Building Intelligent Layouts with CSS Grid

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“Intrinsic Web Design”

Jen Simmons


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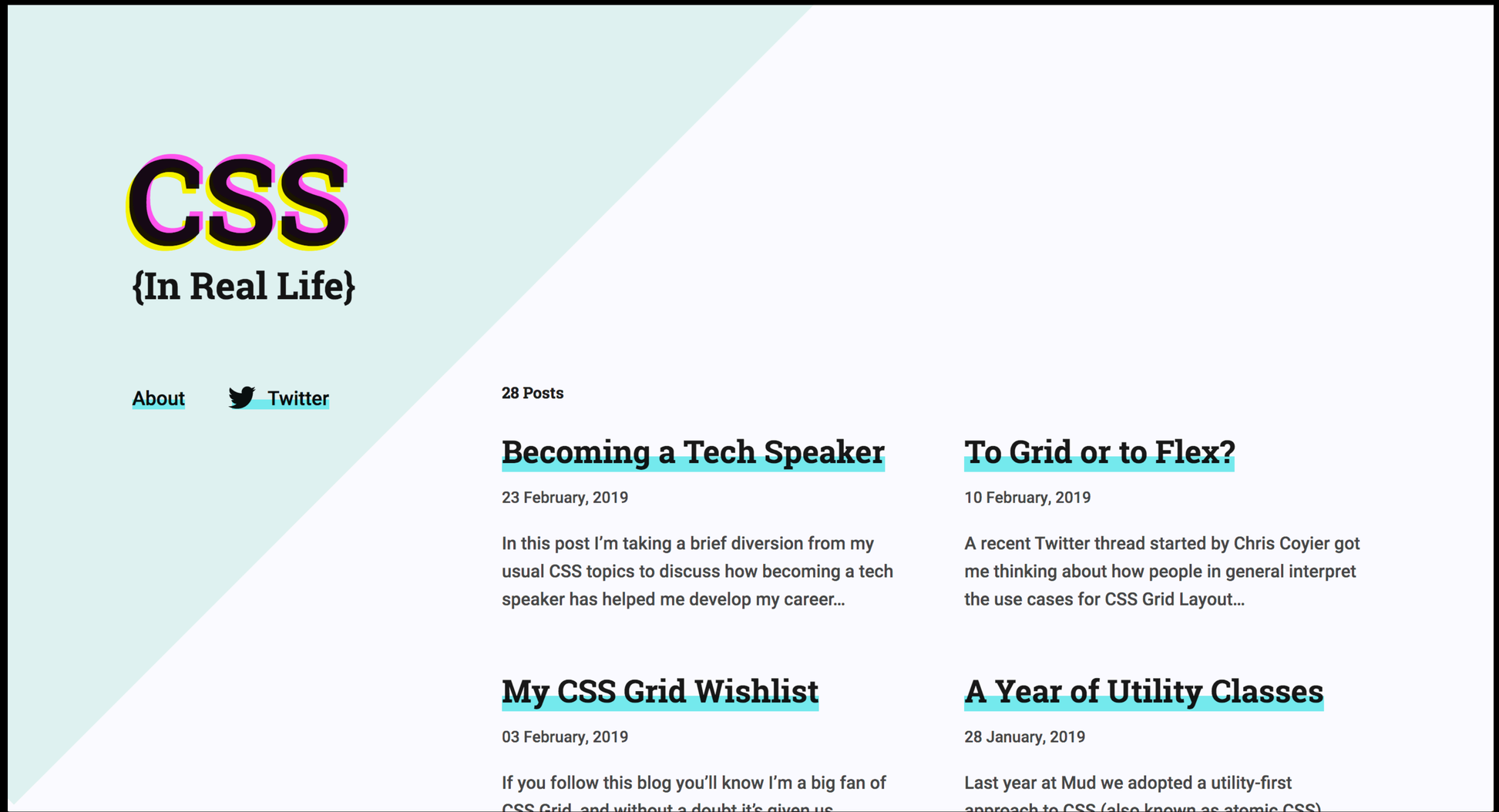
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In this post I'm taking a brief diversion from my usual CSS topics to discuss how becoming a tech speaker has helped me develop my career...
To Grid or to Flex?
10 February, 2019
A recent Twitter thread started by Chris Coyier got me thinking about how people in general interpret the use cases for CSS Grid Layout...
My CSS Grid Wishlist
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If you follow this blog you'll know I'm a big fan of
A Year of Utility Classes
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Last year at Mud we adopted a utility-first

Why do we need Grid?

2D layout

“Flexbox is great for taking a bunch of oddly-sized things and returning the most reasonable layout for those things”

Rachel Andrew

Why do we need Grid?

Simpler HTML and CSS

Why do we need Grid?

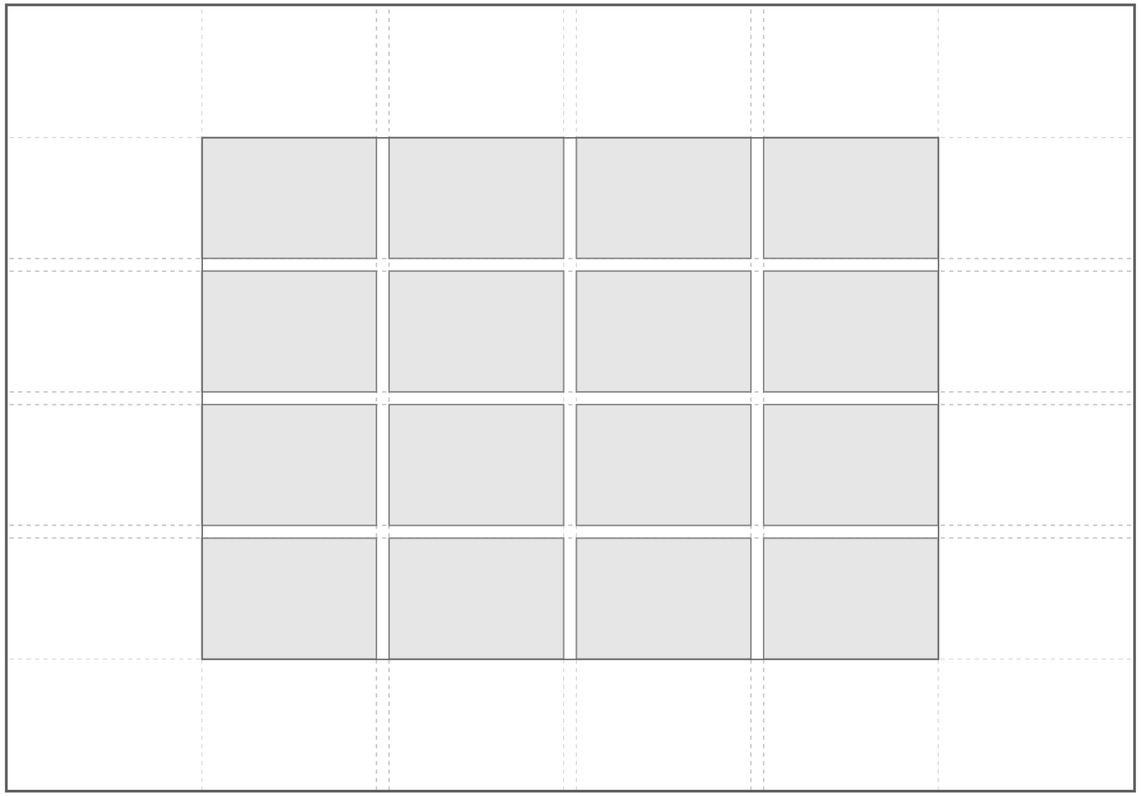
Complete control

Grid terminology

Grid terminology

Grid

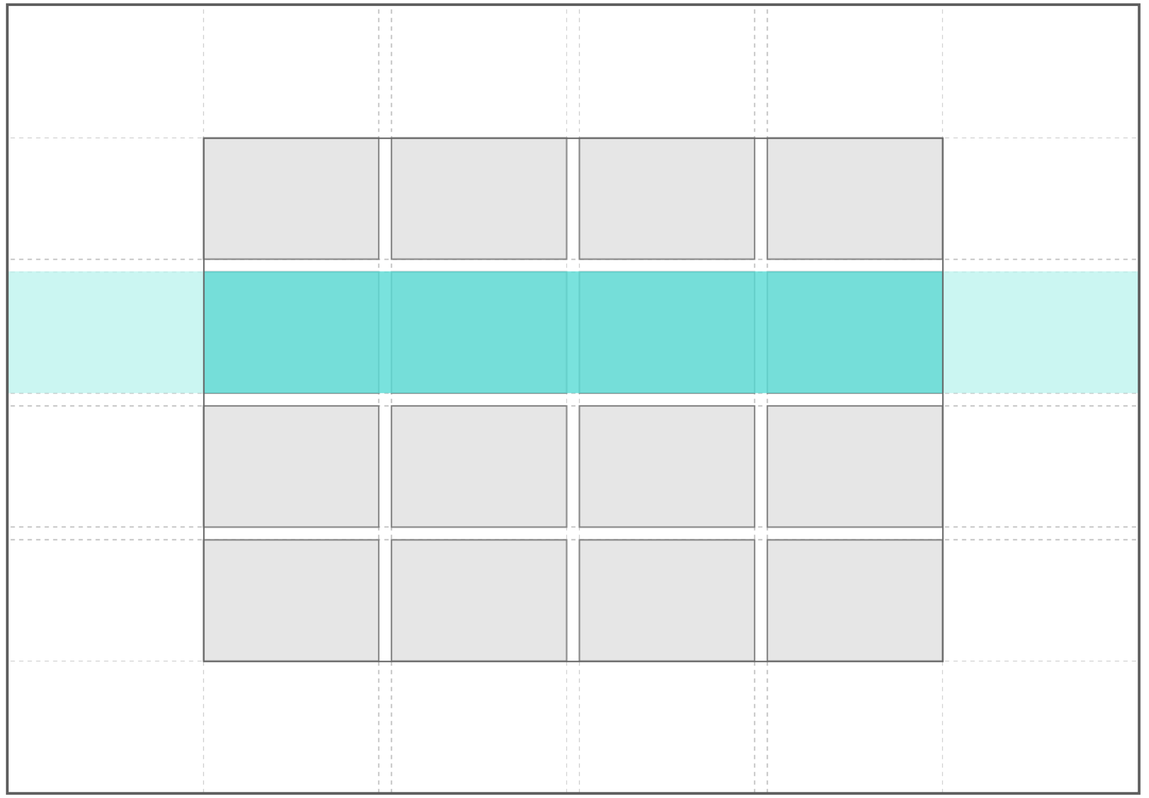
```
display: grid;
```



Grid terminology

Tracks

```
grid-template-rows
```



Grid terminology

Tracks

```
grid-template-columns
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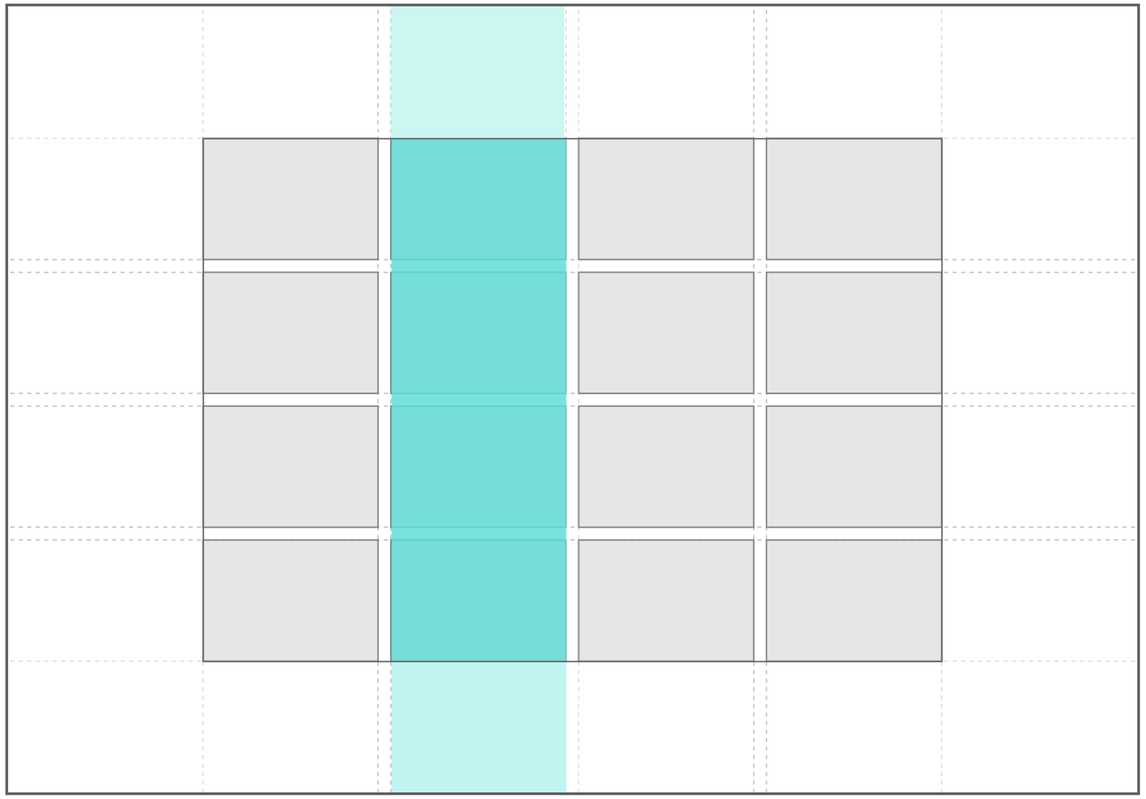
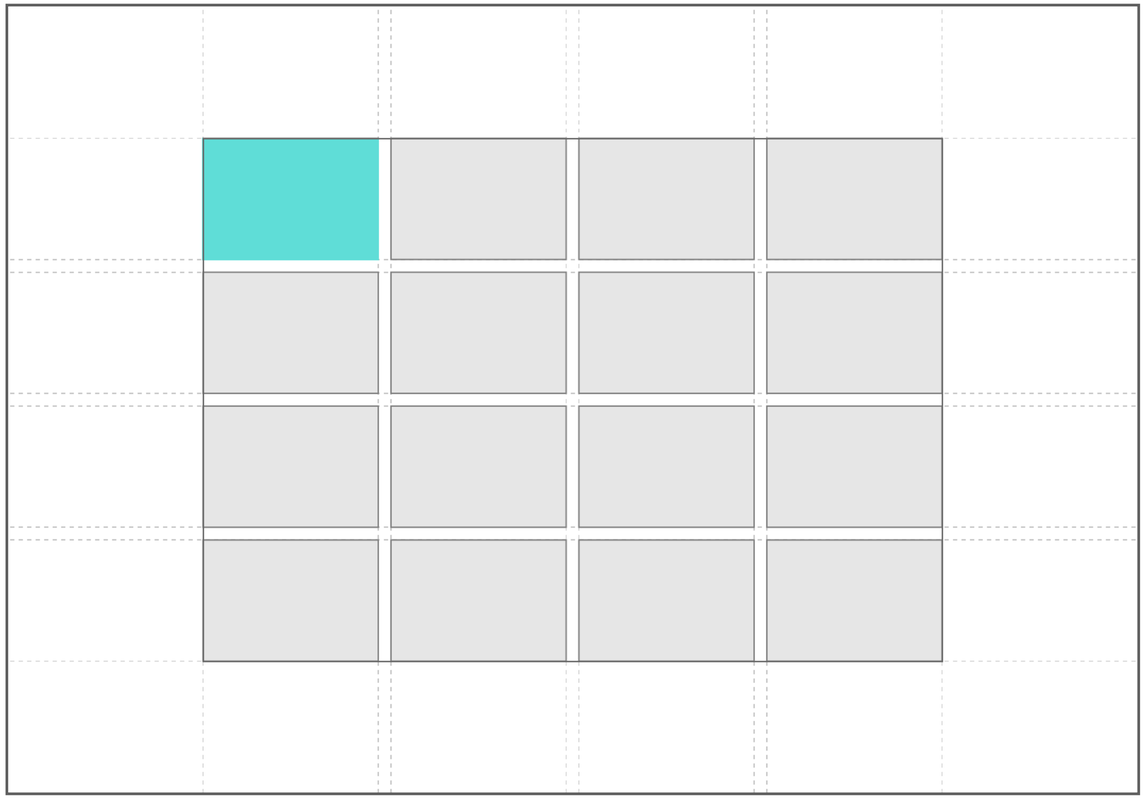
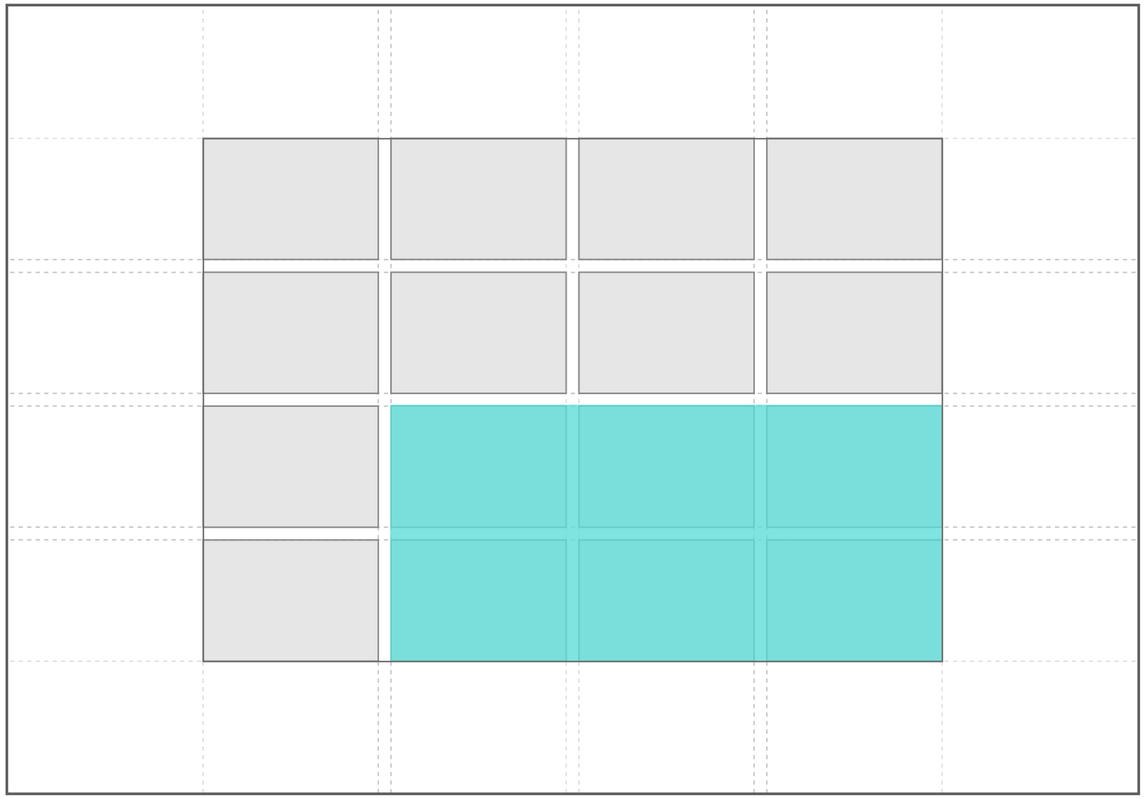


Grid terminology

Cells



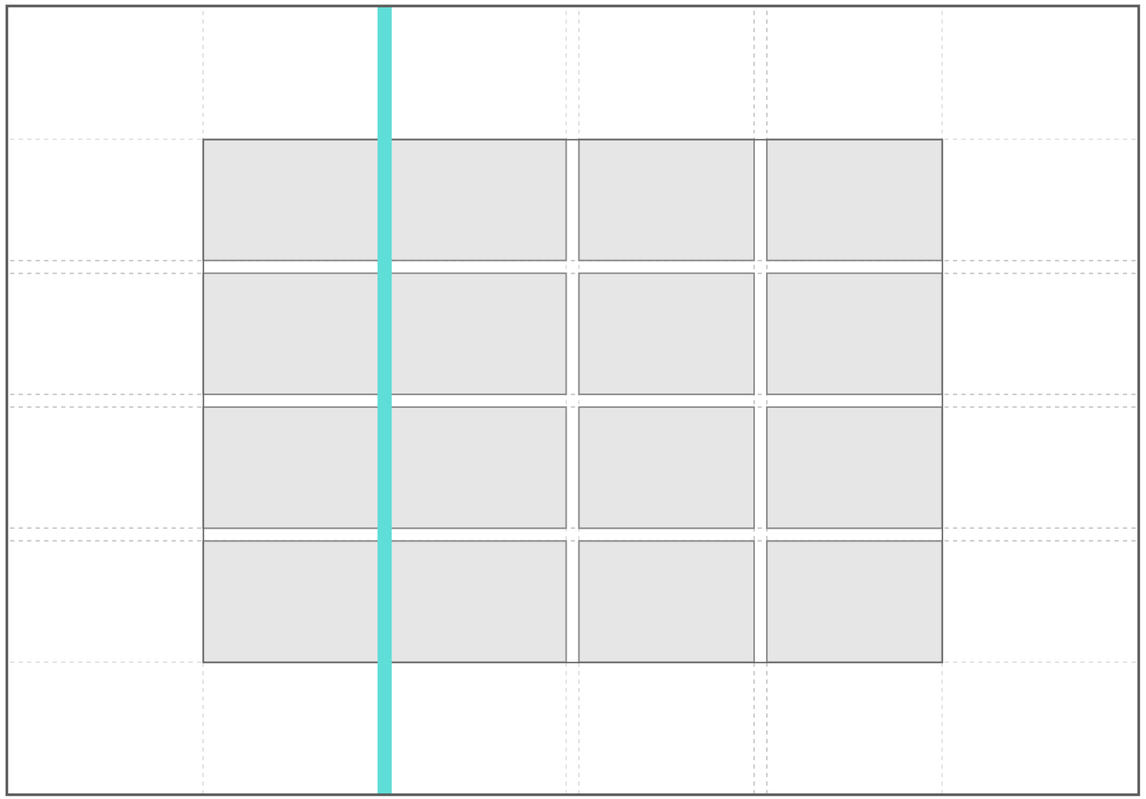
Grid areas



Grid terminology

Gutters

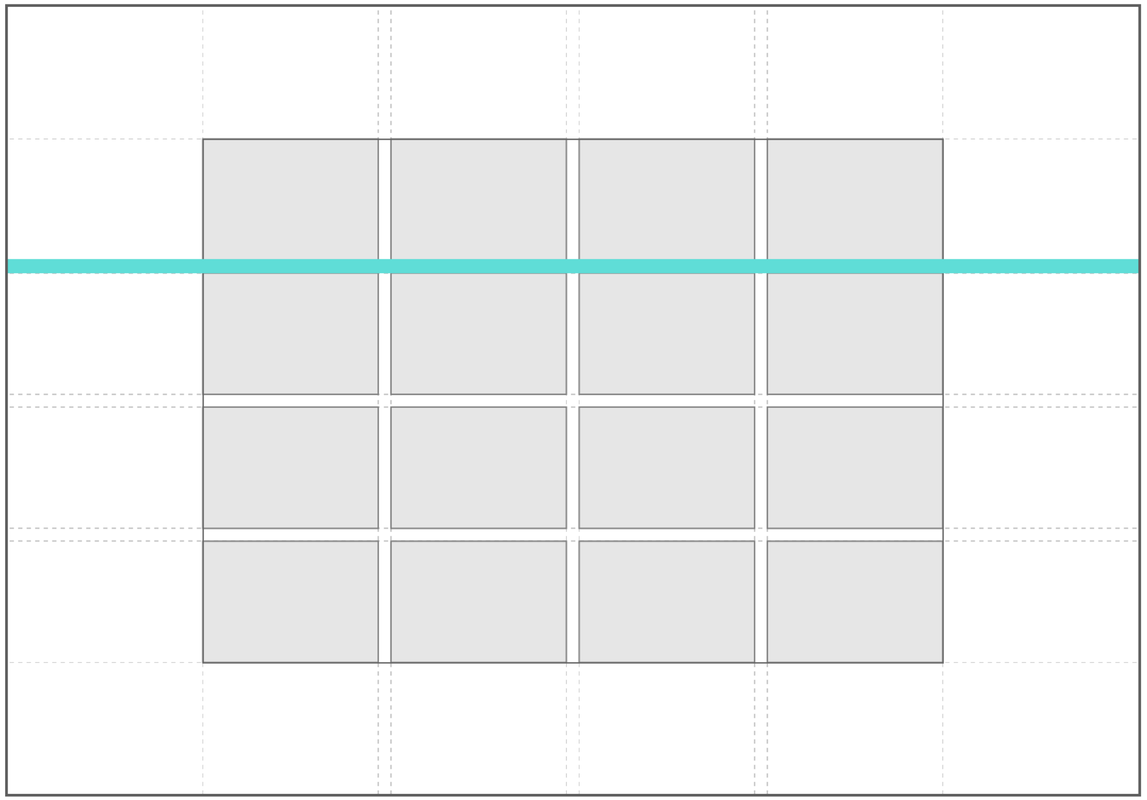
`column-gap`
(Formerly `grid-column-gap`)



Grid terminology

Gutters

`row-gap`
(Formerly `grid-row-gap`)



Defining a grid

CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/eLZwVg

CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 200px 200px 200px 200px;
  grid-template-rows: 150px 150px 150px 150px;
}
```

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CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 200px 200px 200px 200px;
  grid-template-rows: 150px 150px 150px 150px;
  column-gap: 20px;
  row-gap: 20px;
}
```

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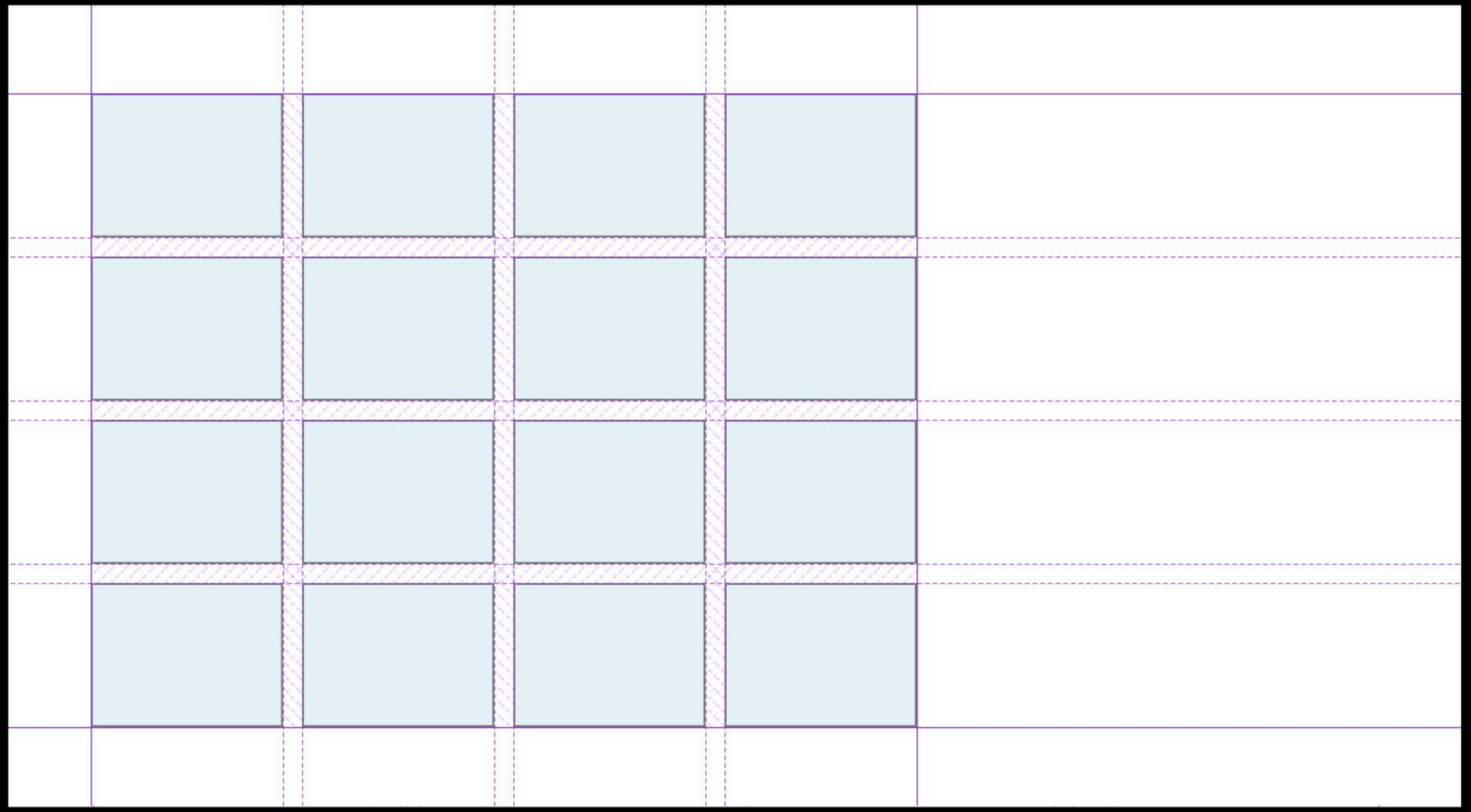

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CSS

repeat()

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 200px);
  grid-template-rows: repeat(4, 150px);
  grid-gap: 20px;
}
```

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CSS

Shorthand

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template: repeat(4, 150px) / repeat(4, 200px);
}
```

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CSS

Shorthand

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template: repeat(4, 150px) / repeat(4, 200px);
  gap: 20px; // row-gap / column-gap
}
```

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CSS

Flexible units (fr)

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
  grid-template-rows: repeat(4, 150px);
  gap: 20px;
}
```

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Fr

a fraction of the leftover space in the grid container

CSS

Flexible units (fr)

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

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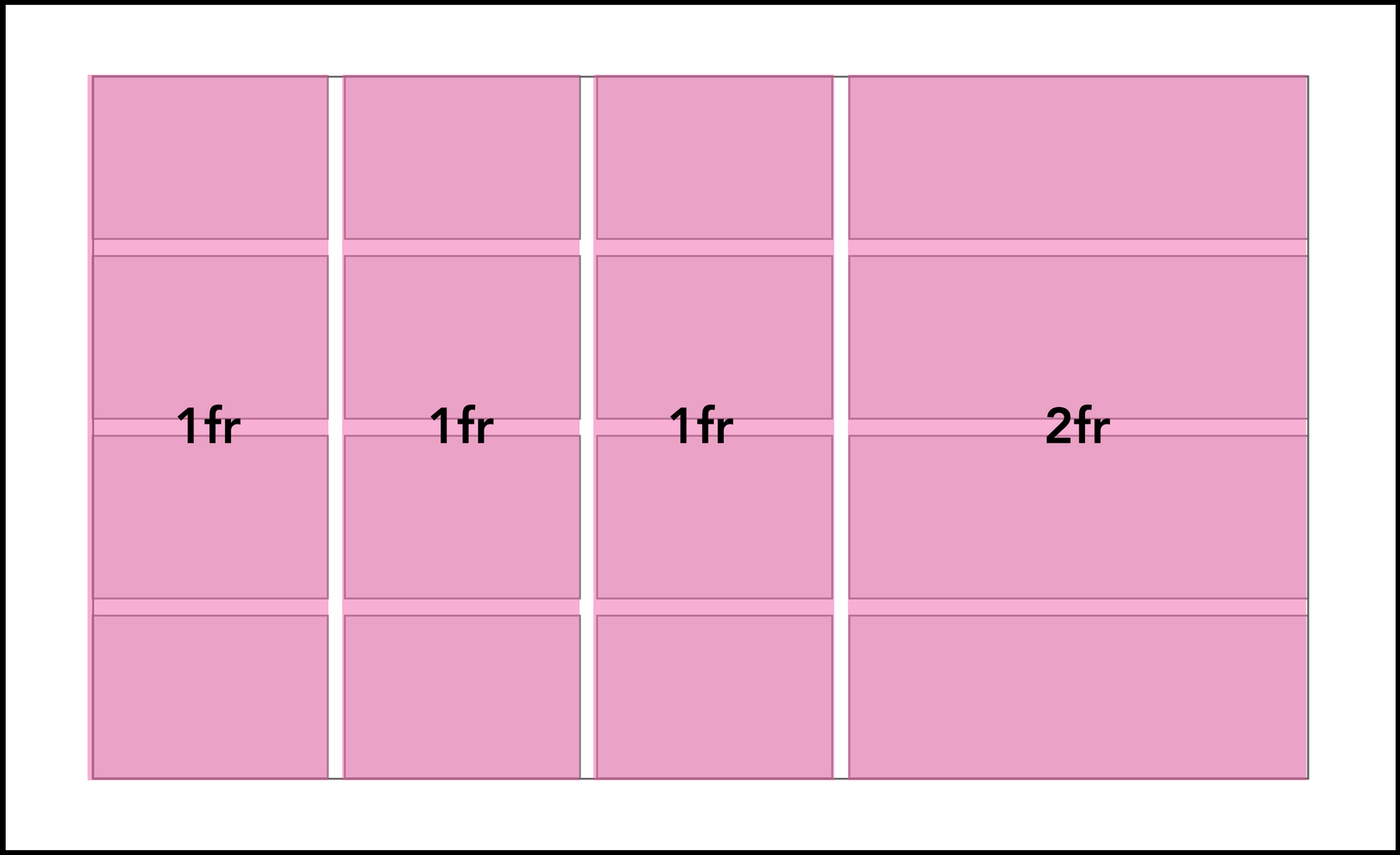
1fr
1fr
1fr
2fr

CSS

Flexible units (fr)

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 200px) 1fr;
  grid-template-rows: repeat(4, 150px);
  gap: 20px;
}
```

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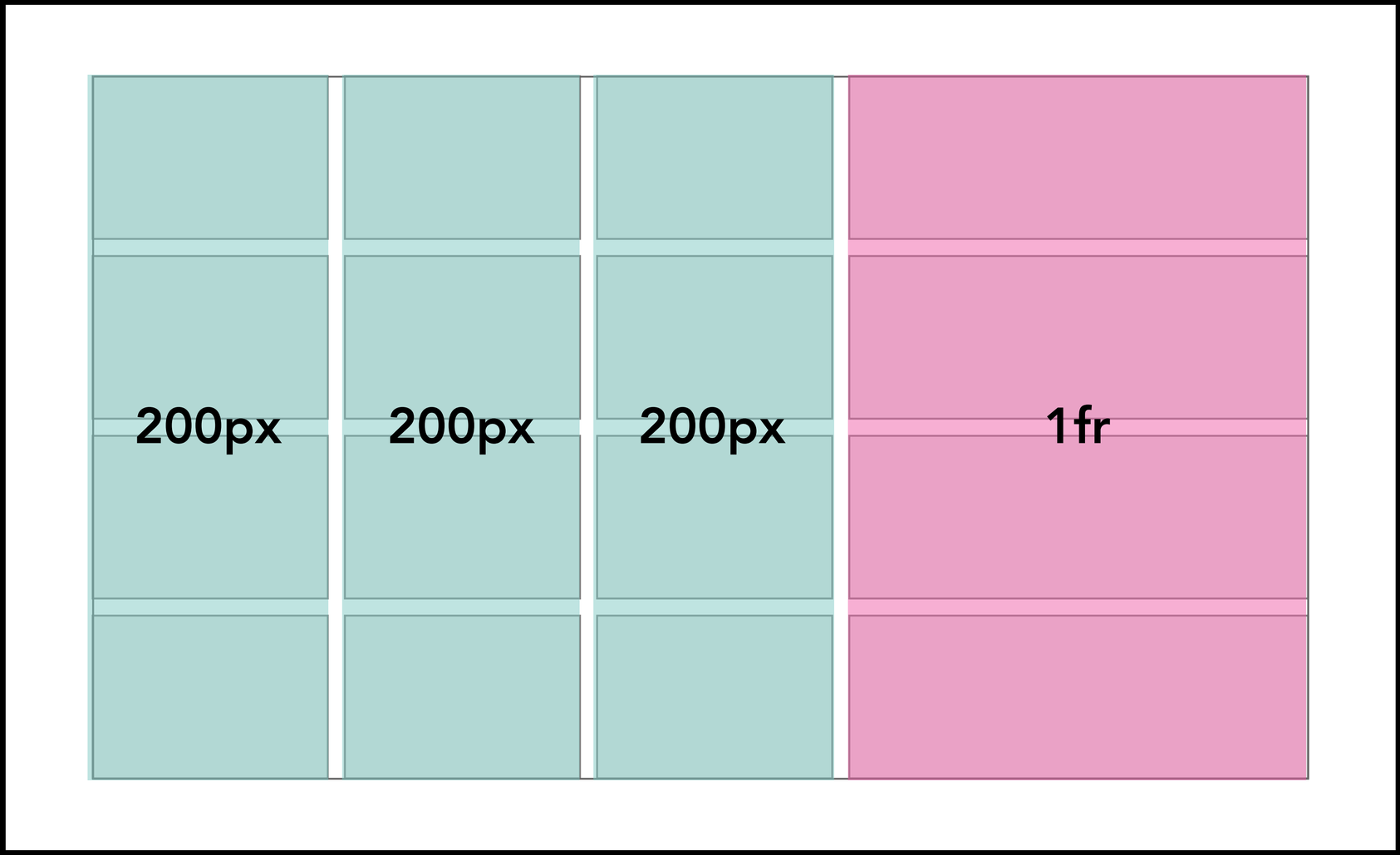

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Implicit vs Explicit tracks

CSS

Implicit tracks

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
  grid-auto-rows: 150px;
  gap: 20px;
}
```

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CSS

Implicit tracks

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
  grid-template-rows: repeat(4, 150px);
  grid-auto-rows: 150px;
  gap: 20px;
}
```

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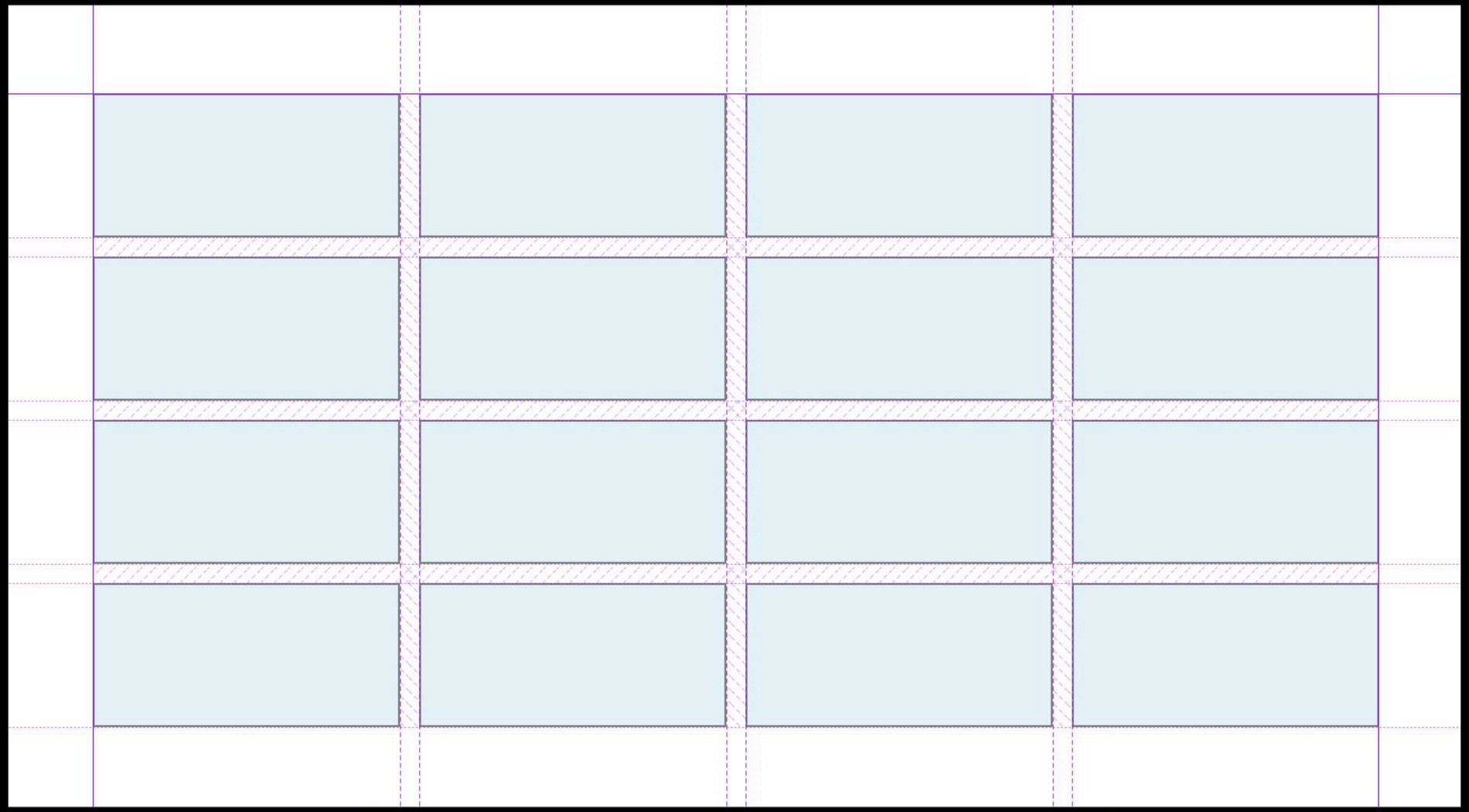

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Placing items

HTML

Auto-placement

```
<div class="grid">
  <div class="grid__item">1</div>
  <div class="grid__item">2</div>
  <div class="grid__item">3</div>
</div>
```

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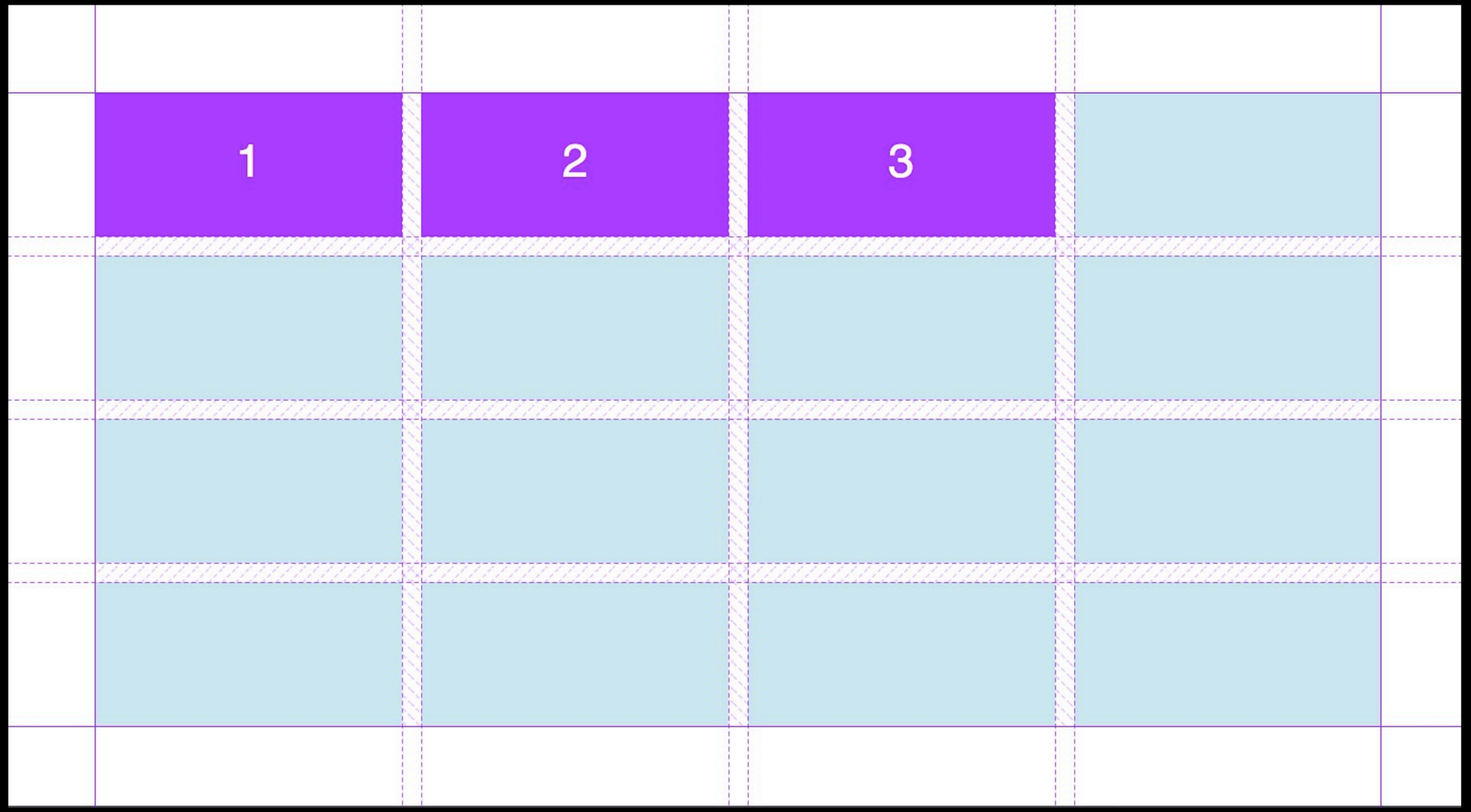

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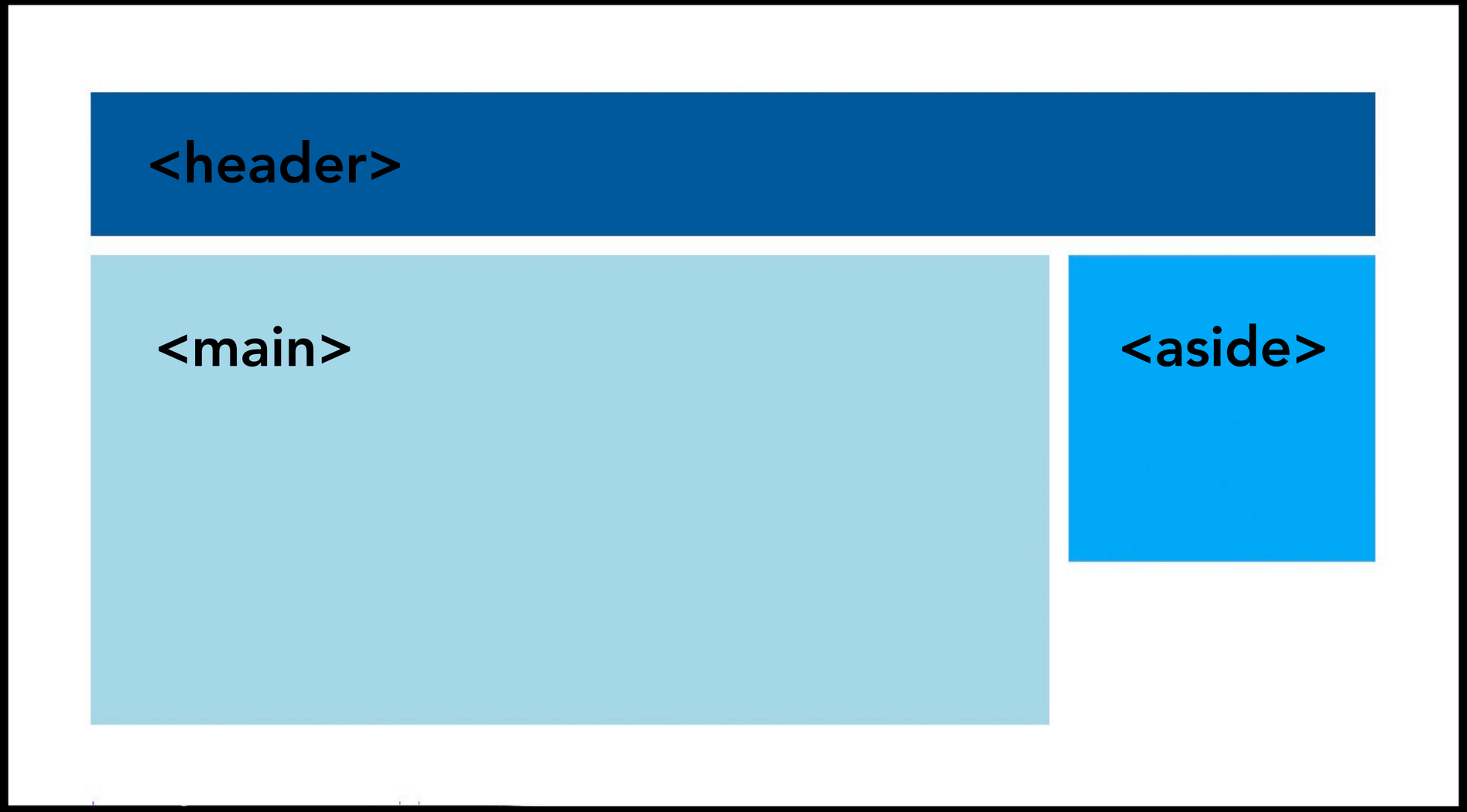

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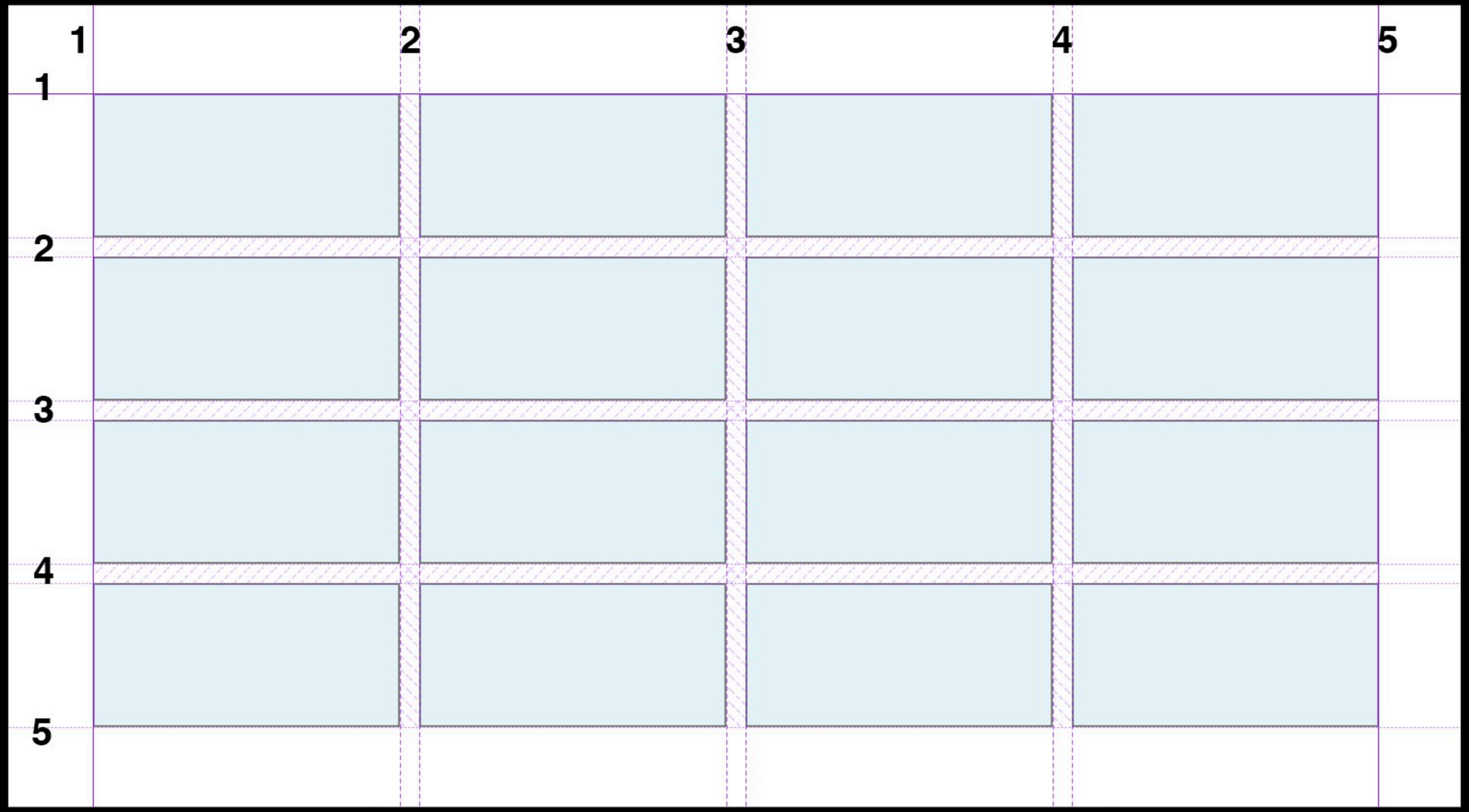
HTML

Placing items by grid line

```
<div class="grid">
  <header></header>
  <main></main>
  <aside></aside>
</div>
```



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CSS

Placing items by grid line

```
header {
  grid-column-start: 1;
  grid-column-end: 5;
}
```

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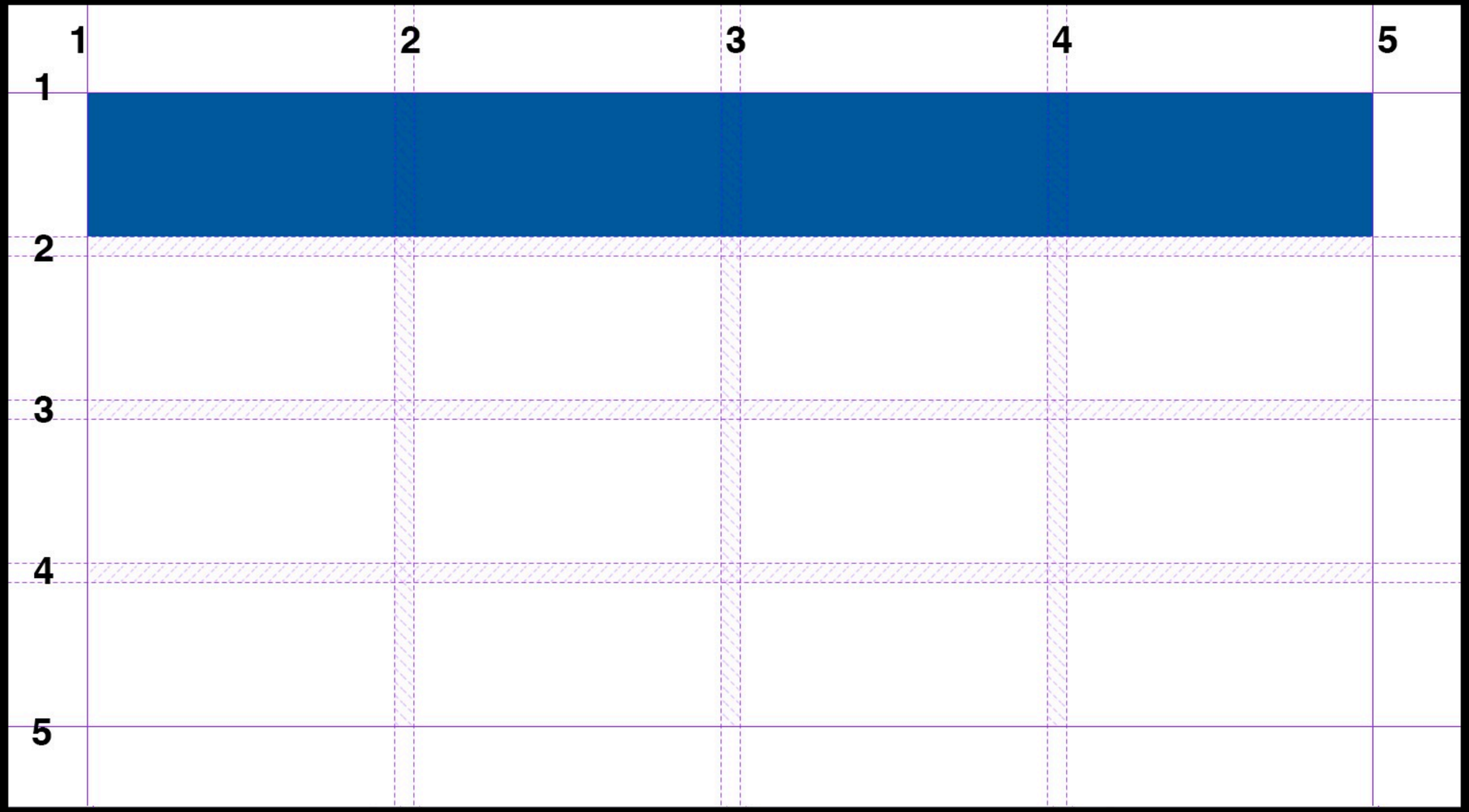

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CSS

Placing items by grid line

```
main {
  grid-column-start: 1;
  grid-column-end: 4;
  grid-row-start: 2;
  grid-row-end: 5;
}

aside {
  grid-column-start: 4;
  grid-column-end: 5;
  grid-row-start: 2;
  grid-row-end: 4;
}
```

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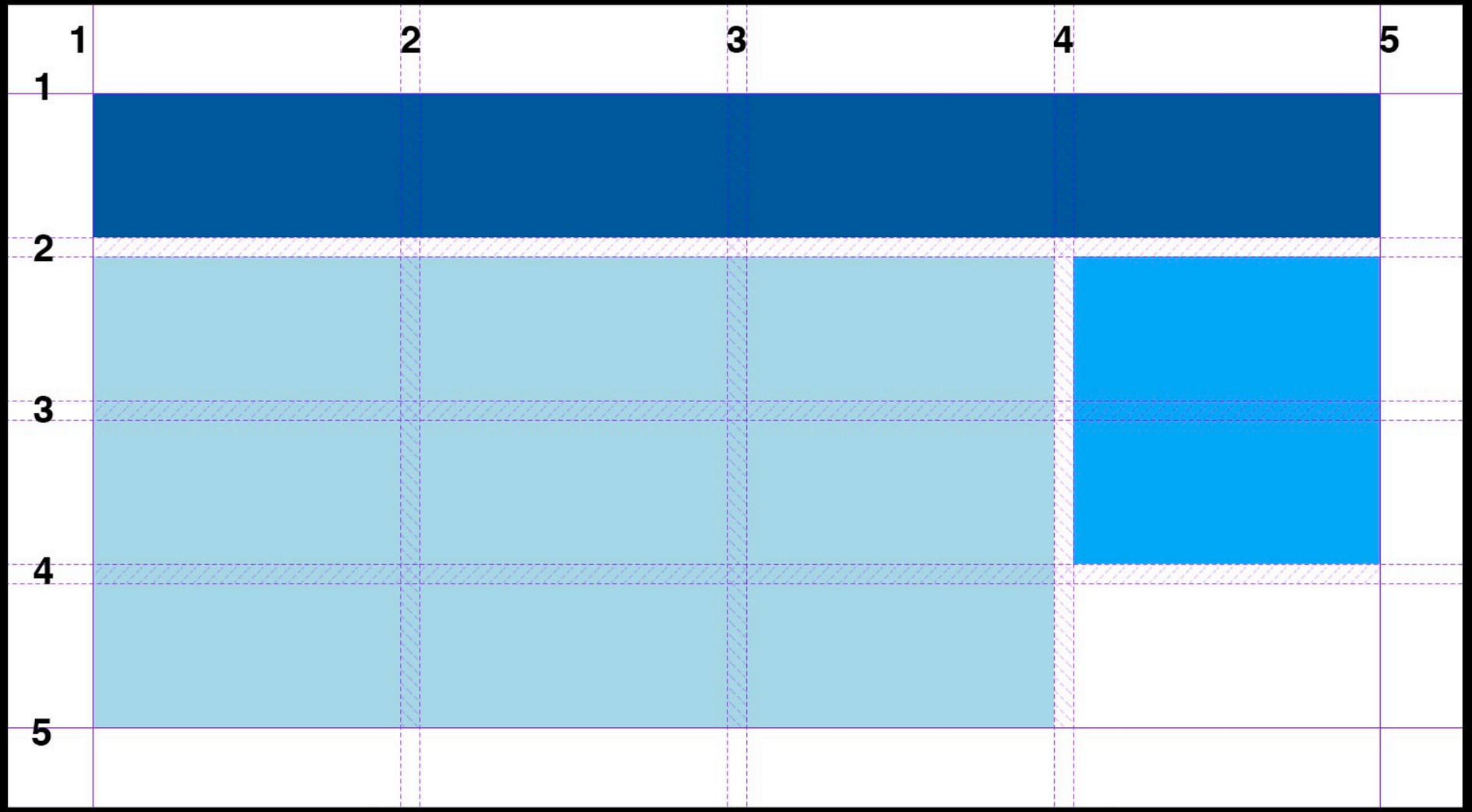

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CSS

```
header {
  grid-column: 1 / 5;
}

main {
  grid-column: 1 / 4;
  grid-row: 2 / 5;
}

aside {
  // grid-column: 4 / 5; - unnecessary as will be
auto-placed
  grid-row: span 2;
}
```

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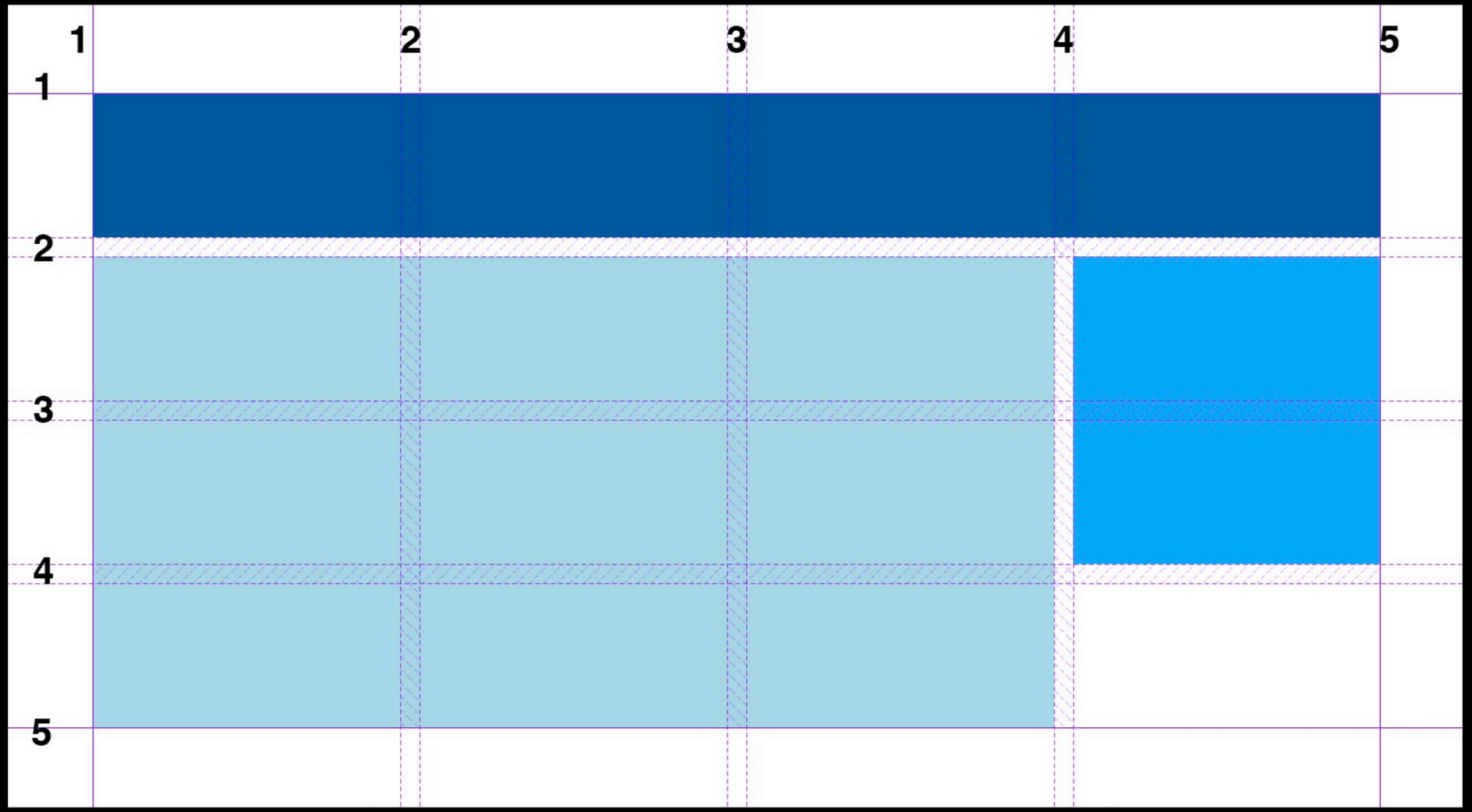

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CSS

Start line / end line

```
main {
  grid-column: 1 / 4;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/YOqmjP

CSS

Span (with auto-placement)

```
main {
  grid-column: span 3;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/YOqmjP

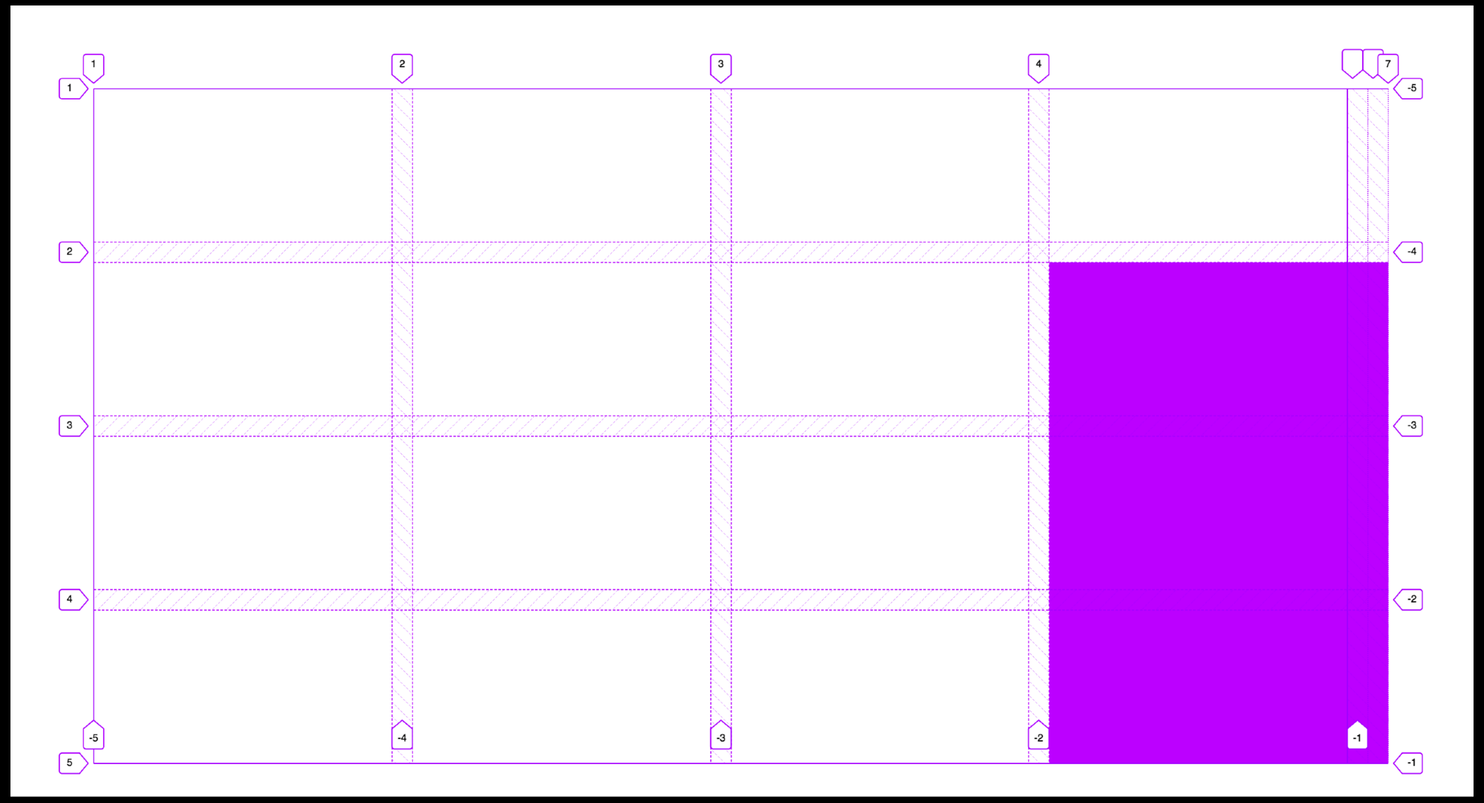
CSS

Start line / span

```
main {
  grid-column: 1 / span 3;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/YOQLLZ

```
main {
  grid-column: 4 / span 3;
}
```



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CSS

Span / end line

```
main {
  grid-column: span 3 / 4;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

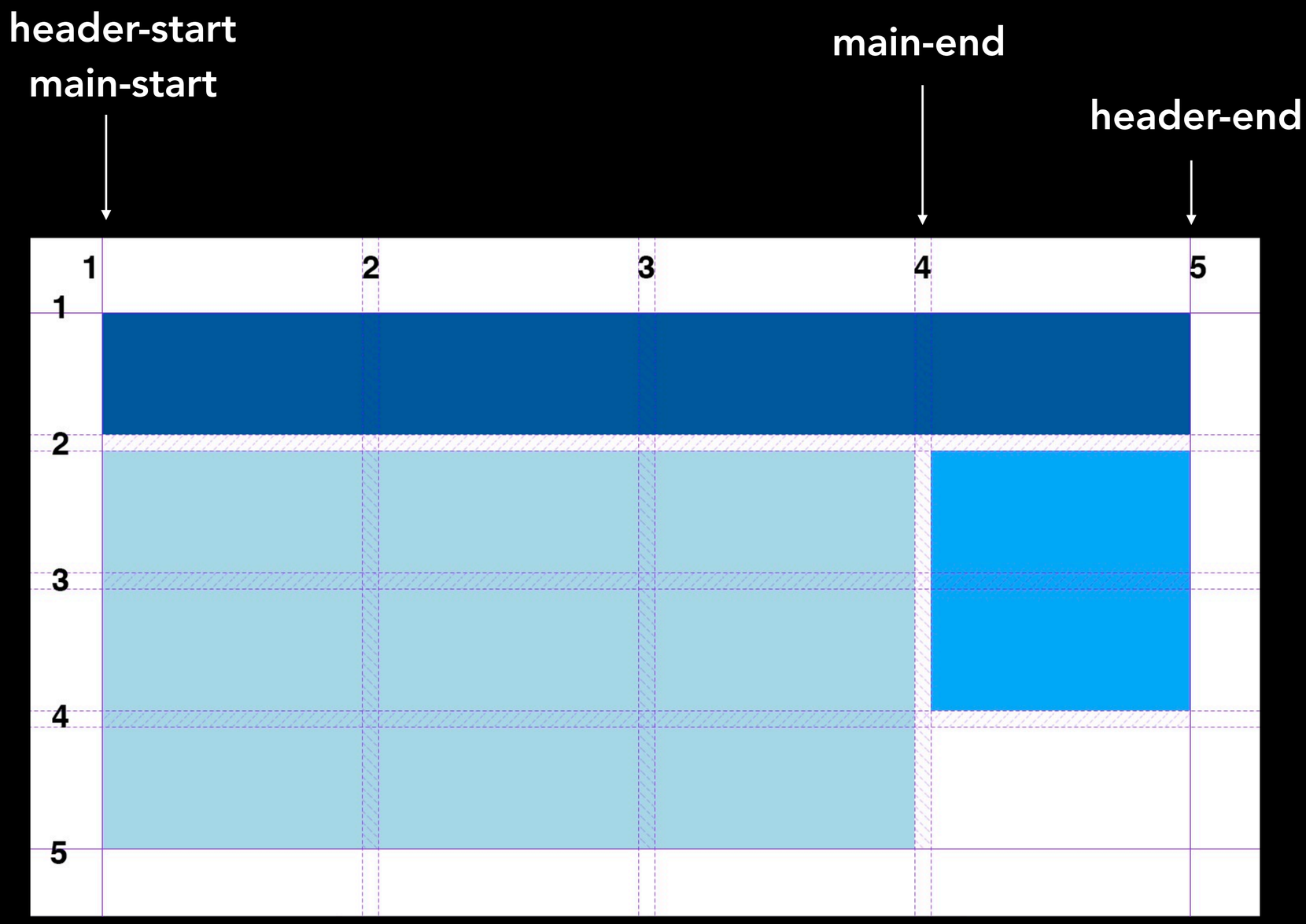
codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/YOqmjP

CSS

Naming grid lines

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
   [header-start main-start]
   repeat(3, 1fr)
   [main-end] 1fr [header-end];
  grid-auto-rows: 150px;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/OobJaa



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CSS

```
header {
  grid-column: header;
}

main {
  grid-column: main;
  grid-row: span 3;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/rqZevv

CSS

grid-template-areas

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
  grid-auto-rows: 150px;
  grid-template-areas:  "h h h h"
                        "m m m a"
                        "m m m a”
                        "m m m .”;
  gap: 20px;
}
```

CSS

grid-template-areas

```
header {
  grid-area: h;
}

main {
  grid-area: m;
}

aside {
  grid-area: a;
}
```

CSS Grid for Complex Components

A Case Study

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We combine the most advanced technology with uniquely experienced talent, providing a bespoke service and a truly exceptional post-production experience every time.

→

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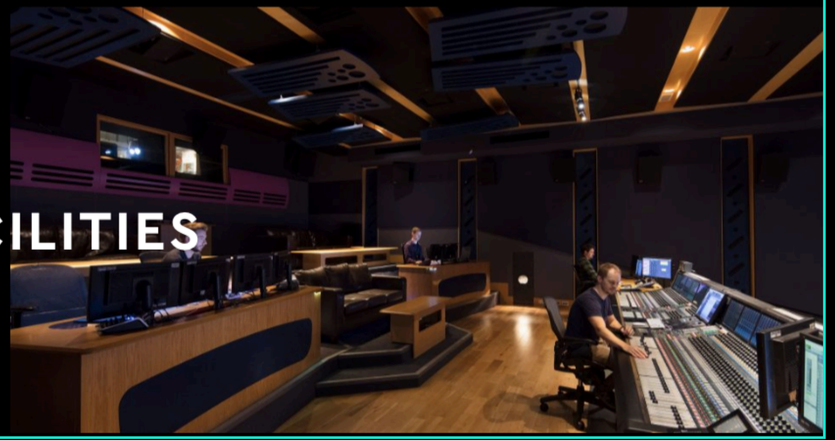

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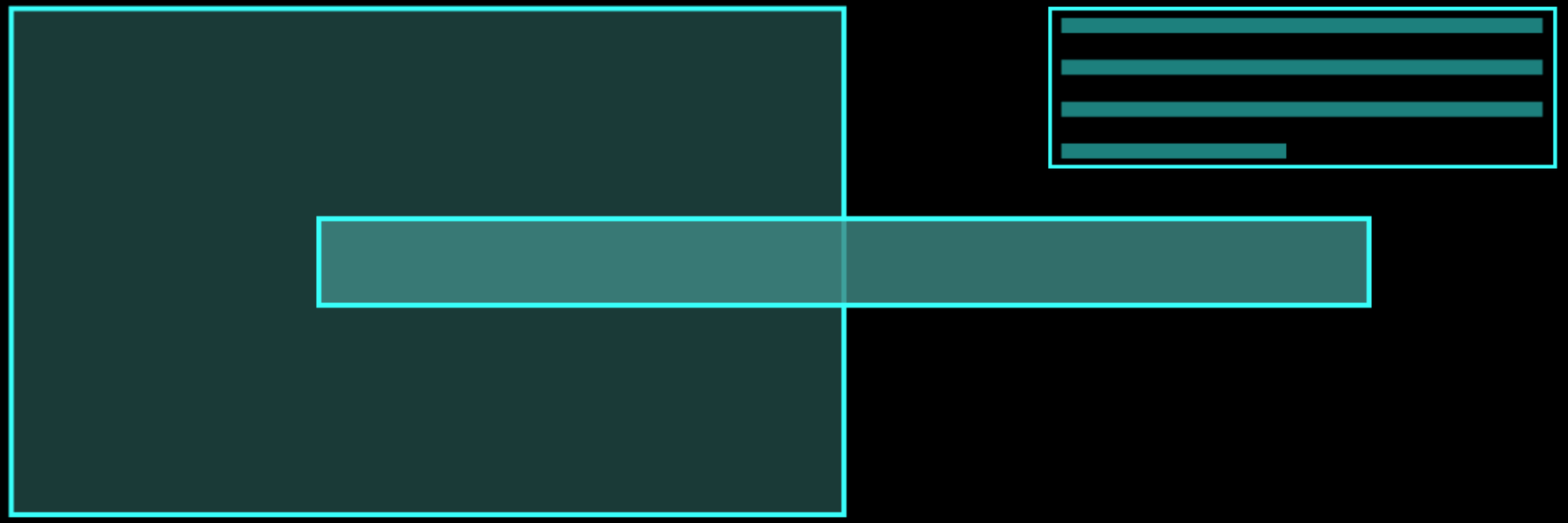
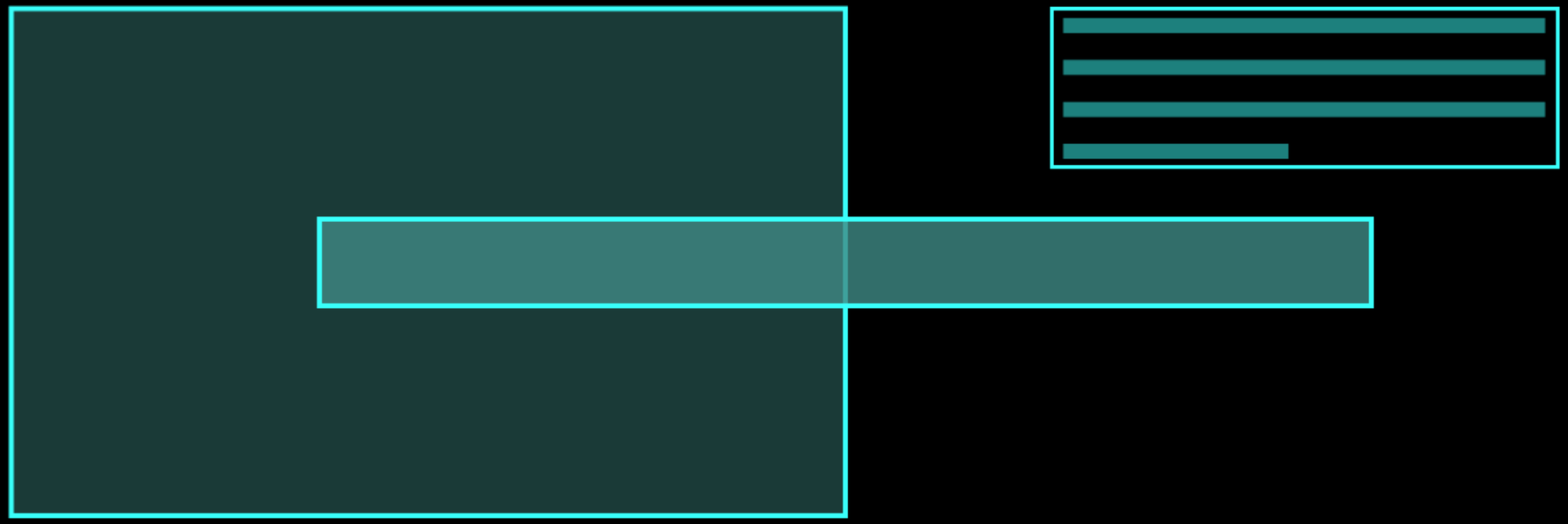


HTML

```
<div class="grid">
  <h2 class="grid__heading"></h2>
  <figure class="grid__image"></figure>
  <div class="grid__body"></div>
</div>
```

Some rules



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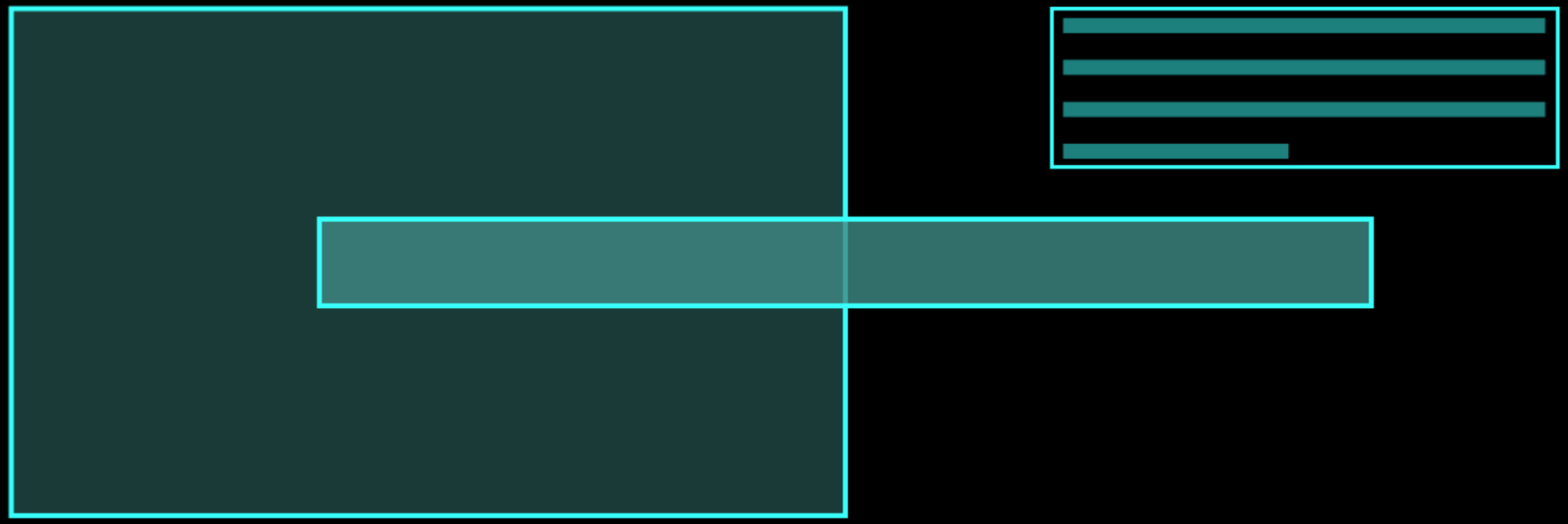
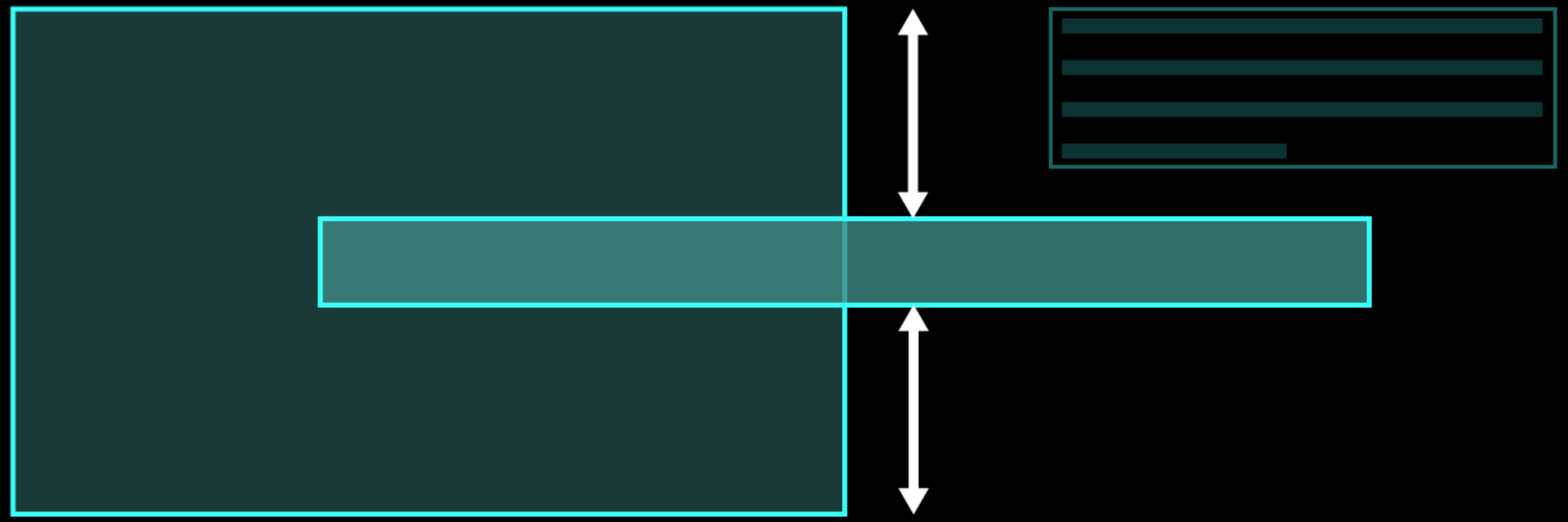


2. The heading must always be vertically centred over the image



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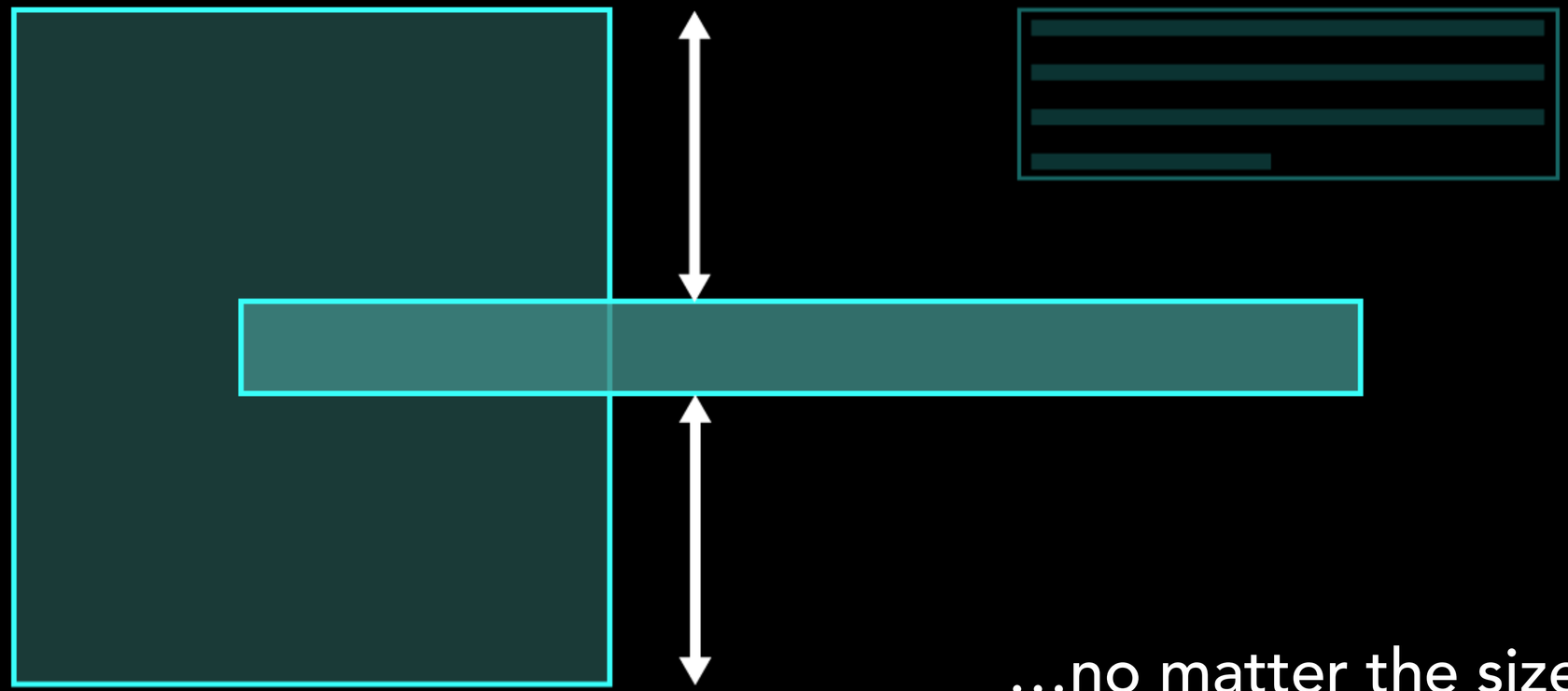
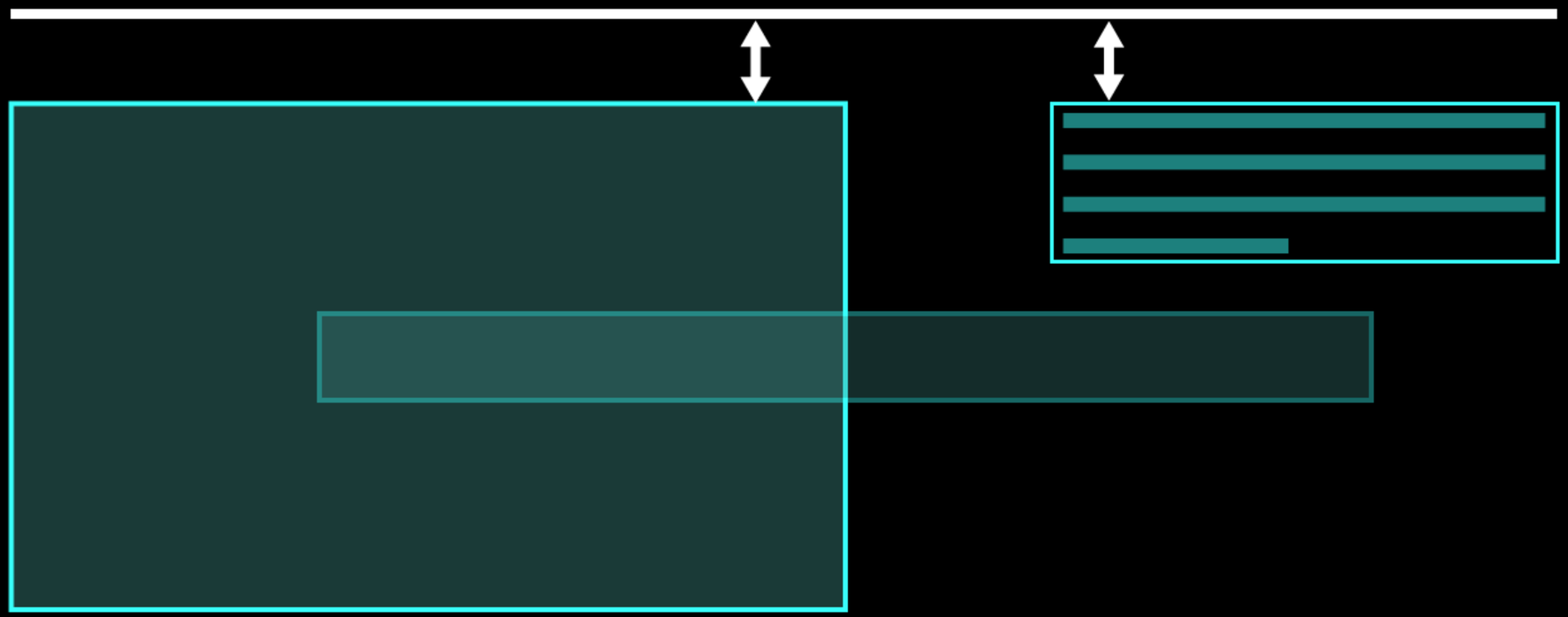


…no matter the size of the image or the text

2. Text block must align to the top of the image



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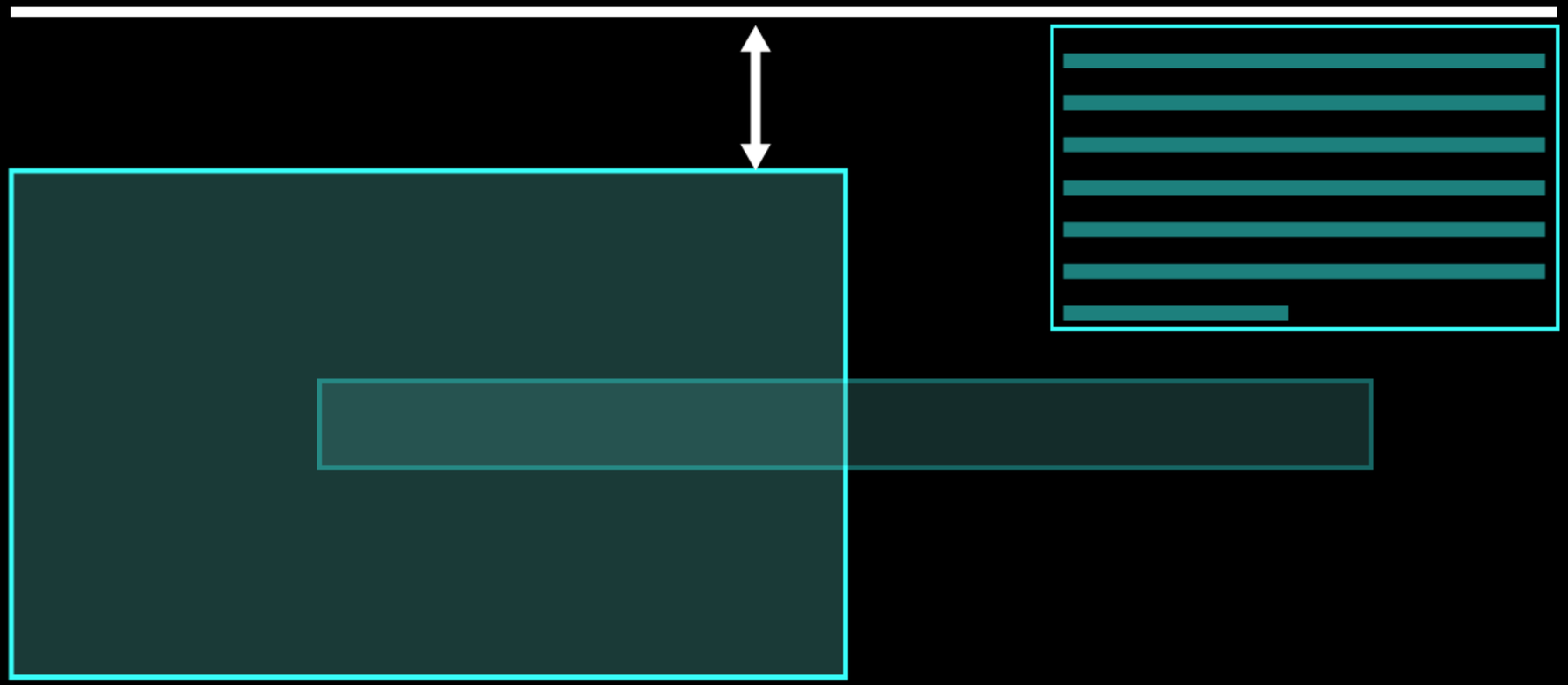
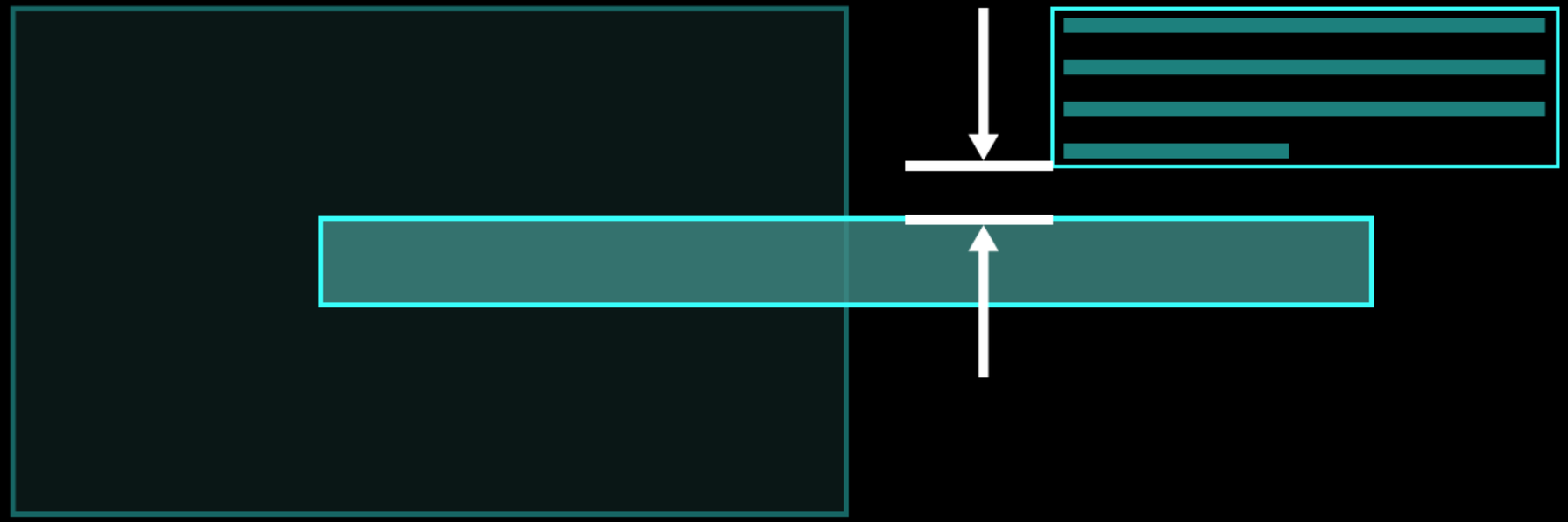


…unless the text is too long

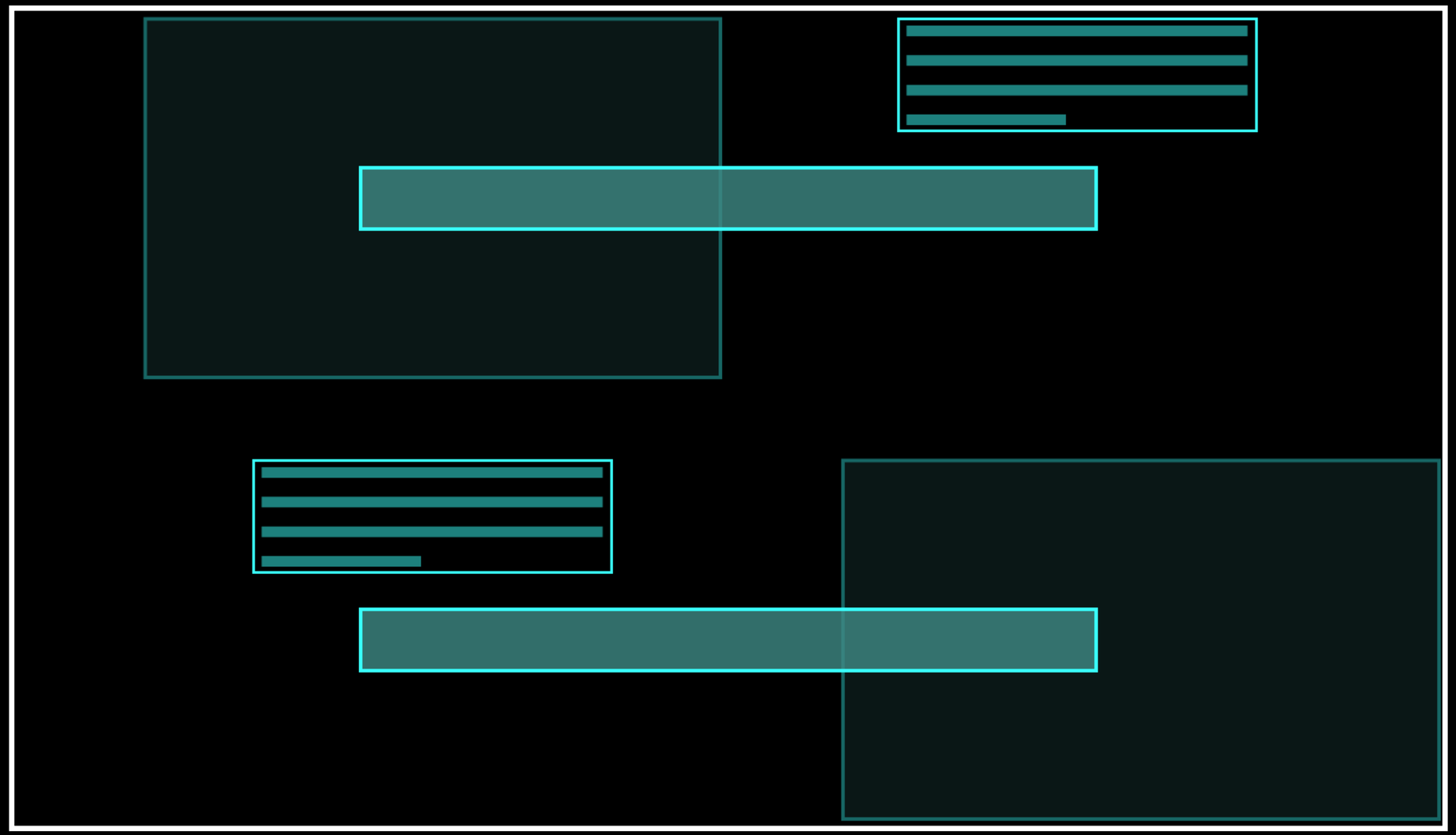
3. Space must always be maintained between the text block and heading

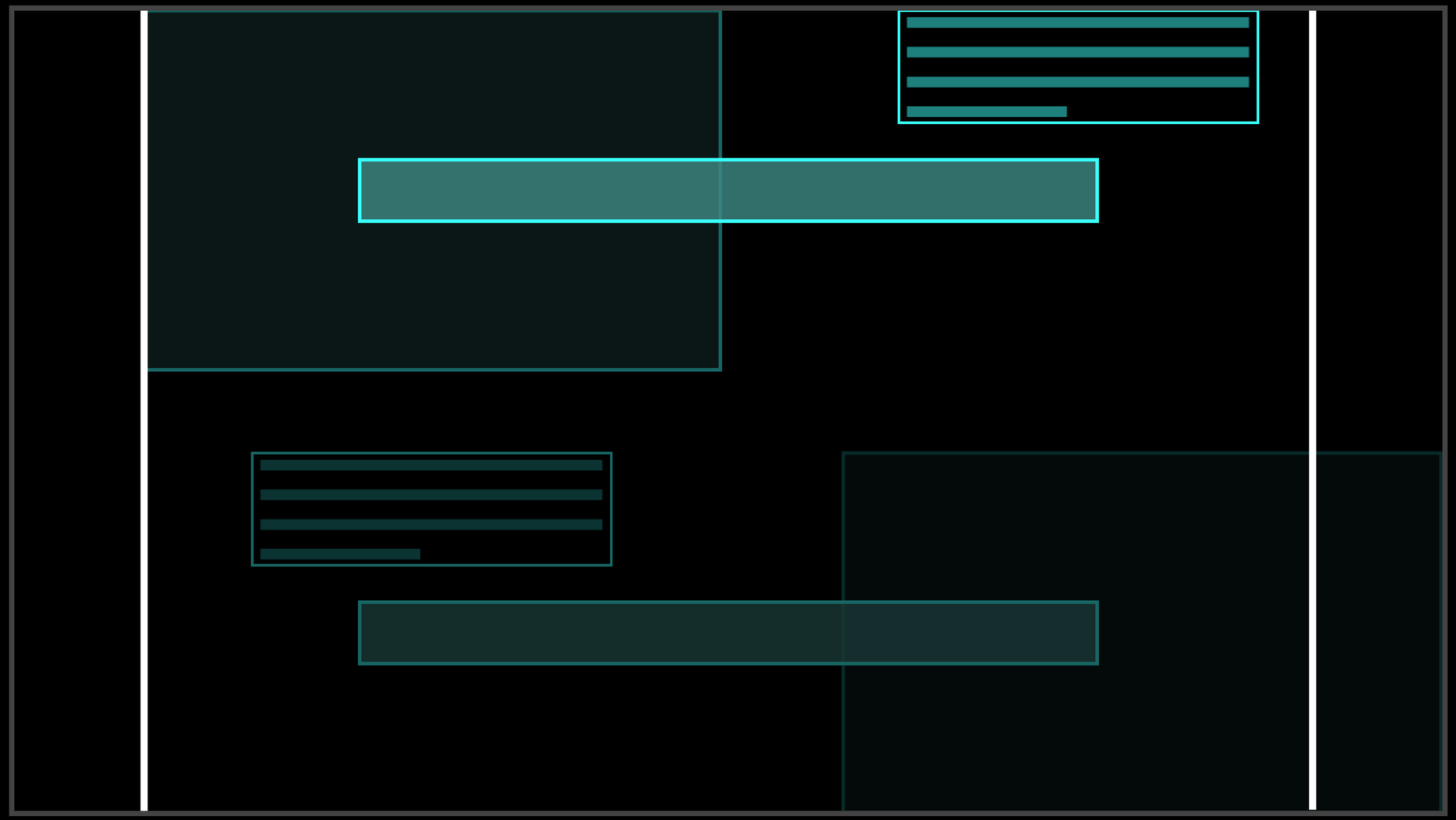


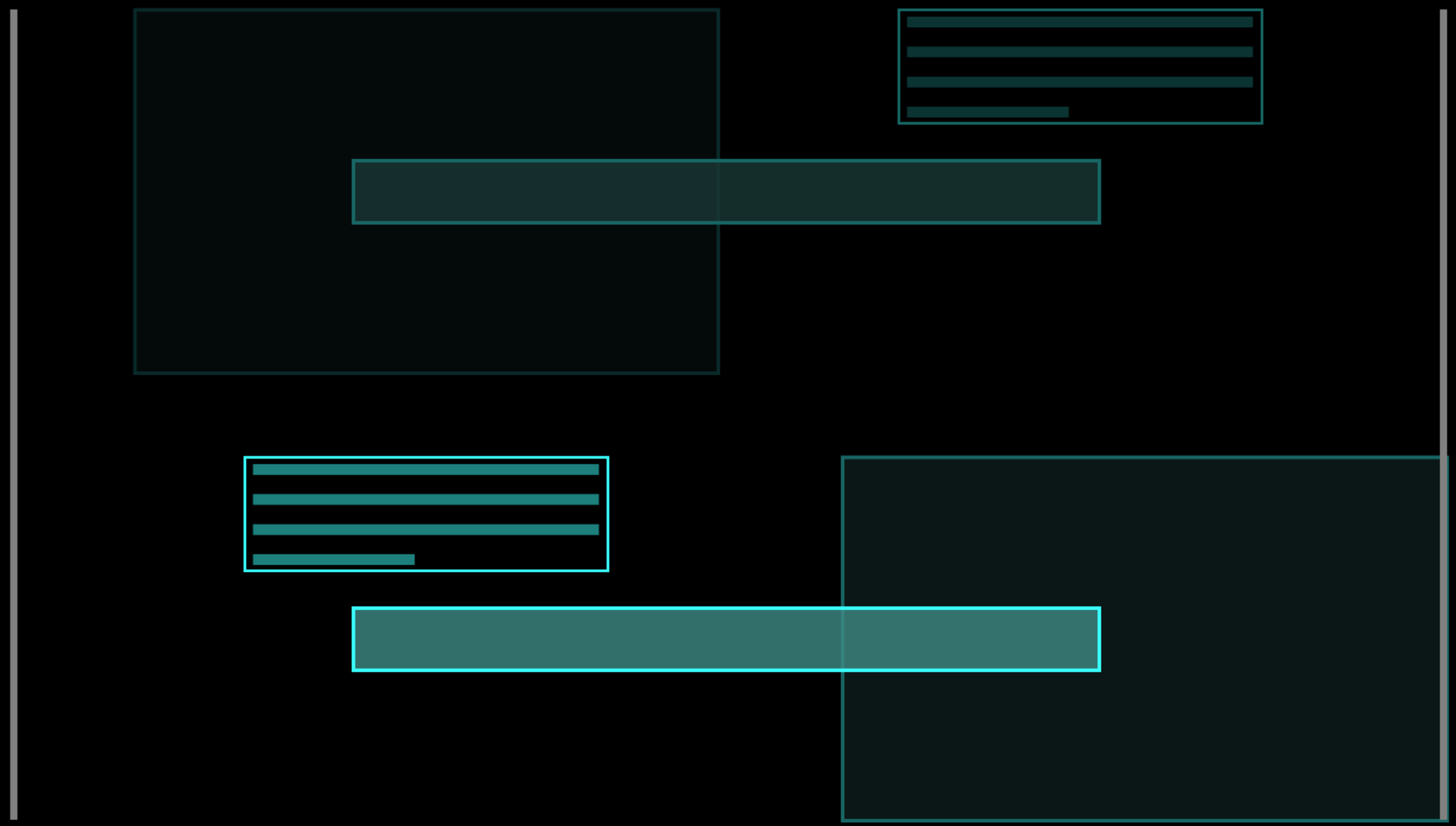
Context-aware

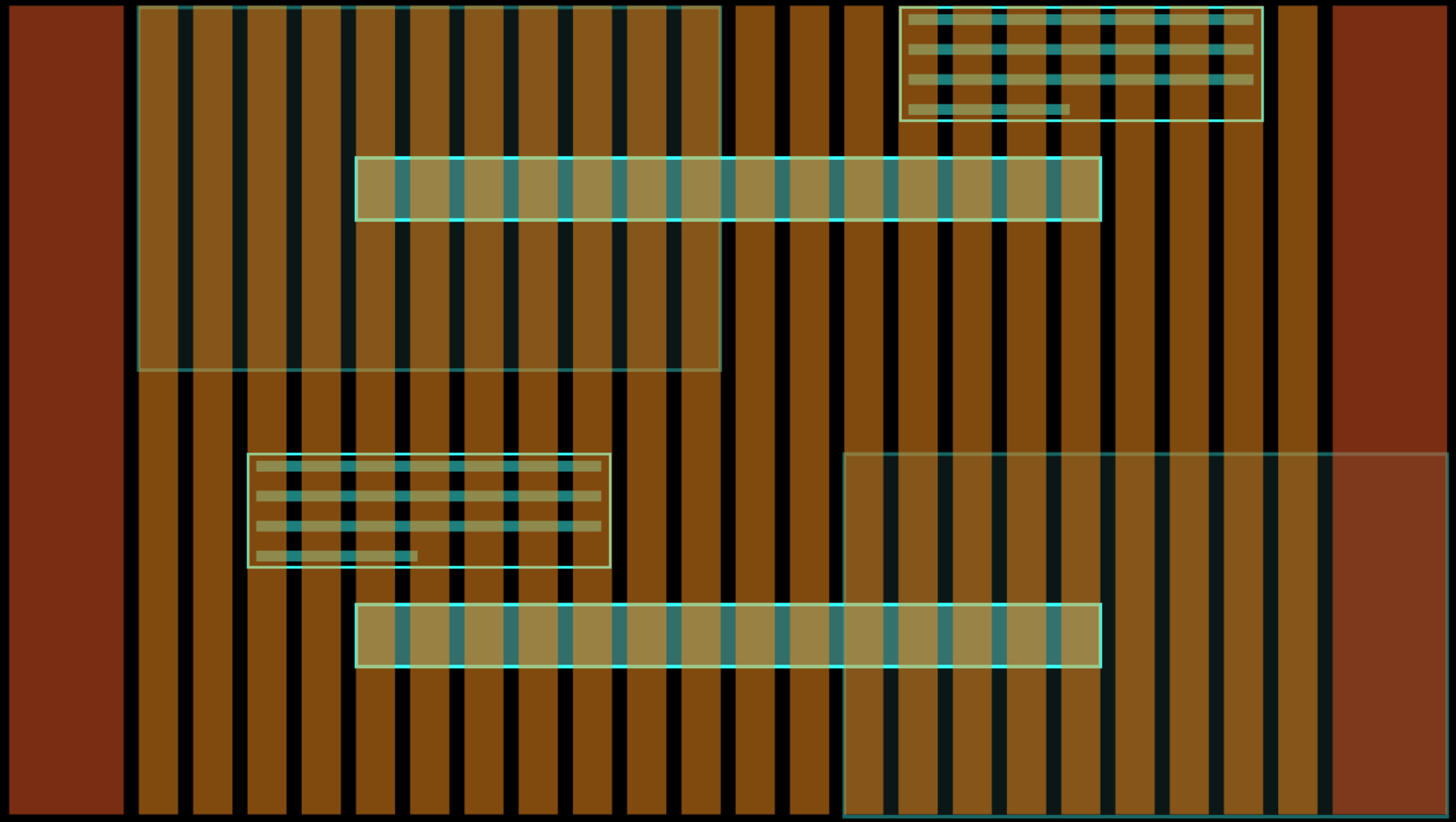
CSS Grid

2D Layout

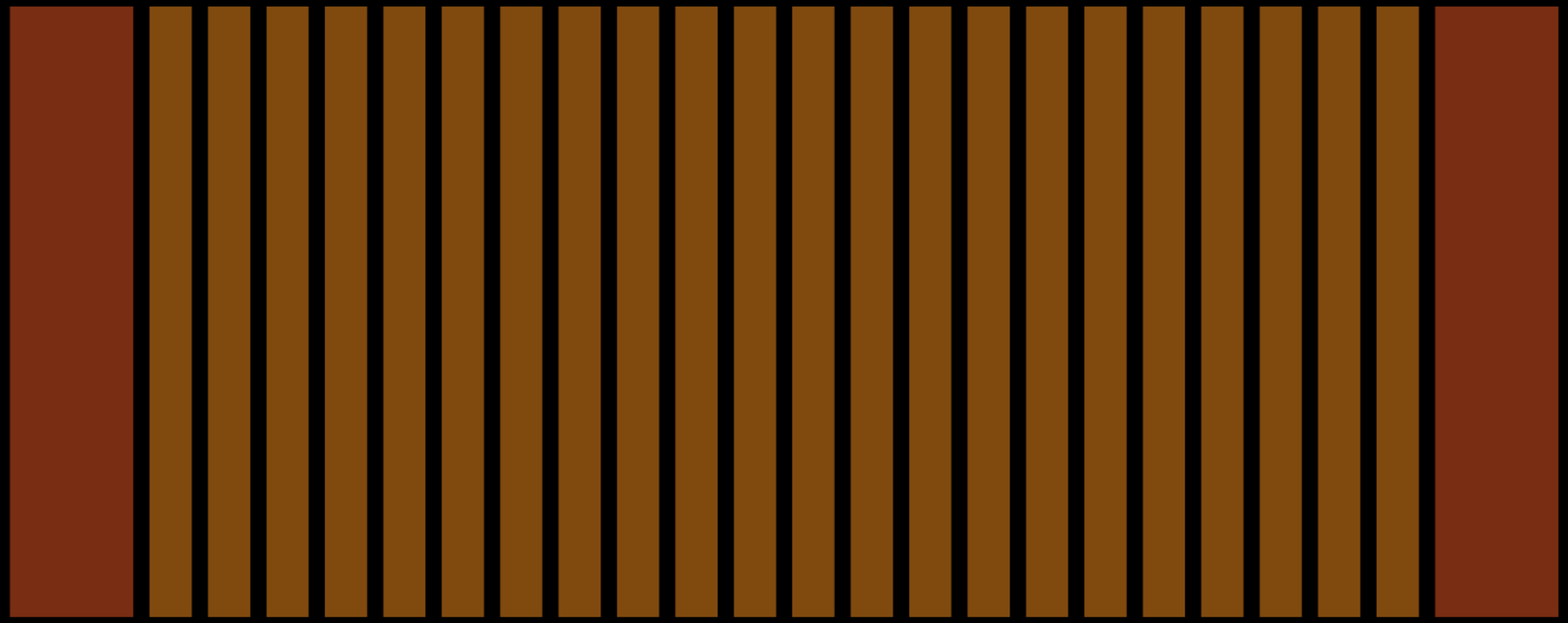








```
grid-template-columns: repeat(26, 1fr);
```



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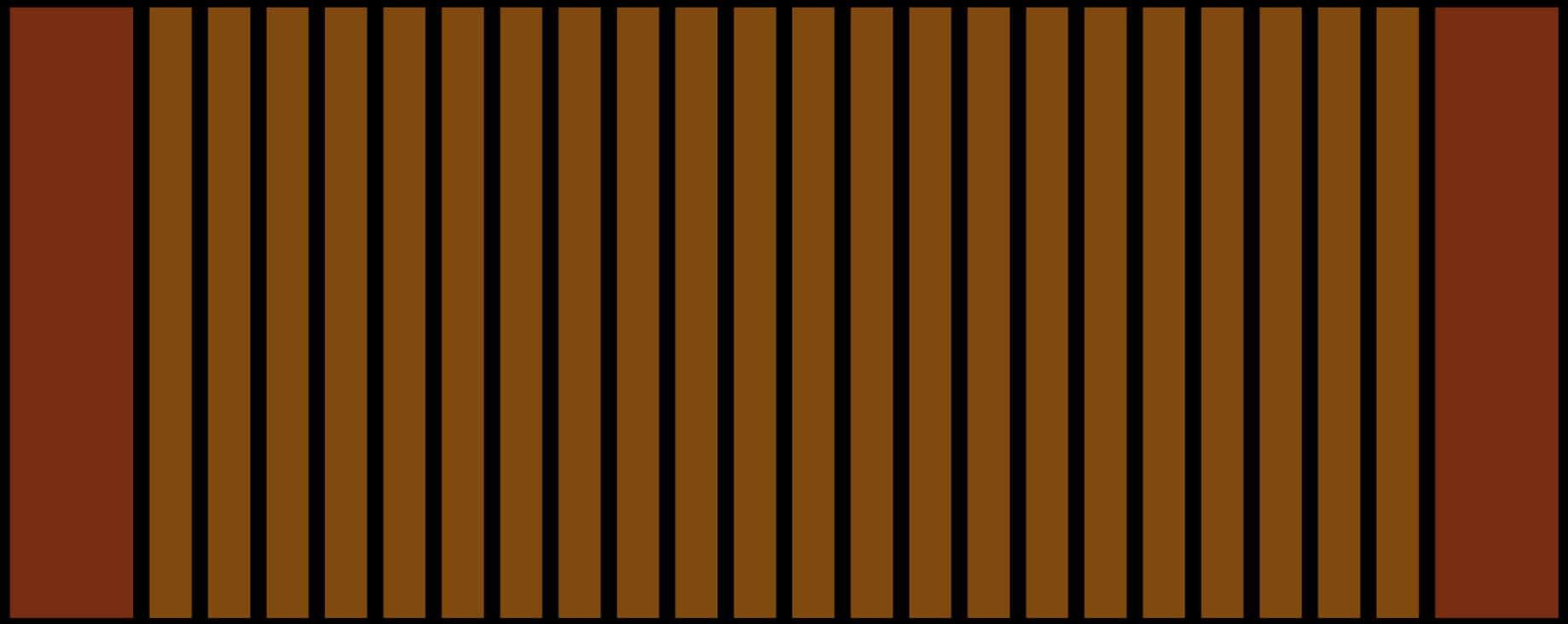
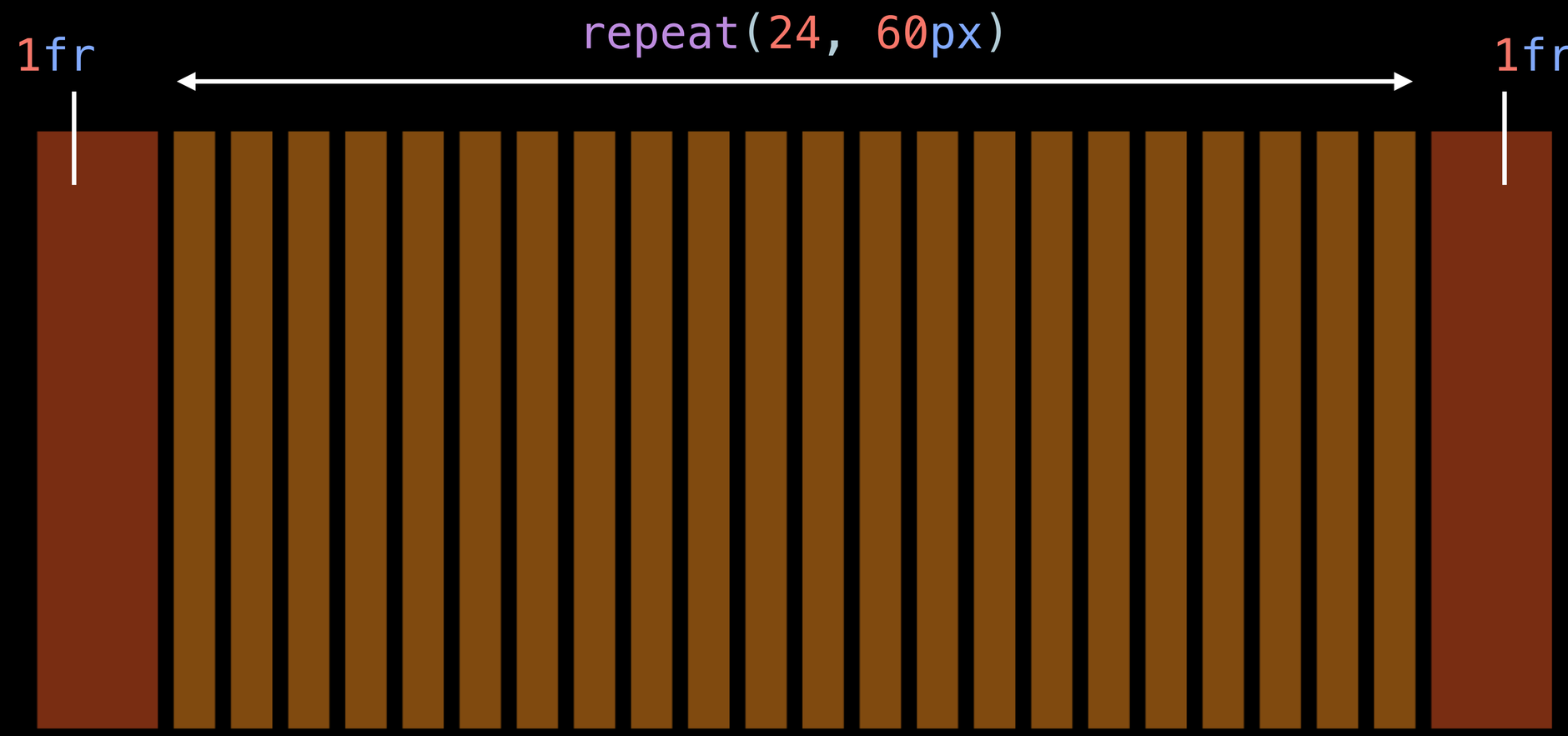
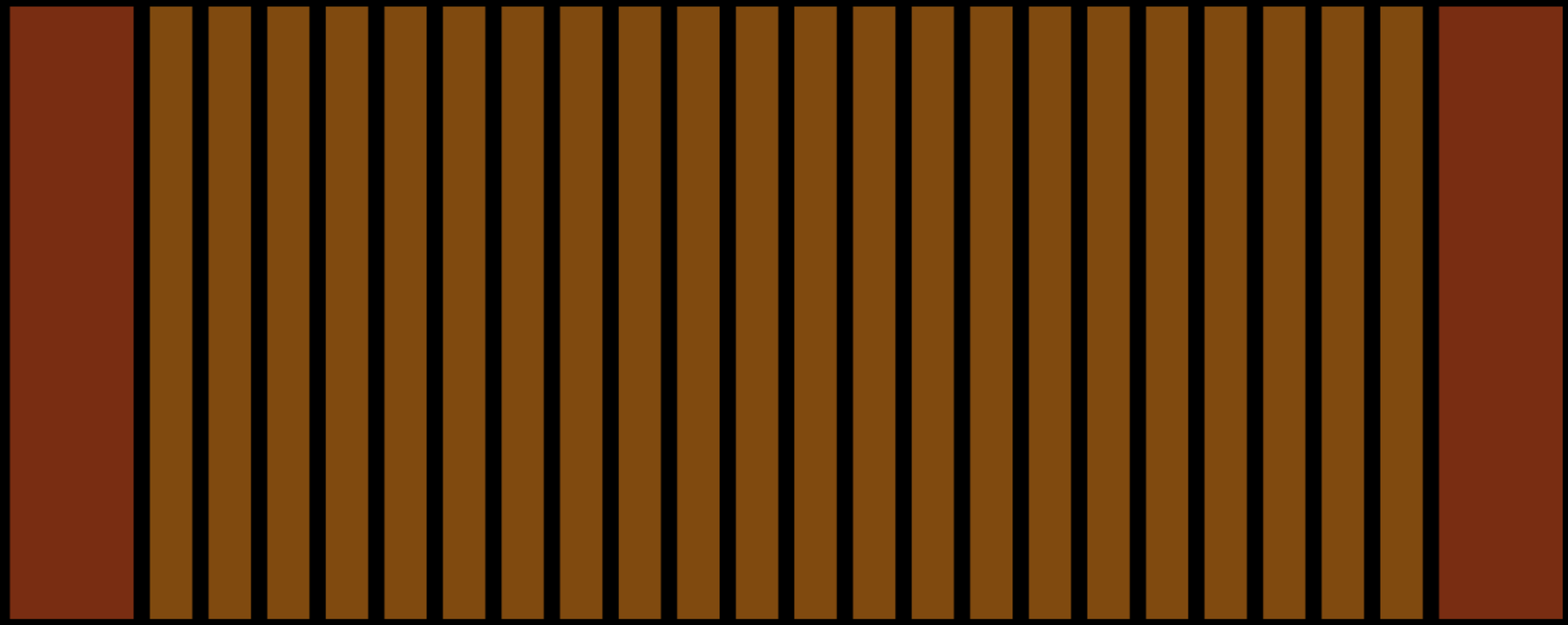


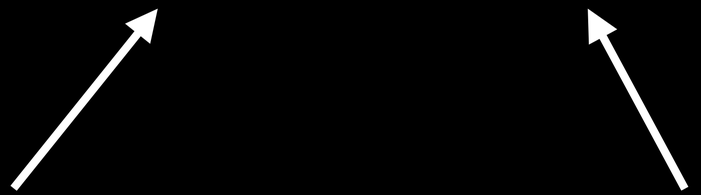

1fr
repeat(24, 60px)
1fr

```
grid-template-columns: 1fr repeat(24, 60px) 1fr;
```



minmax()

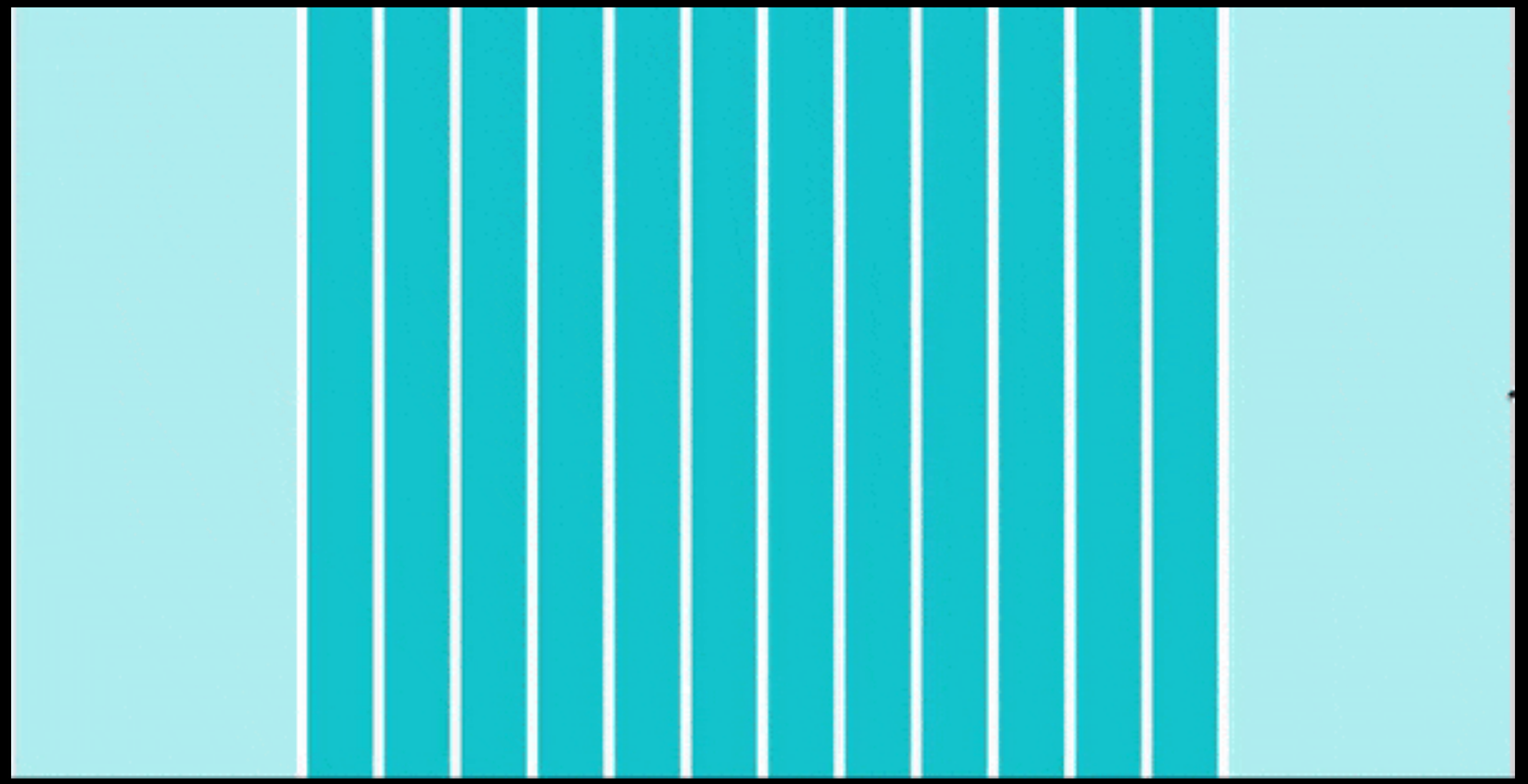
```
minmax(20px, 1fr)
```



Minimum size

Maximum size

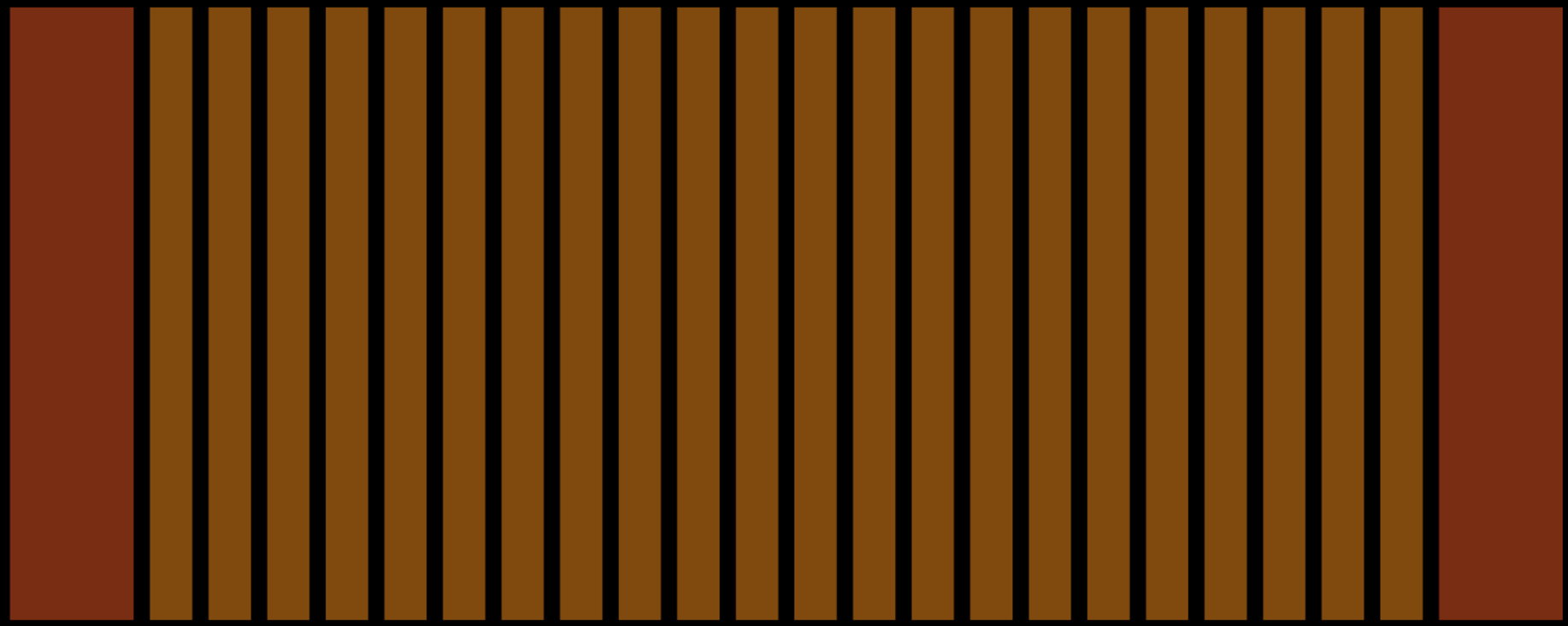
minmax(20px, 1fr)



minmax(0, 60px)

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/wYGMPQ

```
grid-template-columns:
minmax(20px, 1fr) repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px)) minmax(20px, 1fr);
```



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grid-template-columns:
  minmax(20px, 1fr) repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px)) minmax(20px, 1fr);
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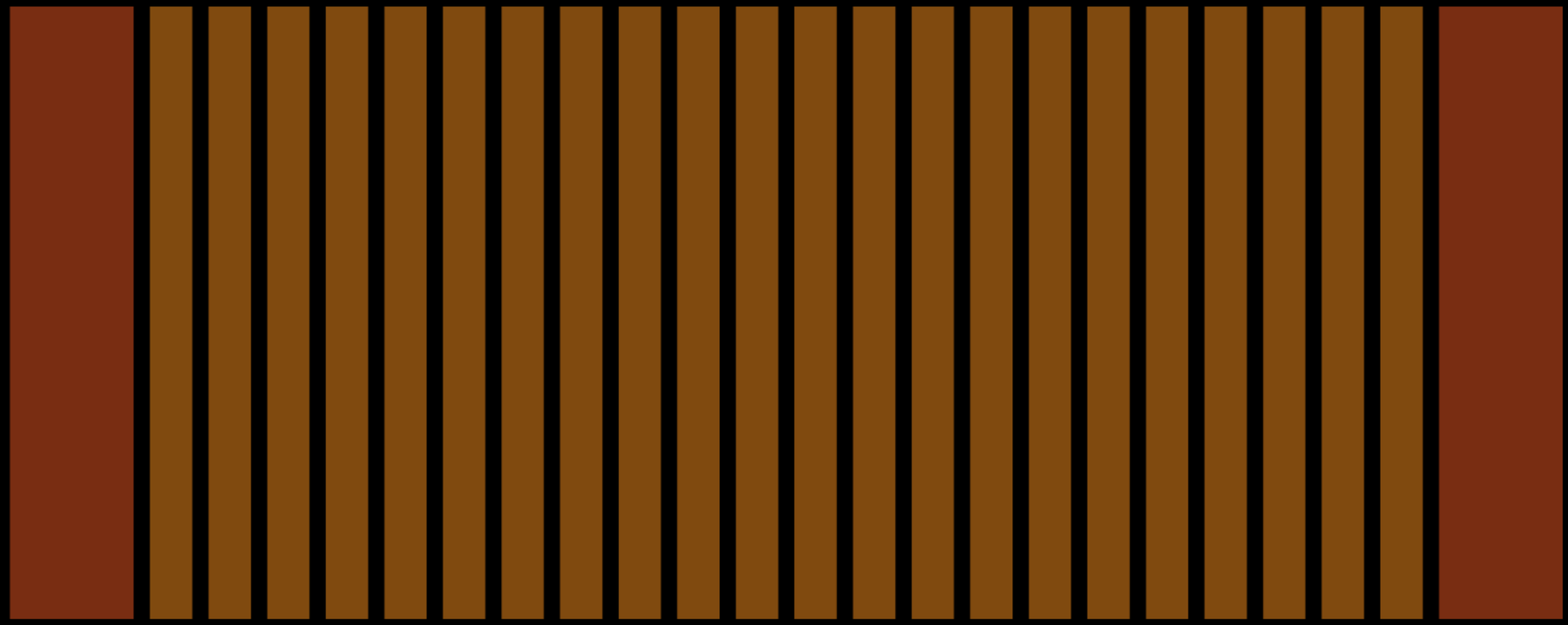

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grid-template-columns:
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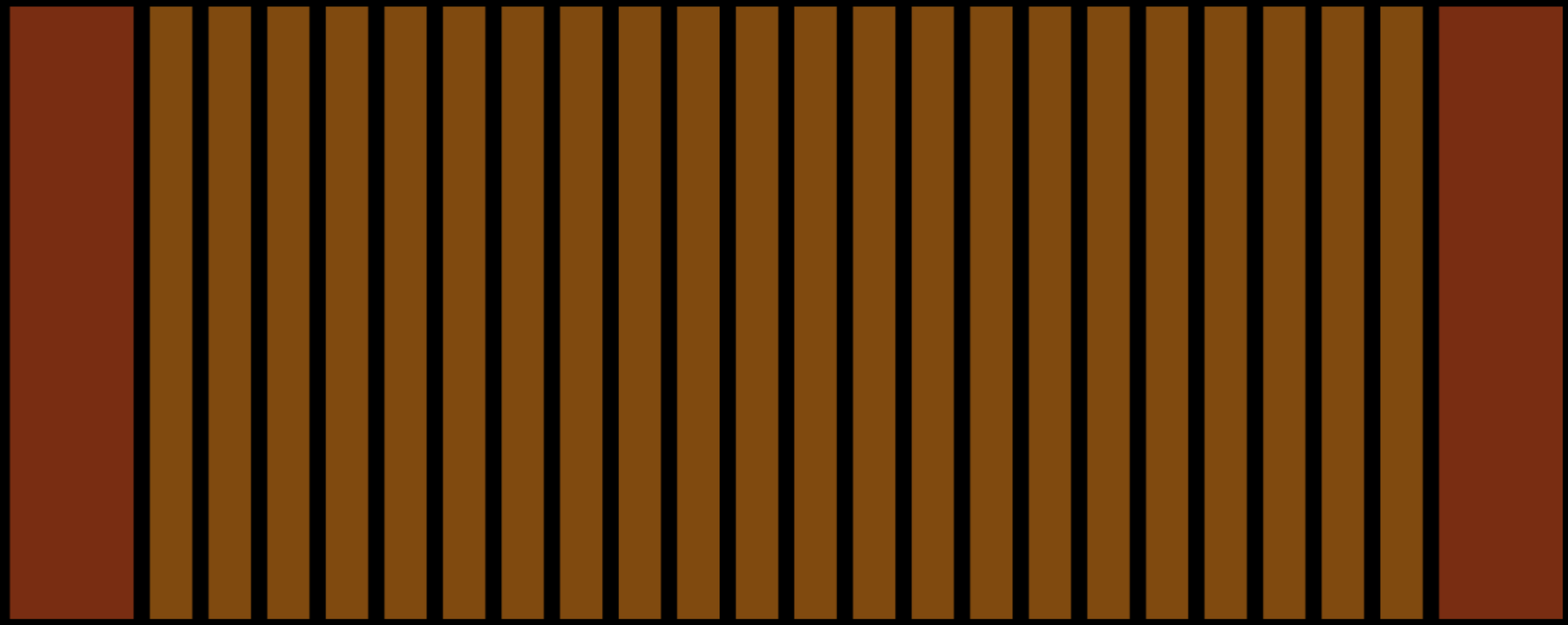

CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
      minmax(20px, 1fr) // flexible outer column
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px)) // 24 central columns
      minmax(20px, 1fr); // flexible outer column
  column-gap: 20px;
}
```

```
grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 1fr;
```

CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      minmax(20px, 1fr);
  grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 1fr;
  column-gap: 20px;
}
```

CSS

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      minmax(20px, 1fr);
  grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 1fr;
  gap: 40px 20px;
}
```

CSS

```css
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      minmax(20px, 1fr);
  grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 1fr;
  gap: 40px 20px;
  align-items: center;
}
```

CSS

Placing items

```
.grid {
  grid-template-columns:
      [outer-start]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [wrapper-start]
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      [wrapper-end]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [outer-end];
  grid-template-rows:
      1fr [heading-start] auto [heading-end] 1fr;
  …
}
```

CSS

Placing items

```
.grid {
  grid-template-columns:
      [outer-start]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [wrapper-start]
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      [wrapper-end]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [outer-end];
  grid-template-rows:
      1fr [heading-start] auto [heading-end] 1fr;
  …
}
```

CSS

Placing items

```
.grid {
  grid-template-columns:
      [outer-start]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [wrapper-start]
      repeat(24, minmax(0, 60px))
      [wrapper-end]
      minmax(20px, 1fr)
      [outer-end];
  grid-template-rows:
      1fr [heading-start] auto [heading-end] 1fr;
  …
}
```

CSS

```css
.grid__image {
  grid-column: wrapper-start / 14;
  grid-row: 1 / -1;
}

.grid__body {
  grid-column: span 5 / wrapper-end;
  grid-row: 1;
  align-self: flex-start;
}

.grid__heading {
  grid-column: 5 / -5;
  grid-row: heading;
}
```

CSS

```
.grid__image {
  grid-column: wrapper-start / 14;
  grid-row: 1 / -1;
}

.grid__body {
  grid-column: span 5 / wrapper-end;
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  grid-column: 5 / -5;
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CSS

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  grid-row: heading;
}
```
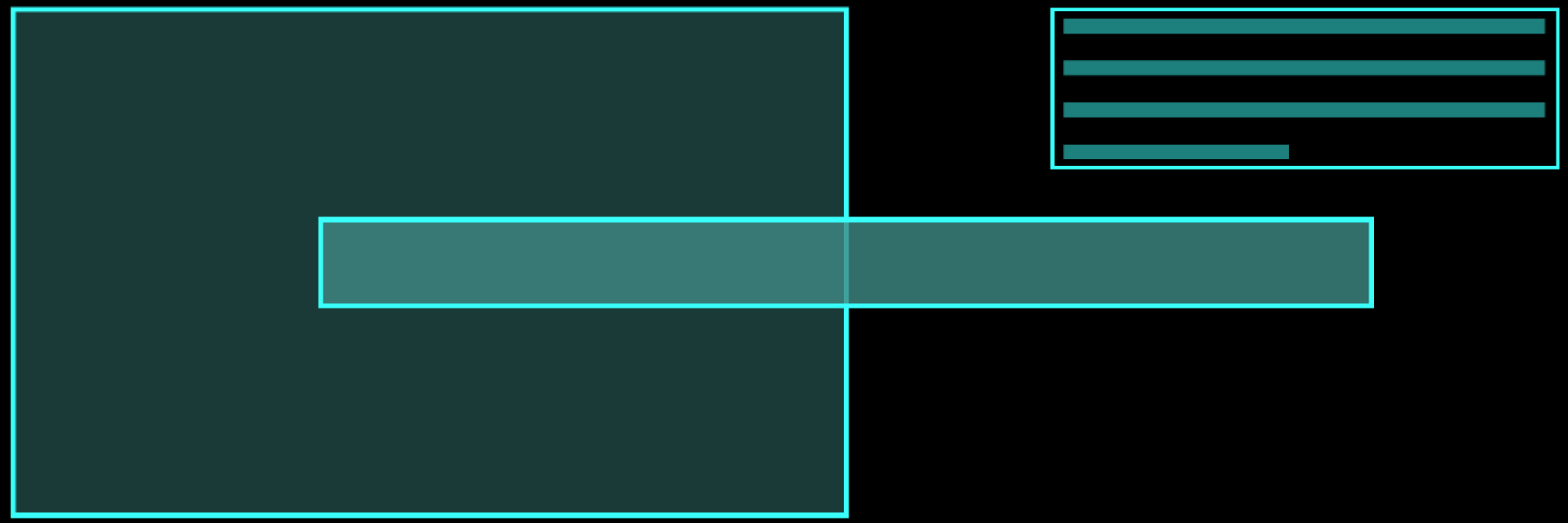
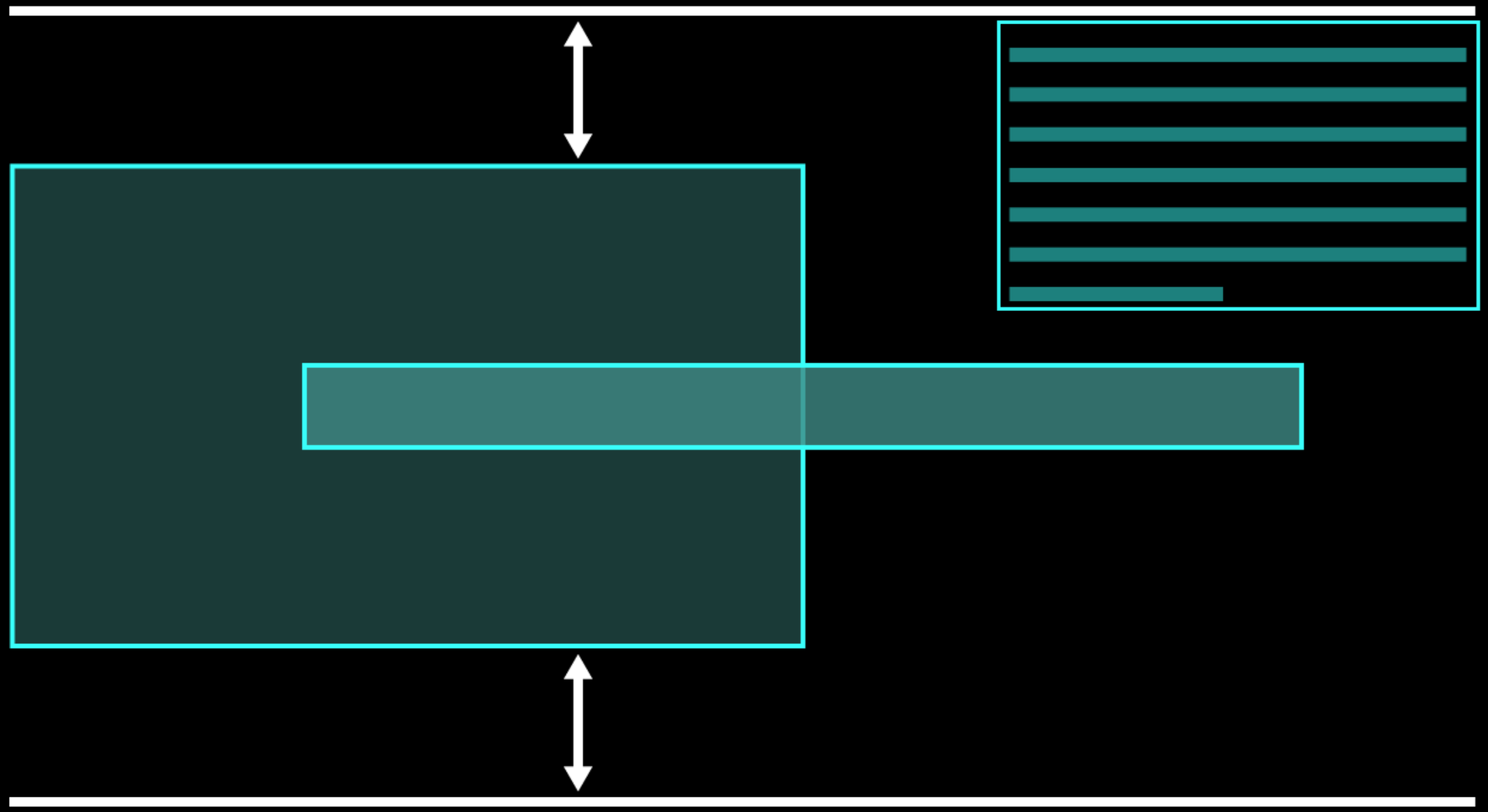
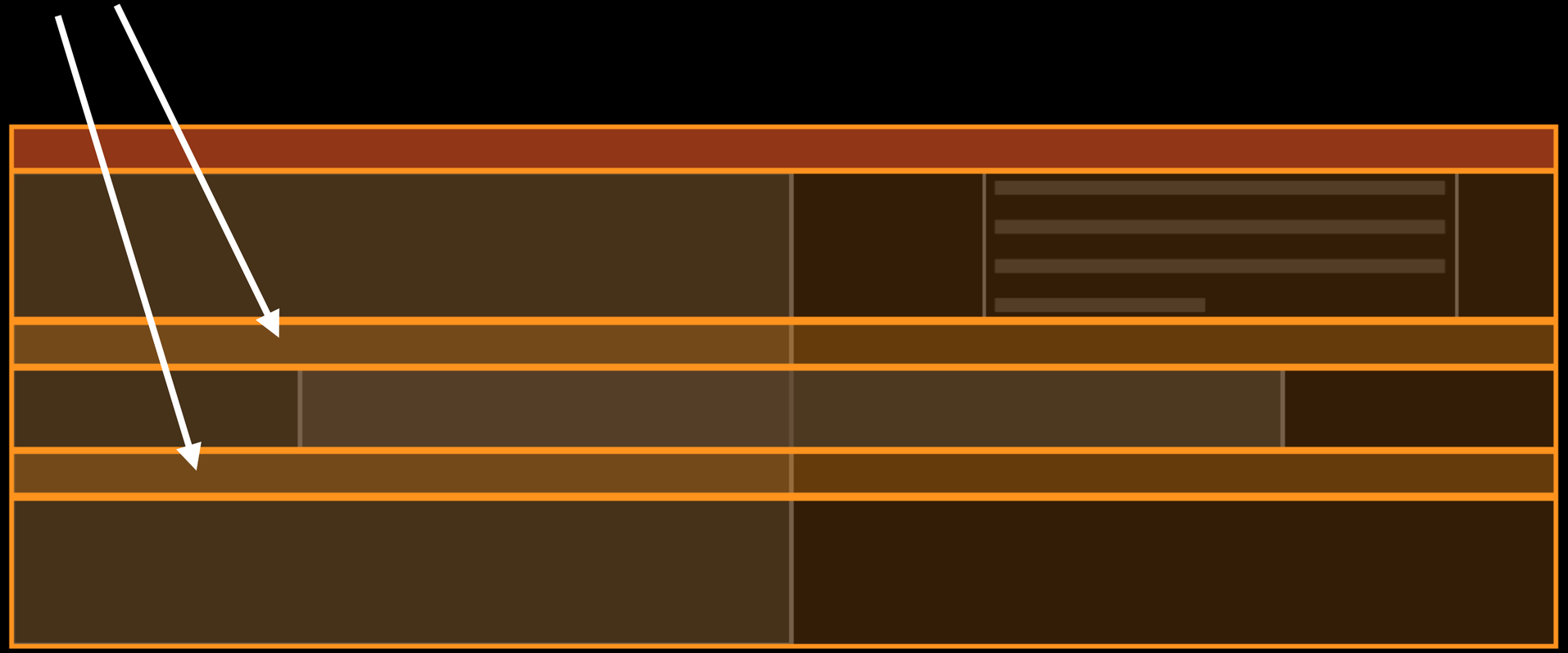
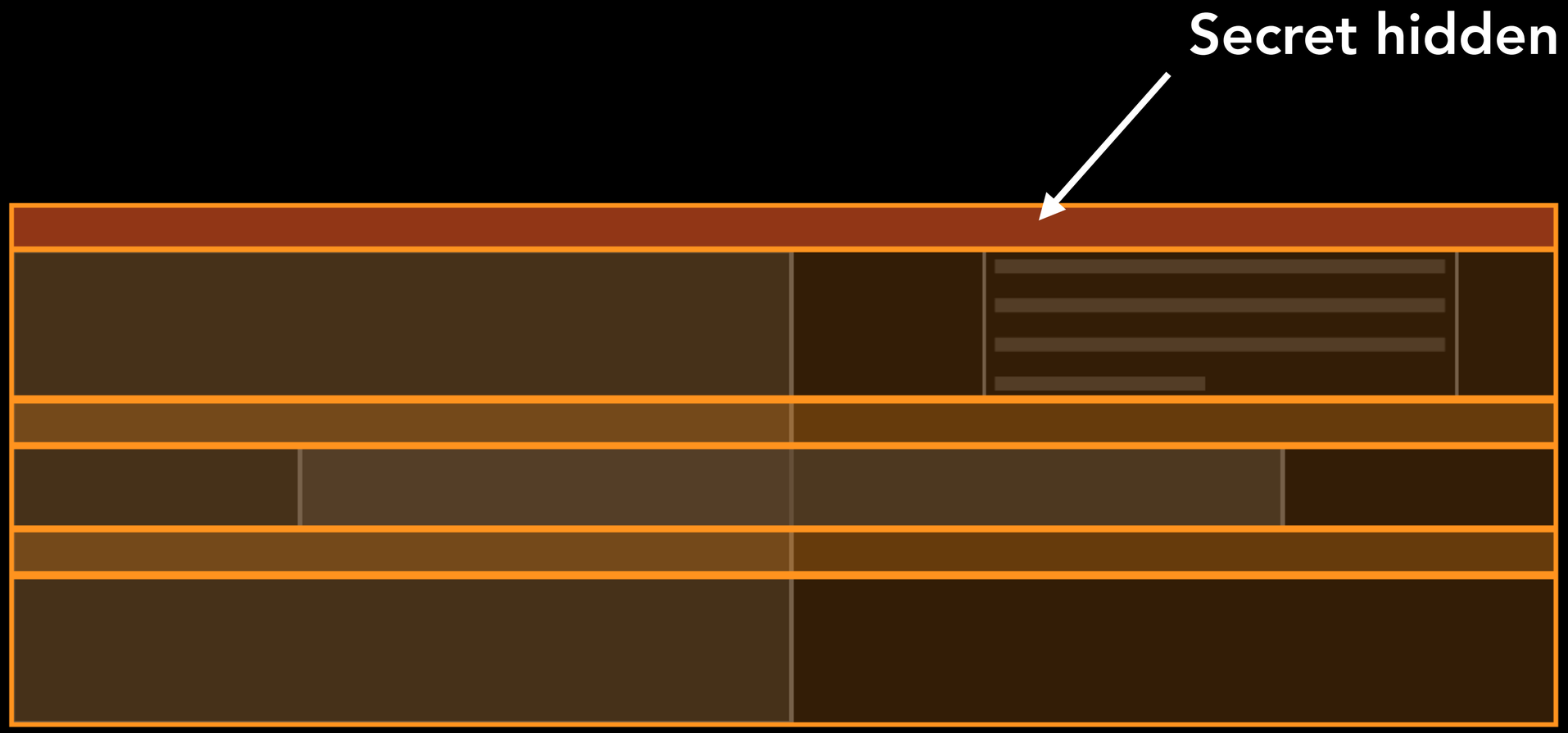





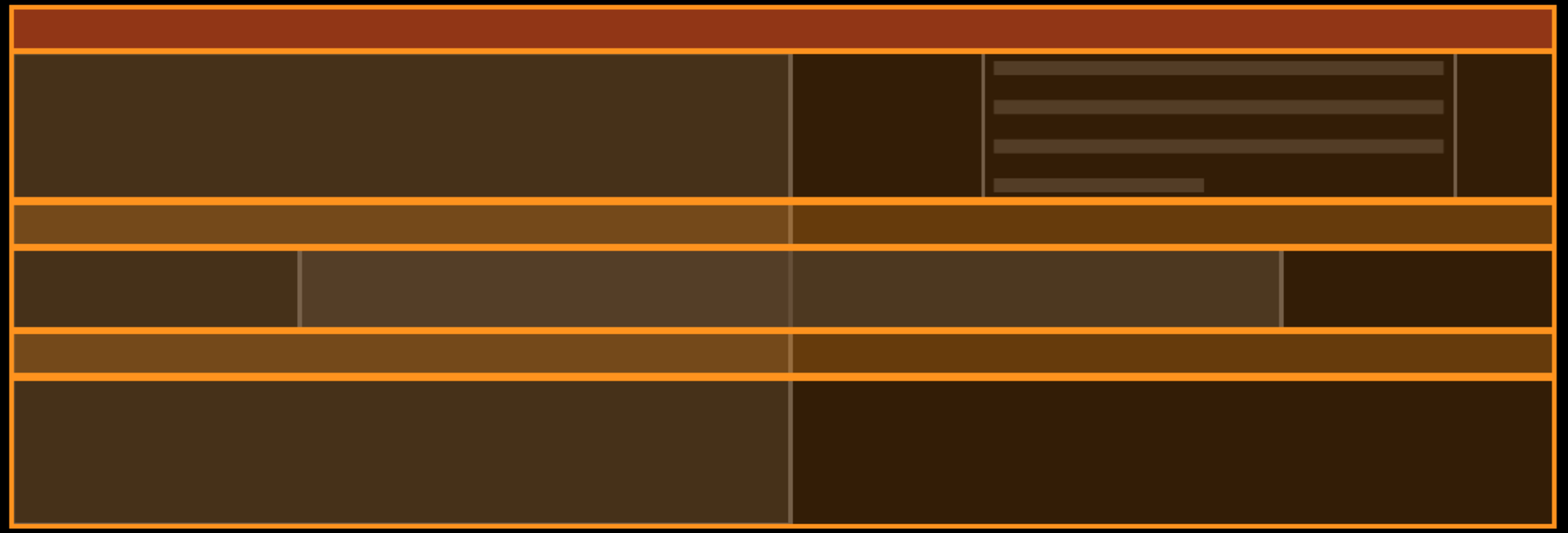
I didn’t solve this problem

Gutter rows

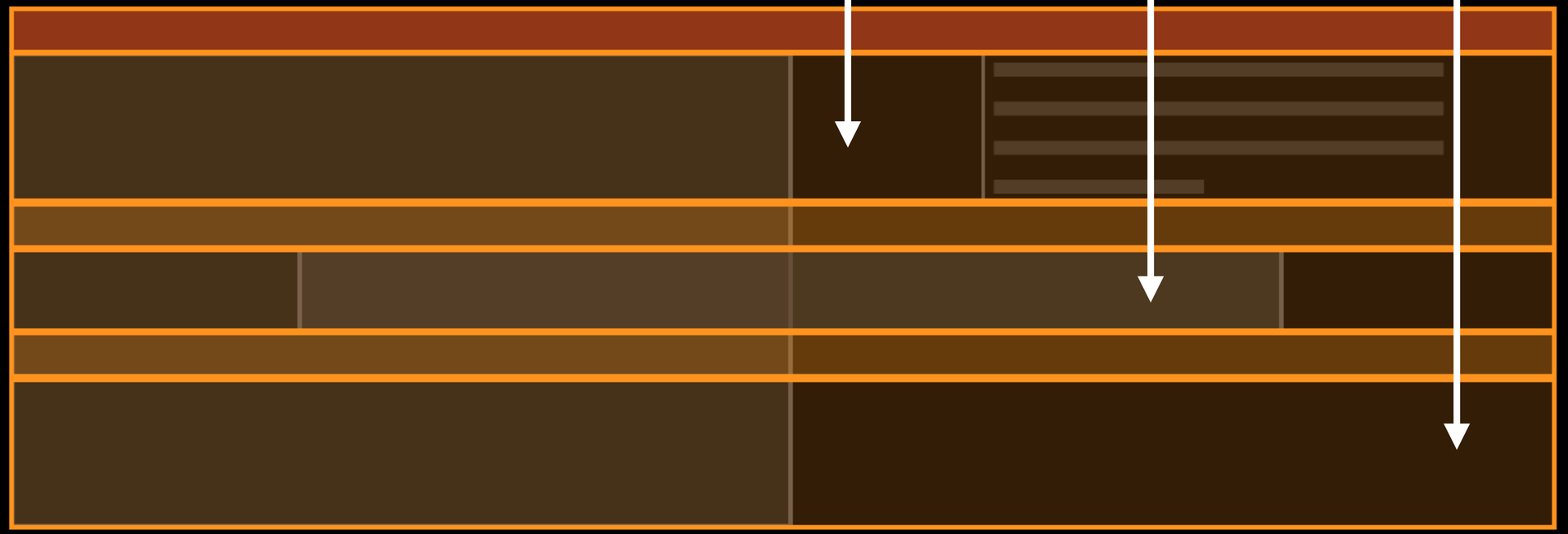



Secret hidden row

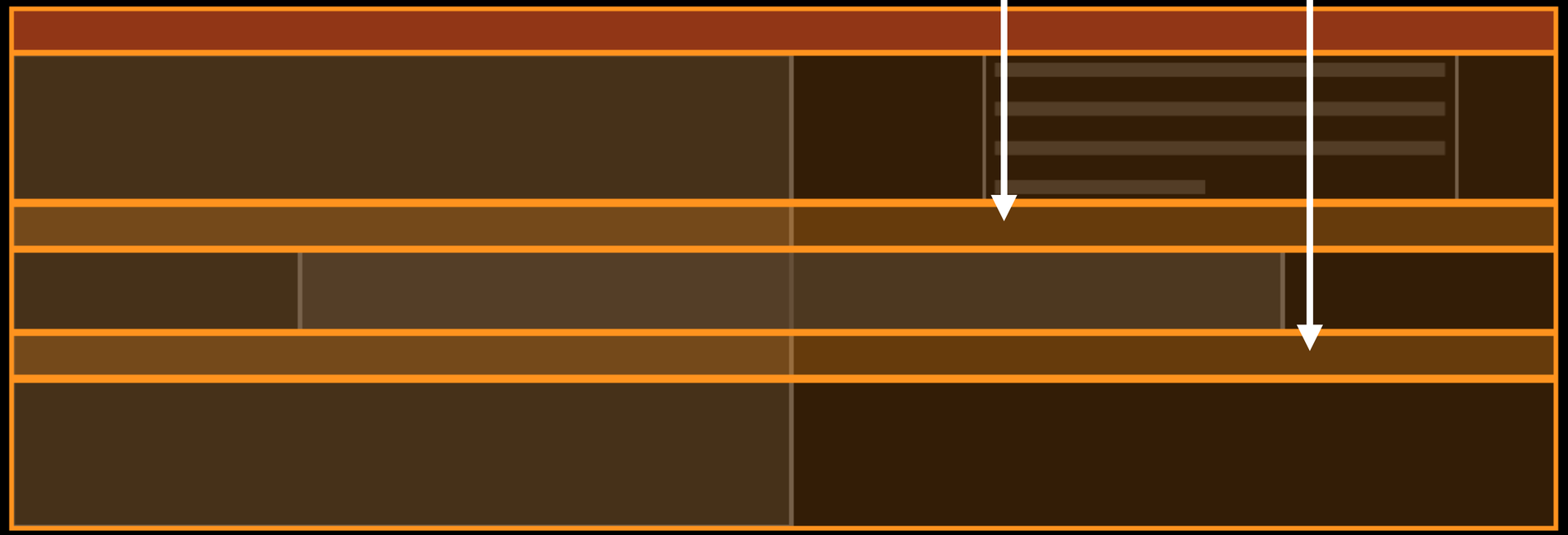
```
grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 40px auto 40px auto;
```



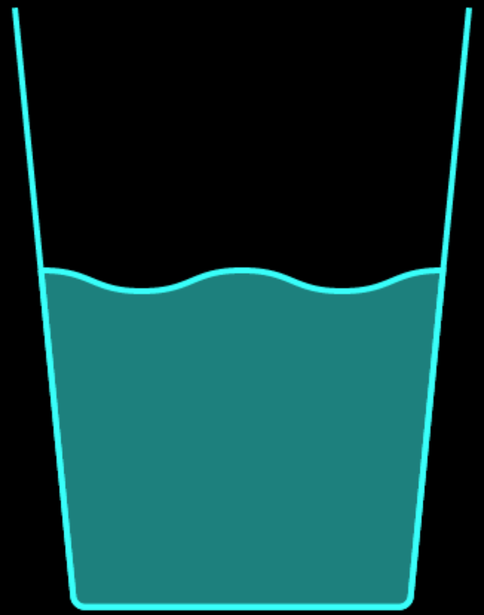
```
grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 40px auto 40px auto;
```

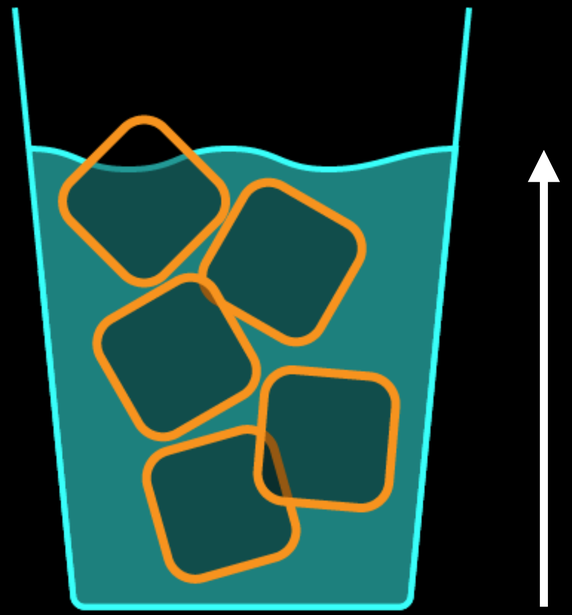


```
grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 40px auto 40px auto;
```



```
grid-template-rows: 1fr auto 40px auto 40px auto;
```

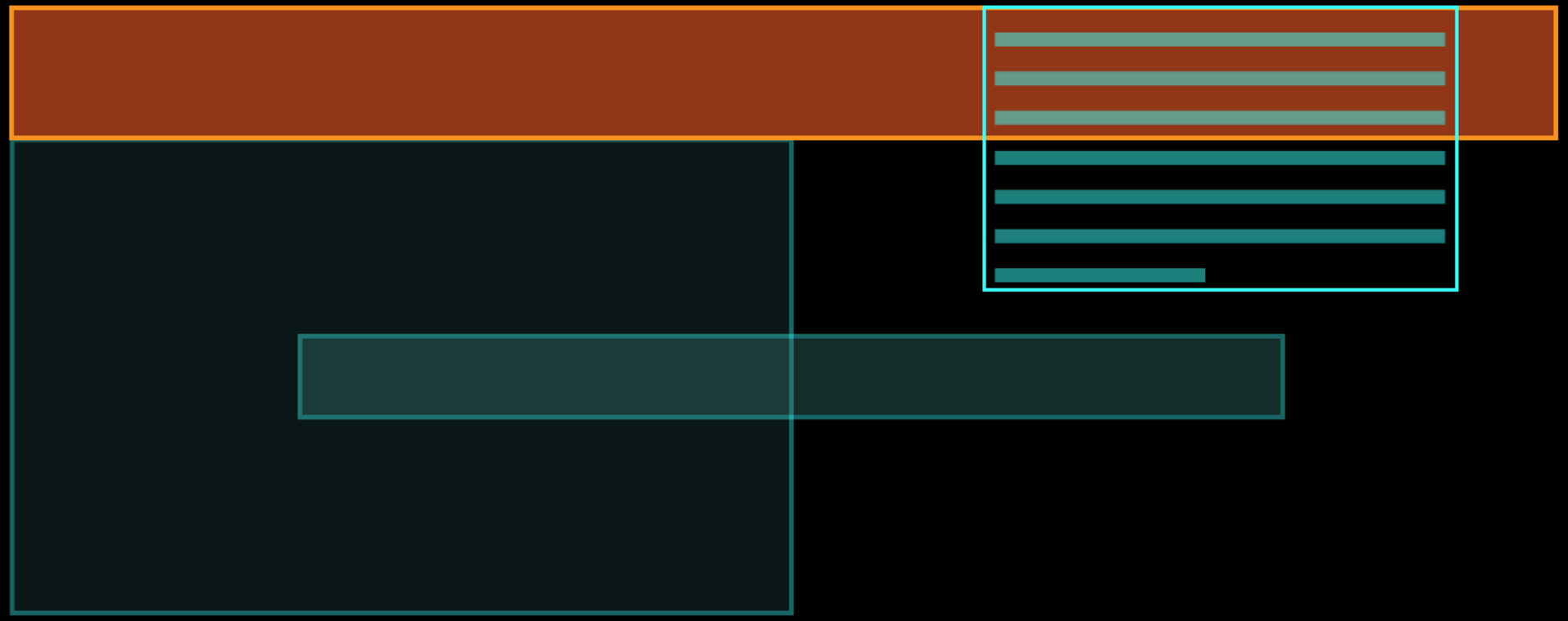


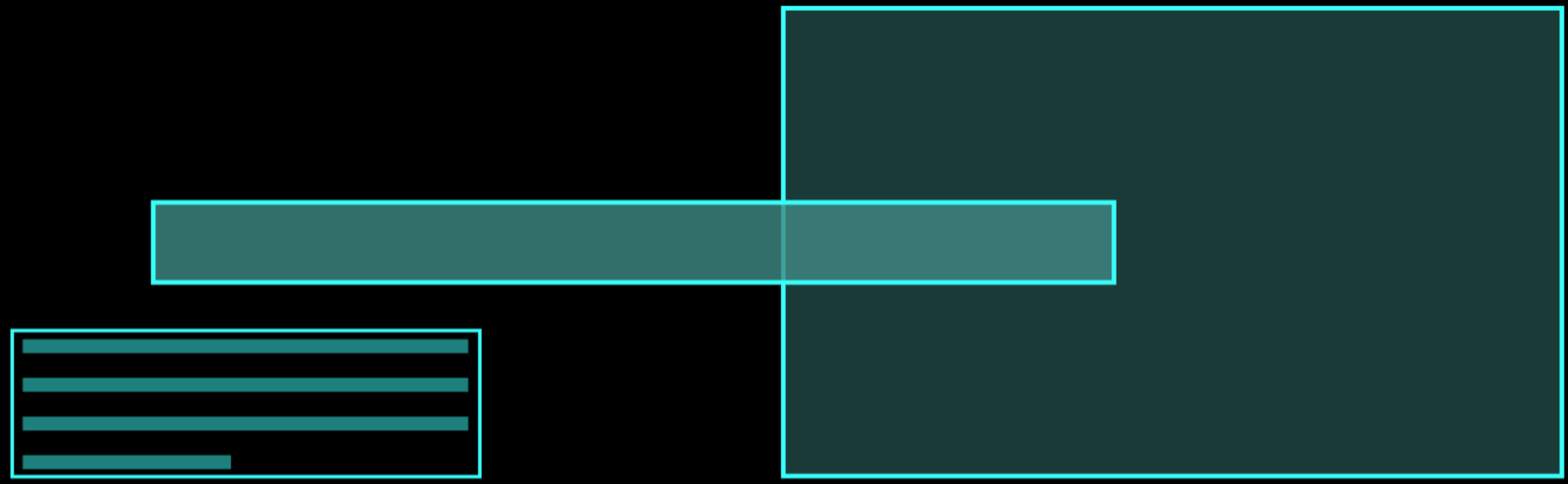


CSS

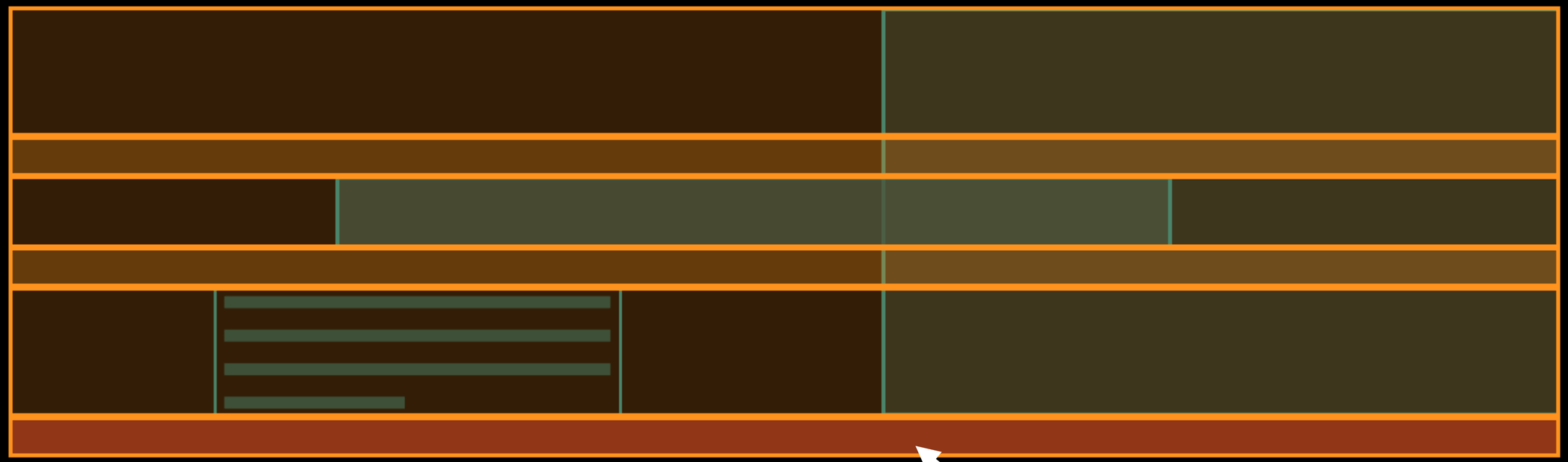
```
.grid {
  …
  grid-template-rows:
      [text-start] 1fr auto [text-end]
      40px // gap
      [heading-start] auto [heading-start]
      40px // gap
      auto;
  …
}
```

```
.grid__body {
  grid-row: text;
}
```





```
grid-template-rows: auto 40px auto 40px auto 1fr;
```



Secret hidden row

CSS

```
.grid--text-bottom {
  grid-template-rows:
      auto 40px
      [heading-start] auto [heading-end]
      40px [text-start] auto
      1fr [text-end]; // hidden row
}
```

CSS

```
.grid--text-bottom .grid__body {
  align-self: flex-end;
}
```

Component variants

SCSS

```scss
/* Second variant of our component */
.grid--2 {
  .grid__image {
    grid-column: 13 / outer-end;
  }

  .grid__body {
    grid-column: wrapper-start / span 5;
  }
}
```

CSS Variables

(a.k.a. Custom Properties)

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CSS Variables == Dynamic variables

CSS

Defining variables

```
:root {
  --bgColor: red;
}
```

CSS

Using variables

```
.my-component {
  background-color: var(--bgColor);
}
```

CSS

```
.grid__image {
  grid-column:
   var(--mediaColStart) / var(--mediaColEnd);
  grid-row: media;
}

.grid__body {
  grid-column: var(--textColStart) / span 5;
  grid-row: text;
}
```

CSS

```
.grid__image {
  grid-column:
   var(--mediaColStart) / var(--mediaColEnd);
  grid-row: media;
}

.grid__body {
  grid-column: var(--textColStart) / span 5;
  grid-row: text;
}
```

CSS

```
.grid__image {
  grid-column:
   var(--mediaColStart) / var(--mediaColEnd);
  grid-row: media;
}

.grid__body {
  grid-column: var(--textColStart) / span 5;
  grid-row: text;
}
```

CSS

```css
.grid {
  --mediaColStart: wrapper-start;
  --mediaColEnd: 14;
  --textColStart: -8;
}

.grid--2 {
  --mediaColStart: 13;
  --mediaColEnd: outer-end;
  --textColStart: 3;
}
```

codepen.io/michellebarker/pen/yGzWme

Resources

Grid by Example (Rachel Andrew)
gridbyexample.com

Layout Land (Jen Simmons)
layout.land

CSS Grid Playground (MDN)
mozilladevelopers.github.io/playground/css-grid

CSS { In Real Life }
css-irl.info

Thank you for listening

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