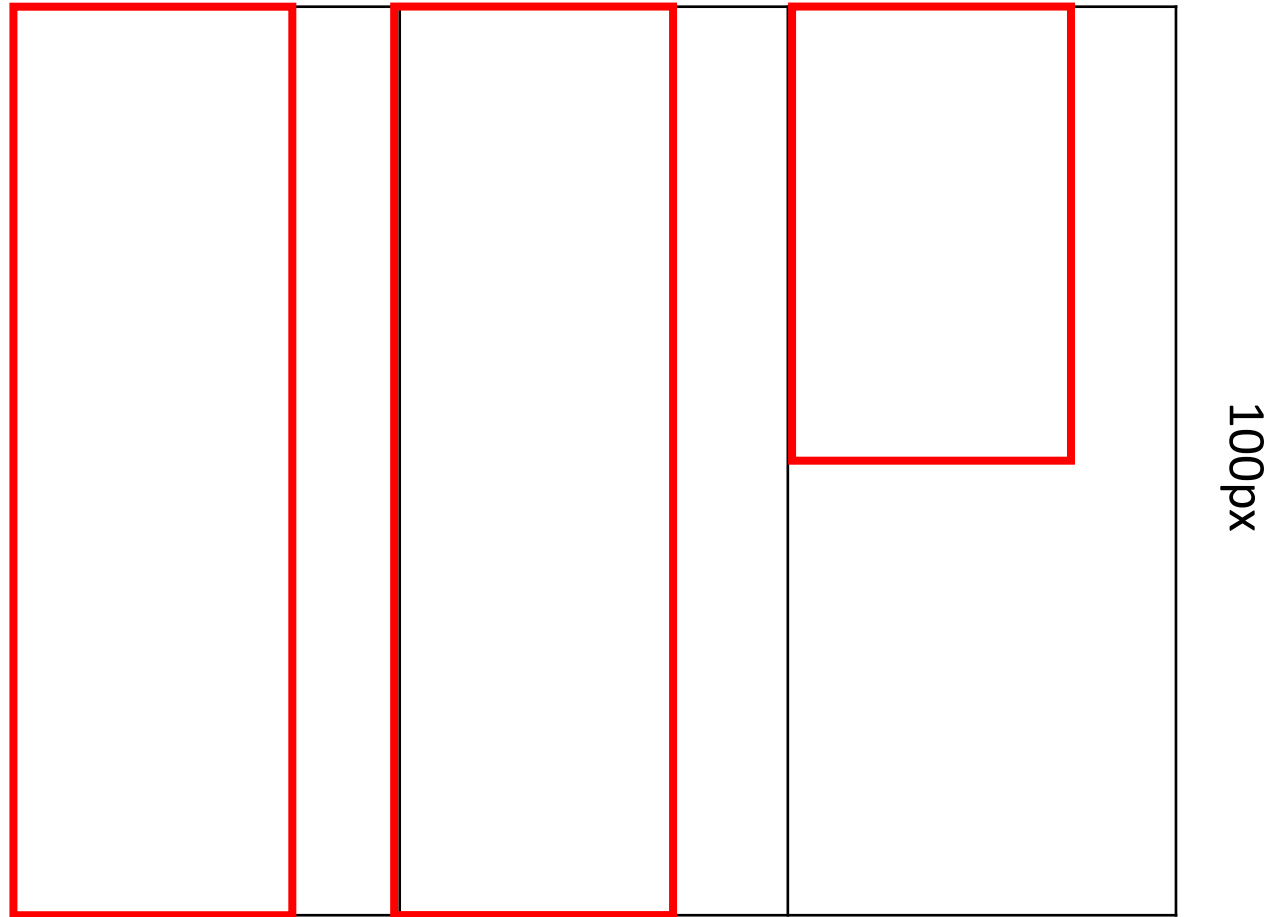
Example: height:auto; bottom:0;

```
.multicol {  
  column-count: 3;  
  height: 100px;  
}  
#rel {  
  position: relative;  
  height: 250px;  
  outline: solid red;  
}
```



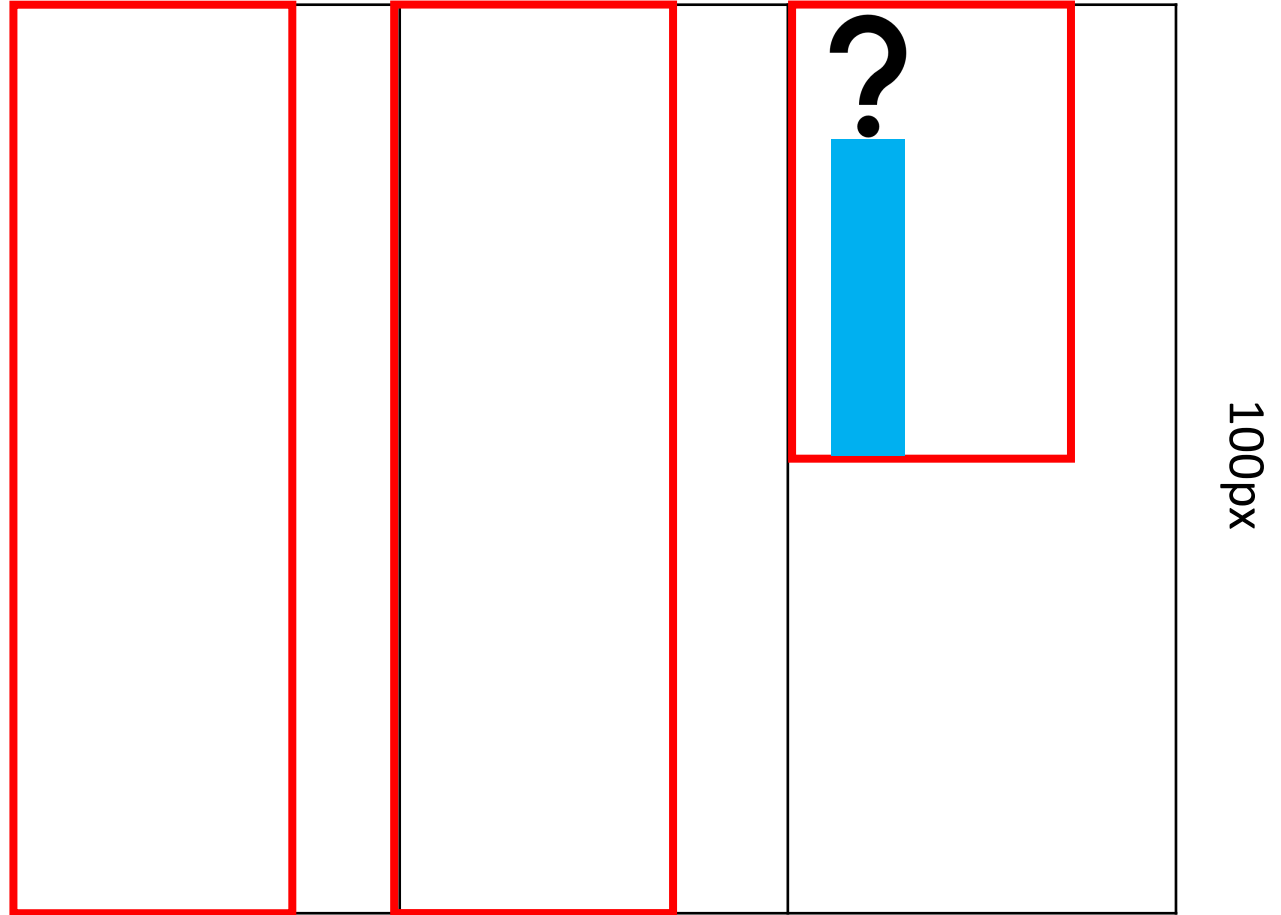
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  position: absolute;  
  height: auto;  
  bottom: 0;  
}
```



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Example: height:auto; bottom:0;

- Run an additional non-fragmenting layout pass
- This will give us the block size -> start offset
- Then we can perform layout

Nested Fragmentation

Nested Fragmentation

<div style="columns: 3;">

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



<div style="position: relative;">

<div>

<div style="position: absolute; bottom:0;"></div>

</div>

</div>

</div>


Nested Fragmentation

```
<div style="columns: 2;">  
  <div style="columns: 3;">  
    <div style="position: relative;">  
      <div>  
        <div style="position: absolute; bottom:0;"></div>  
      </div>  
    </div>  
  </div>  
</div>
```

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



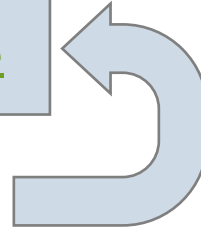
Nested Fragmentation

```
<div style="columns: 2;">  
  <div style="columns: 3;"> OutOfFlowPositionedNode   
    <div style="position: relative;">  
      <div>  
        <div style="position: absolute; bottom:0;"></div>  
      </div>  
    </div>  
  </div>  
</div>
```


Nested Fragmentation

```
<div style="columns: 2;">  
  <div style="columns: 3;">  
    <div style="position: relative;">  
      <div>  
        <div style="position: absolute; bottom:0;"></div>  
      </div>  
    </div>  
  </div>  
</div>
```

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



Nested Fragmentation

<div style="columns: 2;">

OutOfFlowPositionedNode



<div style="columns: 3;">

<div style="position: relative;">

<div>

<div style="position: absolute; bottom:0;"></div>

</div>

</div>

</div>

</div>

Nested Fragmentation

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