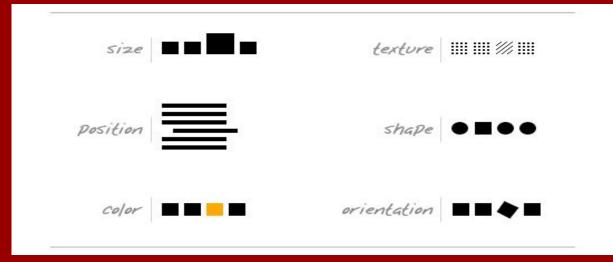
4 Graphic Design Principles

Contrast, Repetitiveness, Alignment, Proximity (CRAP)

1. Contrast

• **Contrast** draws the user's attention. Contrast may be achieved using color, size, visual weight, fonts, and more.

- Note: Too many contrasting elements can be distracting.
- o <u>Examples of contrast</u>



2. Repetition

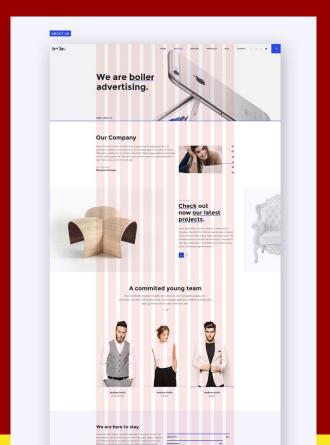
- **Repetition** helps to unite a document. Repetition may be achieved by repeating fonts, styles, colors, icons, and so forth.
 - Repeat aspects of the design throughout for unity.





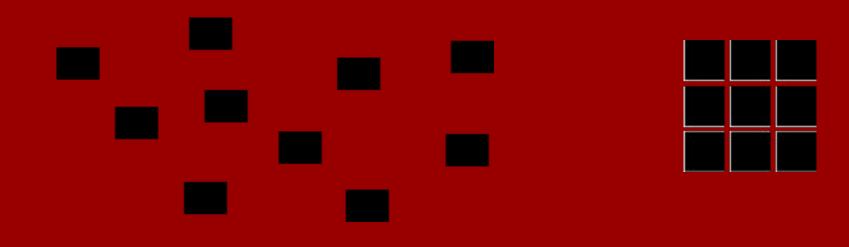
3. Alignment

- Alignment helps to organize information to make it easier to process. Alignment may be achieved using a grid system.
 - Nothing should be placed on the page arbitrarily.
 - Every item should have a visual connection with something else on the page.



4. Proximity

• **Proximity** helps to establish relationships between items. Items in close proximity appear related.



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