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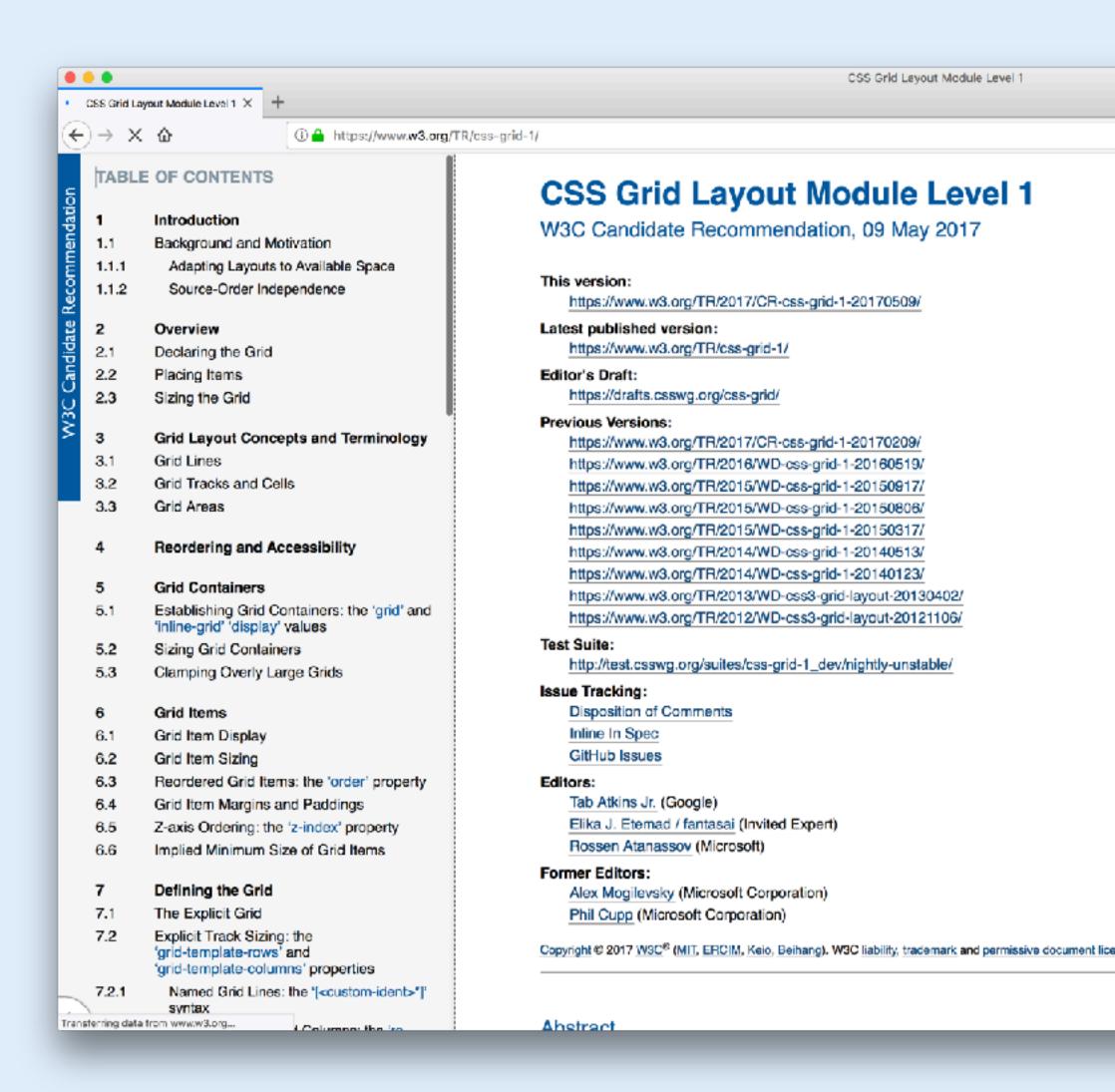
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# GRAPHIC DESIGN and the WEB

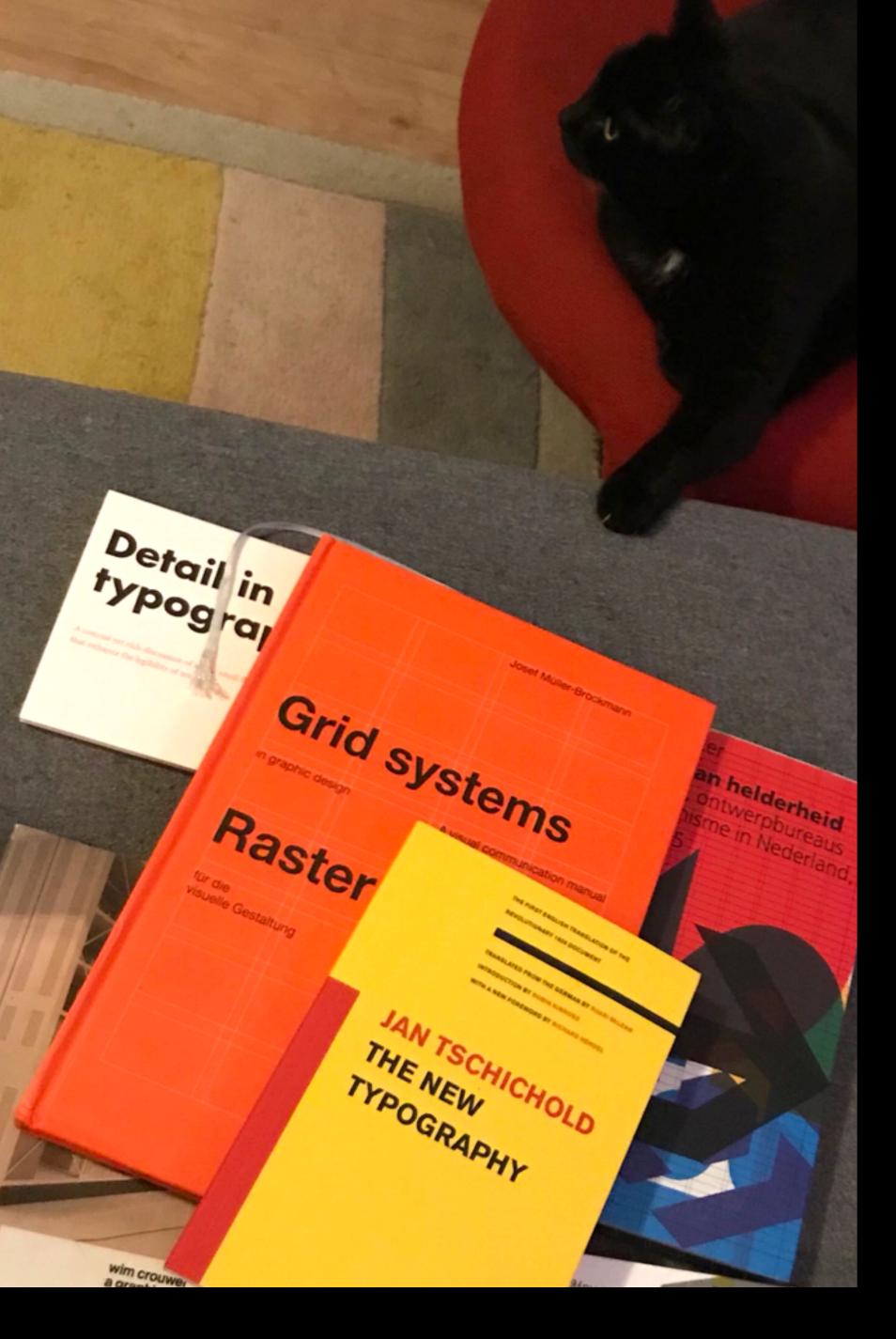
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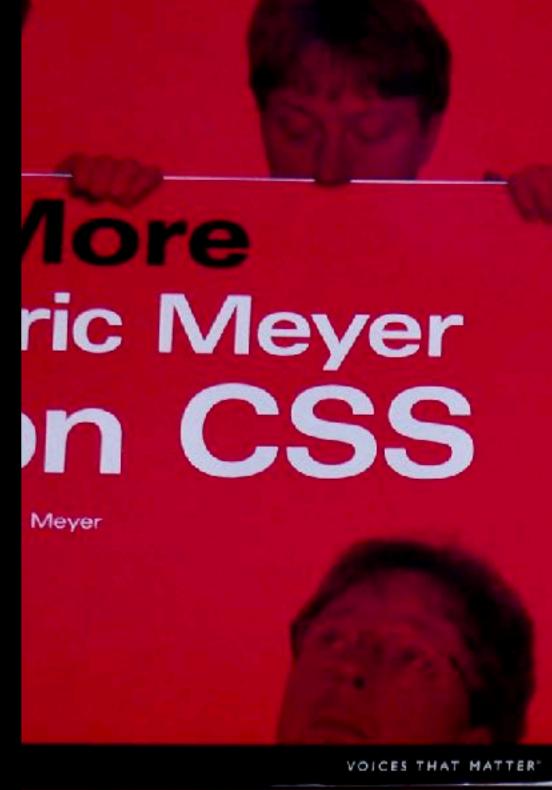
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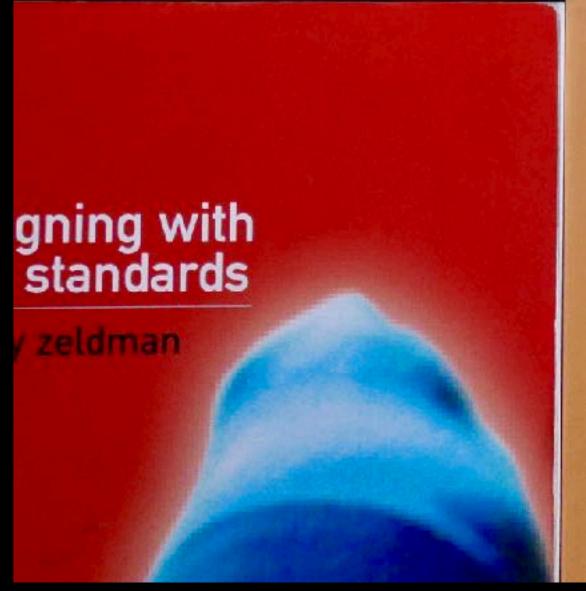




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"Dan Cederholm is no standards zealot. He's a guy on the front line who knows that web standards save both time and money. This is a real solutions oriented guide to using standards-based techniques in your daily work, written by sameone who does exactly that. You can't lose!

-Drew McLellan. The Web Standards Project.

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# It's a new era for design and lay-out on the web

# what is GREAT GRAPHIC DESIGN?

# Modernism in graphic design

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JAN TSCHICHOLD
THE NEW
TYPOGRAPHY



### Die neue Typography

Jan Tschichold, 1928

### jan tschichold:

#### lichtbildervortrag die neue typographie

am mittwoch, 11. mai 1927, abends 8 uhr, in der aula der graphischen berufsschule, pranckhstraße 2, am marsfeld, straßenbahnlinien: 3 (haltestelle hackerbrücke), 1, 4 und 11 (haltestelle pappenheimstraße) • der vortrag wird von über hundert größtenteils mehrfarbigen lichtbildern begleitet, eine diskussion findet nicht statt

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Modern times require function over form.

Clarity, more than 'beauty'.

# Asymmetric alignment is more effective

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### AUSSTELLUNG

STUTTGART 1924

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### Design so that the eye is lead from one word (or group of words) to the next

JAN TSCHICHOLD: Poster 1926, Normformat A



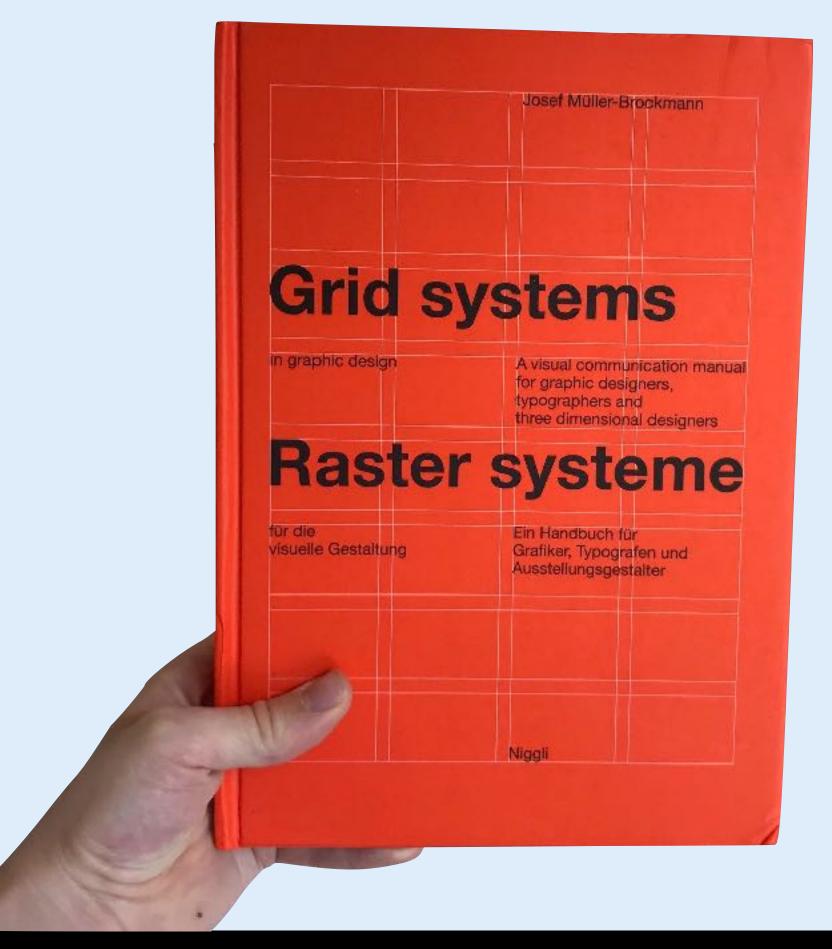
## If we think clearly and approach each task with a fresh and determined mind, a good solution will usually result.

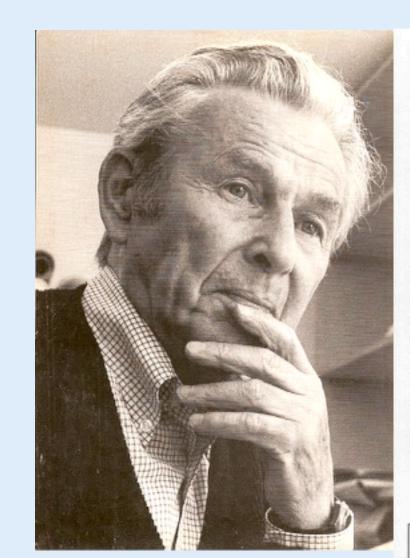
– Jan Tschichold

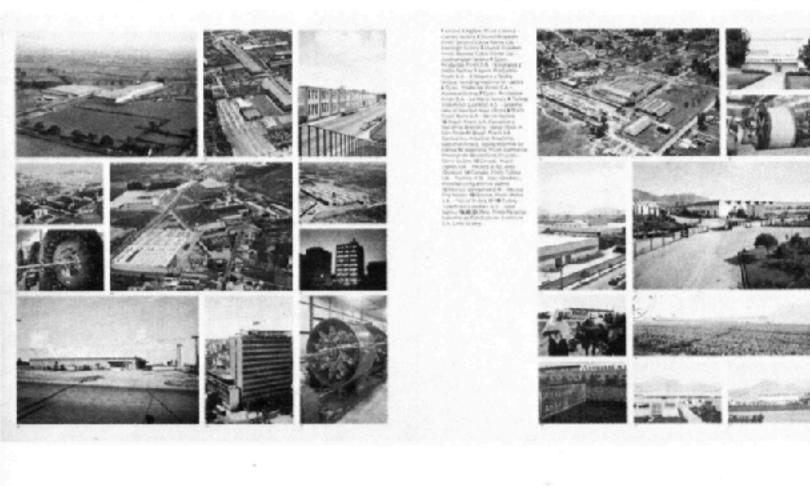
In: The New Typography, 69.

### Raster systeme für die visuele Gestaltung

Josef Müller-Brockmann, 1981







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Why grids?

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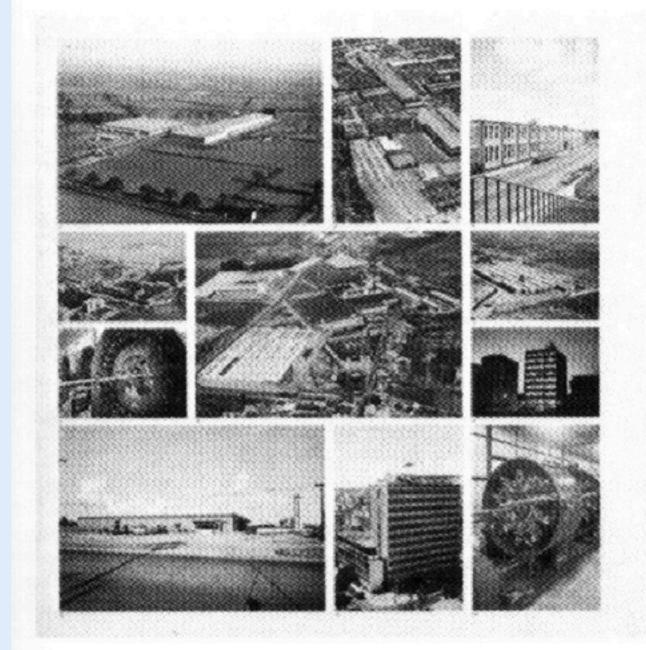


### The grid makes it easier to give the surface or space a rational organization.

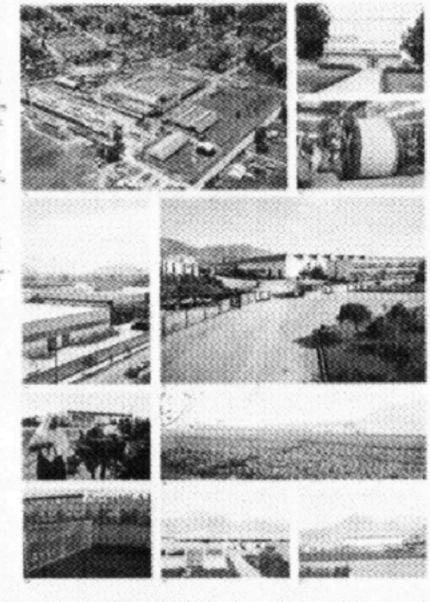
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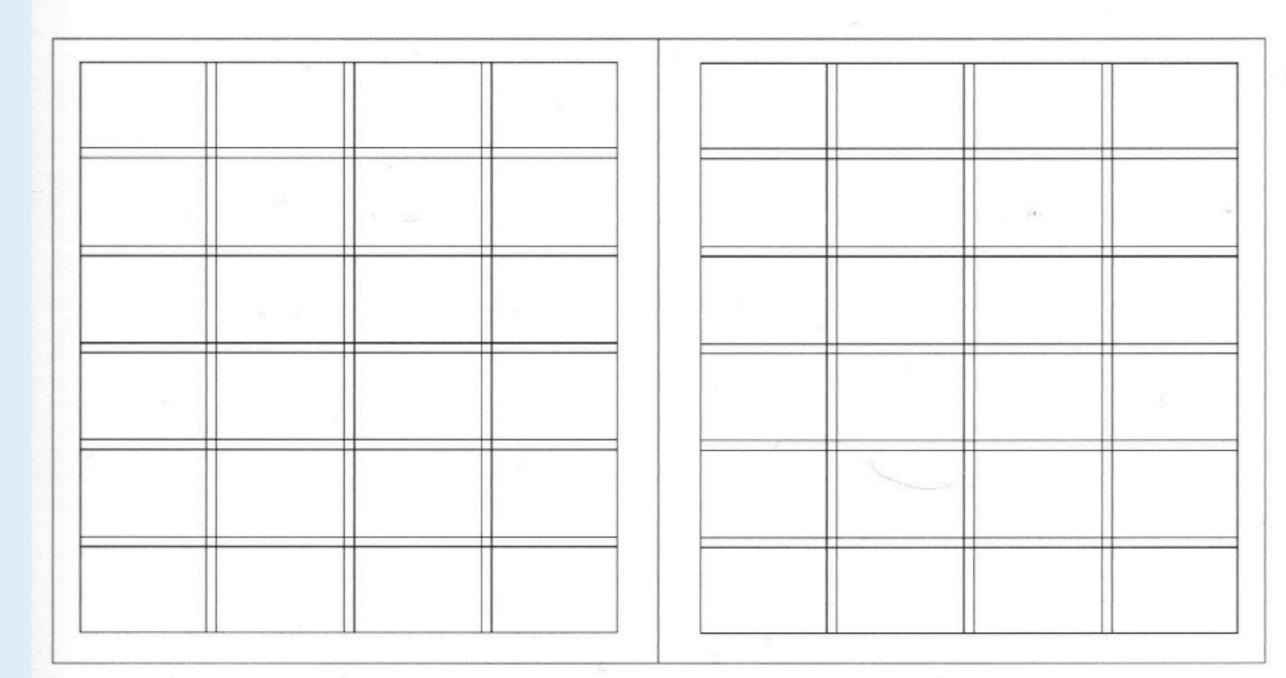
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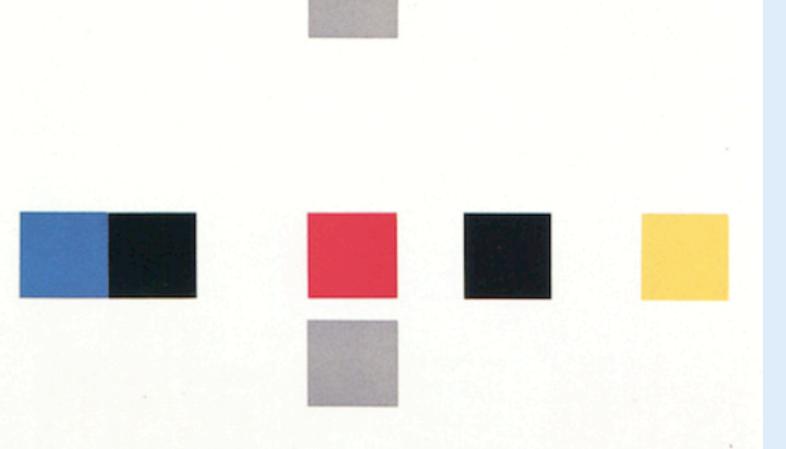


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Just as every problem is novel and different from others, so the grid must be conceived afresh every time so as to meet requirements. This means that the designer must approach each new problem with an open mind and must seek to solve it by analysing it objectively.



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kleiner tonhallesaal donnerstag, 19. november 1959, 20.15 uhr

matthias hauer

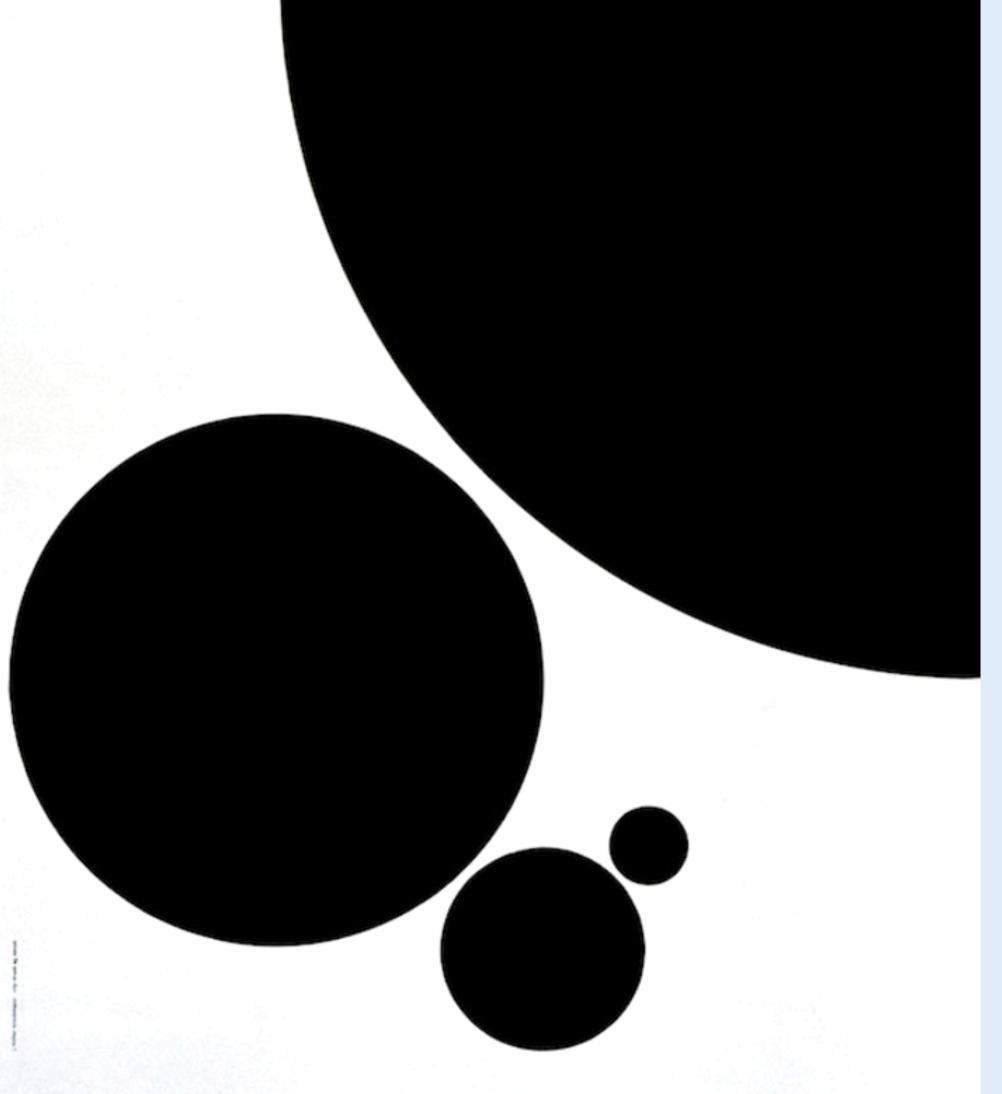
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rudolf am bach, klavier
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uraufführung
quintett für bläser (1957) uraufführung
zyklus für einen schlagzeuger (1959)
quartett für flöte, klarinette, violine und
violoncello (1951)
septett für klarinette, horn, fagott, klavier,
violine, viola, violoncello (1953)
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depositenkasse kreditanstalt oerlikon

## Sizing grid areas with mathematical proportions



20.15 uhr großer tonhallesaal andré jolivet der tonhalle-gesellschaft zürich als drittes konzert im zyklus «musica viva» leitung hans rosbaud solisten alfred baum klavier andré jaunet flöte

dienstag, den 7. januar 1958 schweizerische erstaufführungen cinque danses rituelles ernst krenek zweites klavierkonzert luigi nono «y su sangre va vienne cantando» musik für flöte und kleines orchester bernd aloys zimmermann sinfonie in einem satz

#### musica viva

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## Sizing grid areas with mathematical proportions



Photo: Dezeen, https://vimeo.com/21969124.



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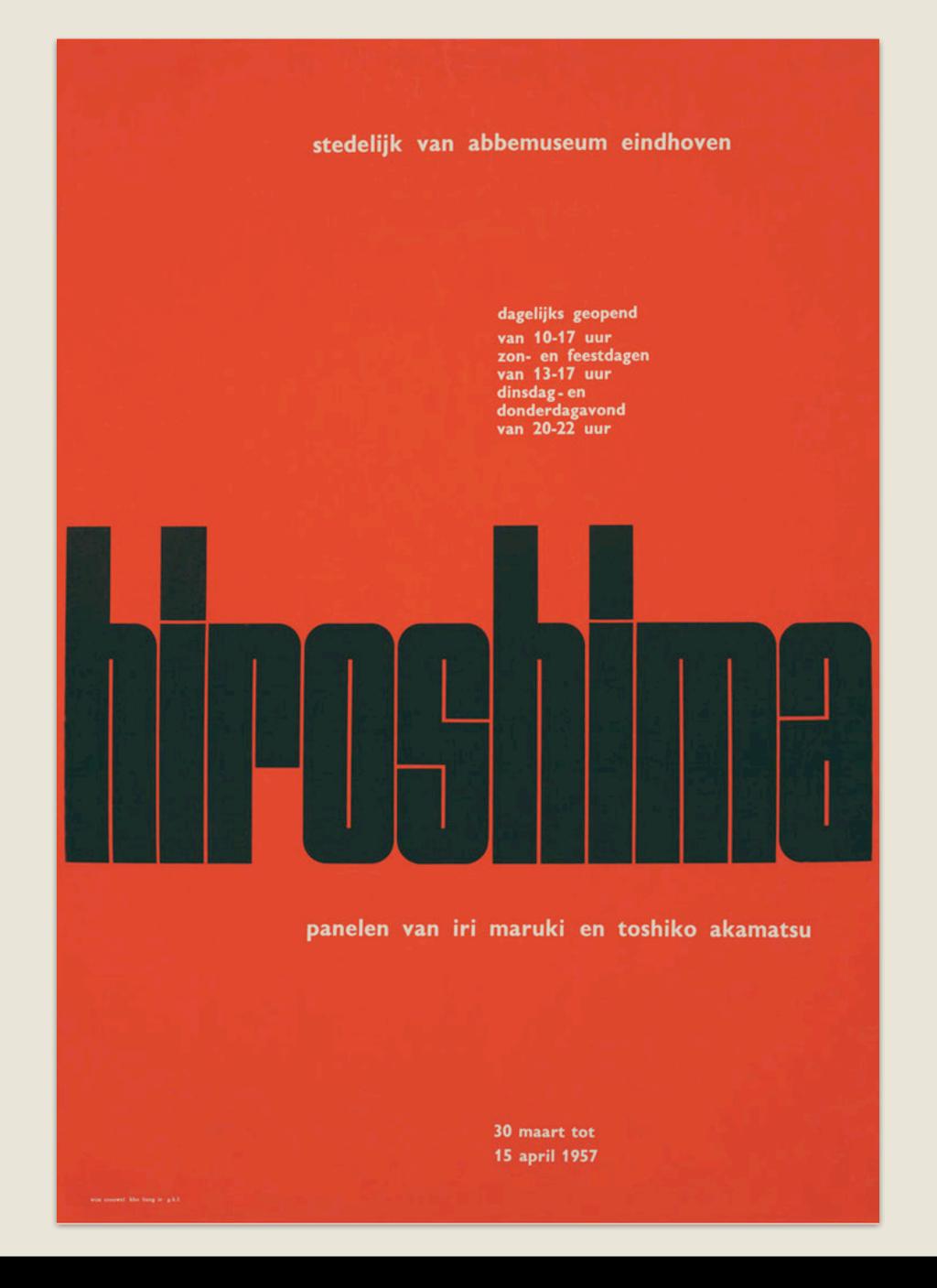
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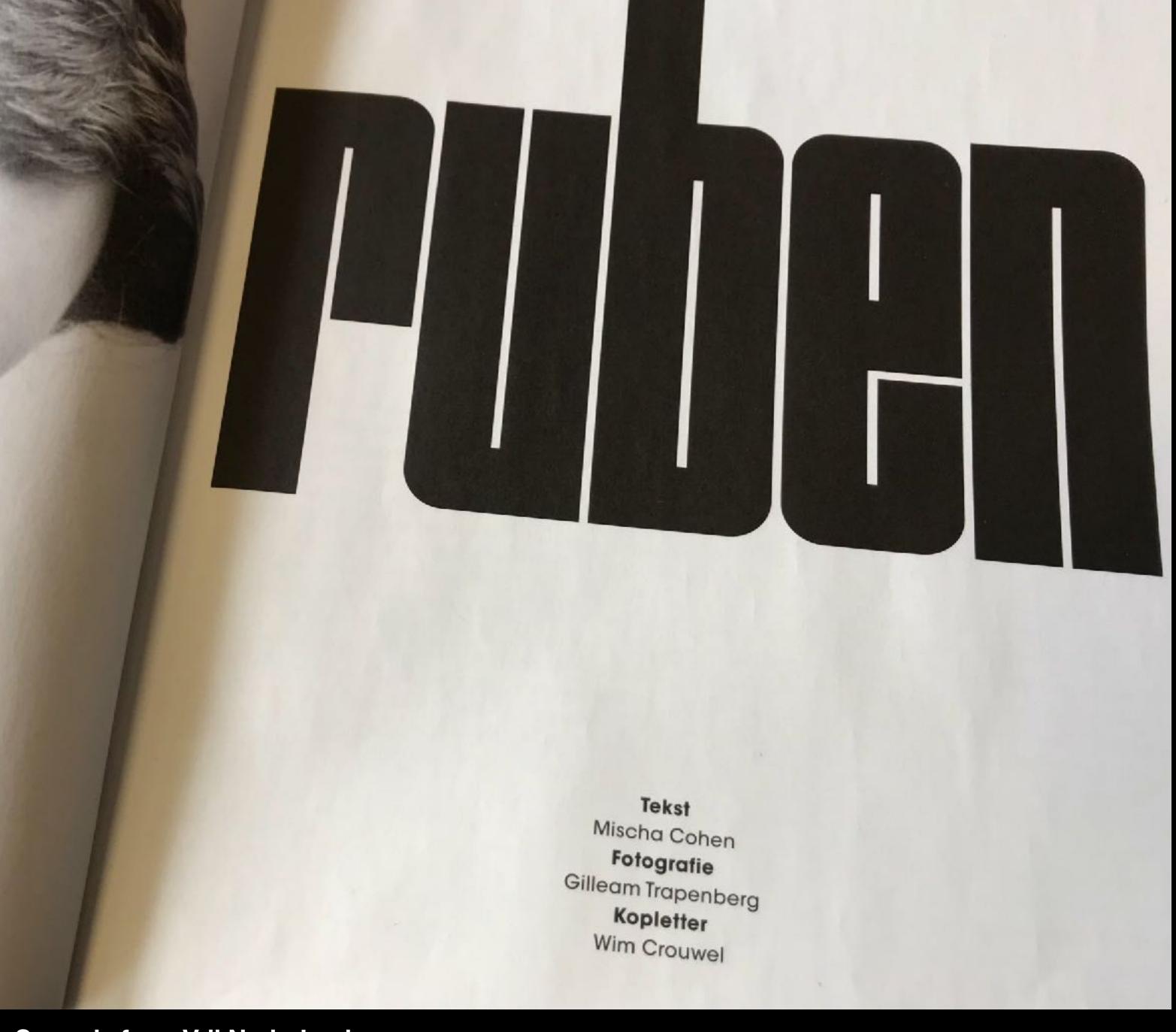
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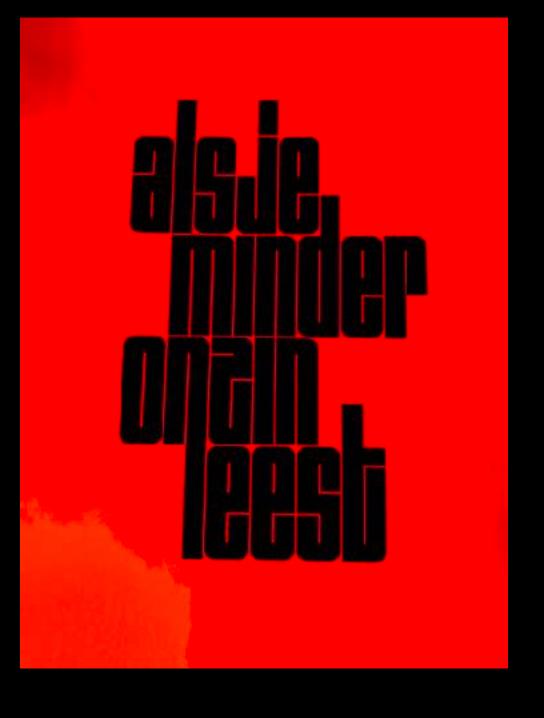












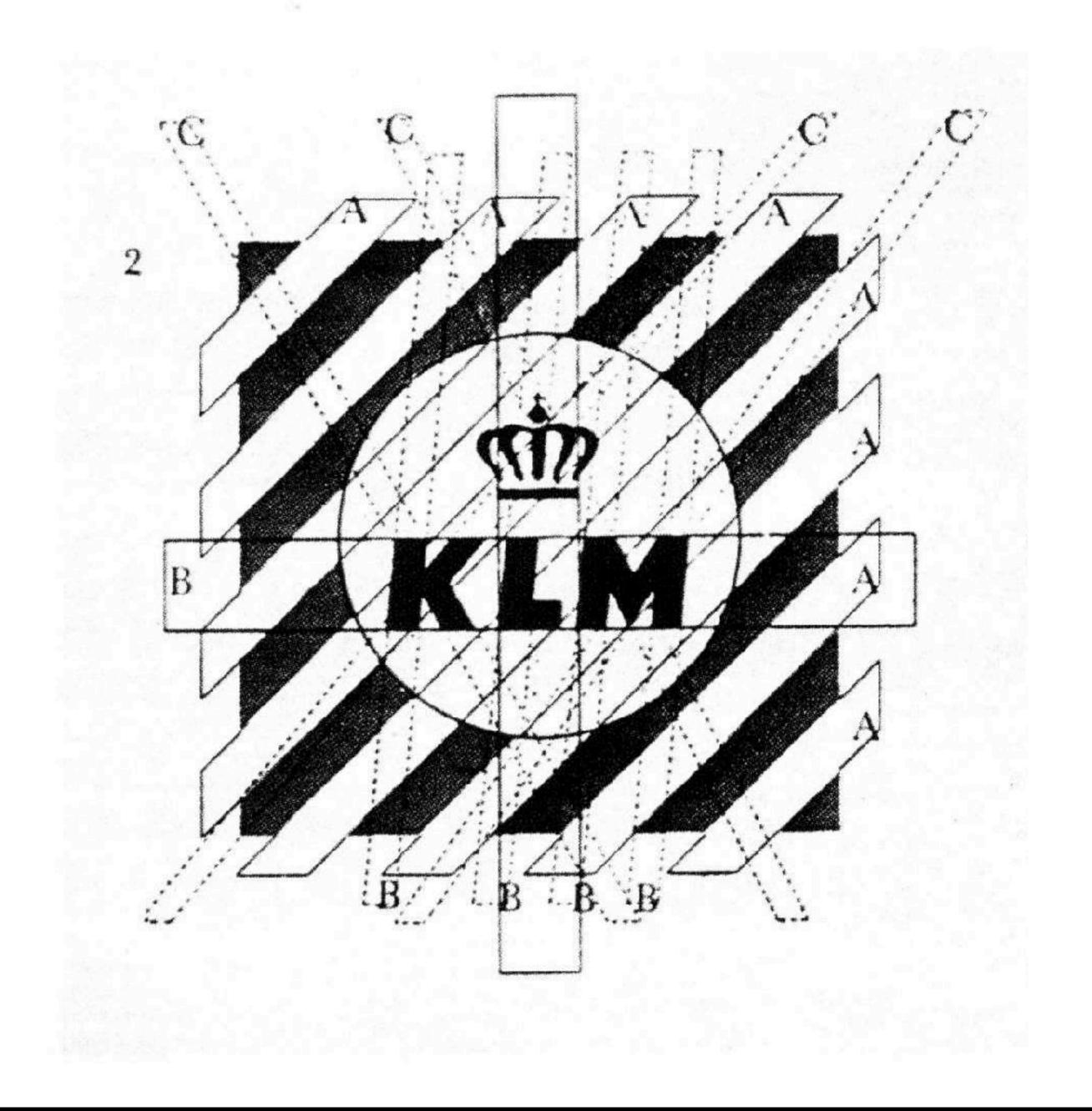
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# Corporate identities / house styles'

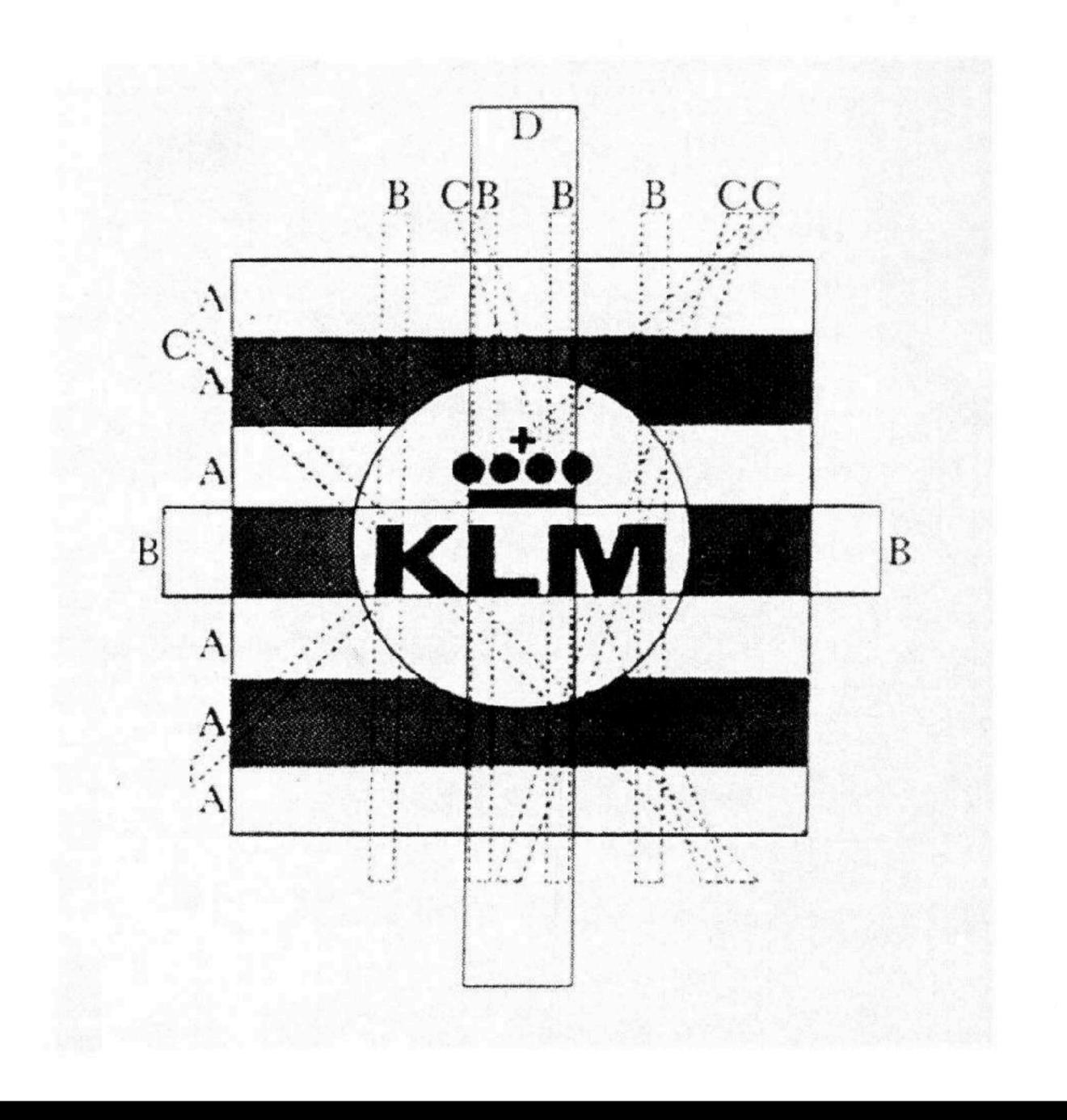
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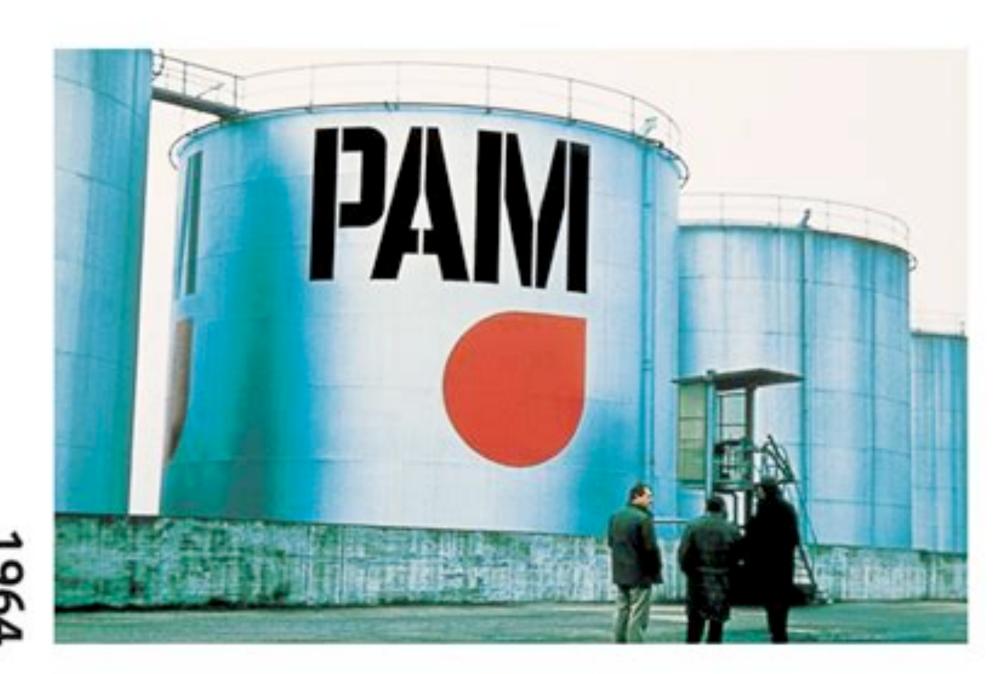






Logo analysis by David Ogilvy





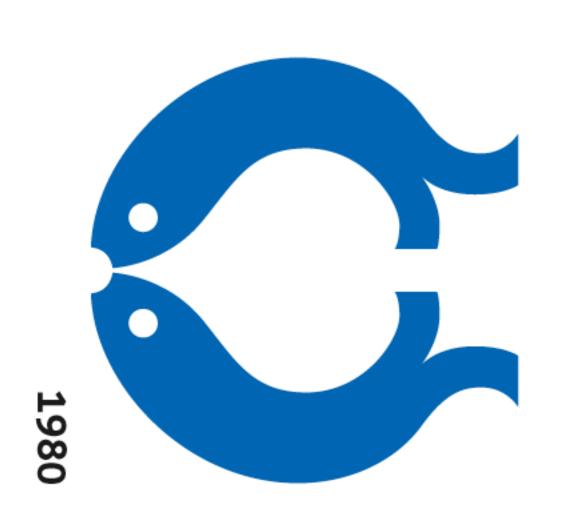




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## Standardisation of paper sizes, colours, etc...

# Grids aided (automated) processing of forms

grids

neutral typefaces

## Modernist graphic design revolution

mathematical proportions

function over form

### Not everybody was a fan





### Apparently Crouwel delivers some of his designs by phone.

Piet Schreuders

In: Piet Schreuders, Lay in, lay out.



### Swiss typography looks so neat, tidy and sanitised that all the life has gone out of it.

Piet Zwart

In: Frederike Huygen, Modernism: In Print, 89.

## Too much objectivity makes for boring layouts

(We've seen this on the web)

## Let's use the good things of modernism

### CSS = rules for what websites look like

# As a front-end dev, it is my job to abstract design into repeatable rules

# Doing great graphic design in CSS

#### Mark Boulton Journal Archive Subscribe

#### **A New Canon**

Filed in: personal design five-simple-steps Comments are closed The evolution of the grid from geometric form and canons of page construction is quite clear. In no other period of history was the grid used as a core aesthetic as was in the 1950s and 60s where it emerged – almost simultaneously – from several design schools in Europe. From then, the grid system's influence has been pervasive.

Today, the grid is viewed by many designers with equal amounts of distain and fervore. Its detractors – and there are many – claim a grid system is visual straight-jacket, designed to inhibit creativity and that using one produces dull work. Of course, I think that's rubbish; there are no bad grids, just bad designers. In the hands of a competent designer, a well-constructed, considered grid system is the frame on which the fabric of the design is hung. It should create balance, provide landmarks and visual cues. It should allow the designer to exercise just the right amount of creativity and provide immediate answers to layout problems.

#### Canvas In

For the nast 800 years, the printed page has been constructed in pretty much the

#### Variable fonts

#### Rounded corners

box-sizing: border-box

Hyphenation control

HSL colors

**Blend Modes** 

object-fit

# New layout modes: flexbox and grid

### Equal heights

#### Style

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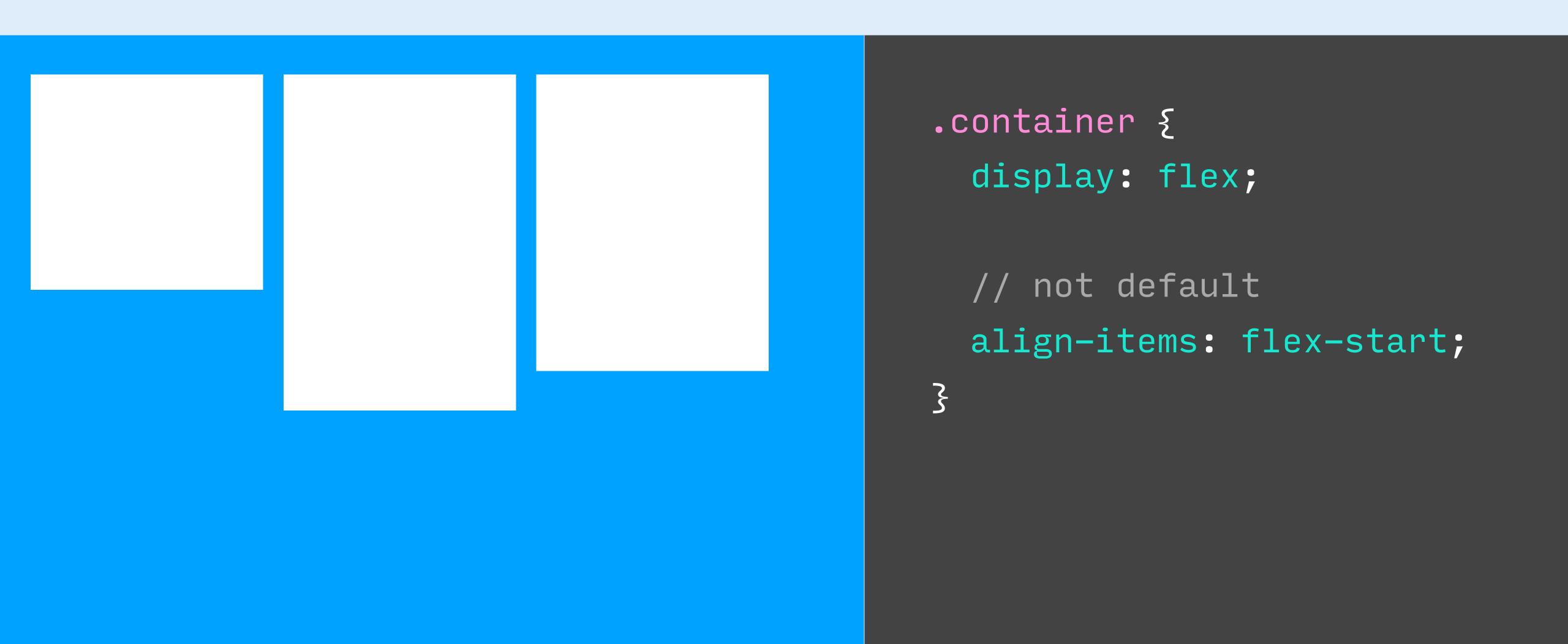
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### A longer heading

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#### Stretch as a default



### Stretch as a default

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.container {
 display: flex;
 // the default
 align-items: stretch;
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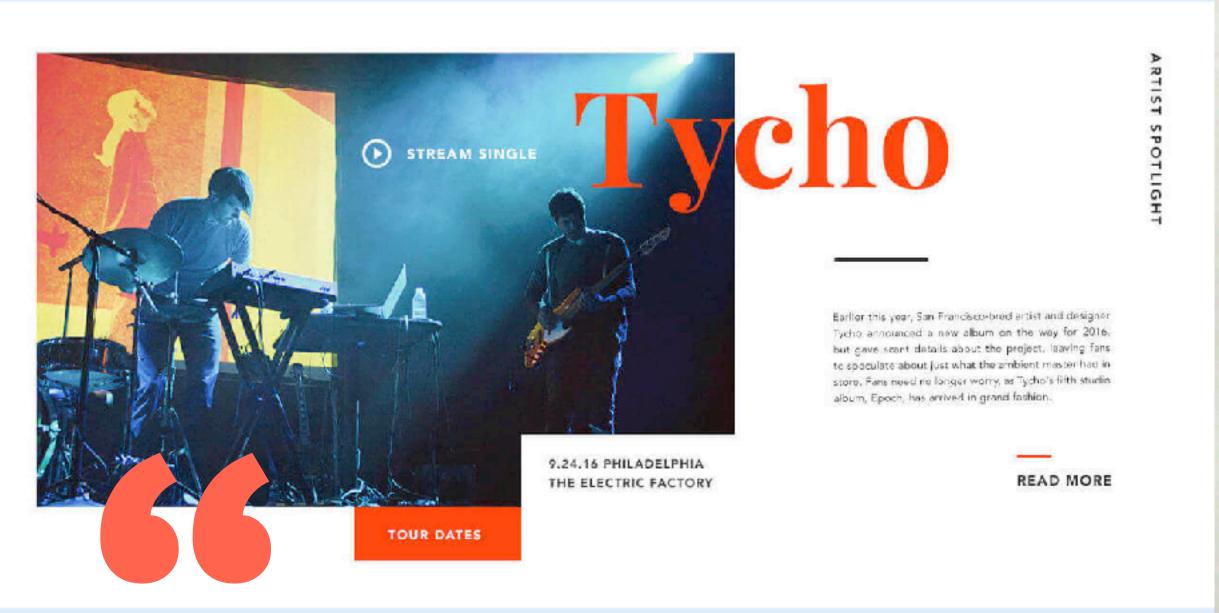
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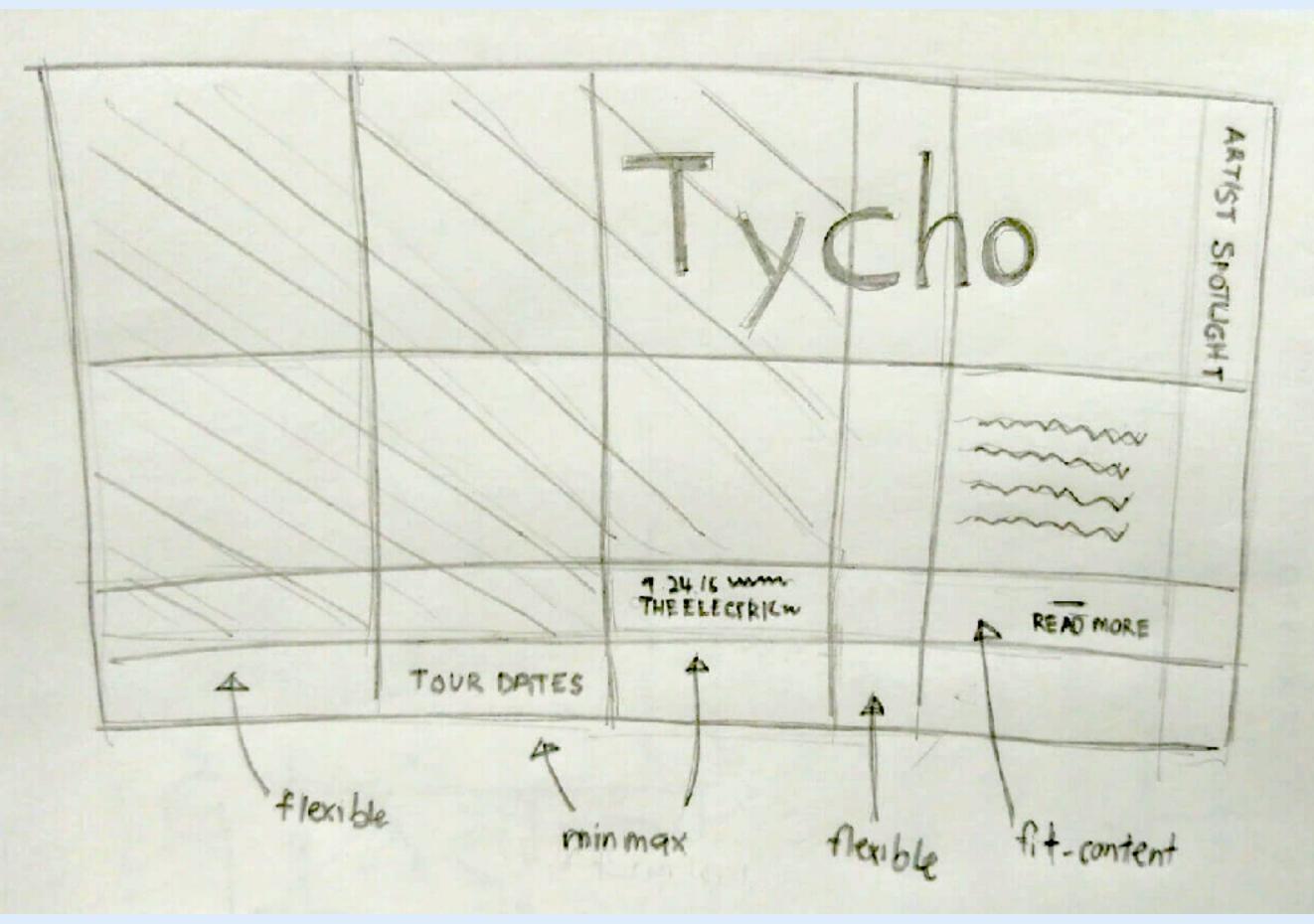


### Pencil and paper is cheap and quick. It lets me iterate in my head how I want my tracks to behave, while helping me visualise the final effect.

- Hui Jing Chen, "How I design with CSS Grid"

https://www.chenhuijing.com/blog/how-i-design-with-css-grid





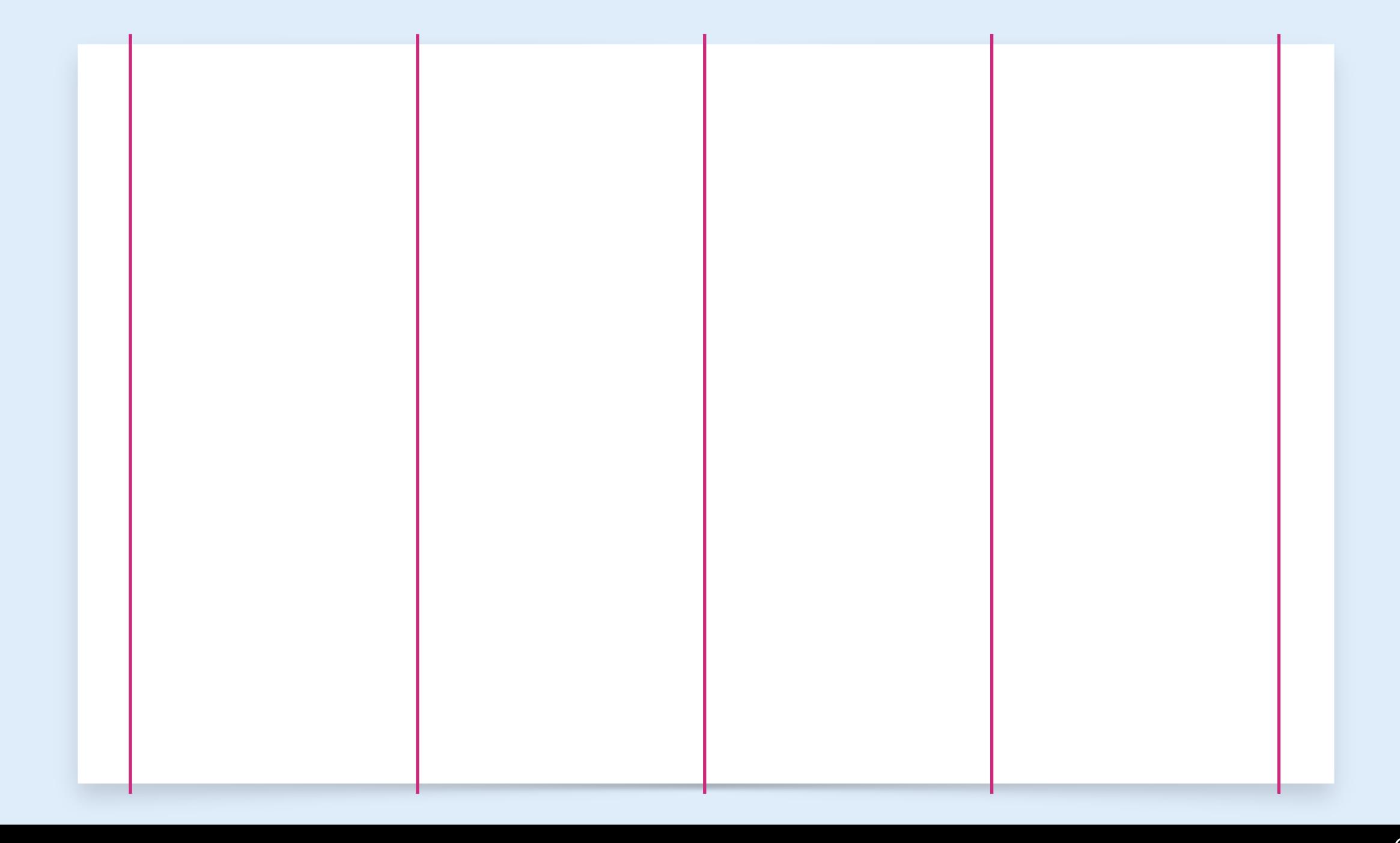
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Capitalize on low hanging fruit to identify a ballpark value added activity to beta test. Override the digital divide with additional clickthroughs from DevOps. Nanotechnology immersion along the information highway will close the loop on focusing solely on the bottom line.

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```
<div class="container">
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    (...)
    (...)
    (...)
    (div>
```

```
.container {
 display: grid;
 grid-template-columns:
   repeat( 4, 1fr );
```

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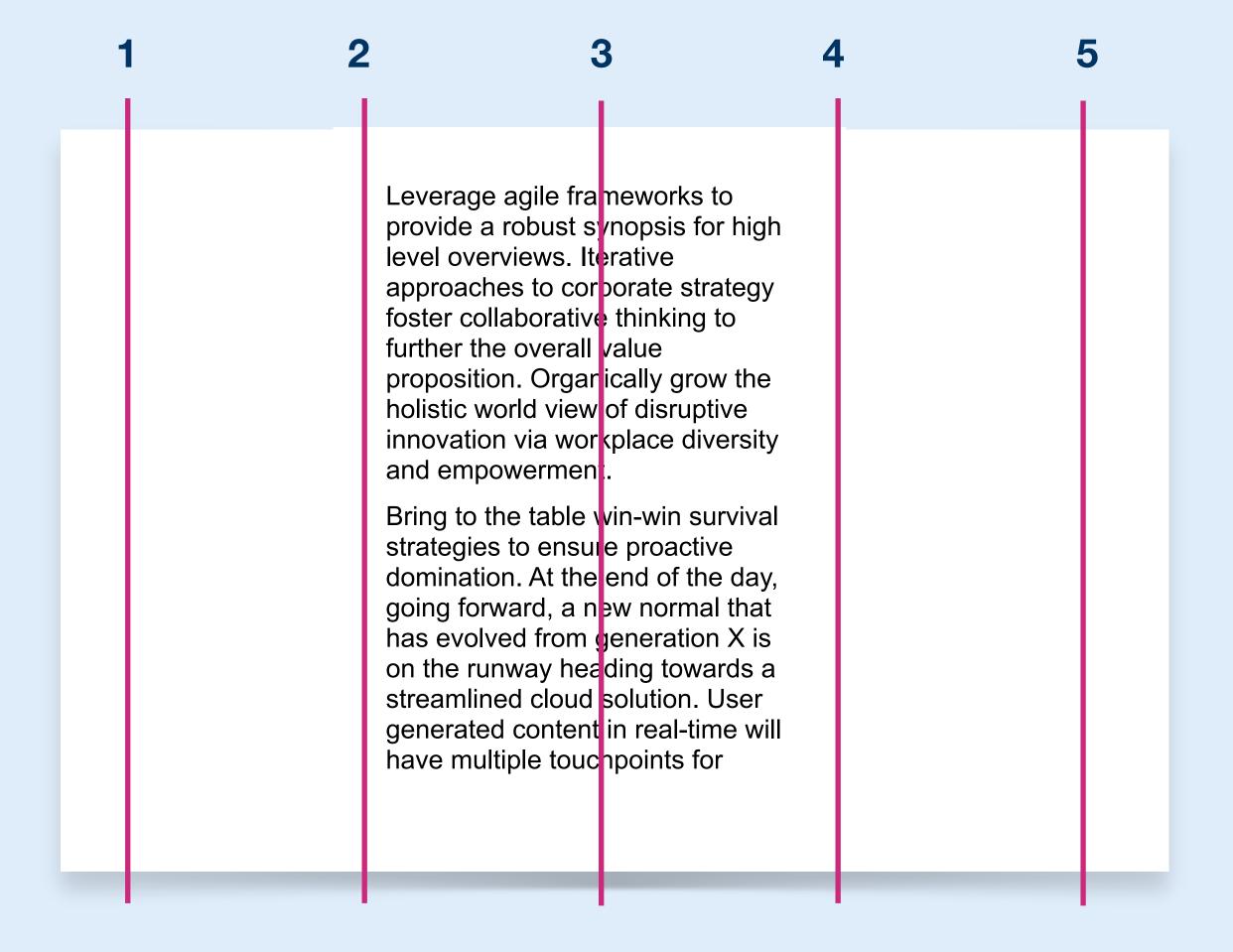
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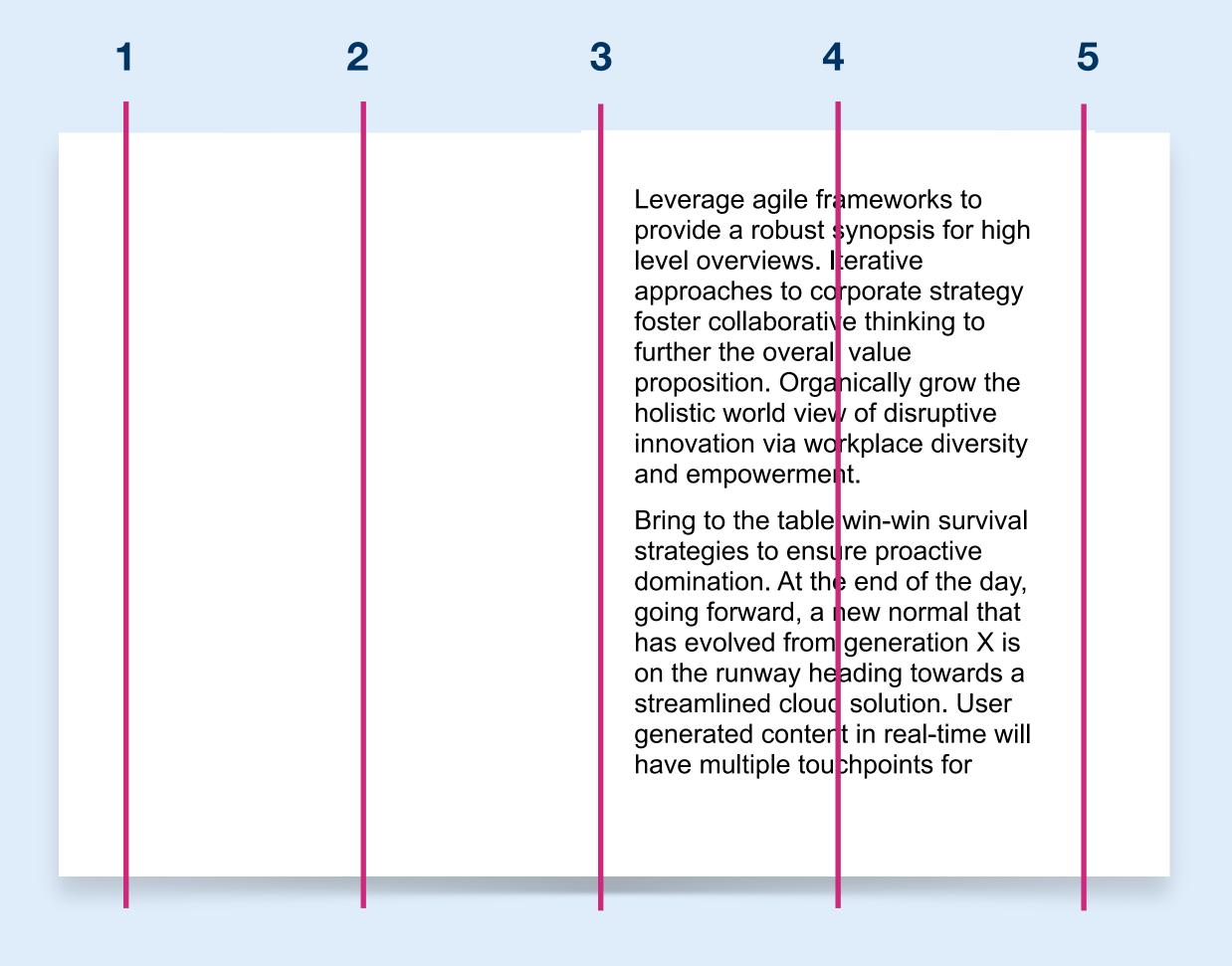
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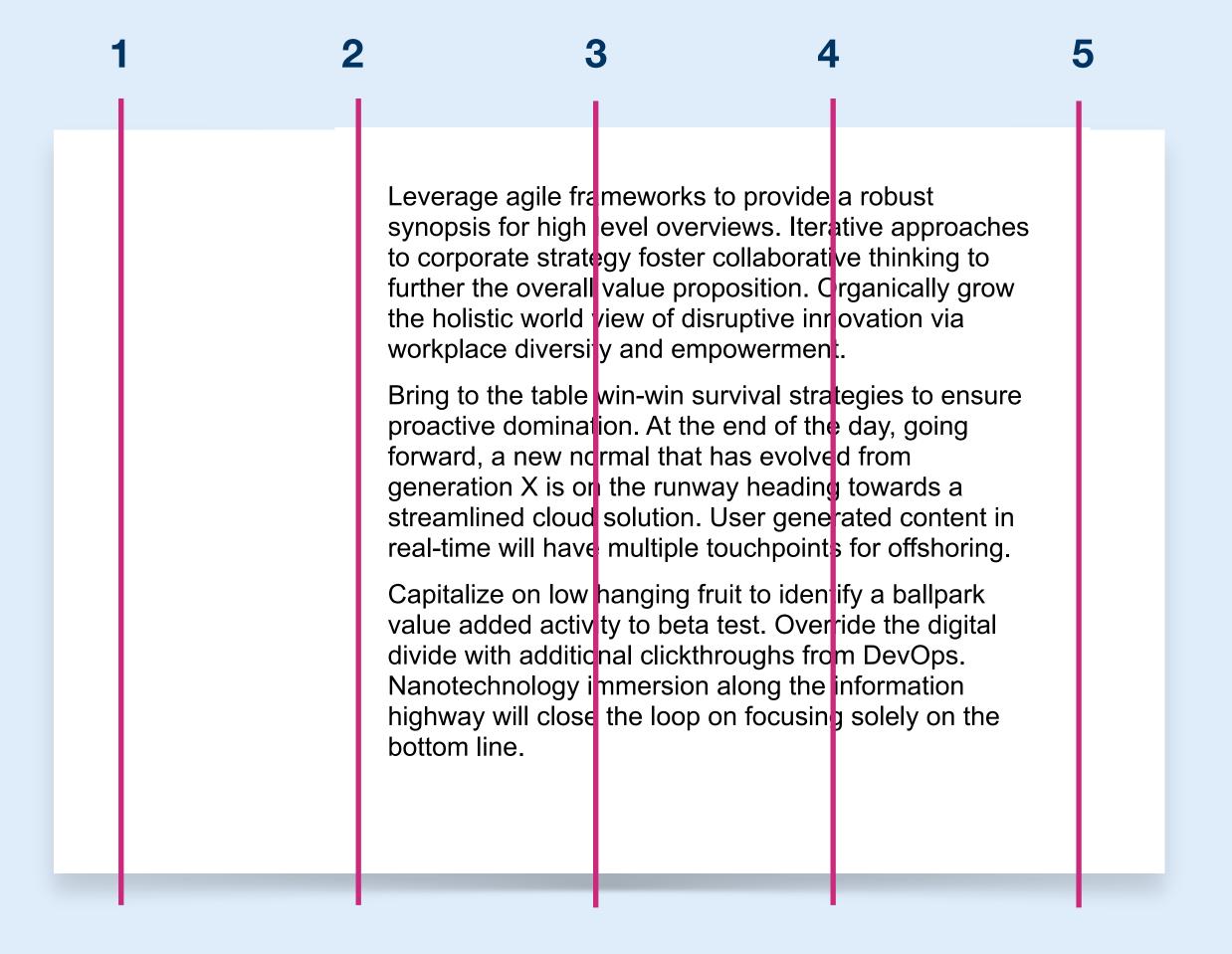
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   (...)
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   (m)
 </div>
</div>
```



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.content {
grid-column: 2 / 4;
```



```
.content {
grid-column: 3 / 5;
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.content {
grid-column: 2 / 5;
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# In Grid Layout, leaving an area empty is as easy as filling it with content

# CSS Grid Layout lets us make intentional choices about placement and whitespace



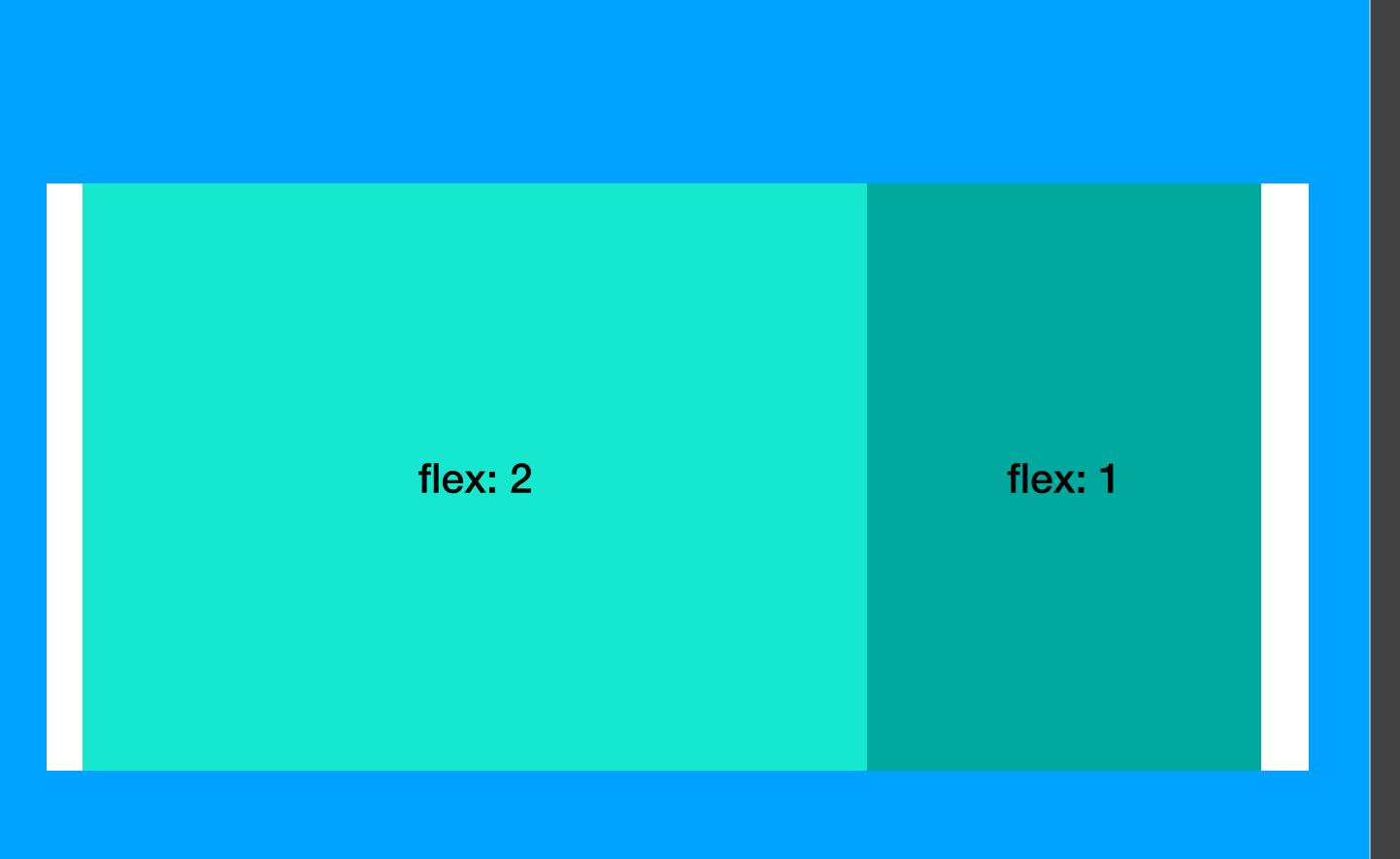
a webpage is viewed in stages, while scrolling. Which means that it doesn't have one single composition. [So] it's much harder to make the layout of a webpage look balanced, wherever you are on a page.

Vasilis van Gemert, "Layout is like a sculpture"

https://vasilis.nl/nerd/layout-on-screen-is-like-a-sculpture/

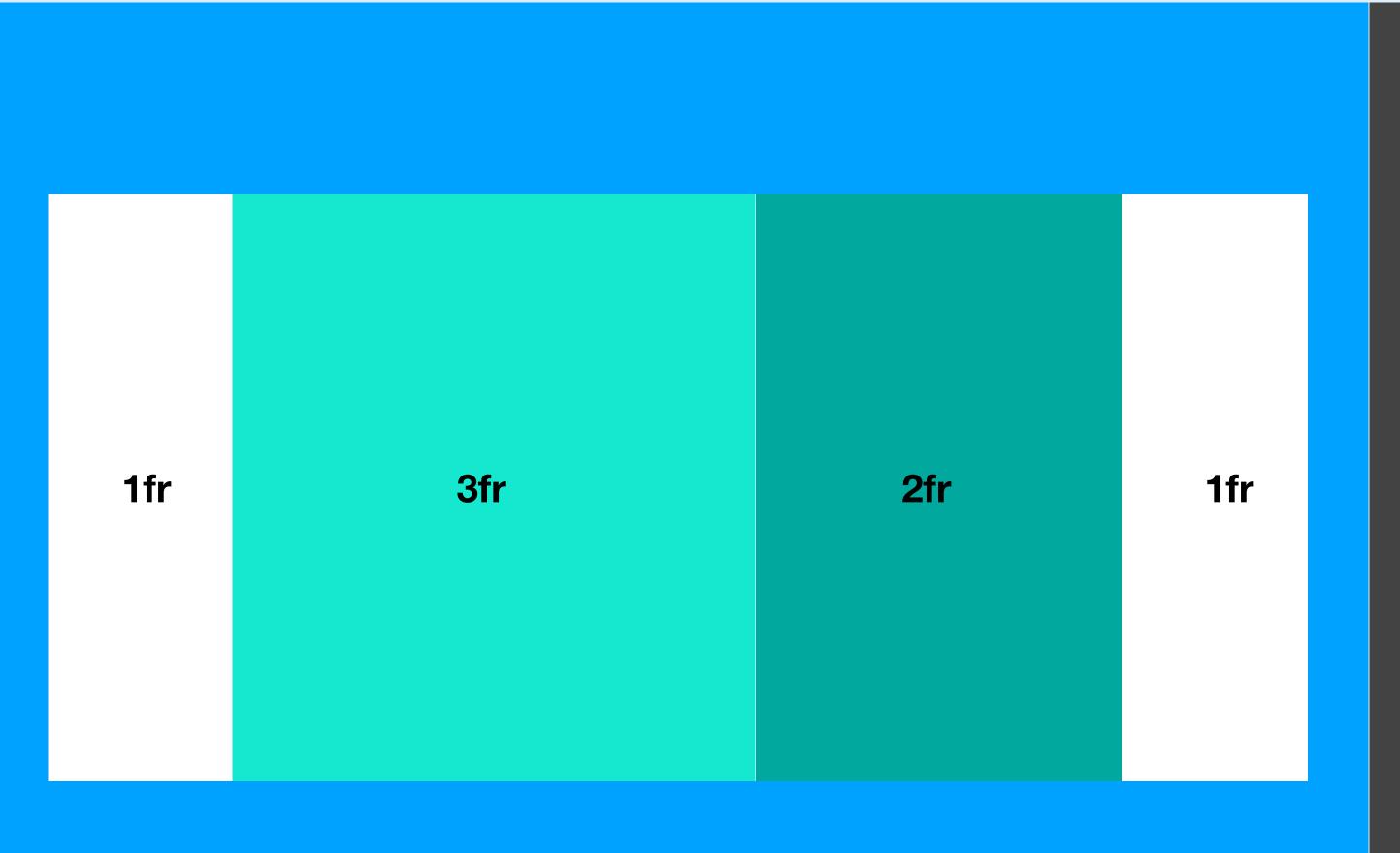
## Mathematical proportions

#### Ratios in a whim: flexbox



```
.container {
 display: flex;
 #item-1 {
   flex: 2;
 #item-2 {
   flex: 1;
```

### Ratios in a whim: grid



```
.container {
   display: grid;
   grid-template-columns:
     1fr 3fr 2fr 1fr;
}
```

### Ratios in whitespace distribution DRAFT

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#### § 3. Aspect-ratio-controlled Gutters

ISSUE 3 There's a desire for having row and column gaps maintain a particular aspect ratio. This is one proposal for doing so; other ideas are welcome. See discussion in <a href="Issue 1116">Issue 1116</a>. Note this feature is likely to move to css-align-4, it is just being drafted up here while css-align-3 stabilizes.

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New values: [ <aspect-ratio> <content-distribution>? ]

#### '<aspect-ratio>'

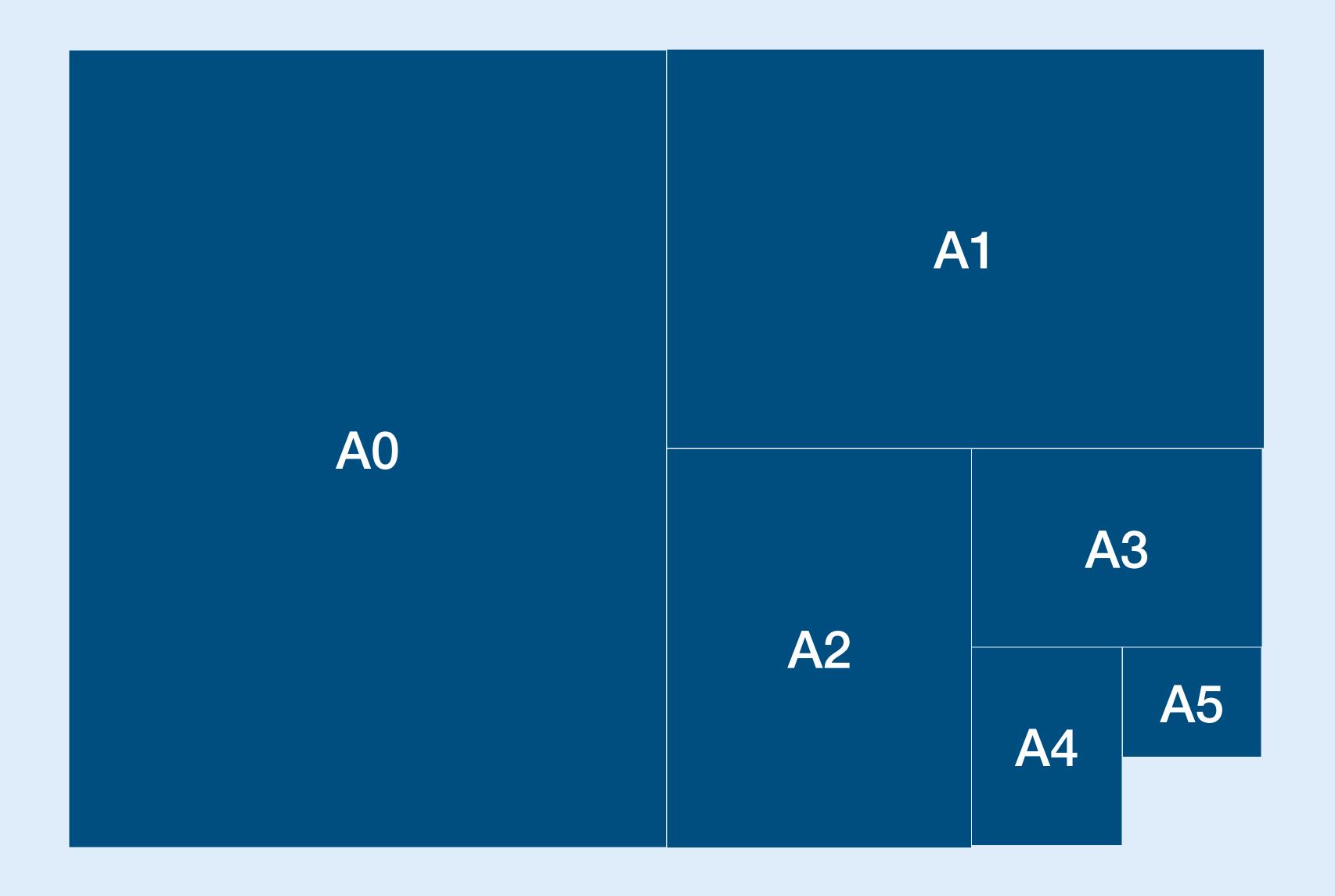
A <u>dimension</u> with the unit 'ar', representing a multiplier against the analogous quantity in the other dimension. If that quantity cannot be determined (e.g. is itself specified as a <aspect-ratio>, or otherwise can't be referenced), then it is assumed to be zero.

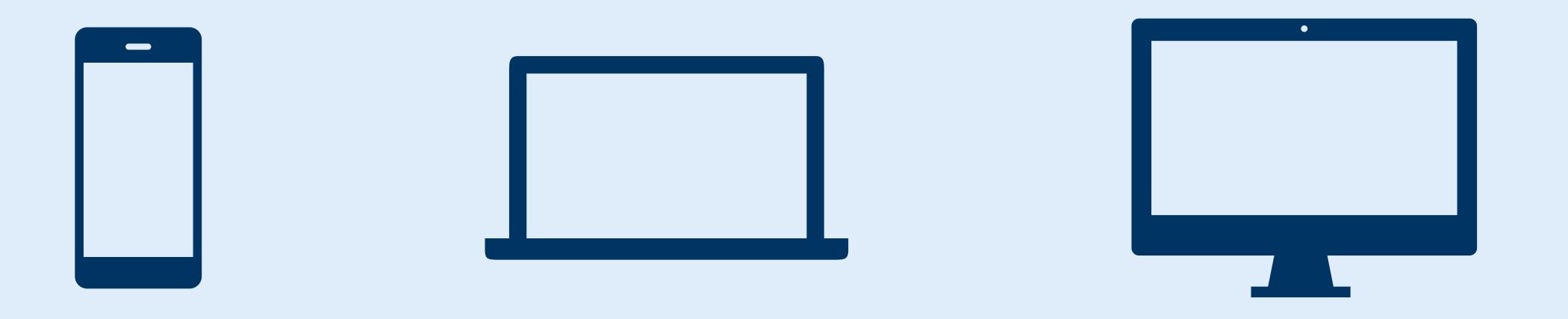
Note: This value can expand gutters even when there is no free space left, causing overflow.

Specifically, an 'align-content' value of '1ar' represents the amount of space (which may be zero) allocated between two adjacent alignment subjects (grid tracks / flex lines / column boxes) by the 'justify-content' property. Unless a different <a href="content-distribution">content-distribution</a> value is specified, space is distributed according to the same <a href="content-distribution">content-distribution</a> rules as for 'justify-content'. The behavior of <a href="content-distribution">cnumber</a> values for 'justify-content' is analogous.

Note: The coase allegated by falian content: far' will be zero if finatify content' does not allegate coase.

## Proportionate to standardised paper sizes

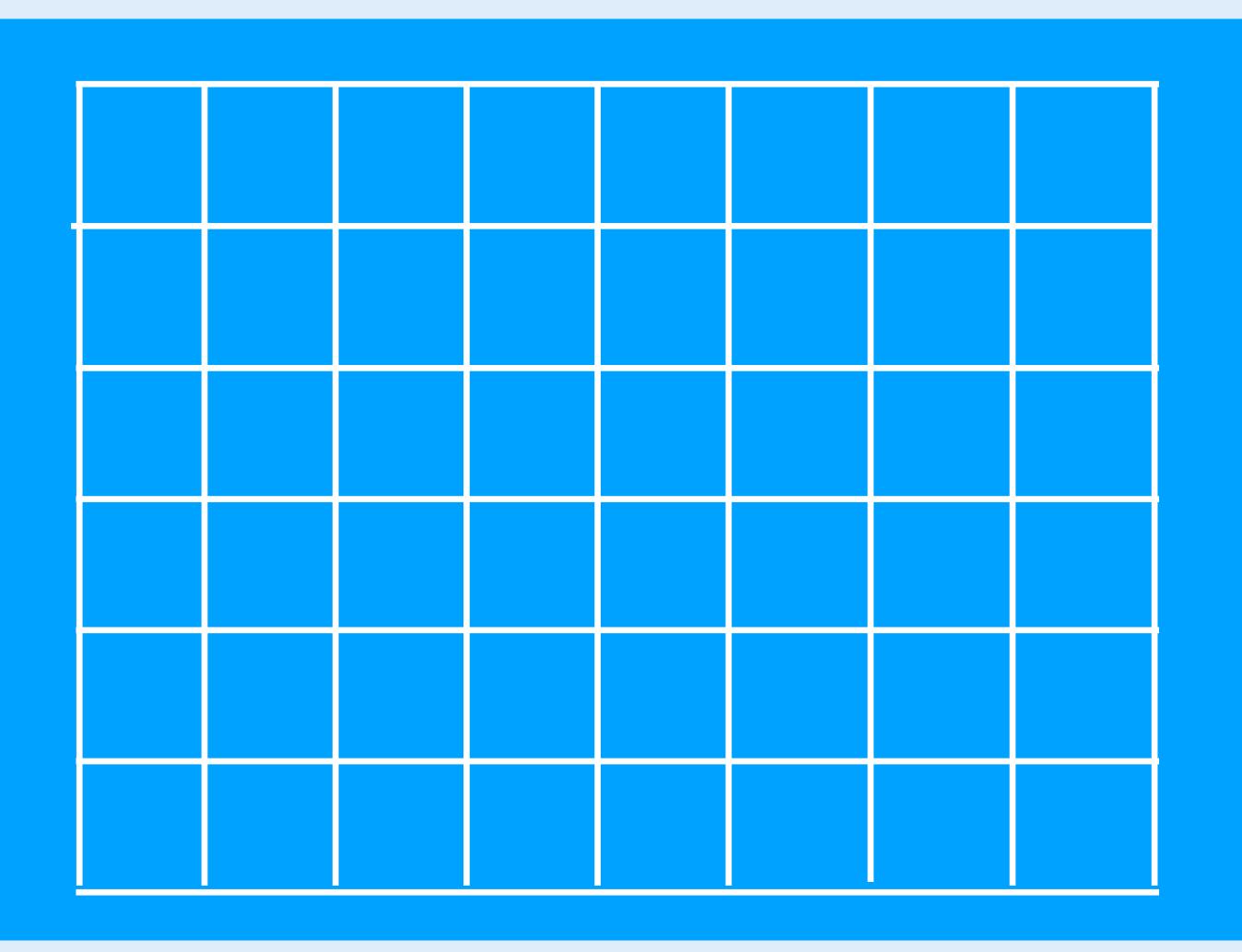




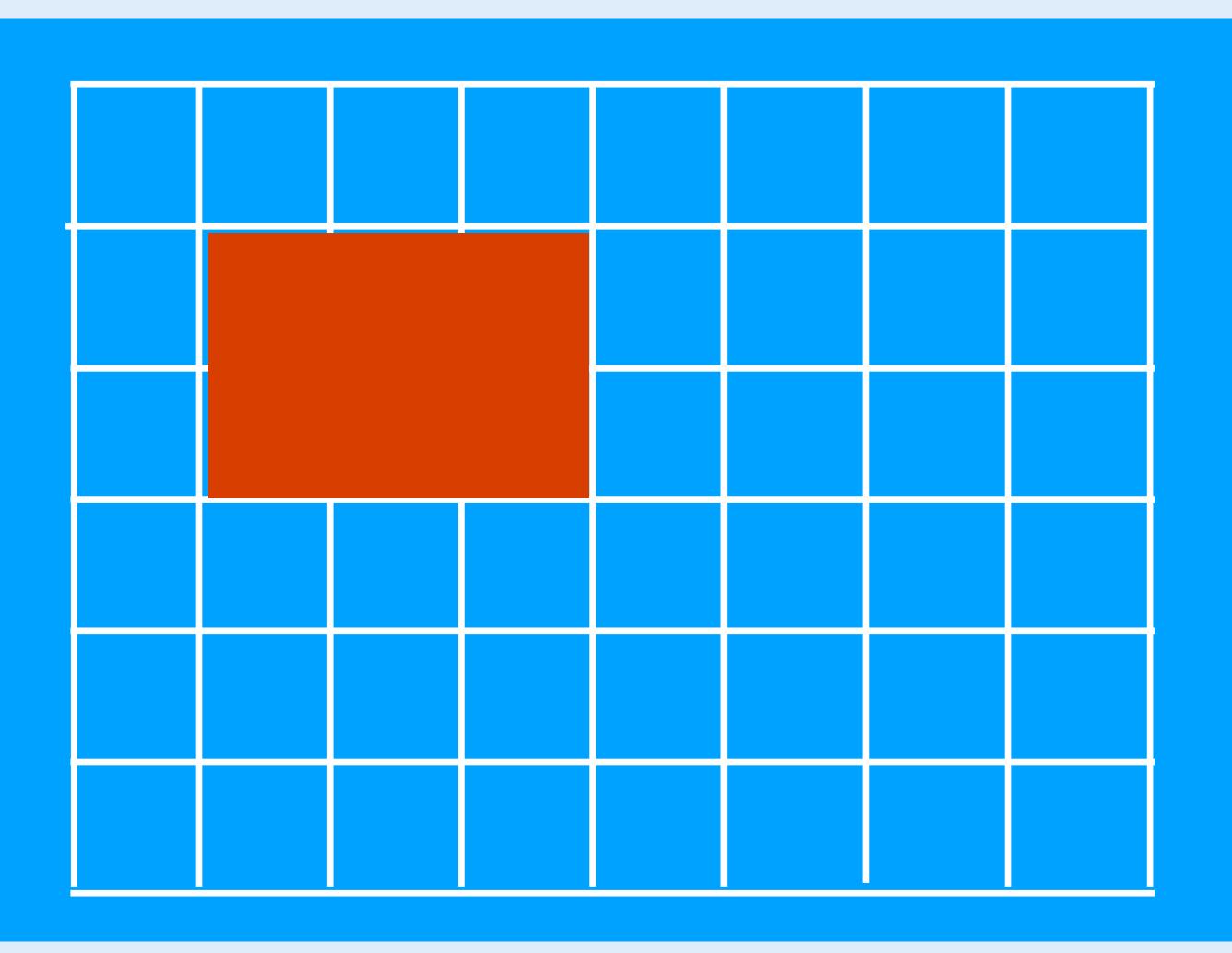
## Proportionate to standardised viewport

## Proportionate to any any viewport

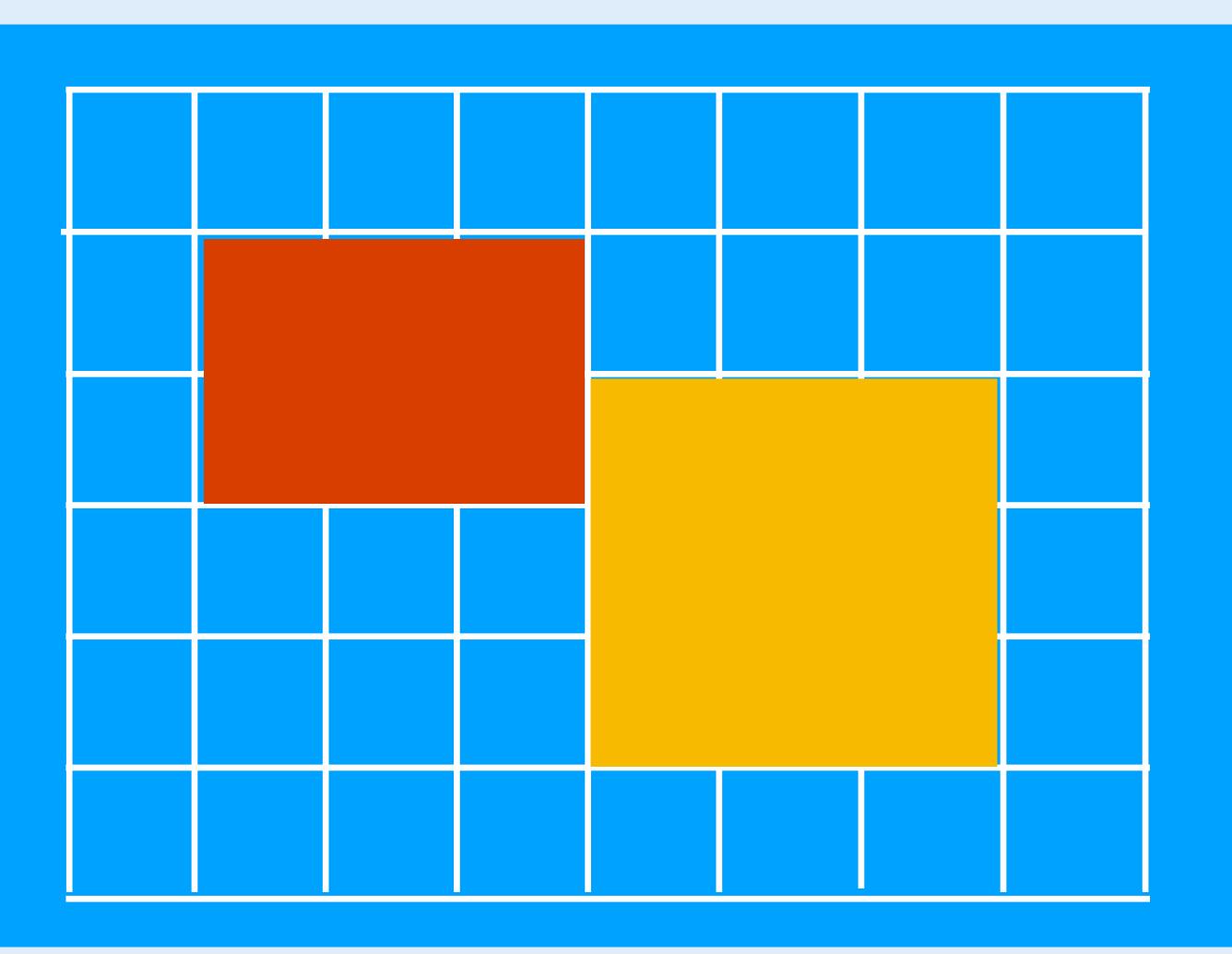
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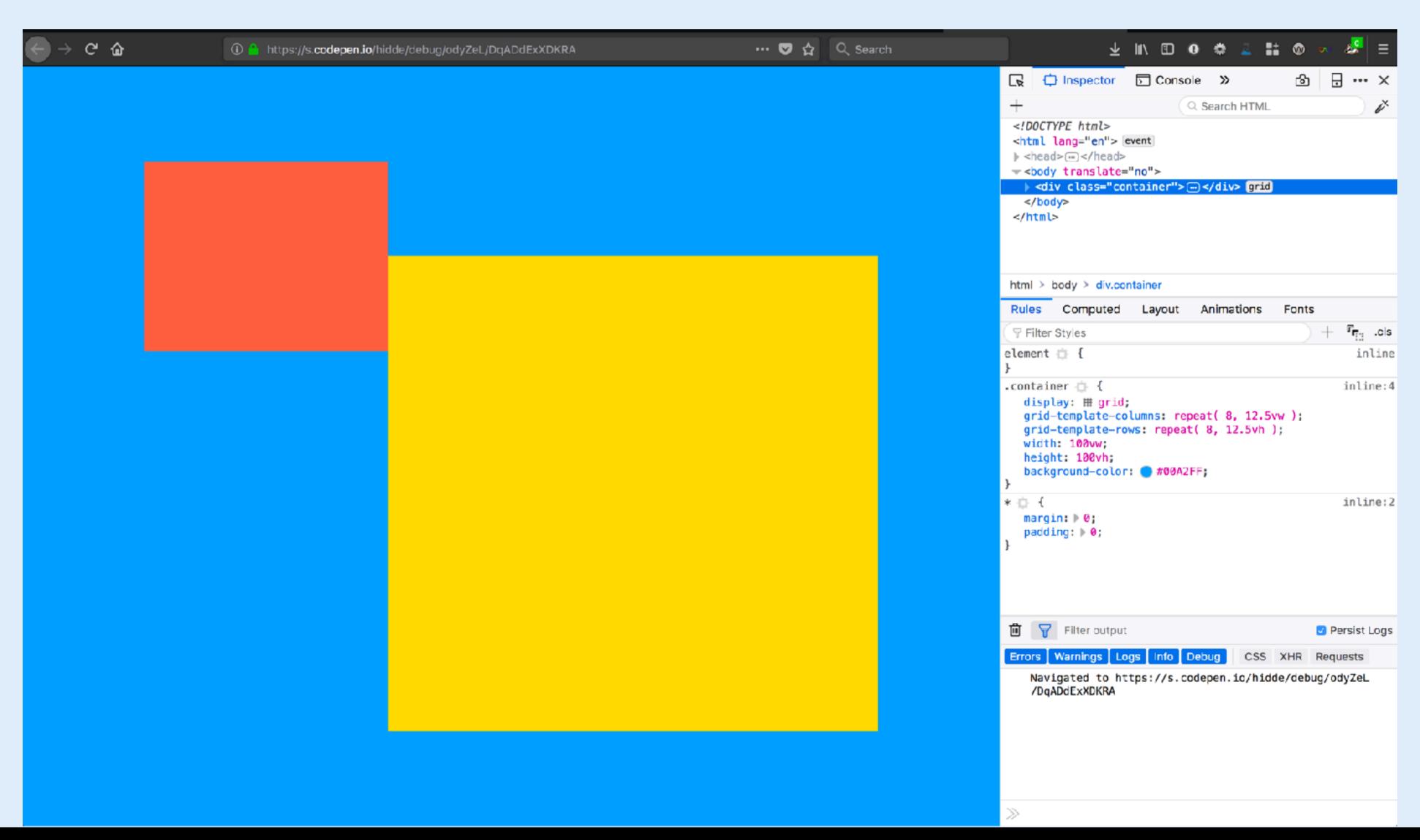
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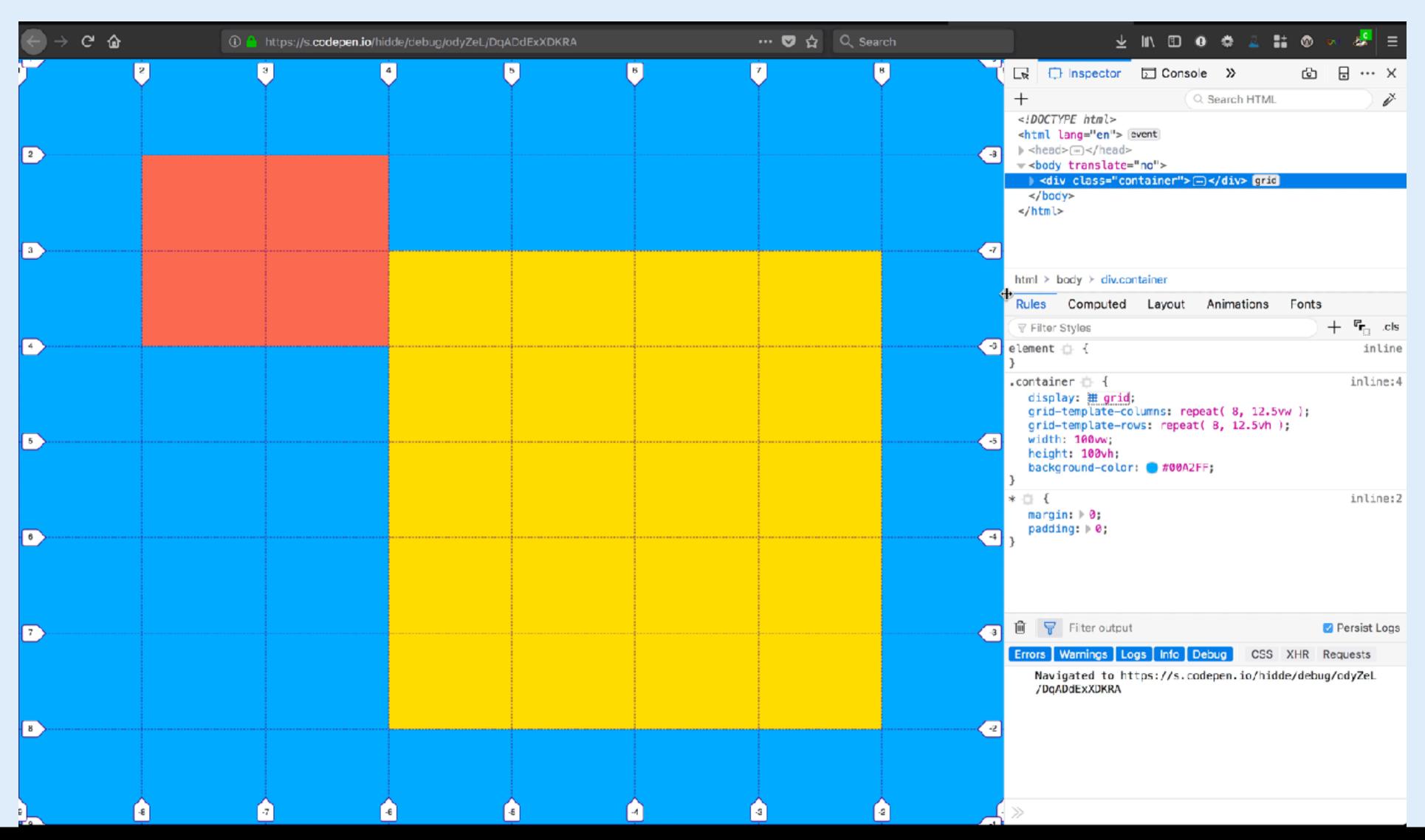


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   grid-column: 2 / 4;
   grid-row: 2 / 4;
   background: tomato;
}
```



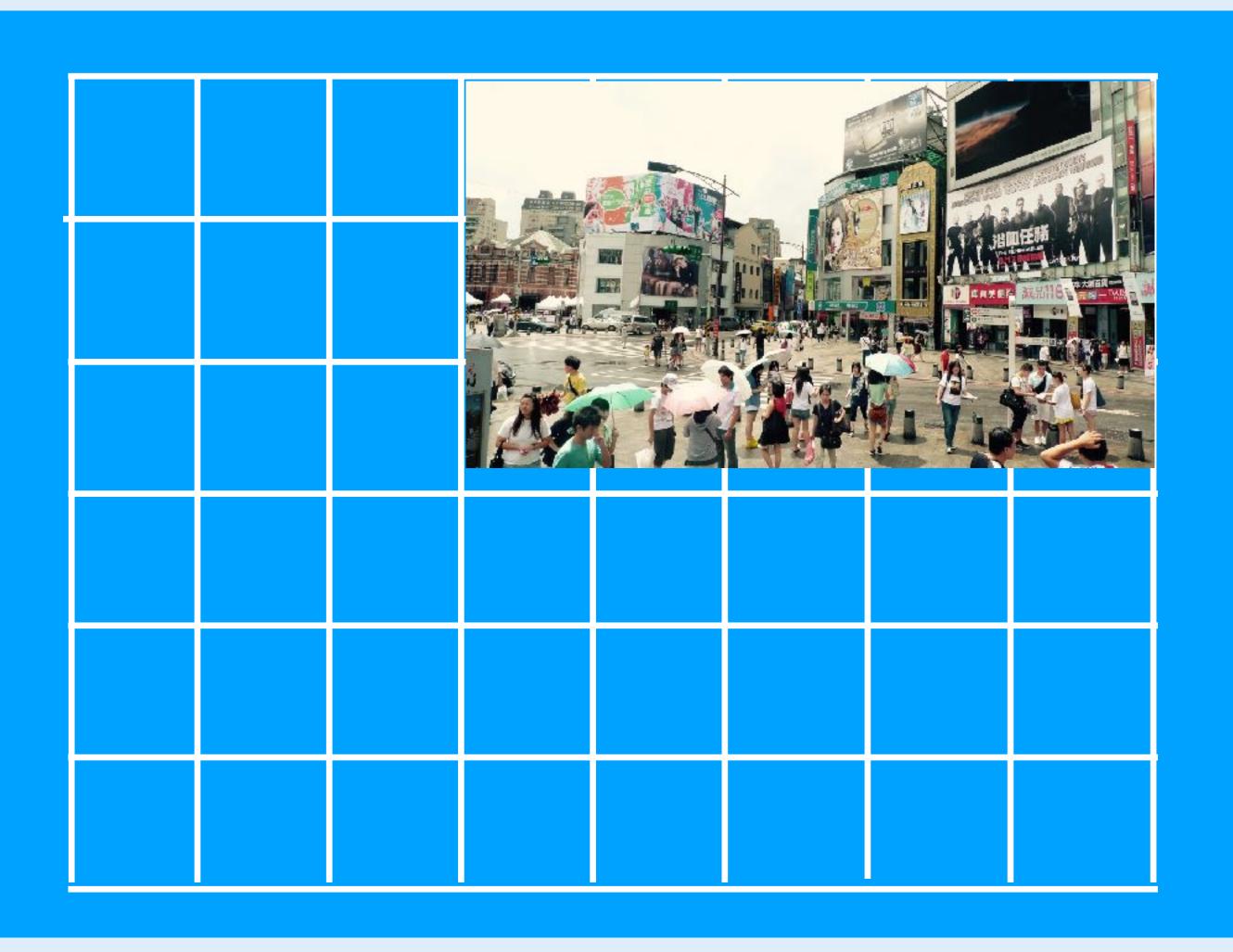
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.gold {
   grid-column: 4 / 8;
   grid-row: 3 / 8;
   background: gold;
}
```





### Overlapping content

### Photos in grids



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   grid-column: 3 / 8;
   grid-column: 1 / 4;
}
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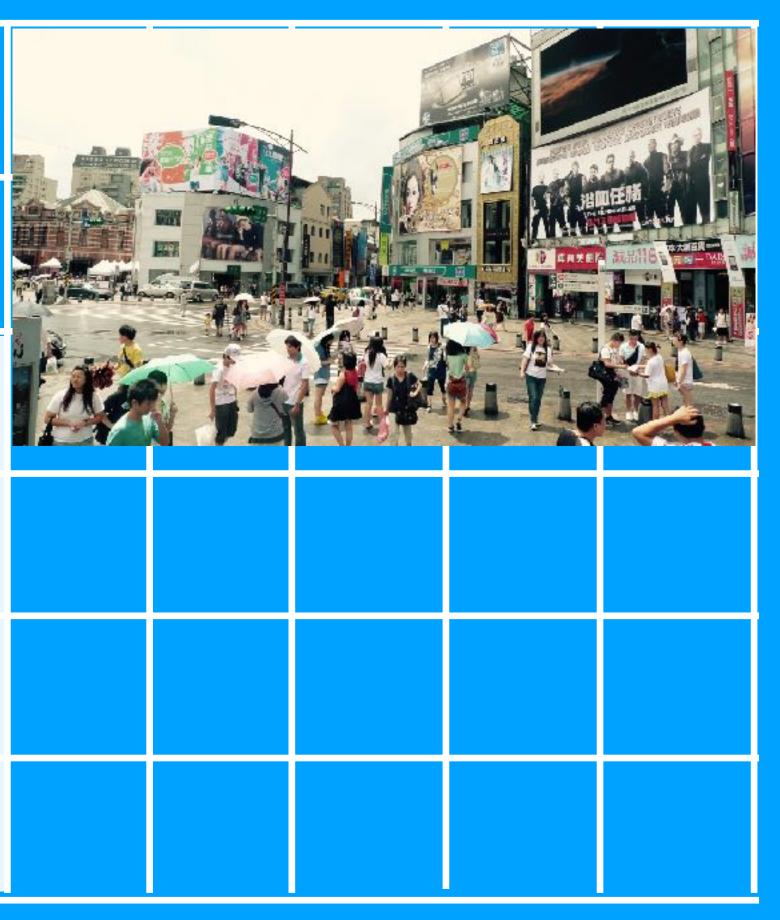
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#### Ximending, it's busy!

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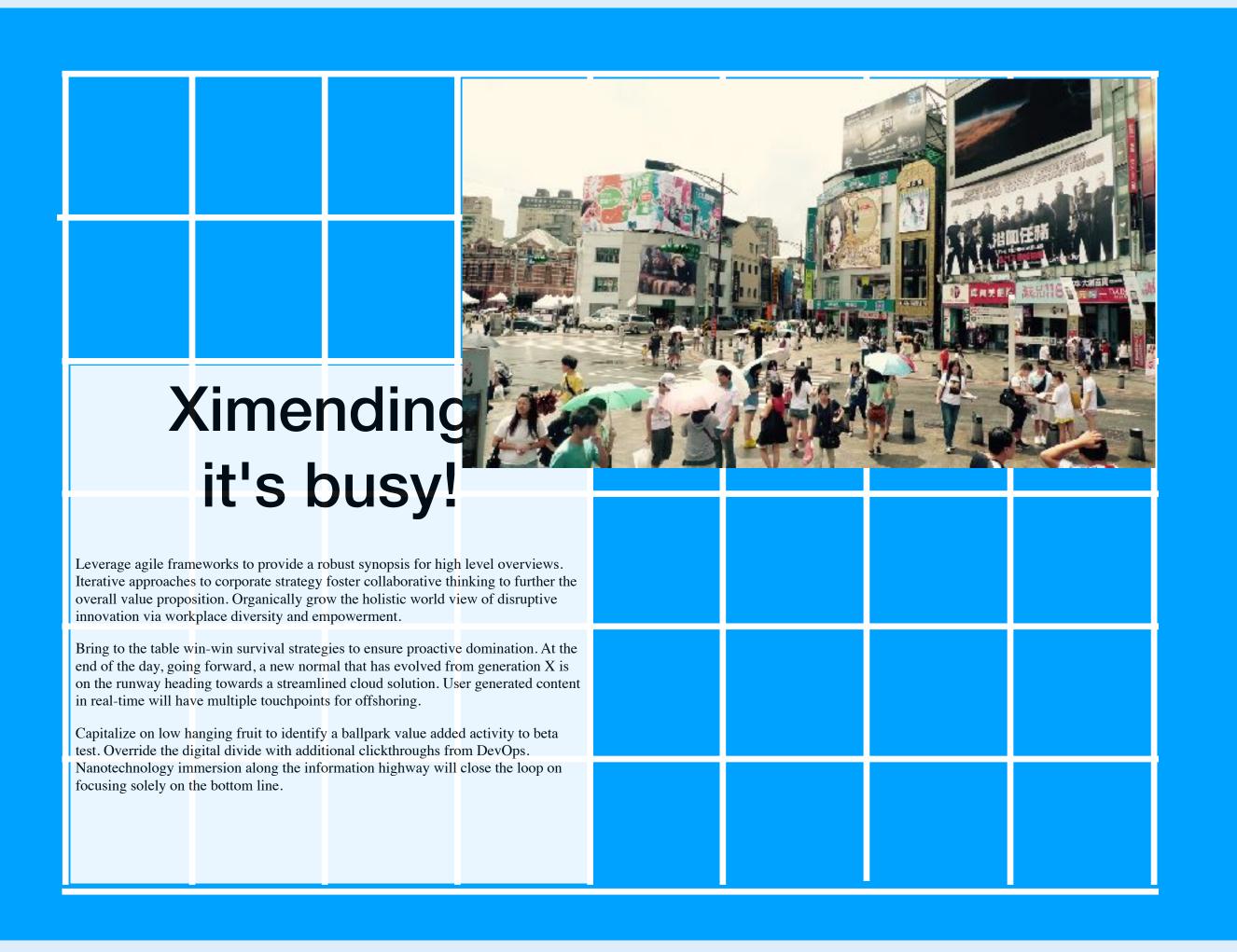
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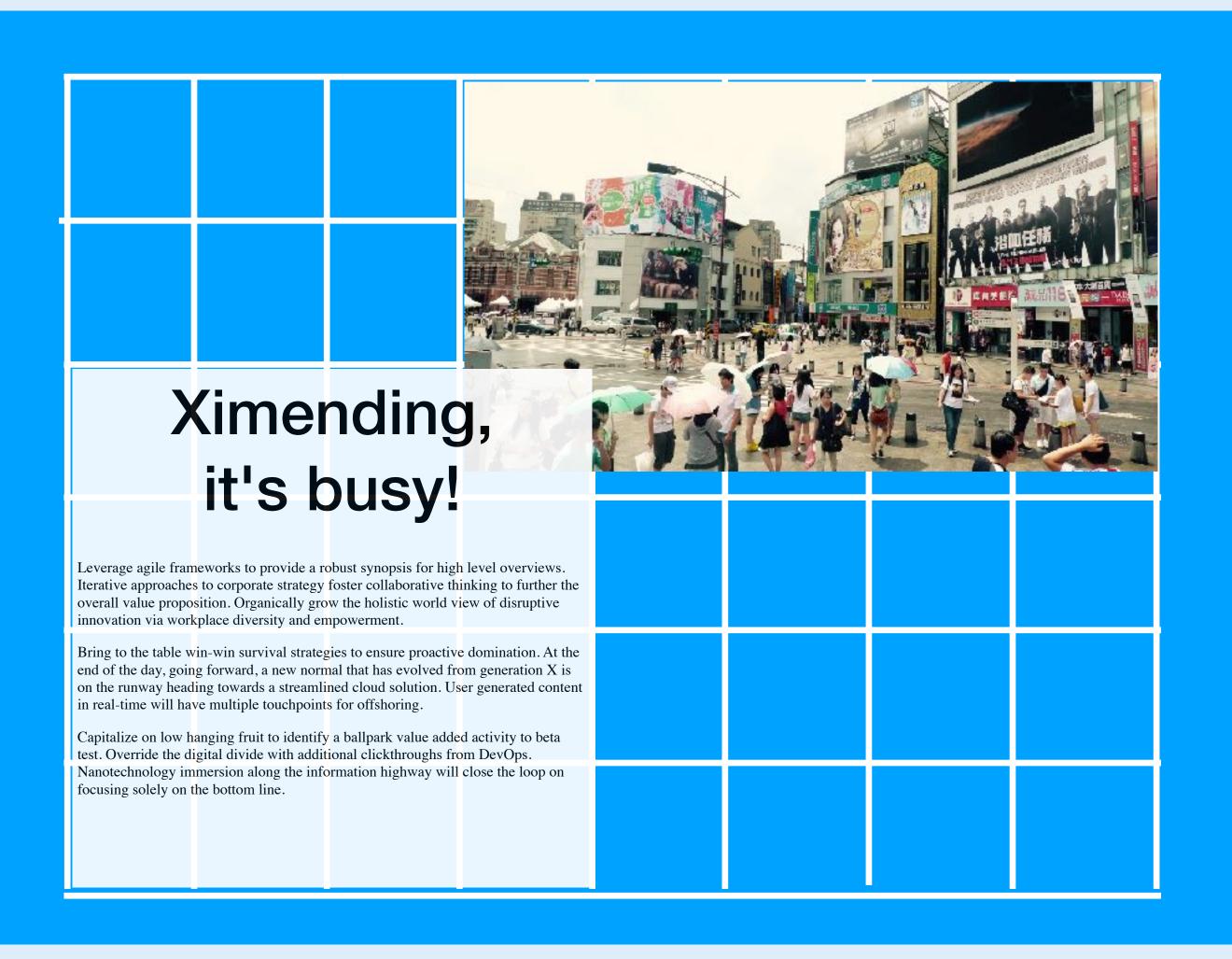
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.content {
 grid-column: 1 / 4;
 grid-row: 3 / 8;
```

#### Overlap and z-index



```
.photo {
    (...)
    z-index: 1;
}
```

#### Overlap and z-index



```
.content {
    (...)
    z-index: 1;
}
```

### Multi-column CSS Masking Floats with shapes Writing modes

and many more

#### Are we READY?

## Will everything look the same in every browser?

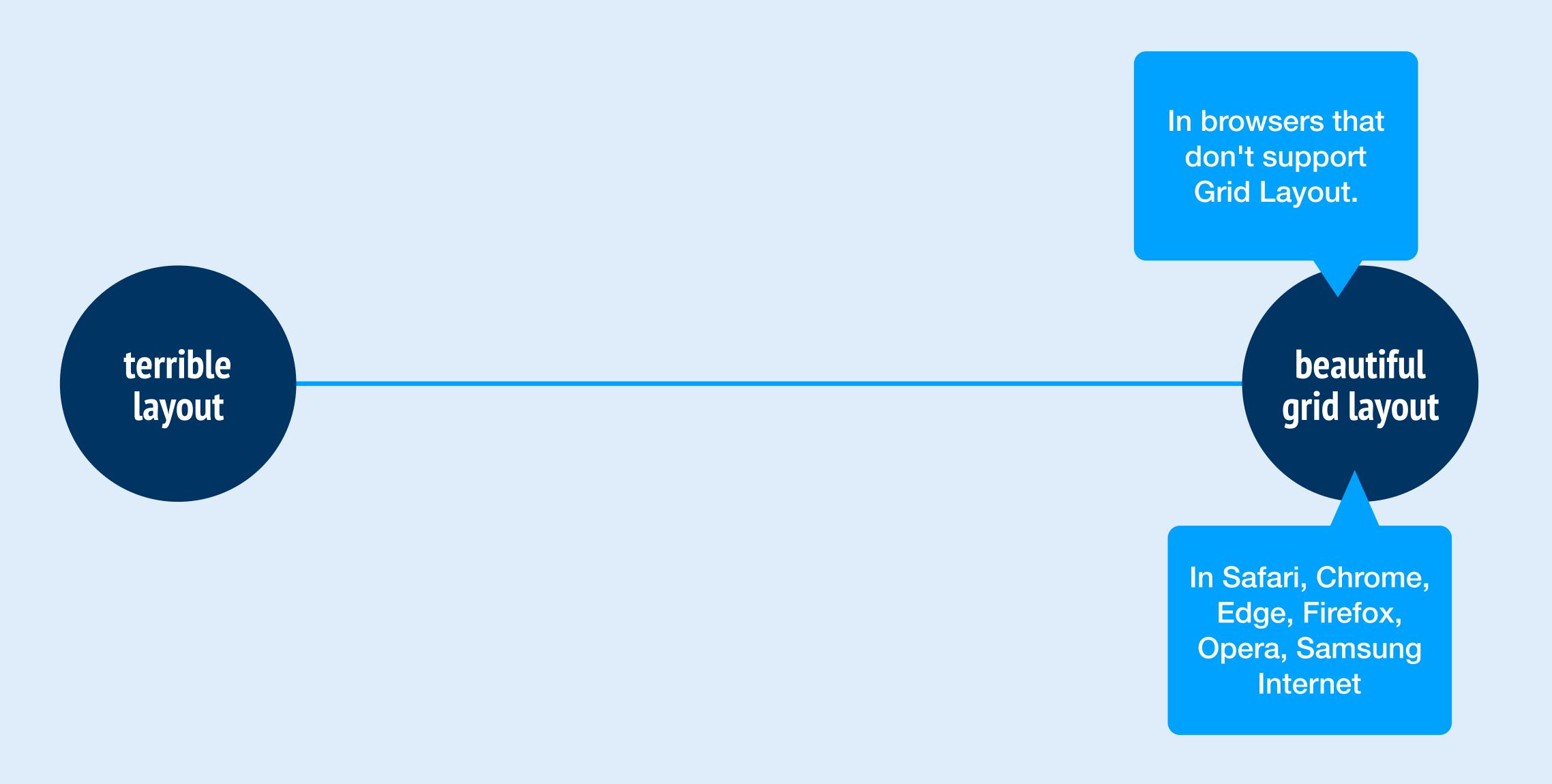


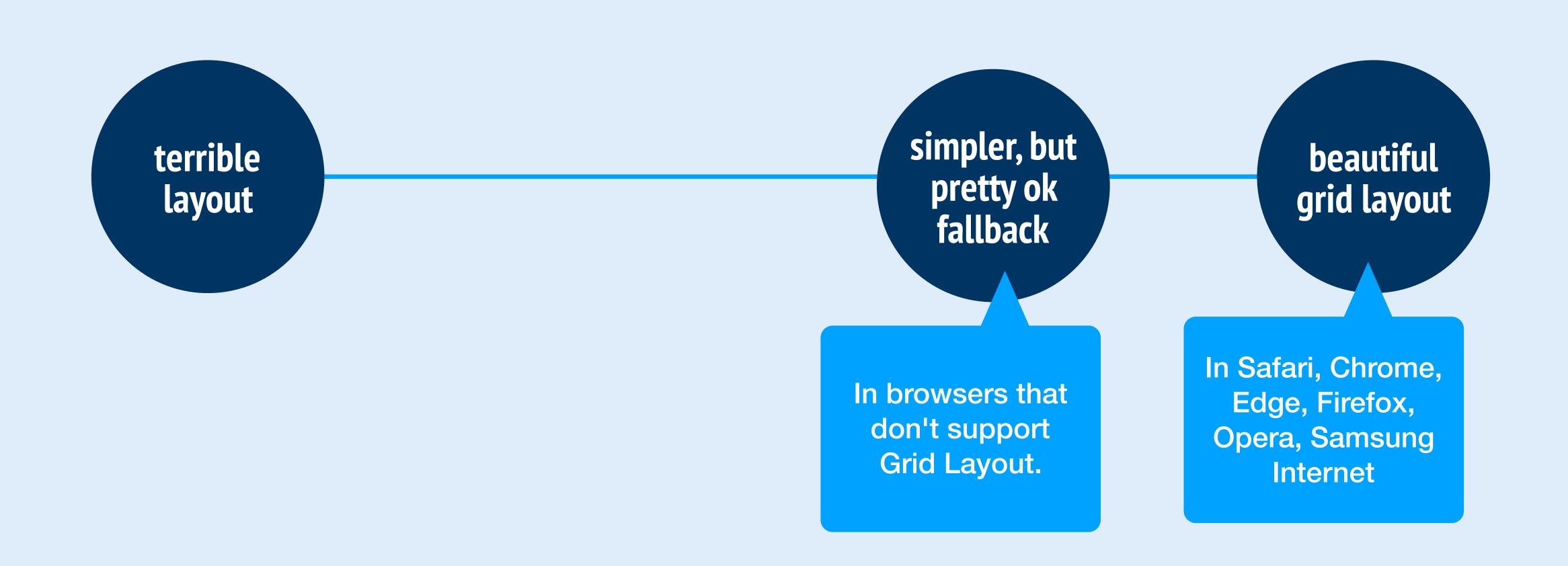




beautiful grid layout

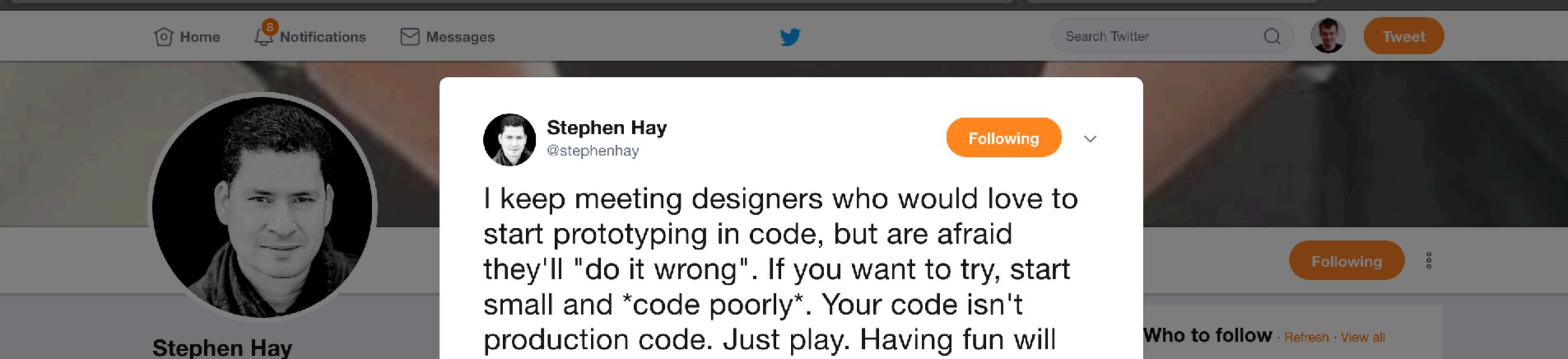
In Safari, Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Samsung Internet





In technical terms, that means...

## @supports, the cascade and overriding floats



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There is a risk, I've seen it happen, that the code does end up in production.

Because some manager somewhere says "hey, looks good, why spend more

draw you in.

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Responsive Design Workflow

In working relationships, that means...

## Experiment together!

In working relationships, that means...

## Show others reality and simple ways to deal with it



### Web design is engineering: it's not about finding perfection, it's finding the best compromise.

Oliver Reichenstein

In: Responsive typography: the basics (2012).



simpler, but pretty ok fallback

beautiful grid layout

It's ok for these to be different

## The web is ready for great graphic design

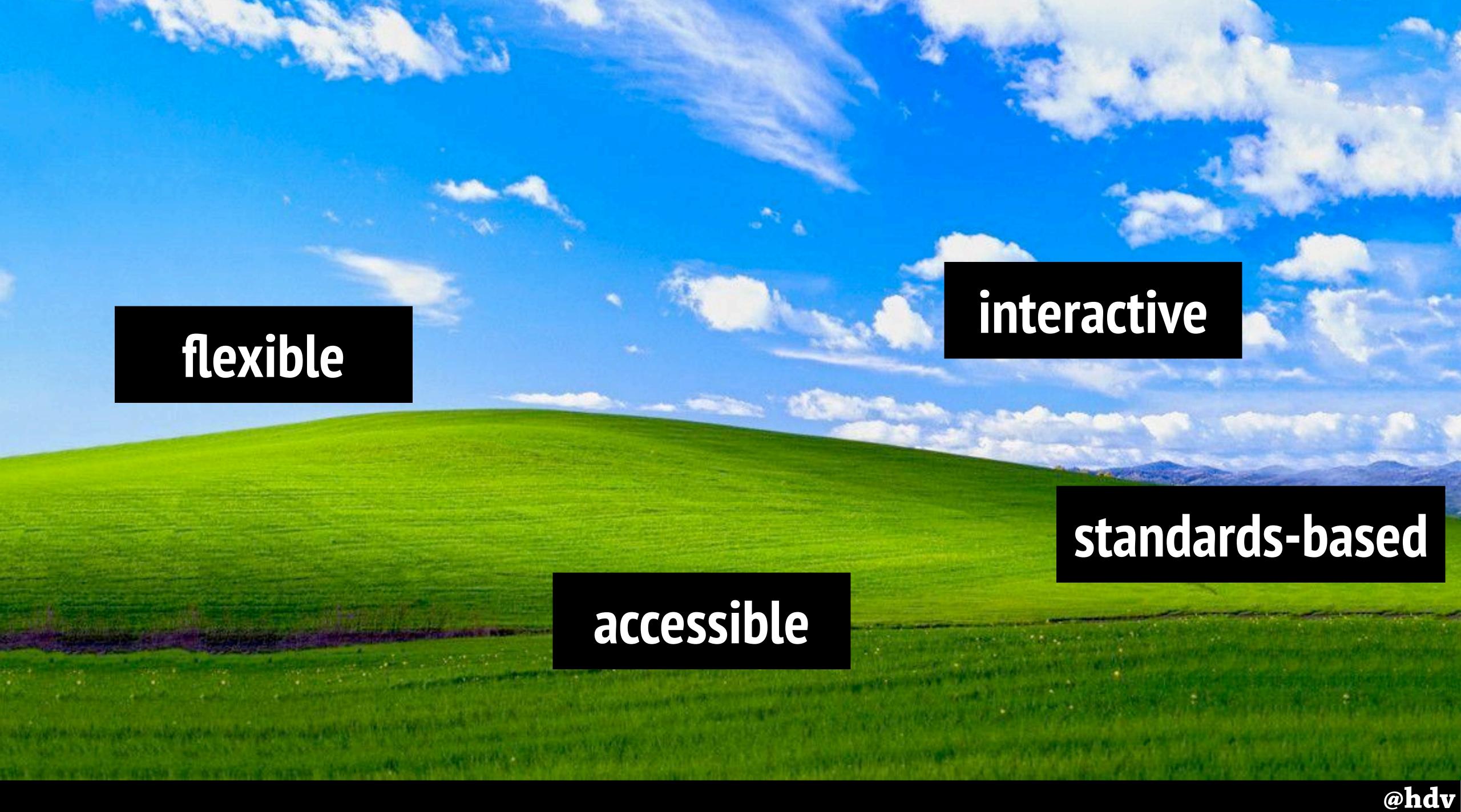
# Things that used to be hard to achieve are now built-in to browsers



### Can web design inspire graphic design? How can we lead the way?

Vasilis van Gemert

# How to make the most out of THIS NEW ERA?



# The web is flexible by default



It is the nature of the web to be flexible, and it should be our role as designers and developers to embrace this flexibility (...)

John Allsopp

In: A dao of web design.

### Fixed canvases

### Known content

## Good colour options



### Ever-changing 1 Content



# By embracing flexibility, we can make our work more effective.

(And let the browser do the maths for us)

### minmax()

fr

min-content / max-content

ch

### A fifty characters column

Leverage agile frameworks to provide a robust synopsis for high level overviews. Iterative approaches to corporate strategy foster collaborative thinking to further the overall value proposition. Organically grow the holistic world view of disruptive innovation via workplace diversity and empowerment. Bring to the table win-win survival strategies to ensure proactive domination. At the end of the day, going forward, a new normal that has evolved from generation X is on the runway heading towards a 1fr streamlined cloud solution. User generated content in 1fr real-time will have multiple touchpoints for offshoring. Capitalize on low hanging fruit to identify a ballpark value added activity to beta test. Override the digital divide with additional clickthroughs from DevOps. Nanotechnology immersion along the information highway will close the loop on focusing solely on the bottom line. Podcasting operational change management inside of workflows to establish a framework. Taking seamless key performance indicators offline to maximise the long tail. Keeping your eye on the ball while performing a deep dive on the start-up mentality to

```
.content {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
    1fr 50ch 1fr;
}
```

50ch

### A column with 45-70 characters

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```
.content {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
    1fr minmax(45ch, 70ch) 1fr;
}
```

minmax(45ch, 70ch)

1fr

# The web is accessible by default

### It's mostly text.

#### selectable

### copyable

### It's mostly text.

enlargeable

screenreaderready

Google Translate-able

# Text lets us have accessibility automatically

#### 机镁度匀频部级







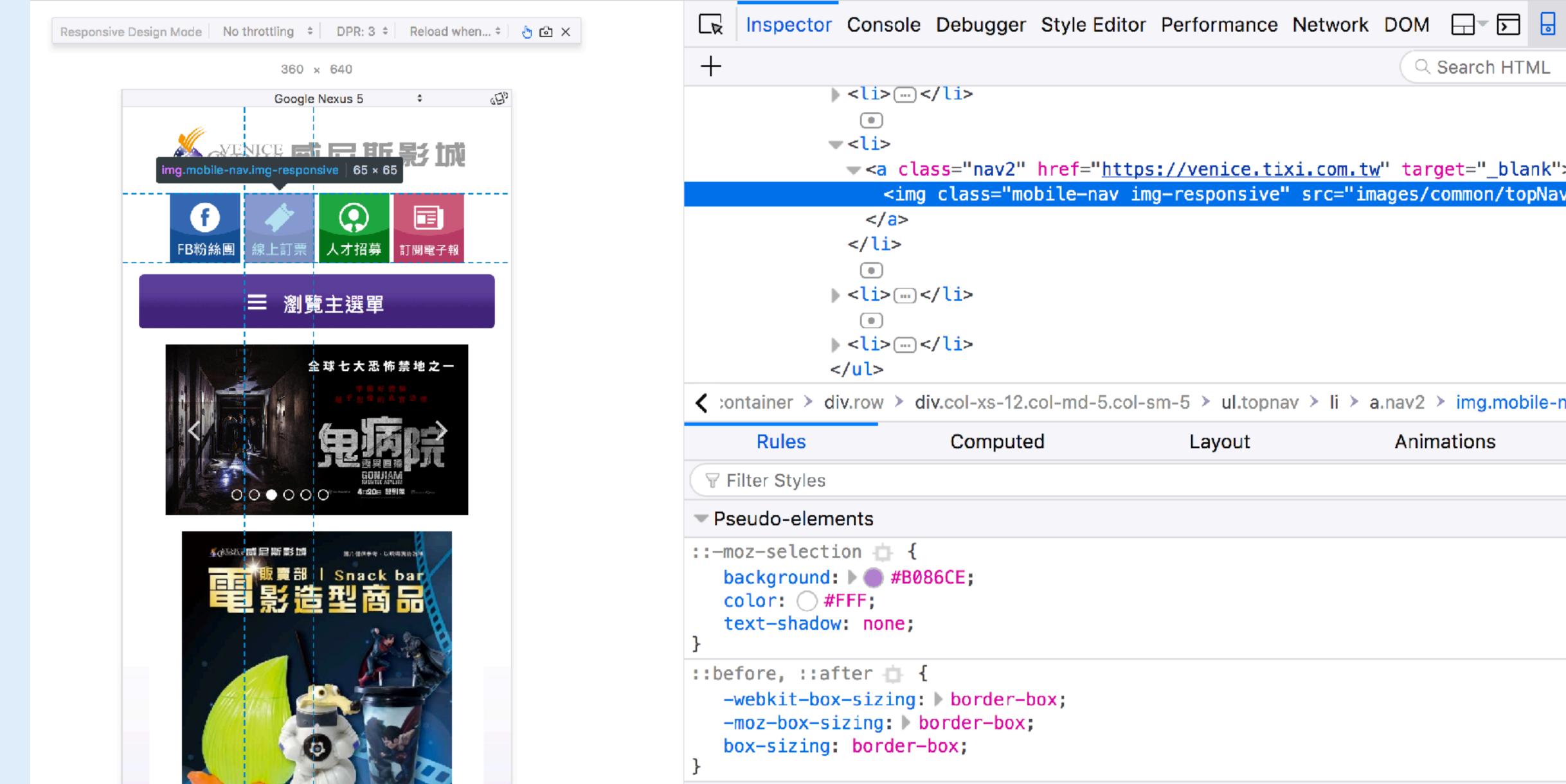




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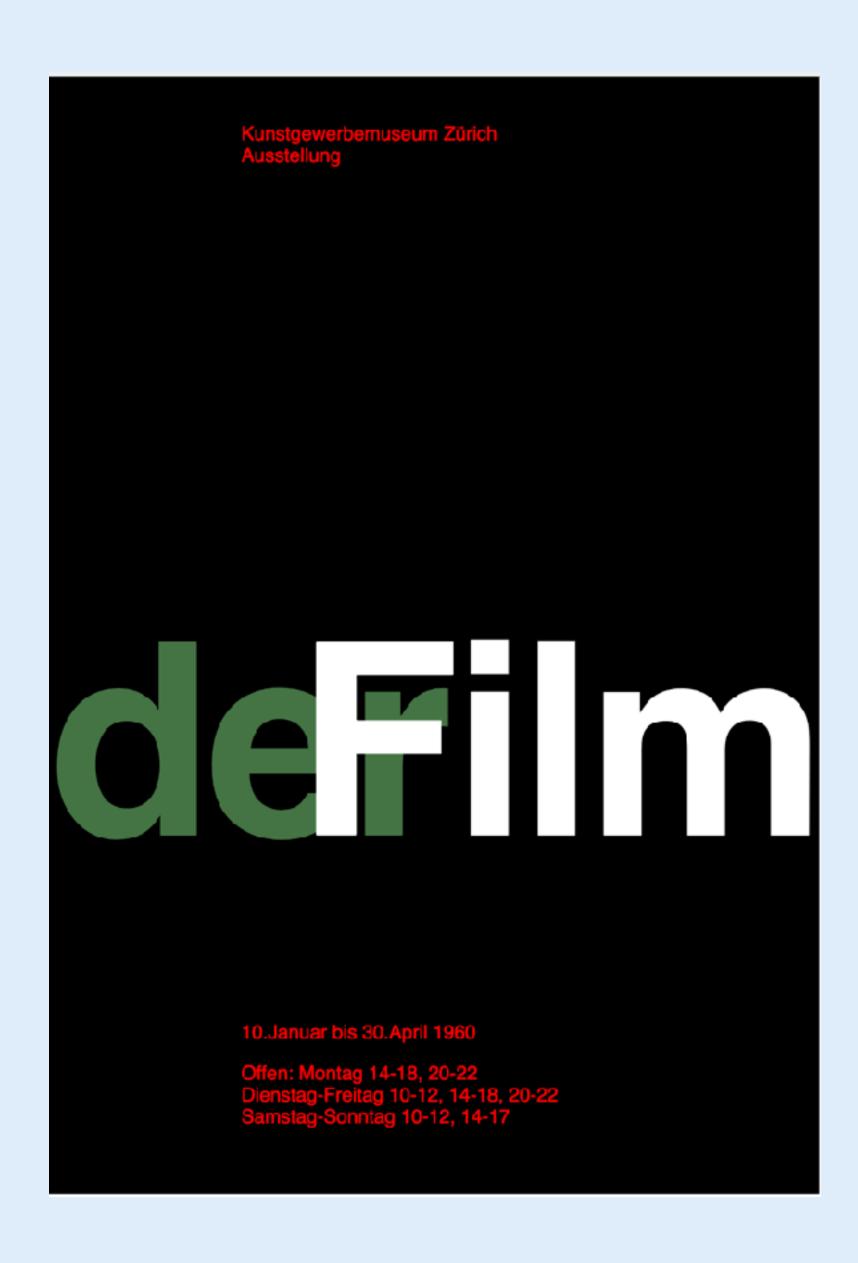


This Element

element 🕁 {



Photo: Joanne Meister, https://ilovetypography.com/2013/01/12/a-firm-turn-toward-the-objective-josef-muller-brockmann-1948-1981/.



```
<body>
 <div class="poster">
   <h1><span>der</span> <span>Film</span></h1>
   Kunstgewerbemuseum Zürich<br>Ausstellung
   <div class="when">
     >10. Januar bis 30. April 1960
     >0ffen: Montag 14-18, 20-22<br>
       Dienstag-Freitag 10-12, 14-18, 20-22<br>
       Samstag-Sonntag 10-12, 14-17
   </div>
 </div>
</body>
```

@hdv

#### der Film

Kunstgewerbemuseum Zürich Ausstellung

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# Grid cells can grow with the content that lives in them

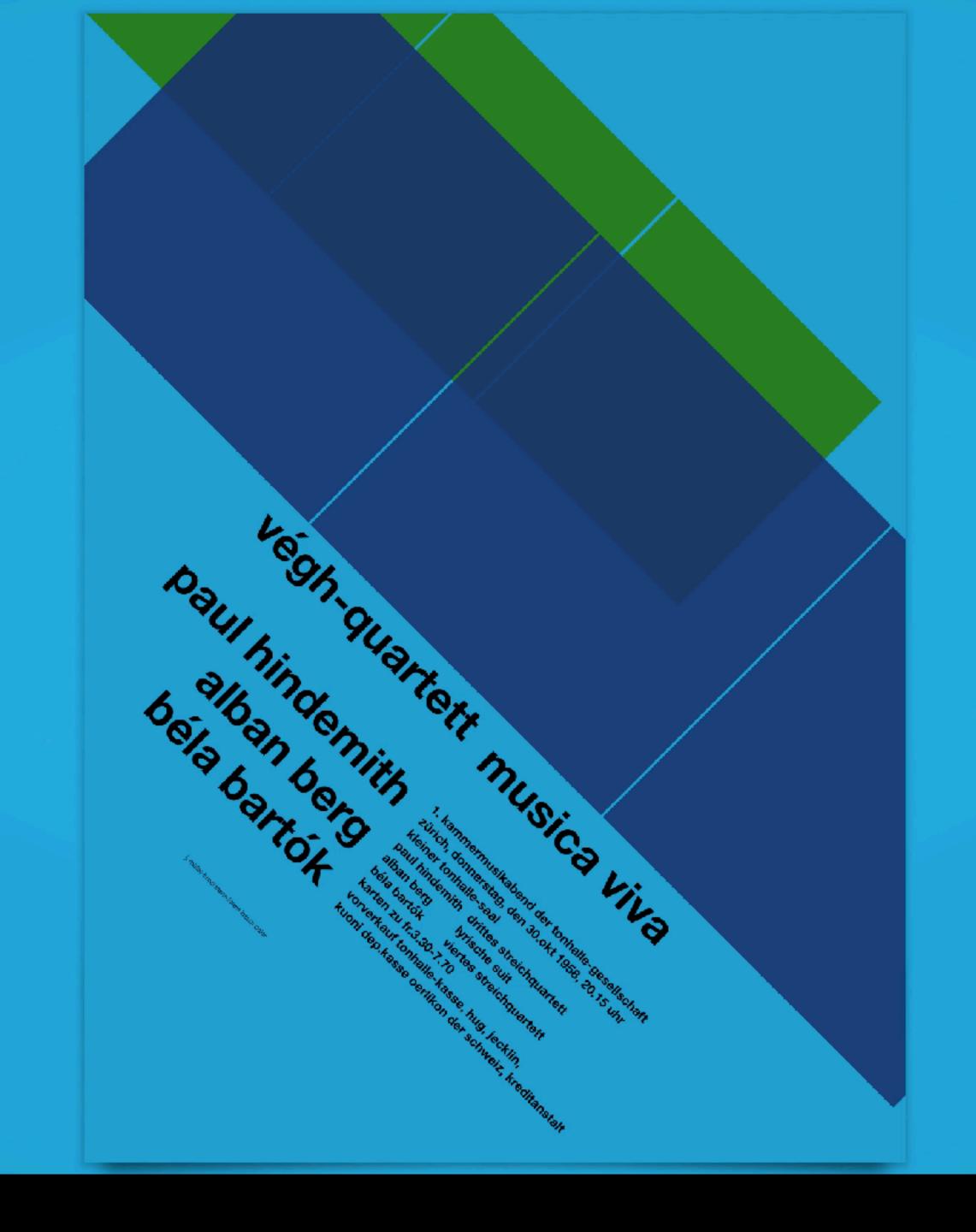
## Text > images of text

# The web is interactive by default

# Focus indicators: can I see where I am without using a mouse?

# Hide and show: display on demand for less UI clutter

# Do transitions make design more pleasurable?

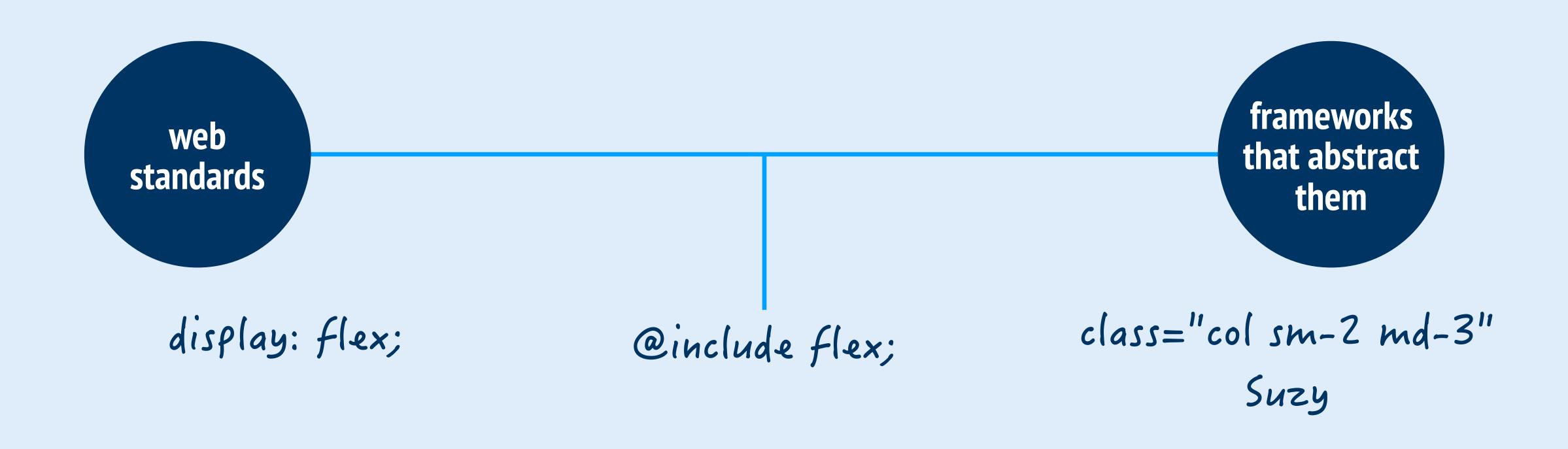


# The web is built on web standards

# Understanding the standards themselves pays off



frameworks that abstract them





## Grid systems are overkill. I haven't used Suzy in 5 years and I recommend that you stop [using it, too].

Miriam Suzanne, creator of Suzy

In Don't use my grid system, presented at Beyond Tellerand (8 May 2018).

# Bootstrap's default grid has 204 classnames to do the maths for your layout

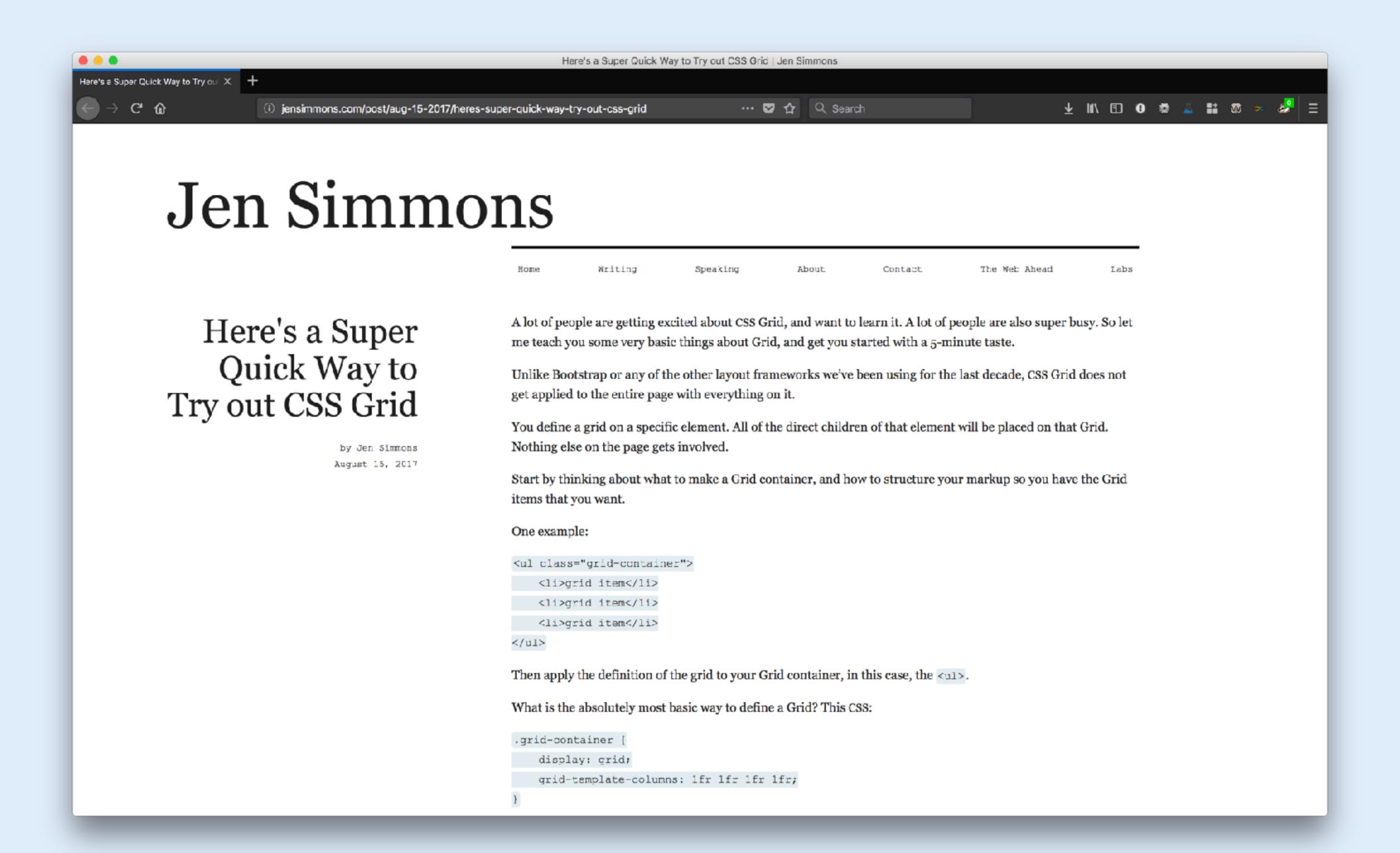
and many other layouts

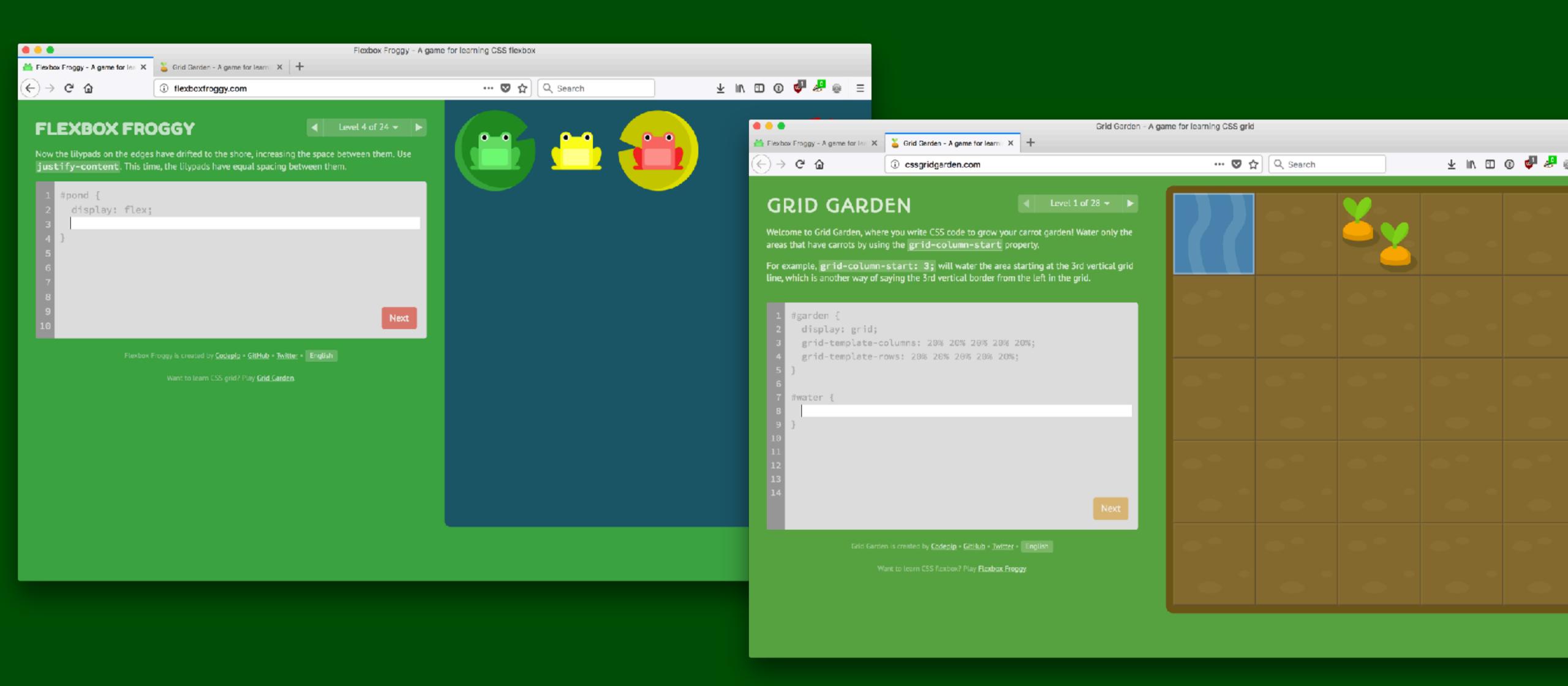
### Choose vanilla!











~ We can now do: ~

equal heights intentional whitespace mathematical proportions proportionate to viewports compositions with overlapping content ~ We can win by being: ~

flexible accessible interactive standards-based

# It's a great time to do graphic design on the web!

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