

CSS News June 2020

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Gaps for everyone

The gap properties

gap, row-gap, column-gap

```
.flex {  
  display: flex;  
  margin: 0 -10px;  
}
```

```
.flex > * {  
  flex: 1 1 auto;  
  margin: 0 10px;  
}
```

```
.flex {  
  display: flex;  
  gap: 20px;  
}
```

```
.flex > * {  
  flex: 1 1 auto;  
}
```

What happened to grid-gap?

Box alignment

The specification for alignment and space distribution across all layout methods.

The grid- properties are
maintained as aliases.

Can we detect Flexbox gap support with **Feature Queries**?

```
@supports (display: grid) {  
  .grid {  
    /* grid things here */  
  }  
}
```

```
@supports (gap: 20px) {  
  .flex {  
    /* matches due to support  
for gap in grid. */  
  }  
}
```

Aspect Ratios



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Creating Intrinsic Ratios for Video

by [Thierry Koblentz](#) · May 25, 2009

Published in [CSS](#), [HTML](#), [JavaScript](#), [Responsive Design](#)

The aspect-ratio property

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/aspect-ratio>

```
.grid {  
  display: grid;  
  gap: 20px;  
  grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fill, minmax(250px, 1fr));  
}
```

```
.grid > * {  
  aspect-ratio: 1 / 1;  
  transform: rotate(0.1turn);  
}
```

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Internal mapping

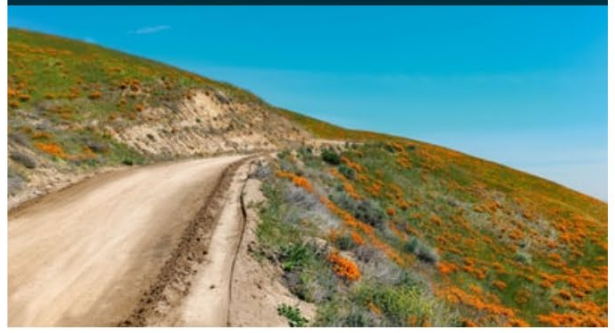
Modern browsers use the width & height attributes to internally map image aspect ratios to prevent loading shifts.

Masonry in CSS

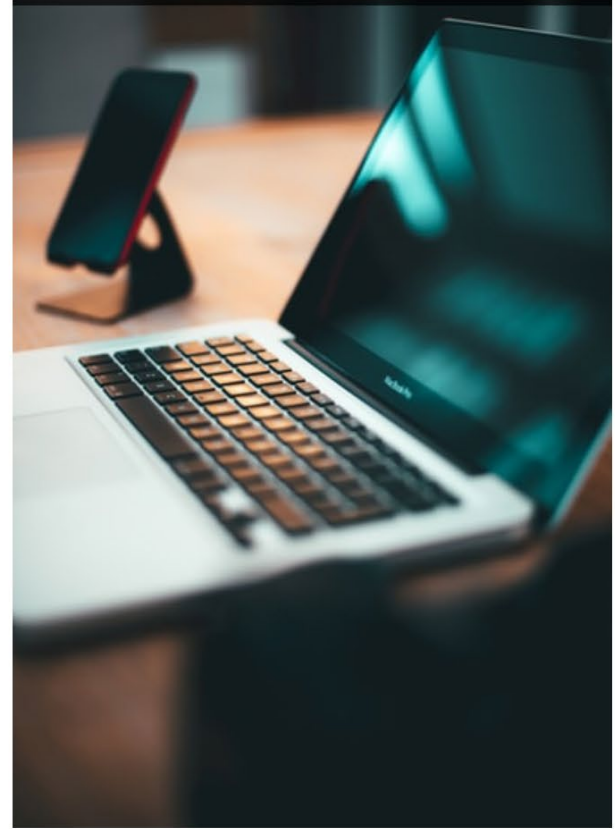
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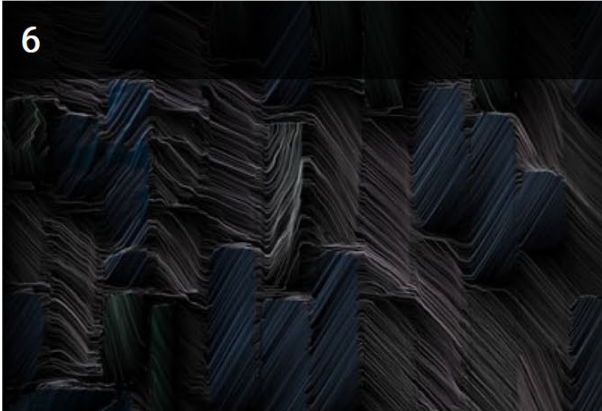
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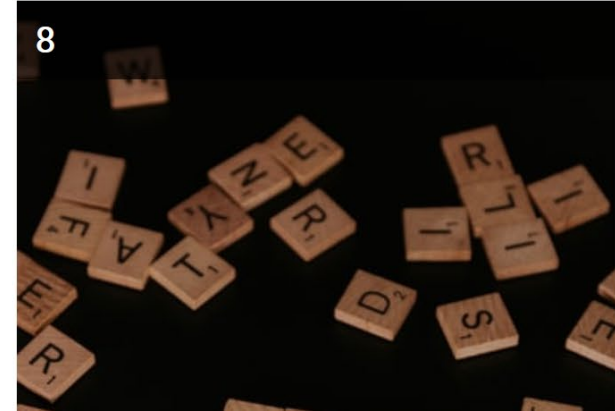
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```
.masonry {  
  display: grid;  
  gap: 20px;  
  grid: masonry / repeat(auto-fill, minmax(250px, 1fr));  
}
```

Does **masonry** belong in the CSS Grid Spec?

<https://rachelandrew.co.uk/archives/2020/05/05/does-masonry-belong-in-the-css-grid-specification/>

Subgrid

Subgrid examples

<https://gridbyexample.com/examples/#css-grid-level-2-examples>

... a team at Microsoft Edge are working on rearchitecting Chromium's Grid support to use the new LayoutNG engine - and as part of this are intending to add subgrid support!

<https://blog.chromium.org/2020/06/improving-chromiums-browser.html>

`prefers_reduced_data`

```
@media (prefers-reduced-data: no-preference) {  
  .hero {  
    /* download large image */  
  }  
}
```

User preference media features

Part of Media Queries Level 5

::marker

```
li:first-child {  
  background-color: rgb(74, 112, 122);  
  color: #fff;  
}  
  
li:first-child::marker {  
  color: black;  
}
```

- List item one
- List item two
- List item three

```
h1 {  
  display: list-item;  
}
```

```
h1::marker {  
  content: "🧠";  
}
```

Veggies!

Veggies es bonus vobis, proinde vos postulo essum magis kohlrabi welsh onion daikon amaranth tatsoi tomatillo melon azuki bean garlic. Gumbo beet greens corn soko endive gumbo gourd. Parsley shallot courgette tatsoi pea sprouts fava bean collard greens dandelion okra wakame tomato. Dandelion cucumber earthnut pea peanut soko zucchini. Turnip greens yarrow ricebean rutabaga endive cauliflower sea lettuce kohlrabi amaranth water spinach avocado daikon napa cabbage asparagus winter purslane kale. Celery potato scallion desert raisin horseradish spinach carrot soko. Lotus root water spinach fennel kombu maize bamboo shoot green bean swiss chard seakale pumpkin onion chickpea gram corn pea.

Anyone can contribute to specifications

You don't need to be an Invited Expert or representative.



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Have just spent a day with folk from @fronteers going through the Multicol spec line by line. I have so much work to do now! Reading a spec with people who don't normally look at the spec is incredibly useful, I hope it was as helpful to them as to me.

8:41 AM - 8 Feb 2019

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Everyone is allowed to contribute

You don't need permission, or to be qualified in some way.

Read and **comment** on specification issues

<https://github.com/w3c/csswg-drafts/issues>

[css-grid] Ability to target items in nth-row of autofilled, implicit grid #1943

Edit

New issue

Open rachelandrew opened this issue on 6 Nov 2017 · 14 comments



rachelandrew commented on 6 Nov 2017

Member + 😊 ⋮

I've had various people ask me the same question as raised here: [rachelandrew/cssgrid-ama#115](https://github.com/rachelandrew/cssgrid-ama#115)

The use case is as described in that issue. If the author creates the following grid:

```
nav {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fill, minmax(150px, 1fr));
}
```

They then want to style items on the second (or nth) row differently to the first, they don't have a way to target it. I've mocked it up using MQs. <https://codepen.io/rachelandrew/pen/yPJKeo?editors=1100>

It's really a selectors issue, would the table pseudo-class selectors (<https://drafts.csswg.org/selectors-4/#table-pseudos>) work on grid items, or is this another instance of needing to be able to target a row or column of the grid, with the added complication of wanting to target the children of that row or column?

At the moment to do so, they need to go back to taking more control over the grid, rather than using auto-fill, so that they know where each item sits and can use nth-child on the items, or use media queries which makes for less flexible components.

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Assignees



No one—assign yourself

Labels



css-grid-3

Projects



None yet

Milestone



No milestone

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Show use cases


As with any software development, real use cases are valuable.

Contribute **examples** and
diagrams to specifications

  rachelandrew added the **Agenda+ F2F** label on 27 Feb



css-meeting-bot commented on 28 Feb • edited by frivoal ▾

Member +  ...

The CSS Working Group just discussed `column-span`, and agreed to the following:

- RESOLVED: Clarify the spec using the notion that this is an out of flow that leaves a forced break behind
- ▶ The full IRC log of that discussion

Topic

Replies

Views

Activity

🚩 Welcome to WICG Discourse

Welcome! A decade ago, Web standards used to be created behind closed doors. Then they moved into the open, with public mailing list discussions and bug trackers. Then a growing number of specifications started moving ... [read more](#)



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Oct '18

🚩 How to get emails for everything in this forum

■ meta

Many of us may have become accustomed to mailing lists, and would like a similar workflow. To do this: Click on your avatar in the upper-right Click "Preferences" Scroll down to the "Email" section Check everything, inclu... [read more](#)



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Jun '14

More Math Functions?

■ CSS



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Writable file API

■ APIs



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[Proposal] Largest Contentful Paint

■ APIs



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Proposal: Periodic Background Sync

■ APIs



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Proposal: ::loading and ::loaded state

■ CSS



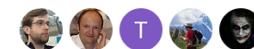
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Human Interface Device (HID) API

■ APIs



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[Proposal] Add [csswg-25519](#) and [csswg-449](#) to the web cryptography api

WICG Discourse

<https://discourse.wicg.io/>

It will probably take longer
than you think for changes
to be made!

Patience is required for web platform contributions.

Raise browser bugs

Fix bugs, or request that features are implemented.

Learn to create a Reduced Test Case

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Issue 618969: [css-grid] Implement subgrid support

Reported by [r...@igalia.com](#) on Fri, Jun 10, 2016, 12:24 PM GMT+2

Project Member

Code

- Owner: ----
- CC: [jfernan...@igalia.com](#)
[r...@igalia.com](#)
[svil...@igalia.com](#)
- Status: Available (Open)
- Components: [Blink>Layout>Grid](#)
- Modified: 11 days ago
- Editors: ----
- EstimatedDays: ----
- NextAction: ----
- Notes: ----
- OKR_link: ----
- OS: [All](#)
- Pri: [3](#)
- Type: [Feature](#)
- Hotlist-Recharge-Cold
- Blocking: [Issue 79180](#)
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[hotlist](#)
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There's a new reduced subgrid proposal that we could try to implement at some point.

The spec section: <https://drafts.csswg.org/css-grid/#subgrids>

Just reporting the bug to keep track of it and use it as meta-bug during the implementation.

[Comment 1](#) by [m...@mko.io](#) on Sun, Jun 12, 2016, 10:56 AM GMT+2

This makes grid really useful!

[Comment 2](#) by [sheriffbot@chromium.org](#) on Mon, Jun 12, 2017, 5:05 PM GMT+2

Project Member

Status: Untriaged (was: Available)

Labels: Hotlist-Recharge-Cold

This issue has been Available for over a year. If it's no longer important or seems unlikely to be fixed, please consider closing it out. If it is important, please re-triage the issue.

Sorry for the inconvenience if the bug really should have been left as Available. If you change it back, also remove the "Hotlist-Recharge-Cold" label.

For more details visit <https://www.chromium.org/issue-tracking/autotriage> - Your friendly Sheriffbot

[Comment 3](#) by [e...@chromium.org](#) on Mon, Jun 12, 2017, 7:55 PM GMT+2

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Status: Available (was: Untriaged)

Labels: -Type-Bug Type-Feature

[Comment 4](#) by [svil...@gmail.com](#) on Fri, Jun 23, 2017, 5:39 PM GMT+2

It's just simply delayed. Subgrids were moved to Level 2 of the specs, so they are not a priority at all ATM. But it'll be eventually implemented.

[Comment 5](#) by [sheriffbot@chromium.org](#) on Mon, Jun 25, 2018, 6:04 PM GMT+2

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Sorry for the inconvenience if the bug really should have been left as Available.

Test and offer feedback on features behind flags.

This is the **best time** to make changes to a spec.

Incomplete List of Mistakes in the Design of CSS

That should be corrected if anyone invents a time machine. :P

- `white-space: nowrap` should be `white-space: no-wrap`
 - and line wrapping behavior should not have been added to `white-space`
- `vertical-align` should not apply to table cells. Instead the CSS3 alignment properties should exist in Level 1.
- `vertical-align: middle` should be `text-middle` or `x-middle` because it's not really in the middle, and such a name would better describes what it does.
- Percentage heights should be calculated against `fill-available` rather than being undefined in auto situations.
- Table layout should be sane.
- Box-sizing should be `border-box` by default.
- `background-size` with one value should duplicate its value, not default the second one to `auto`. Ditto `translate()`.
- `background-position` and `border-spacing` (all 2-axis properties) should take **vertical** first, to match with the 4-direction properties like `margin`.
- The 4-value shorthands like `margin` should go counter-clockwise (so that the inline-start value is before the block-start value).
- `z-index` should be called `z-order` or `depth` and should Just Work on all elements (like it does on flex items).
- `word-wrap/overflow-wrap` should not exist. Instead, `overflow-wrap` should be a keyword on 'white-space', like `nowrap` (`no-wrap`).
- The top and bottom margins of a single box should never have been allowed to collapse together automatically as this is the **root of all margin-collapsing evil**.
- Partial collapsing of margins instead of weird rules to handle min/max-heights?
- Tables (like other non-blocks, e.g. flex containers) should form pseudo-stacking contexts.
- The `currentcolor` keyword should have a dash, `current-color`. Likewise all other color multi-word keyword names.
- There should have been a predictable color naming system instead of arbitrary X11 names.
- `border-radius` should have been `corner-radius`.
- Absolutely-positioned replaced elements should stretch when opposite offset properties (e.g. `left+right`) are set, instead of being start-aligned.
- The `hyphens` property should be called `hyphenate`. (It's called `hyphens` because the XSL:FO people objected to `hyphenate`.)
- `rgba()` and `hsla()` should not exist, `rgb()` and `hsl()` should have gotten an optional fourth parameter instead (and the alpha value should have used the same format as R, G, and B or S and L).

Web Platform Tests

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web-platform-tests documentation

The web-platform-tests project is a W3C-coordinated attempt to build a cross-browser test suite for [the Web-platform stack](#). Writing tests in a way that allows them to be run in all browsers gives browser projects confidence that they are shipping software which is compatible with other implementations, and that later implementations will be compatible with their implementations. This in turn gives Web authors/developers confidence that they can actually rely on the Web platform to deliver on the promise of working across browsers and devices without needing extra layers of abstraction to paper over the gaps left by specification editors and implementors.

The most important sources of information and activity are:

- github.com/web-platform-tests/wpt: the canonical location of the project's source code revision history and the discussion forum for changes to the code
- web-platform-tests.org: the documentation website; details how to set up the project, how to write tests, how to give and receive peer review, how to serve as an administrator, and more
- web-platform-tests.live: a public deployment of the test suite, allowing anyone to run the tests by visiting from an Internet-enabled browser of their choice
- wpt.fyi: an archive of test results collected from an array of web browsers on a regular basis
- [Real-time chat room](#): the [IRC](#) chat room named `#testing` on irc.w3.org; includes participants located around the world, but busiest during the European working day; [all discussion is archived here](#)
- [Mailing list](#): a public and low-traffic discussion list

If you'd like clarification about anything, don't hesitate to ask in the chat room or on the mailing list.

Watch a Talk

If you prefer watching a video, here is a talk introducing web-platform-tests:

Many people who work on
CSS started by **writing tests.**

Comment on spec issues, raise new
issues, contribute examples, raise
browser bugs, write tests.

Thank you!