## Multicol and fragmentation

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## Flexbox and grid

- Create a new formatting context for their direct children.
- These children then participate in flex or grid layout.
- Strings that are direct children of the flex or grid container get wrapped in an anonymous element, so they behave like other elements in layout.

### Multicol

- The direct children don't do anything special.
- The children continue to participate in block and inline layout.
- They are fragmented into columns.

### Fragmentation

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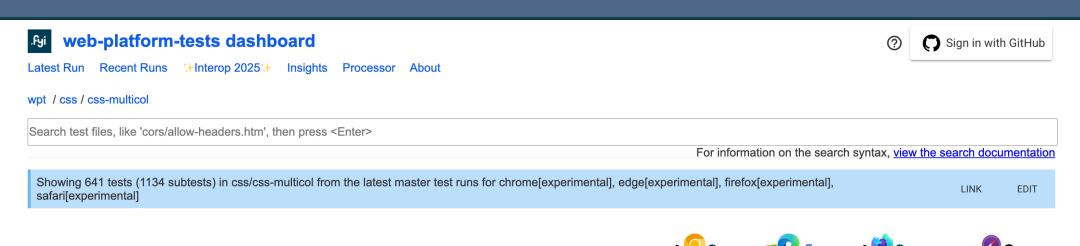
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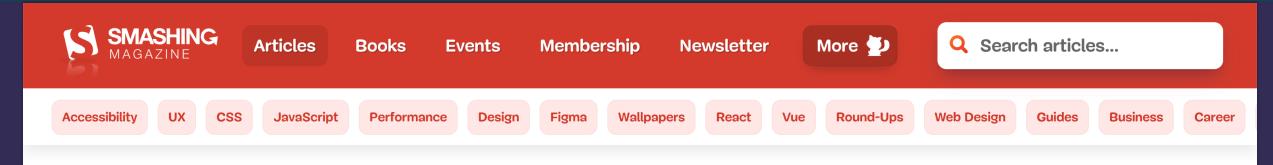
## Most of these are fragmentation tests



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## Fragmentation





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#### **Breaking Boxes With CSS Fragmentation**



**QUICK SUMMARY** • Rachel Andrew has been digging around in the CSS

Fragmentation spec, and finding browser support is somewhat fragmented. In this article, she explains what fragmentation is, why you might want to use it, and what the state of browser support is. She'll also show you the current state of browser support and some of the things you can do to get it working as well as it can in your multical and print projects



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## Controlling breaks

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- break-after
- break-inside
- orphans
- widows
- box-decoration-break

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### border which is what we are interested in here.

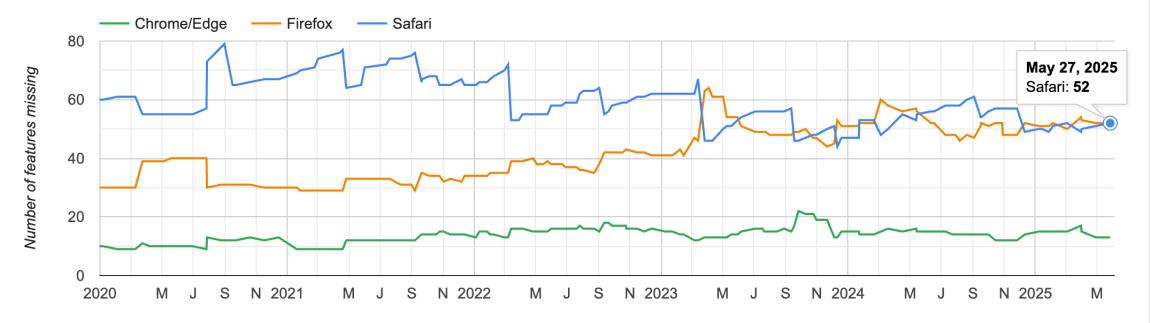
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#### Features missing in only one browser

This chart displays the number of features that are missing in exactly one major browser, for each browser. The counted features are present in all browsers except that browser. Each of the features would be considered Baseline once the feature is supported in the corresponding browser.

Click on a line in the chart to see the exact number at any given time and the list of specific features missing in that browser.



Sphinx of black quartz, judge my vow

Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs

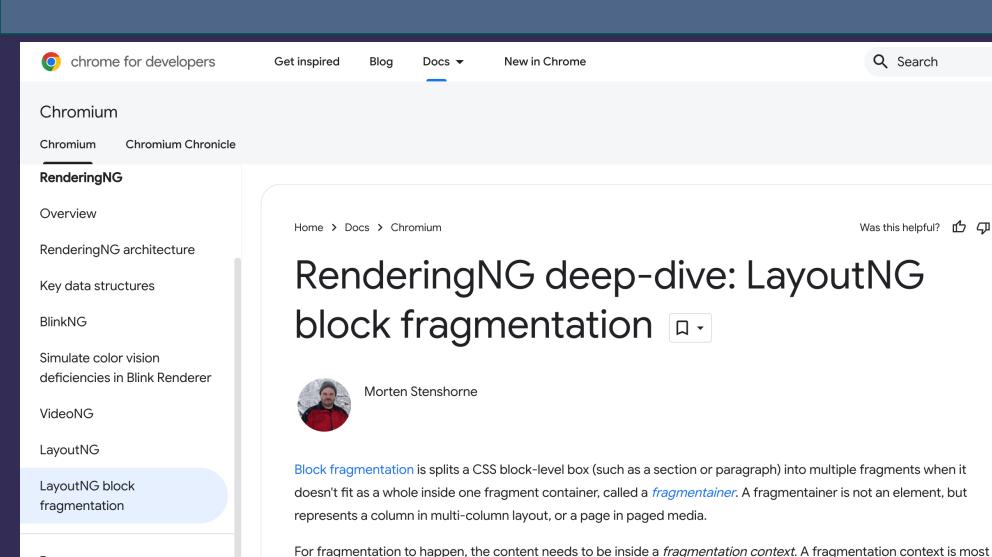
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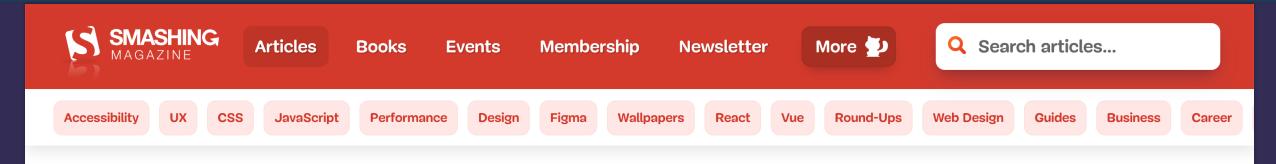
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## CSS for print

#### Print and PDFs from the web





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#### How To Create A PDF From Your Web Application



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## Paged Media

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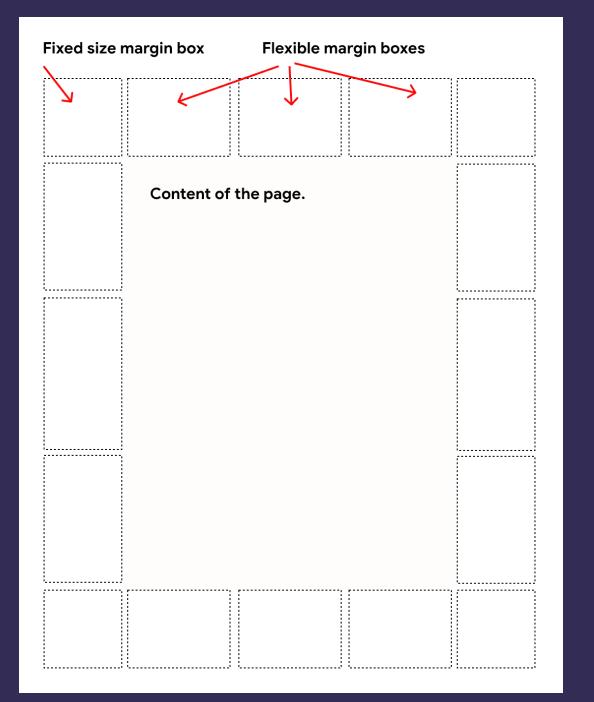
## Add content to page headers and footers

## @page size descriptor



Define he size of the page you are printing to, and the size of the margins around the content.

```
@page {
  size: 8.5in 7in;
}
```



## @page margin at-rules

- @top-left-corner
- @top-left
- @top-center
- O @top-right
- @top-right-corner
- @left-top
- @left-middle
- @left-bottom

- O @right-top
- @right-middle
- @right-bottom
- @bottom-left-corner
- O @bottom-left
- O @bottom-center
- O @bottom-right
- O @bottom-right-corner





```
@page :right {
  @bottom-left {
    content: "My book";
    font-size: 9pt;
    color: #333;
}
```





```
@page :right {
 @bottom-right {
  content: counter(page);
@page :left {
@bottom-left {
  content: counter(page);
```

## Print things that browsers don't do

These things are all in the spec.

## Set strings

Add content from the HTML document to the page margin.

For example, store the content of an <h1> element then output it. The content is updated if a new <h1> is encountered.

```
h1 {
 string-set: doctitle content();
@page :right {
 @top-right {
  content: string(doctitle);
  margin: 30pt 0 10pt 0;
  font-size: 8pt;
```

#### Cross-references

Cross-references in print are indicated with the page number where the content is found.

Cross-references on the web are a link.

With target-counter you can show a link for web presentations and the page number when the same document is printed.

```
<style>
a.xref:after {
  content: " (page " target-
    counter(attr(href, url), page) ")";
}
</style>
<a class="xref" href="#ref1">my reference</a>
```

#### Footnotes

When printed, footnotes are shown in the margin at the foot of the page on which they appear.

They use a new value of float.

```
<style>
.fn {
  float: footnote;
}
</style>
This is some text <span class="fn">this is a
footnote</span>.
```

## Chrome bugs for these features

- Set strings (20 +1s): https://crbug.com/376420244
- Cross-references (33 +1s): https://crbug.com/40529223
- Footnotes (13 +1s): http://crbug.com/376428674

## We've become trained in what the web can't do

## text-wrap: balance



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}
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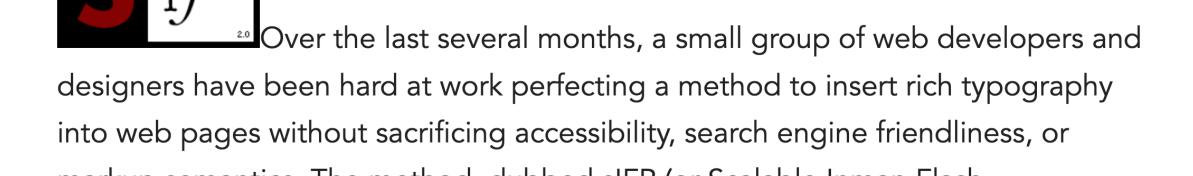
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April 27, 2005



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377 entries

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Those of you who design websites, or FE devs who implement things from designers. Do you still get requests for layout that's common in print but essentially impossible (or very hard to do) on the web?

May 25, 2025 at 6:48 PM 😤 Everybody can reply 🗷

### Are you pre or post responsive design?

- The concept of responsive design is now **15 years old**.
- Bootstrap was launched in 2011.

### **HEADER**

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"The Holy Grail" on Wikipedia.



Badgers, Mr. Weebl

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Badgers\_(animation)

## CSS for developer experience

A lot of new CSS gives us better ways to do the things we can already do

The web just doesn't work like that

## Creating rows in multicol

### Overflow columns in multicol

```
.columns {
 column-count: 3;
 height: 100px;
 row-gap: 2em;
```

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### The column-height property

```
.columns {
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  row-rule: 2px solid grey;
  row-gap: 2em;
}
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 column-wrap: nowrap;
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be constructed which shall be able to stand against a gale of wind.

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and can be made of the lightest and thinnest material. But directly it has to face the wind, and fight its way against it as an airship must do, then it has to be made of sufficient strength and rigidity to withstand the wind's power, or it will be blown to pieces. To make so large a thing as an airship withstand a rough wind, it must be built of very strong and rigid materials. To do this means to add to the weight of the machine. To lift the increased weight, a larger machine which can hold more gas is needed. The larger the machine the more surface it offers to the wind, and the stronger therefore must be its construction. It will now be seen that we are arguing in a circle, and we

can understand that a point must be reached in the making of airships when, with our present materials, the advantage gained by increase of strength will be more than counterbalanced by increased weight. On this point Sir Hiram Maxim says: "It is not possible to make a balloon, strong enough to be driven through the air at any considerable speed, at the same time light enough to rise in the air; therefore balloons must always be at the mercy of a

wind no greater than that which prevails at least 300 days in the year;" adding, "Those who seek to navigate the air by machines lighter than air have, I think, come practically to the end of their tether."

# Gap decorations

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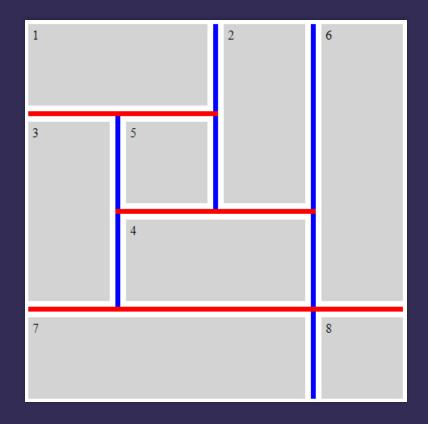
### Gap decorations: row-rule

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.columns {
  column-count: 3;
  column-height: 100px;
  column-wrap: wrap;
  row-rule: 2px solid grey;
  row-gap: 2em;
}
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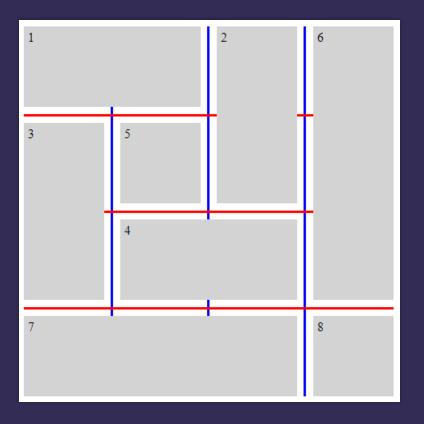
### Gap decorations with grid

```
.grid-with-spans {
  display: grid;
  grid-template: repeat(4, 100px) /
  repeat(4, 100px);
  gap: 20px;
  row-rule: 6px solid red;
  column-rule: 6px solid blue;
}
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.break-none-grid {
 display: grid;
 grid-template: repeat(4, 100px) /
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 gap: 20px;
 row-rule: 6px solid red;
 column-rule: 6px solid blue;
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```



### Gap decorations demos



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### **Gap Decorations Start Dev Trials**

By Tech Editor | May 30, 2025

The Microsoft Edge Layout team today announced the official launch of developer trials for the highly anticipated Gap Decorations Module. This early access program empowers frontend engineers to experiment with powerful new properties—column-rule, row-rule, and gap-rule-paint-order—to style gaps in grid, flex, and multicol containers without relying on additional

markup or pseudo-elements. In these trials, participants can test **row-rule** support in multicol layouts, leverage **column-wrap** to achieve sophisticated magazine-style flows, and fine-tune separator styles across responsive breakpoints. Feedback from this dev trial will shape the specification and guide future enhancements, ensuring GapDecorations integrates seamlessly

into existing design systems and workflows. Interested developers start using the new feature by using any Chromium-based browser with the experimental flag enabled: --blink-enable-features=GapDecoration. Web developers are encouraged to provide feedback and report bugs to make sure your voice is heard in shaping this game-changing CSS module.

### **Trending**

- Gap Decorations Tutorial
- Case Study: News Site Redesign
- Flex vs Grid Gap Techniques

### **Daily Sudoku**

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### CSS Gap Decorations playground

This interactive demo showcases the features of the CSS Gaps Decorations Module Level 1.

Use the controls to tweak gap, rule, and paint-order properties in real time and see how they affect multicolumn, flex, and grid layouts.

This is a non-exhaustive demo. See the spec for full details on the properties and their values.

As of right now, this is only implemented for Chromium-based browsers, and a flag is needed to enable the feature: --enable-features=CSSGapDecoration

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img {
  -prince-float: snap;
}
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### column-span: <integer>

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.spanner {
    column-span: all;
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.spanner {
    column-span: 2;
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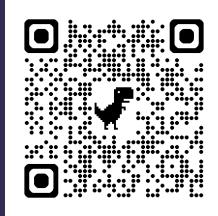
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# Editorial Layouts, Floats, and CSS Grid

CSS Grid is in many ways a dream come true, but there's at least one basic thing it can't do.

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I've been getting my feet wet with CSS Grid this year. The new possibilities it introduces for page layout on the web are exciting, but before venturing too far into those waters, I wanted to see how it handles the kind of layouts I'm already designing. Most of the work I do on the web—at ProPublica and here on my site—is editorial

#### TL:DR

Since floats aren't compatible with CSS Grid, aligning floated elements to an established grid can be a real headache. This is a nontrivial impediment to traditional editorial layouts' ability to take advantage of Grid's benefits.

design, so I was keen to learn how Grid accommodates the conventions of the

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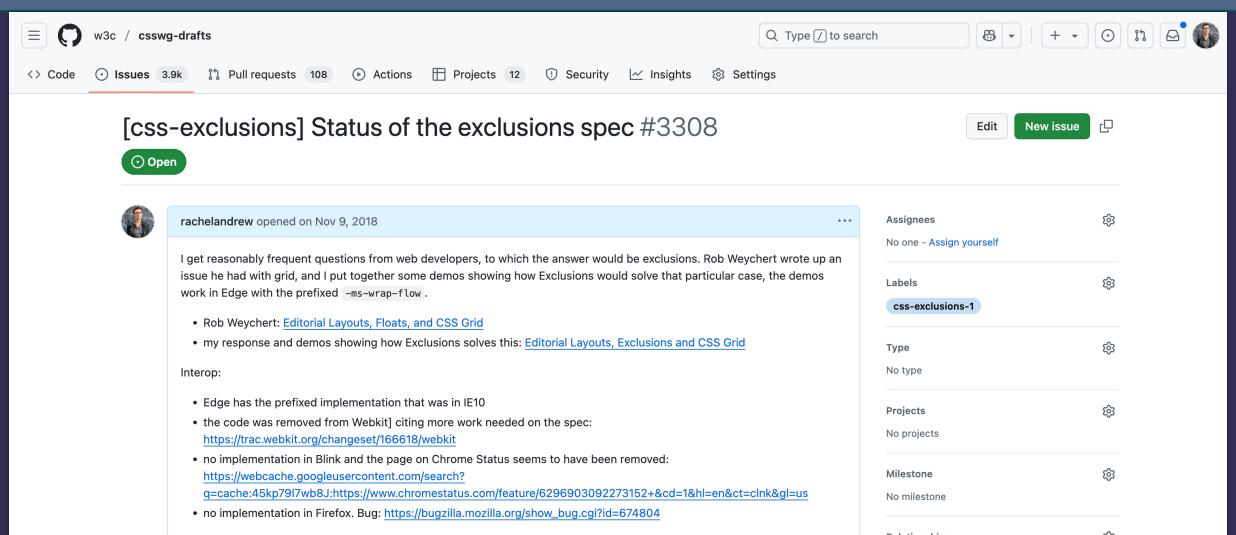
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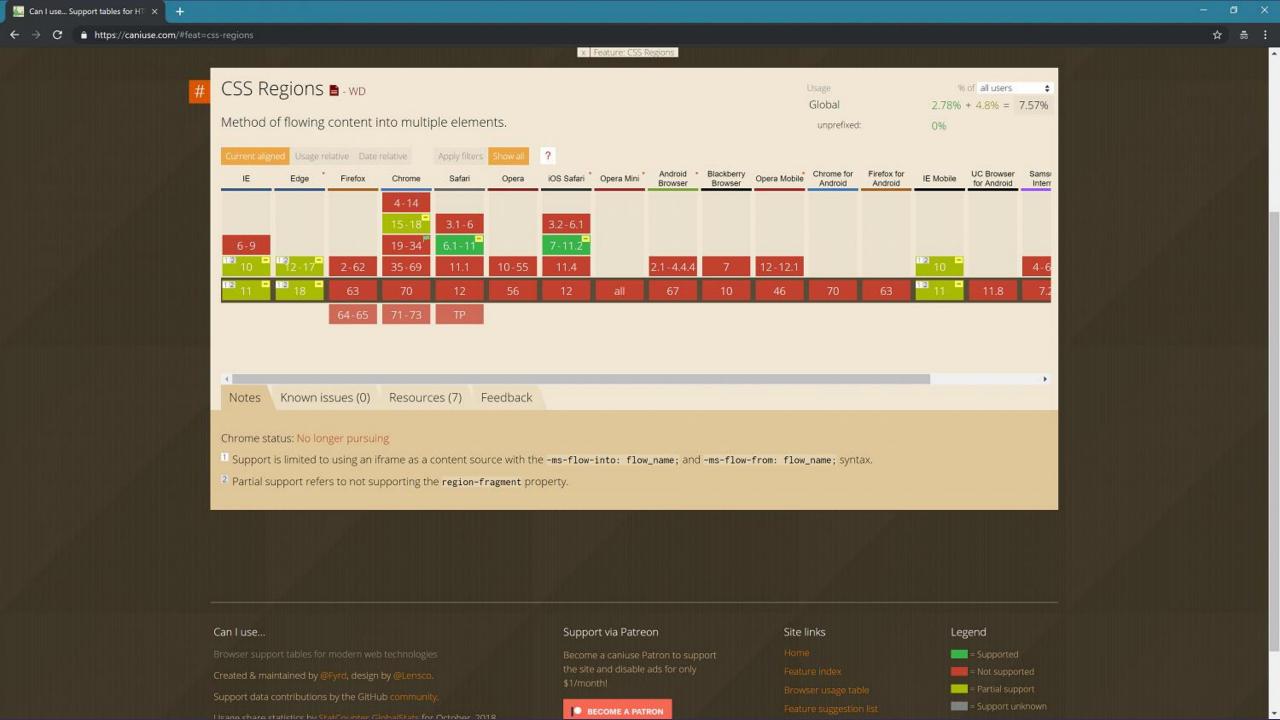
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# Regions?

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### **Connective features**

Not exciting on their own, but act as multipliers and enablers of exciting things

# Raise issues to show us the things you can't do

Don't worry about how it's done, explain what the use case is.

# reading-flow

Getting one of those impossible things done

### reading-flow and reading-order

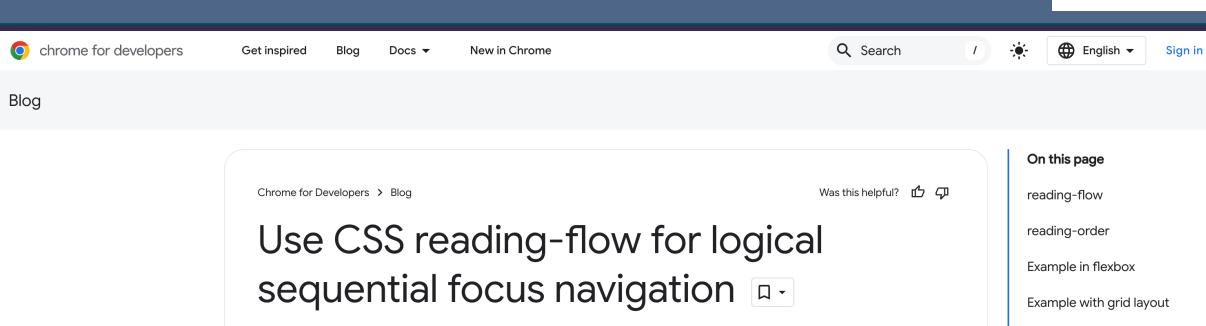


A block container using

Interaction with tabindex

reading-order

Let us know



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The CSS reading-flow and reading-order properties are available from Chrome 137. This post explains the reasons behind the design of these properties and some brief details to get you started with them.

Layout methods such as grid and flex have transformed frontend development, however their flexibility can cause a

# Thank you