# ON AUTO SIZES IN GRID LAYOUT

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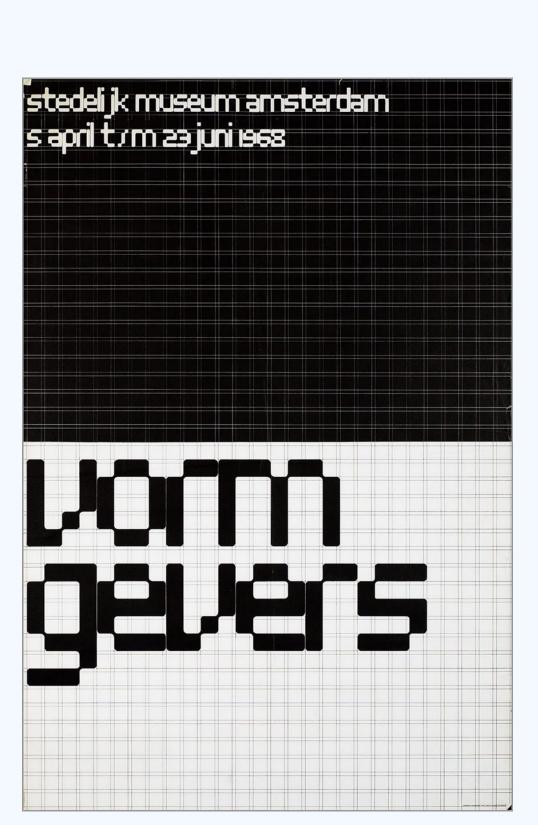


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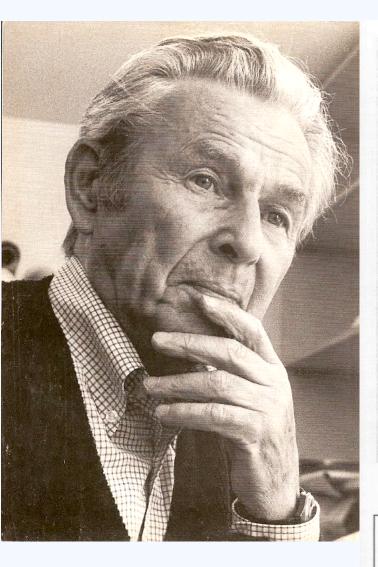
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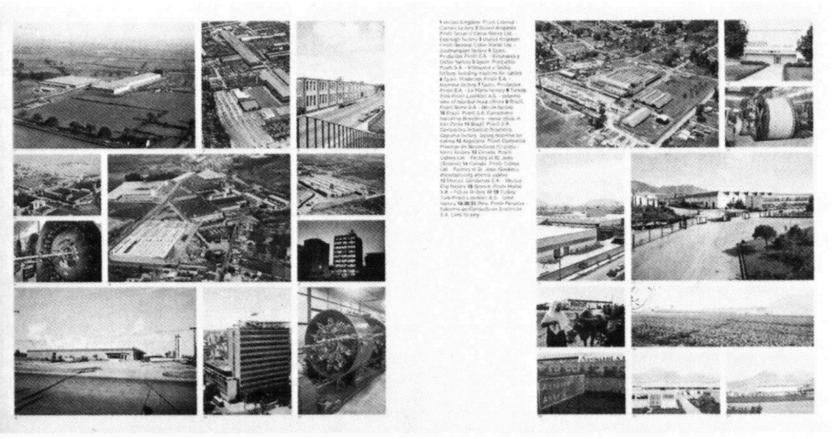




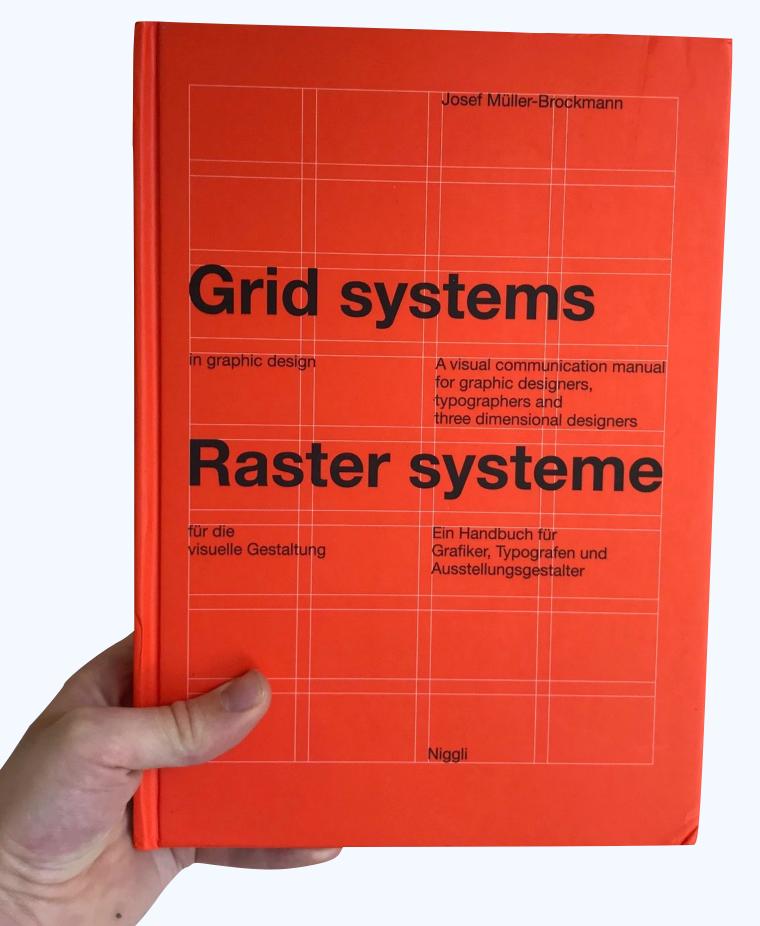


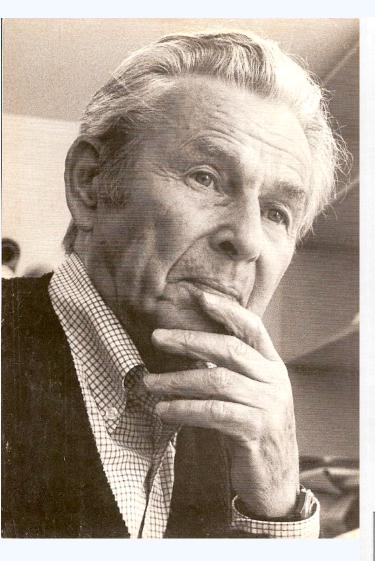


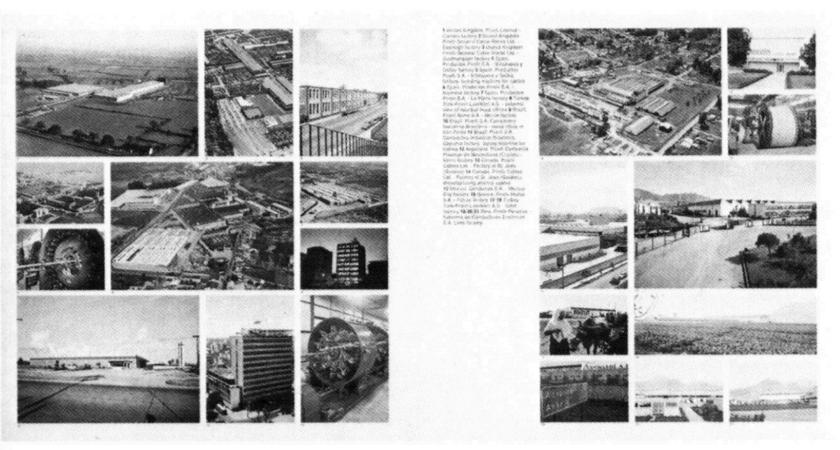


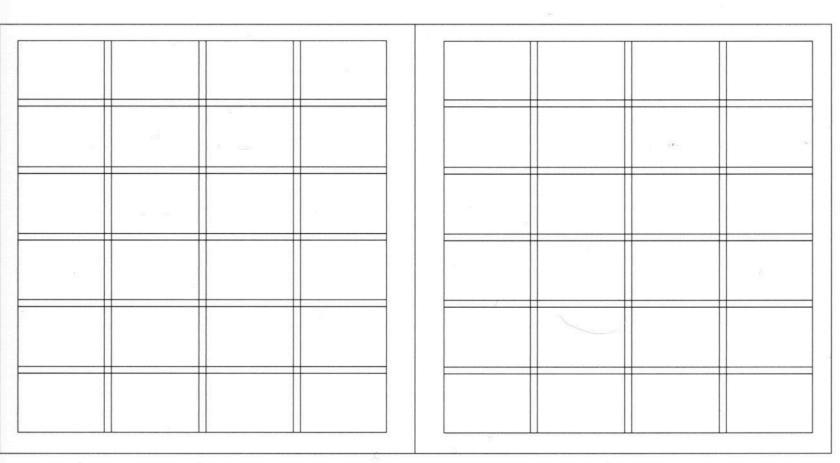


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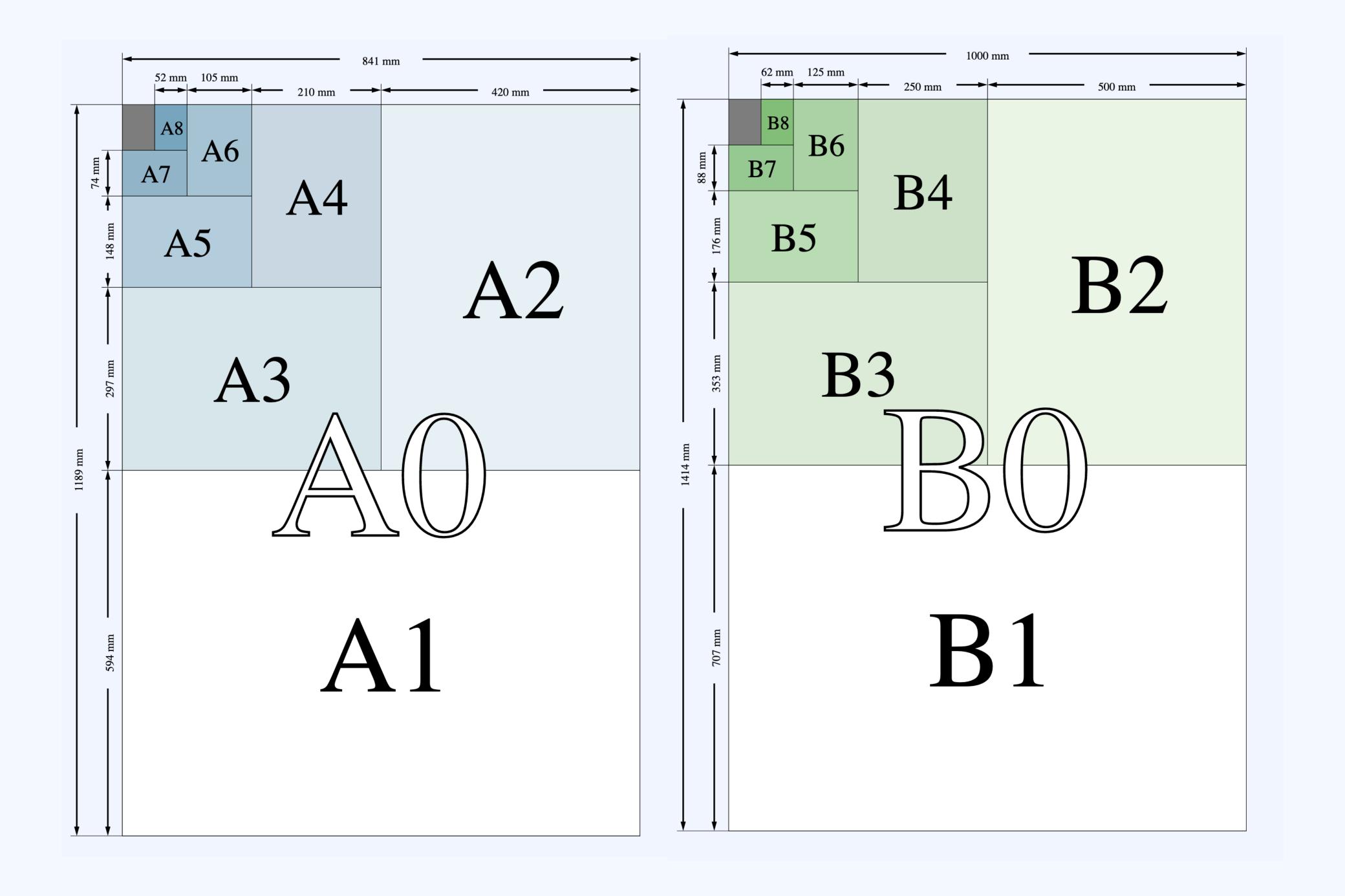














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#### The web



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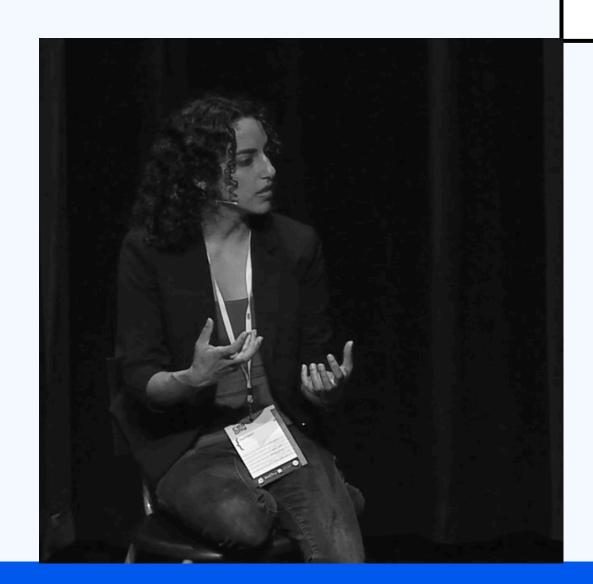
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CSS is here to help!

## Fixed sizes

"When we define auto in CSS, we want it give reasonable results, avoid dataloss/overflow and be a good default to build on"

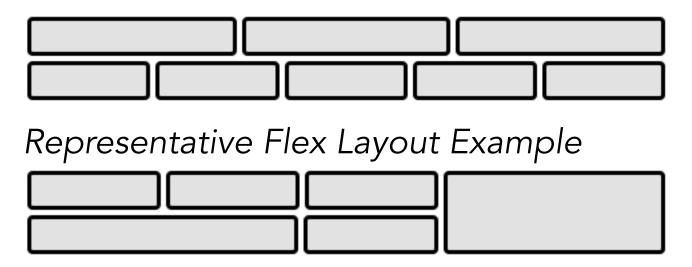
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## TERMINE GY

## Block VS inline

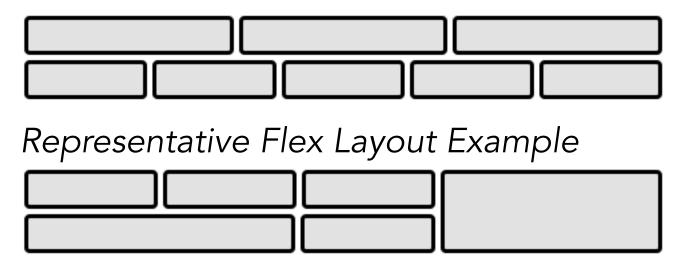
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Representative Grid Layout Example

In addition, due to its ability to explicitly position items in the grid, Grid Layout allows dramatic transformations in visual layout structure without requiring corresponding markup changes. By combining media queries with the CSS properties that control layout of the grid container and its children, authors can adapt their layout to changes in device form factors, orientation, and available space, while preserving a more ideal semantic structuring of their content across presentations.

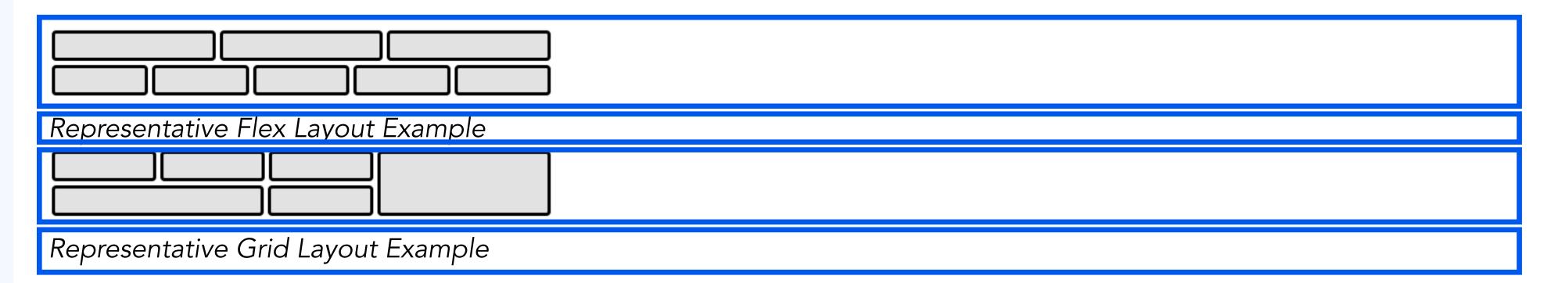
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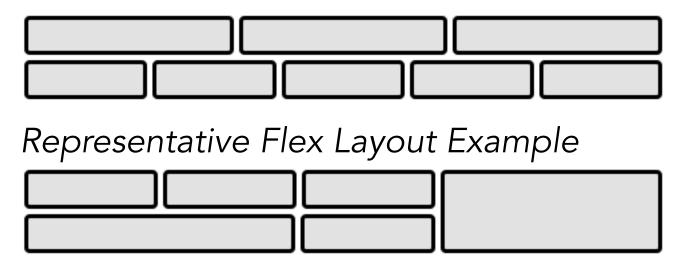
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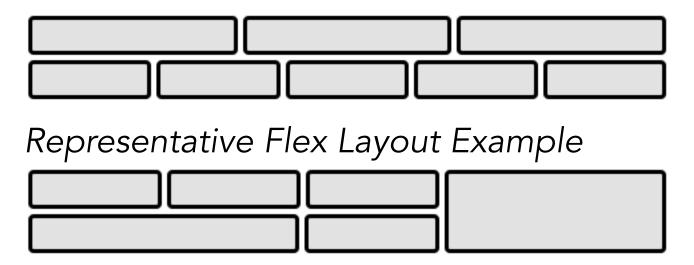
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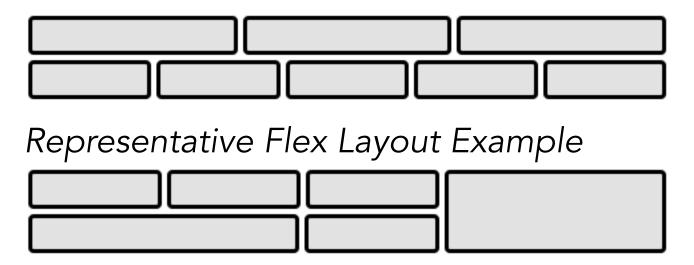


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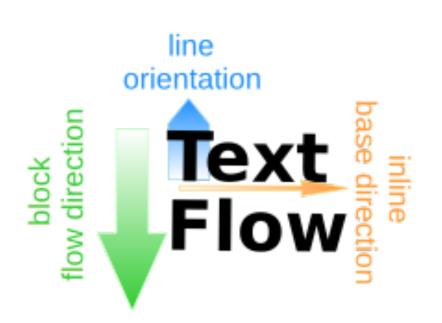
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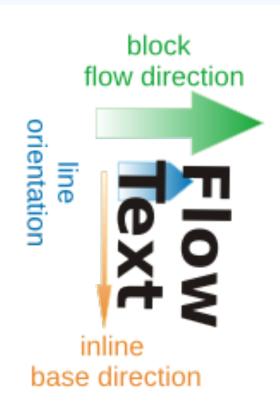


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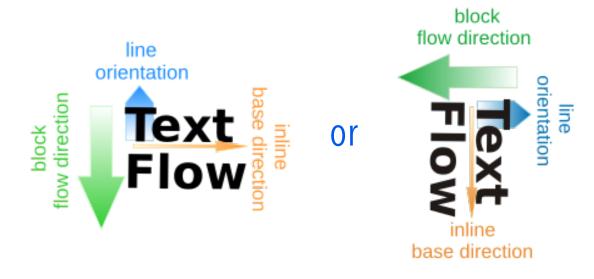
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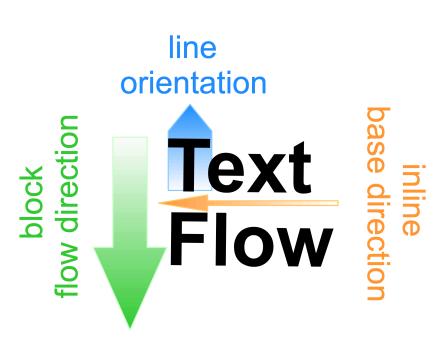
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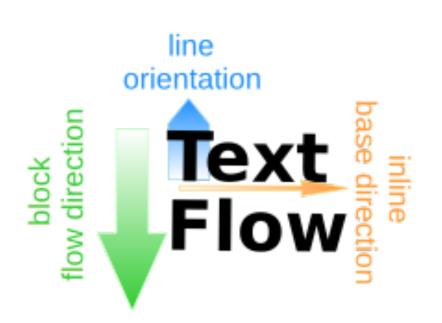
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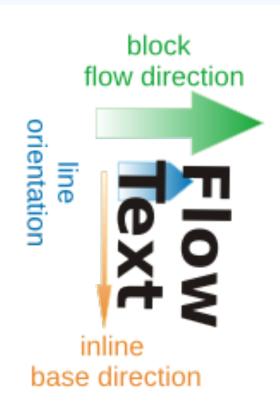
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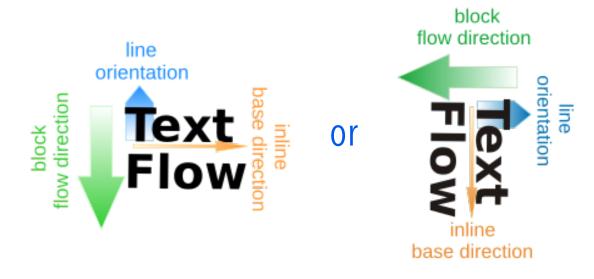
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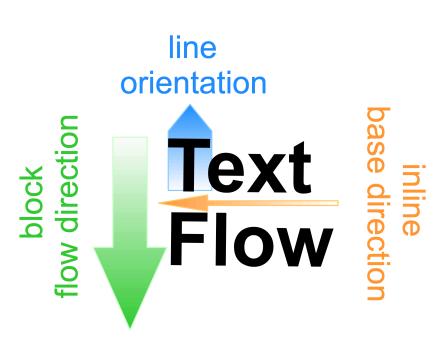
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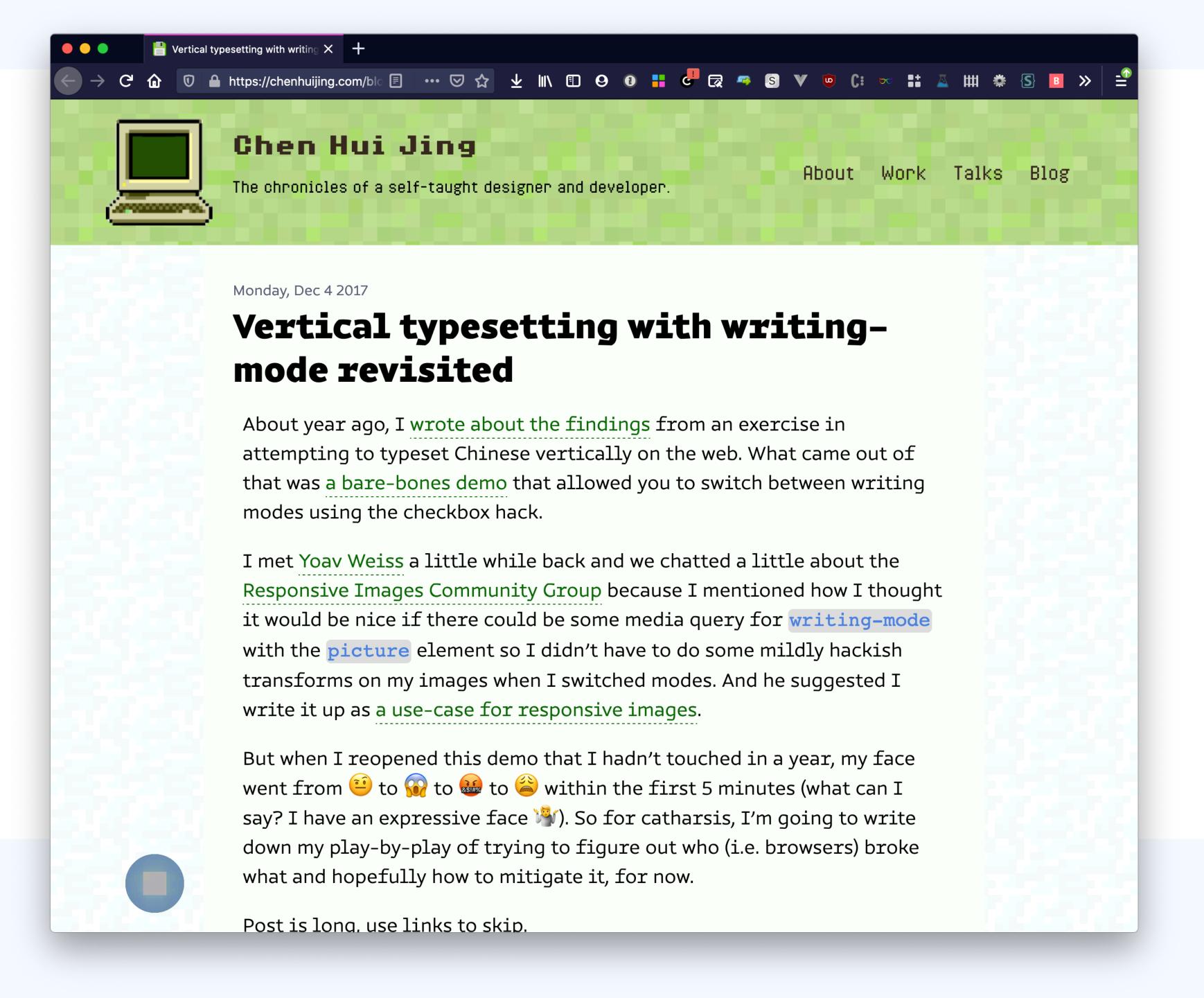


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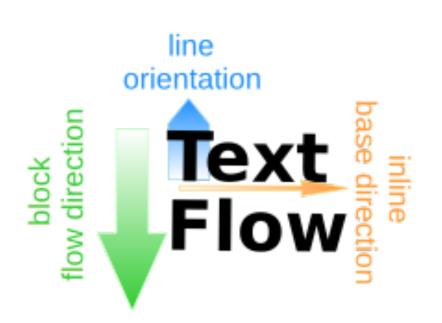
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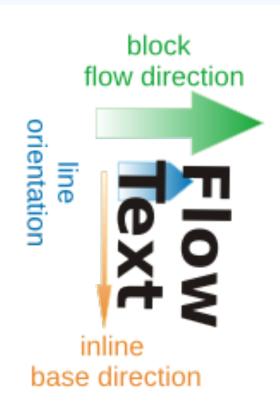


"I've found understanding Writing Modes incredibly helpful when understanding Flexbox and CSS Grid"

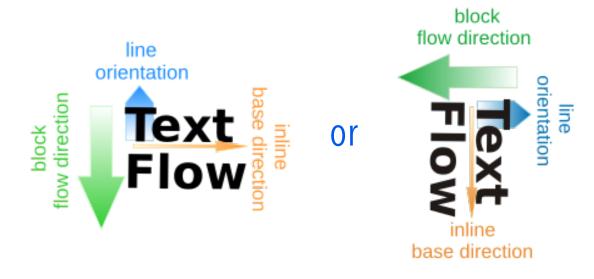
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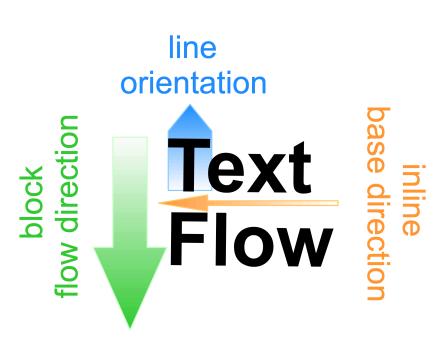
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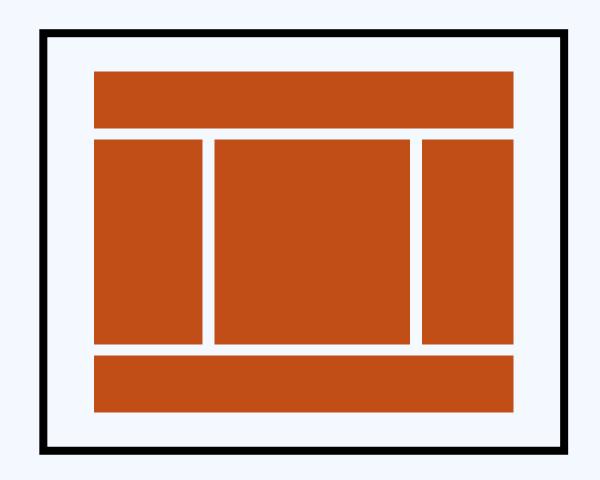


Han-based



Arabic-based

```
.grid {
  writing-mode: horizontal-tb;
  writing-mode: vertical-rl;
  writing-mode: vertical-lr;
  writing-mode: sideways-rl;
  writing-mode: sideways-lr;
}
```

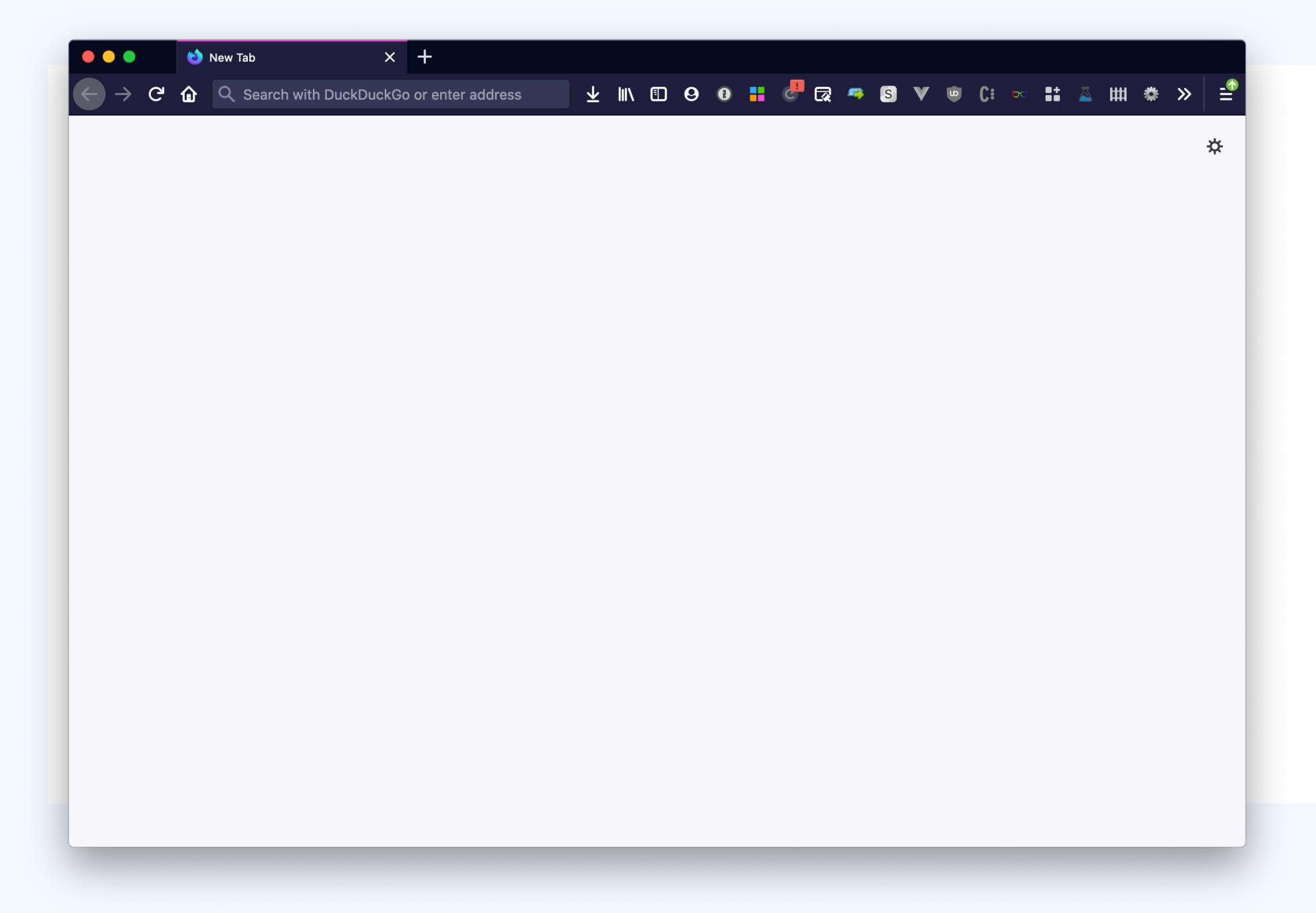


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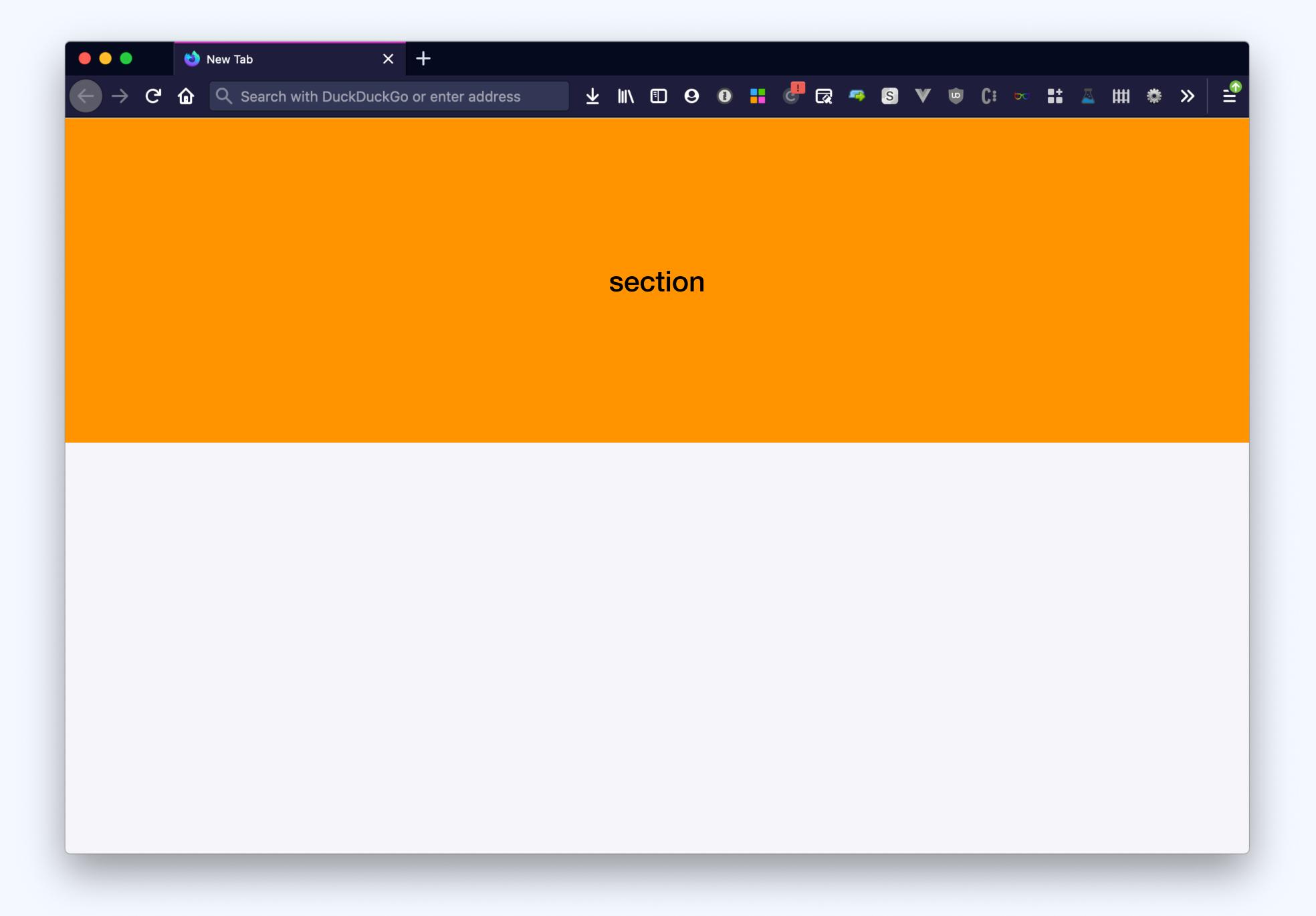
## Creating a Grid

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

## Inline size



## Inline size



#### Inline size

```
section
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --> <section></section>
```

### Inline size

```
C Search with DuckDuckGo or enter address
                    div
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --->
<section>
<!-- width: also 100% of window --->
<div style="display: grid;">
</div>
```

### Inline size

```
section
```

```
<!-- width: 500px --->
<section style="width: 500px;">
</section>
```

### Inline size

```
div
```

```
<!-- width: 500px --->
<section style="width: 500px;">
  <!-- width: also 500px --->
  <div style="display: grid;">
  </div>
```

## Inline size (float)

```
div
```

## Inline size (float)

```
section
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --->
<section>
<!-- width: [?] --->
<div style="display: grid; float: left;">
</div>
```

Inline size (posabs)

```
section
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --->
<section>
<!-- width: [?] --->
<div style="display: grid; position: absolute;">
</div>
```

# Inline size (posabs)

```
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                          section
hello world
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --->
<section>
<!-- width: as much as content requires --->
<div style="display: grid; position: absolute;">
   hello world
```

## Inline grid

```
section
hello world
```

```
<!-- width: 100% of window --->
<section>
<!-- width: as much as content requires --->
<div style="display: inline-grid;">
  hello world
```

## Size of containing element

### **WHEN**

grid has no explicit width

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## Size that the content needs

### WHEN

- float Or position:absolute
- inline-grid has no explicit width

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- inline-grid has no explicit width

# Size that you specified

### WHEN

you specified a size

## Size of containing element

### WHEN

- position: absolute
and it has height 100%

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### WHEN

no exception applies

## Size of containing element

### **WHEN**

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## Size that the content needs

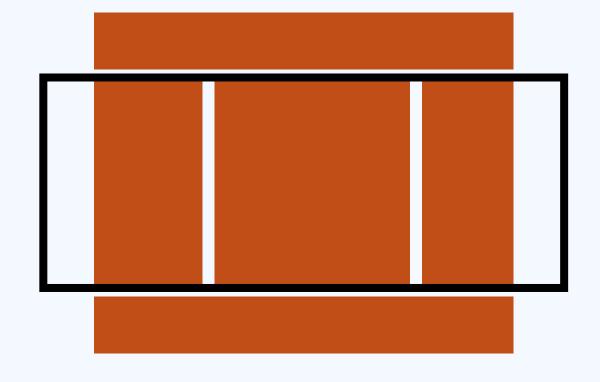
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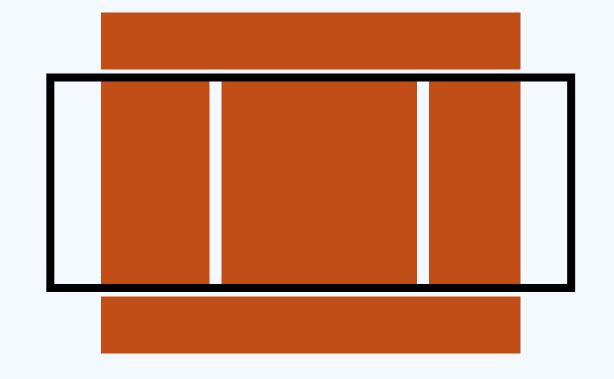
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## 



# GRID TRACKS COMMNS / ROWS

### Creating columns

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 100px 400px 200px;
}
```

### Creating rows

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-rows: 100px 400px 200px;
}
```

# GRID TRACKS: FIXED

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 5cm 10cm 5cm;
}
```

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 200px 500px 100px;
}
```

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 50em 120ch 50rem;
}
```

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: /* use any size here */;
}
```

**RELATIVE** 

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: /* use any size here */;
}
```

RELATIVE ABSOLUTE

```
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RELATIVE ABSOLUTE

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.grid {
  display: grid;
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### Fixed sizes

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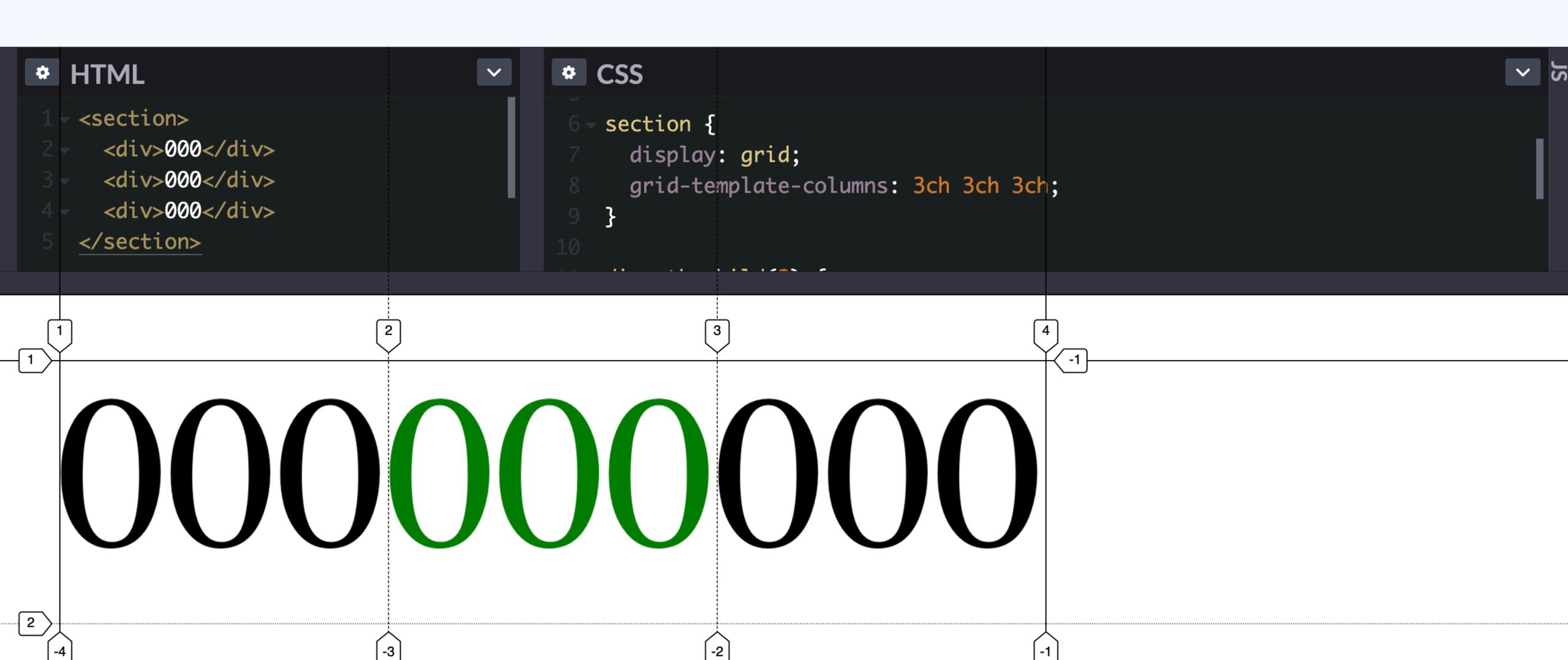
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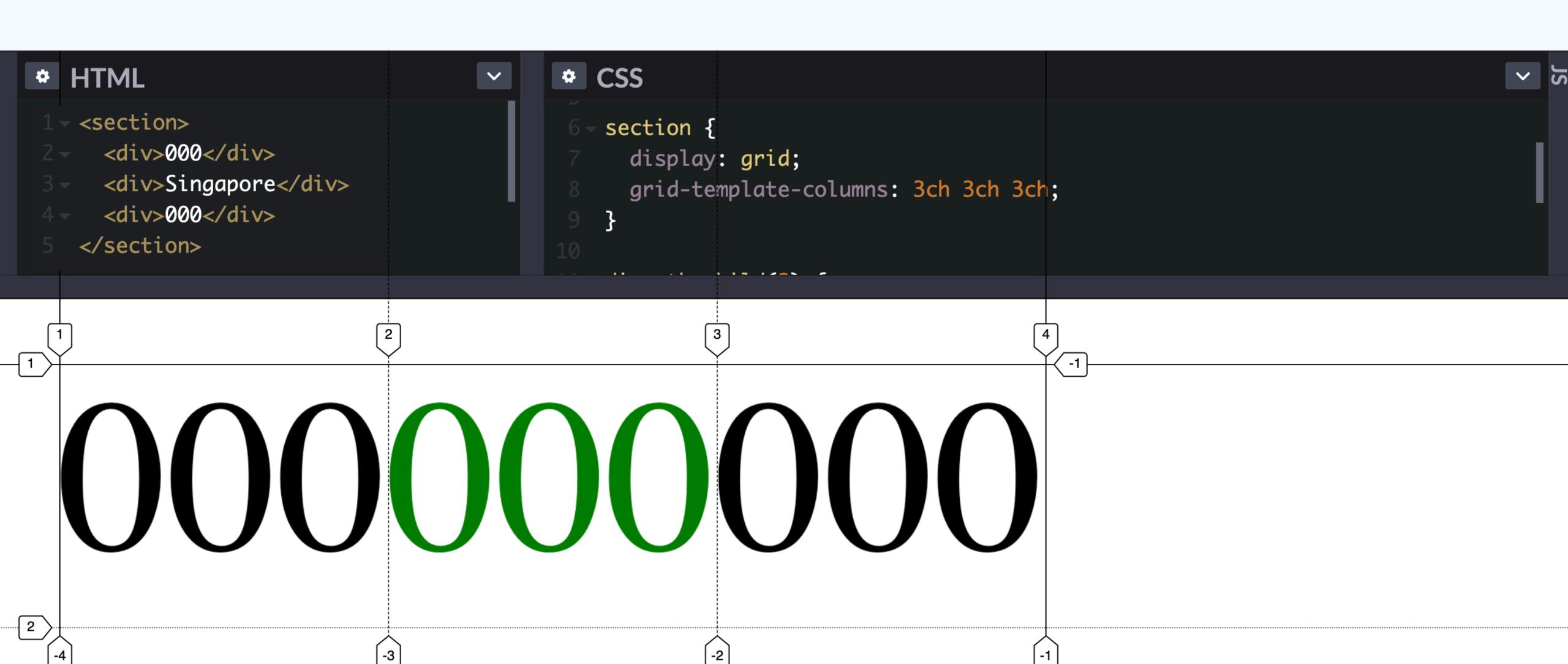
### Fixed sizes

"In CSS sizing primitives, a fixed size means a size that is independent of layout or content"

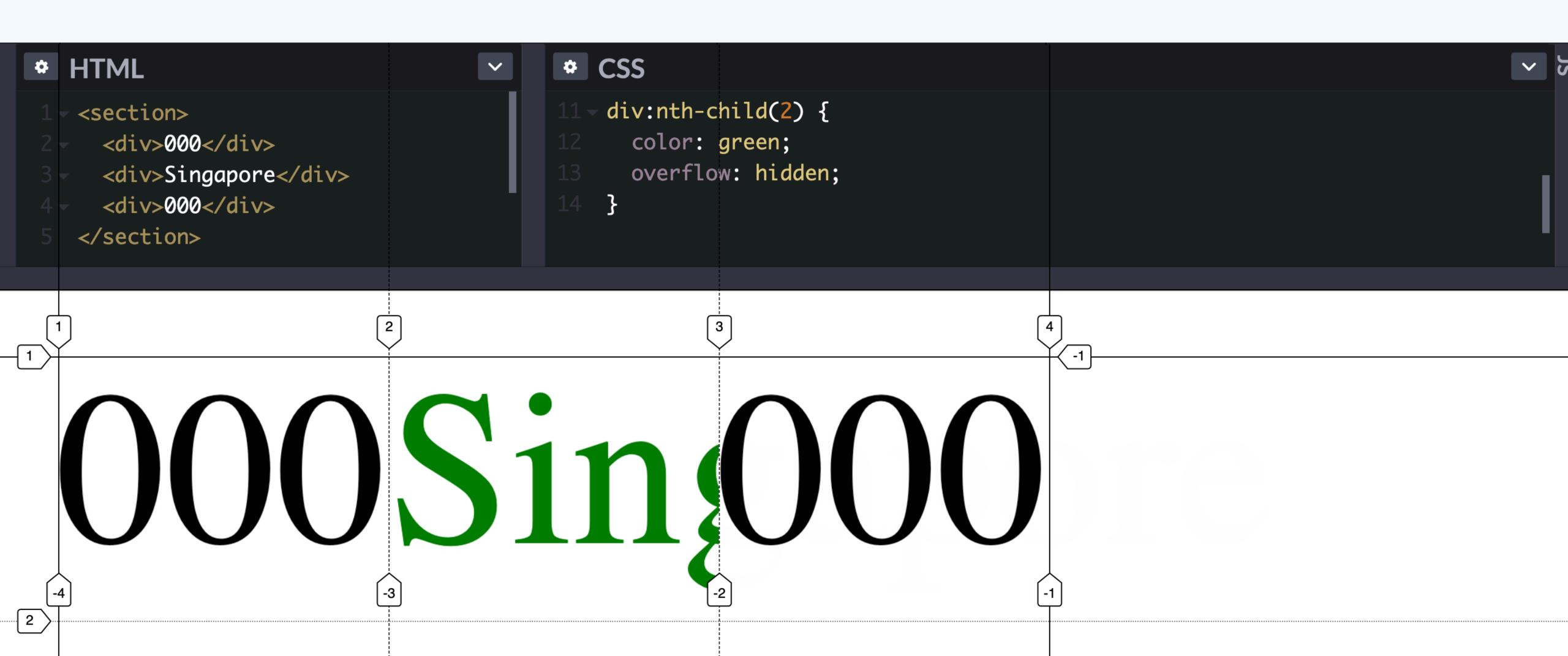
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# GRID TRACKS: FRACTIONS

### Fractions This is not auto

```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 50em 1fr 10em;
}
```





### This default is a feature, usually you don't want text on top of other text.

The distribution of leftover space occurs after all nonflexible track sizing functions have reached their maximum.

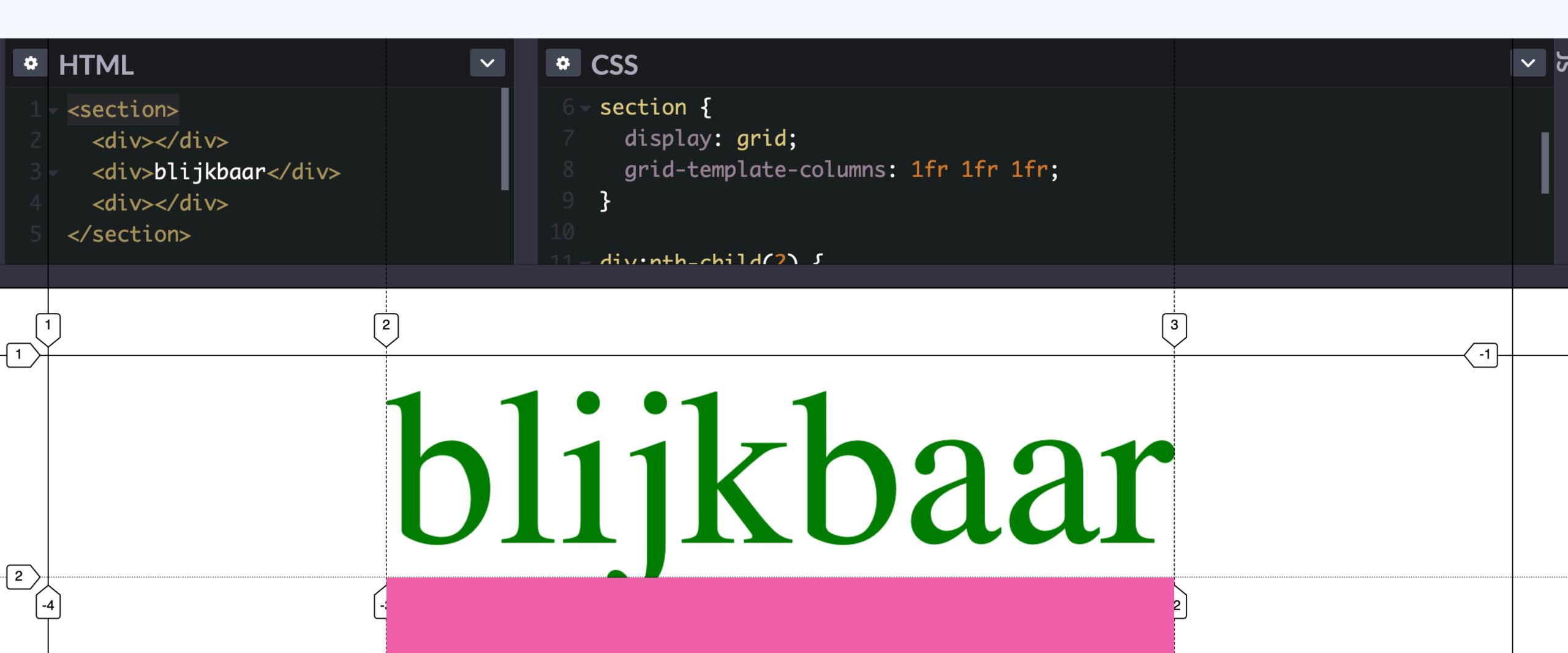
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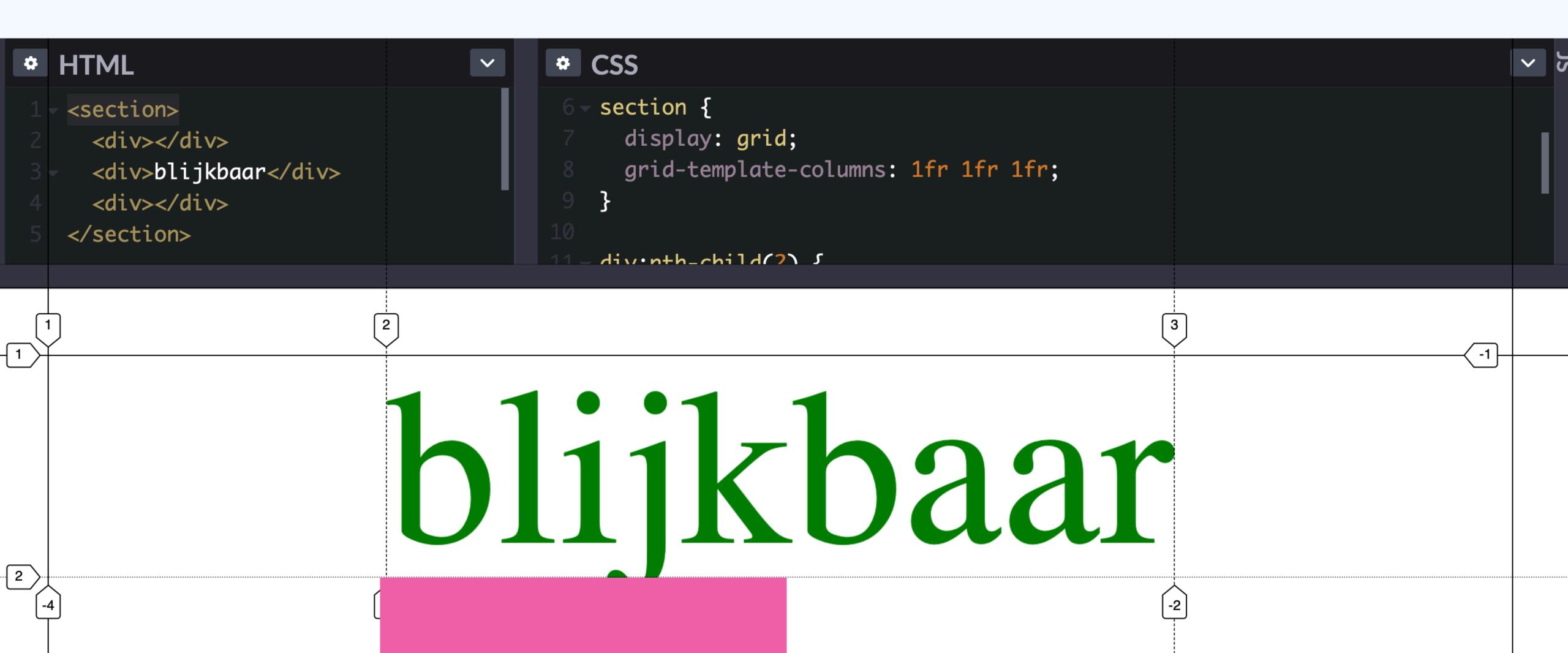
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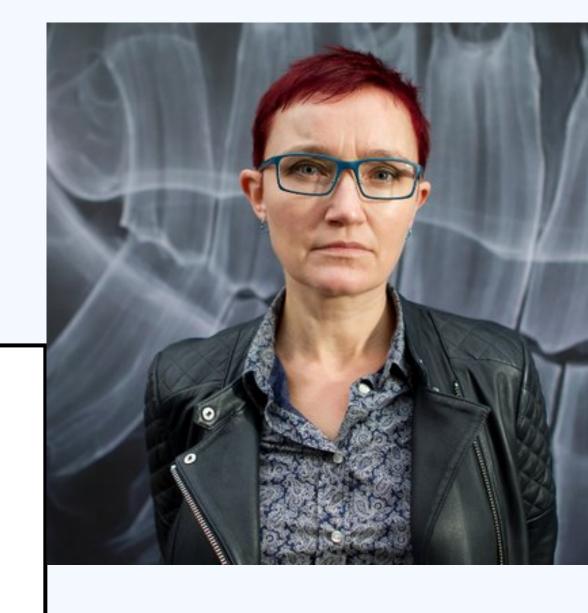




### One cell in a track can affect the whole track's size.

"If you [don't want your track to grow to prevent overflow], you can do so by making 0 the first value in minmax()."

- Rachel Andrew, in "CSS Writing Modes" on 24 Ways



#### Fractions

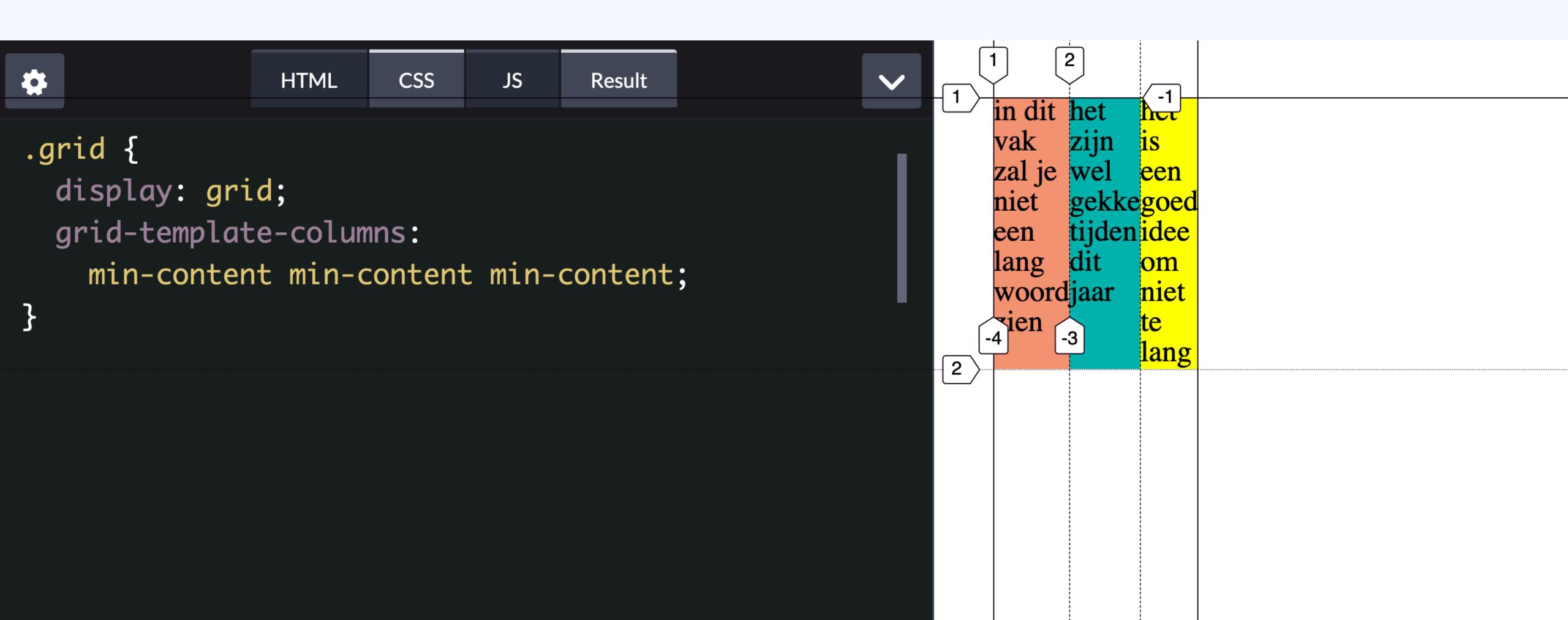
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    50em 1fr 10em;
}
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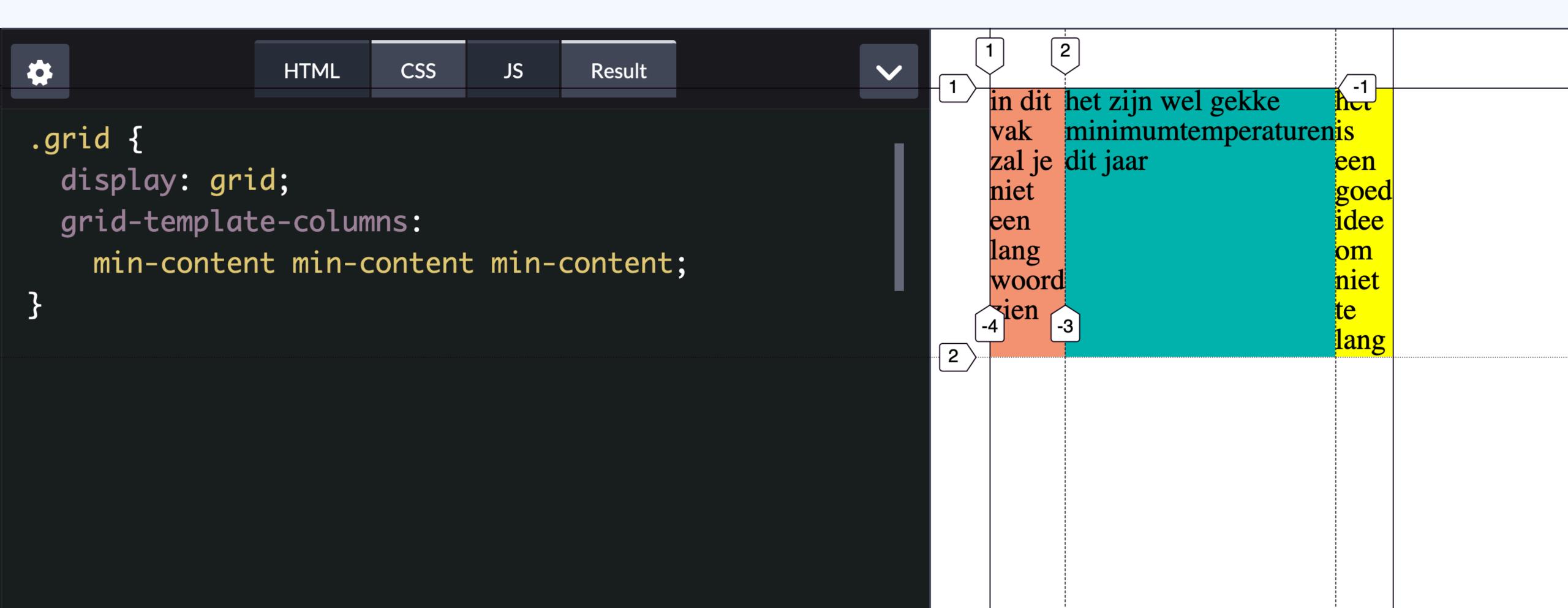
```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
    50em minmax(0, 1fr) 10em;
}
```

### 

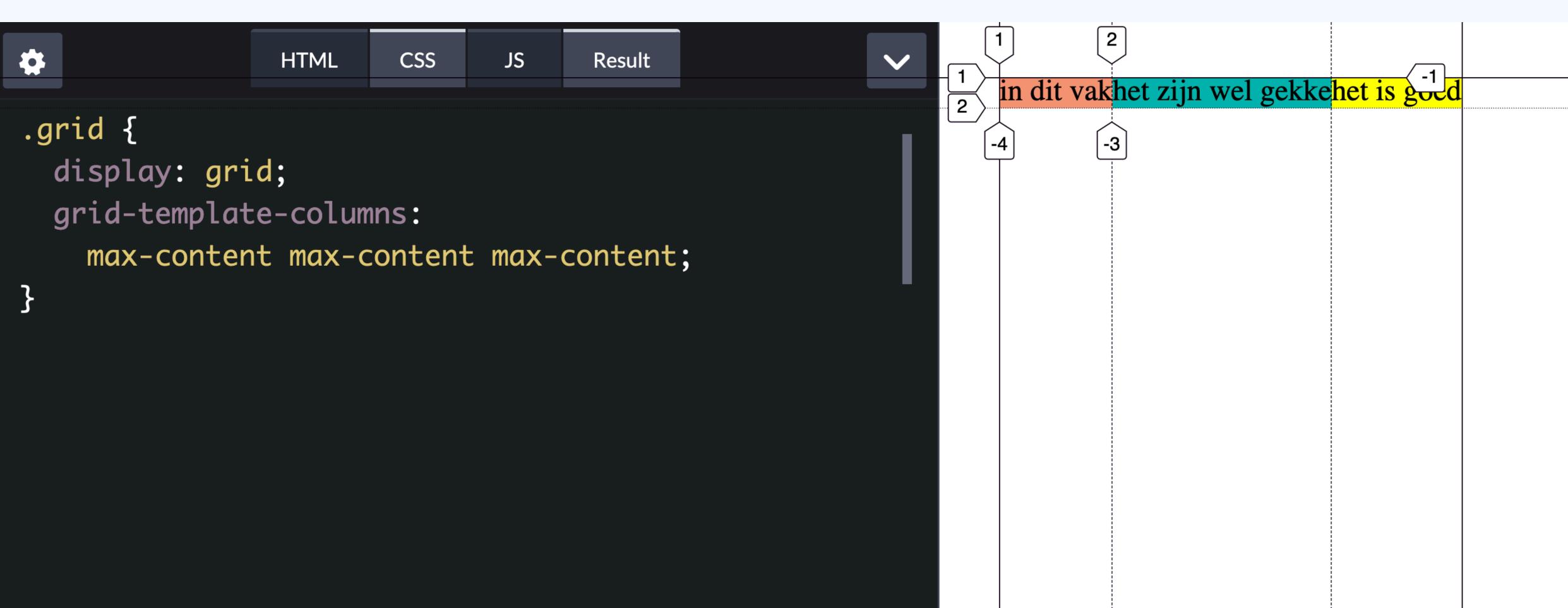
#### min-content



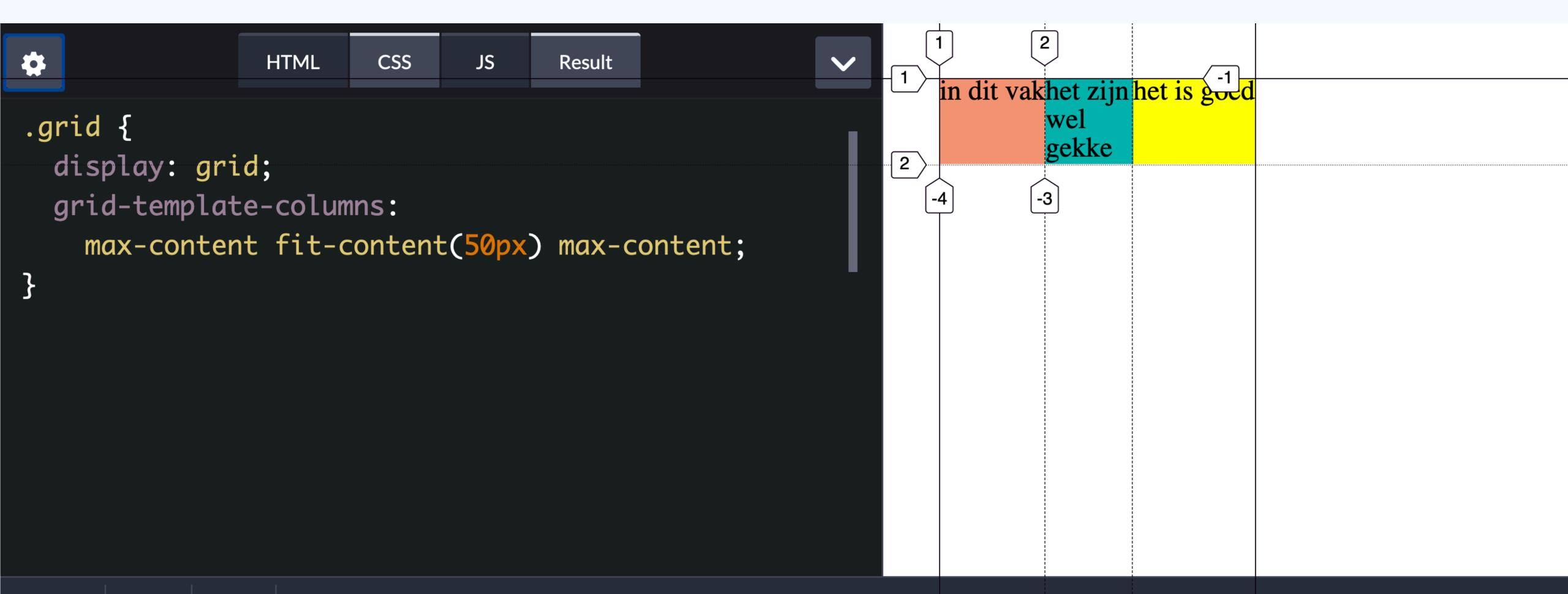
#### min-content



#### max-content



#### fit-content(value)



### 

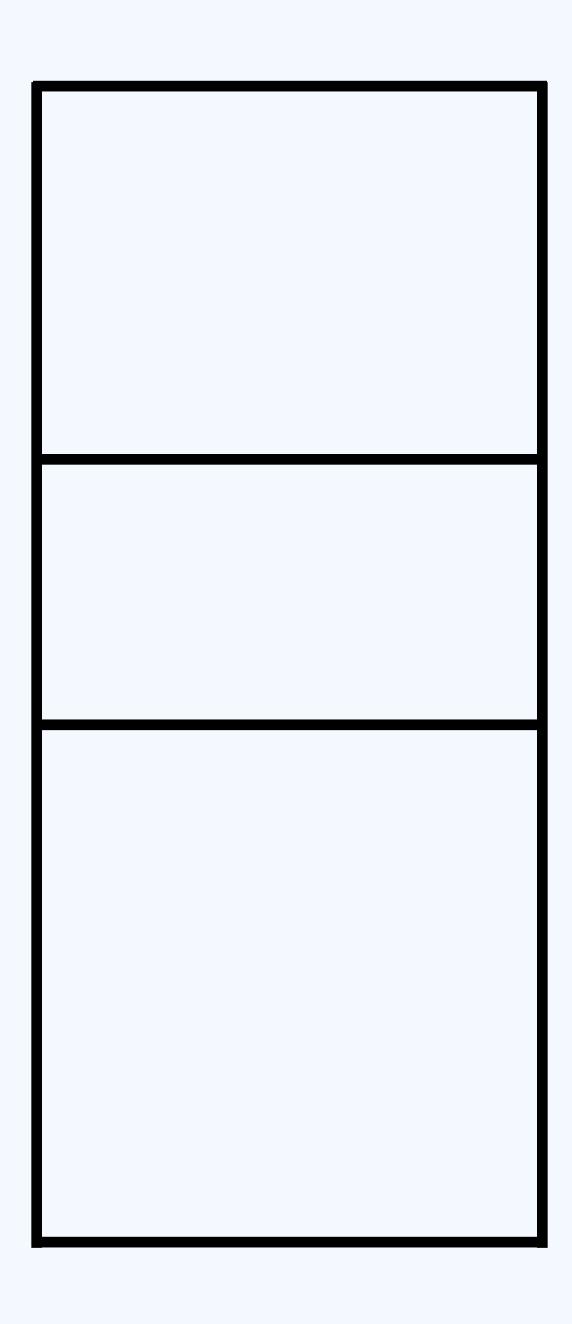
```
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: 50em auto 10em;
}
```

### Auto is what you'll get if you don't size your track.

(Overridable with grid-auto-rows/grid-auto-columns)

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

Maximum track size: of all grid items, pick the one with the largest max-content. This is your track size.



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Penne

Spaghetti

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Cannelloni

Minimum track size: pick the grid item with the largest minimum\* size. That's your track's minimum size.



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\*\* usually like min-content

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# GRID TRACKS

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## Size you specified

## **WHEN**

you use fixed sizing units (relative or absolute)

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# GRID TRACKS

## Size you specified

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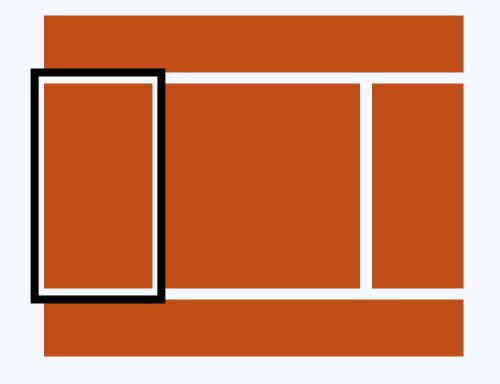
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# Something perfect

### WHEN

you've given the browser flexibility: keywords, fractions, auto.



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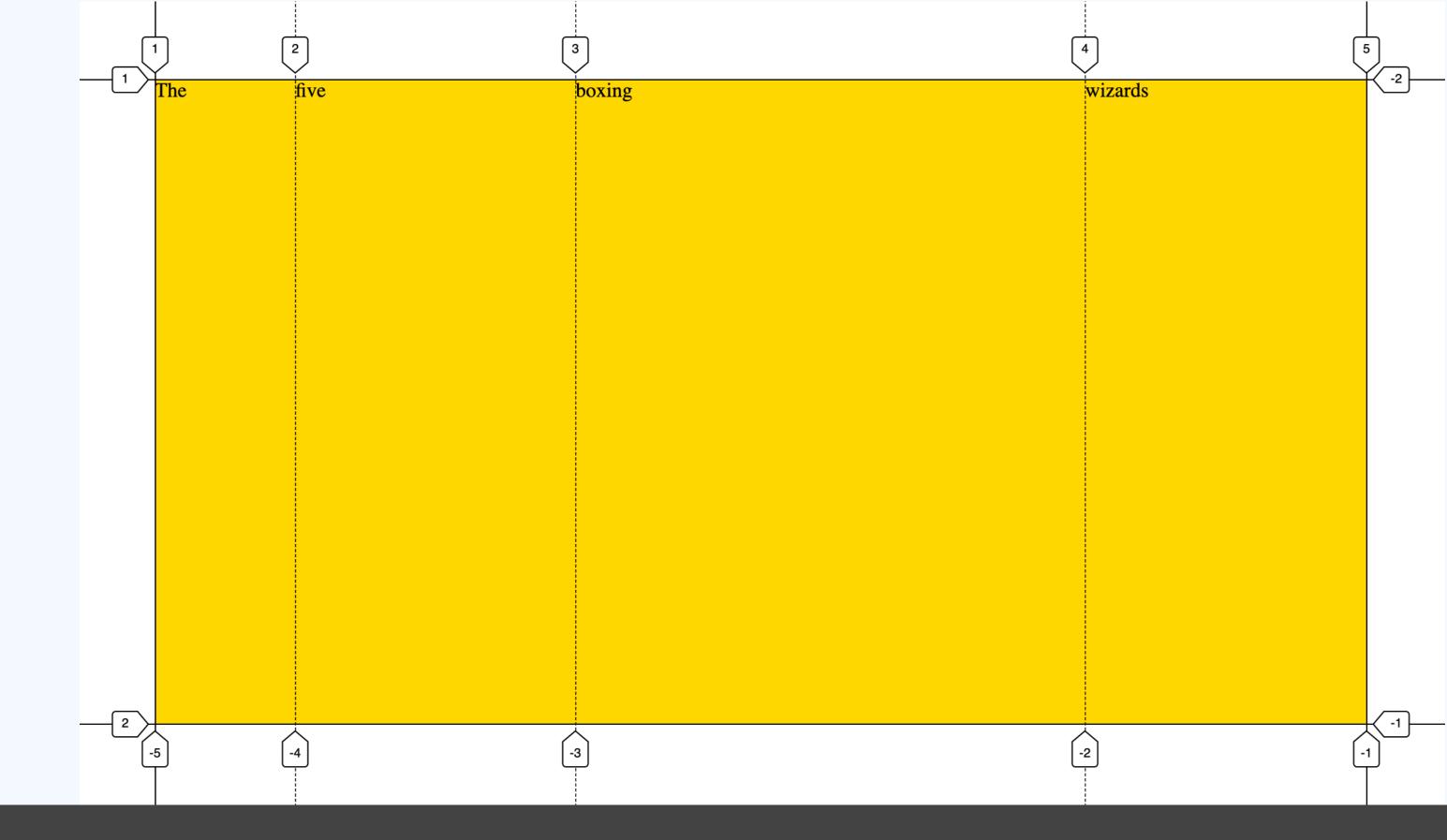
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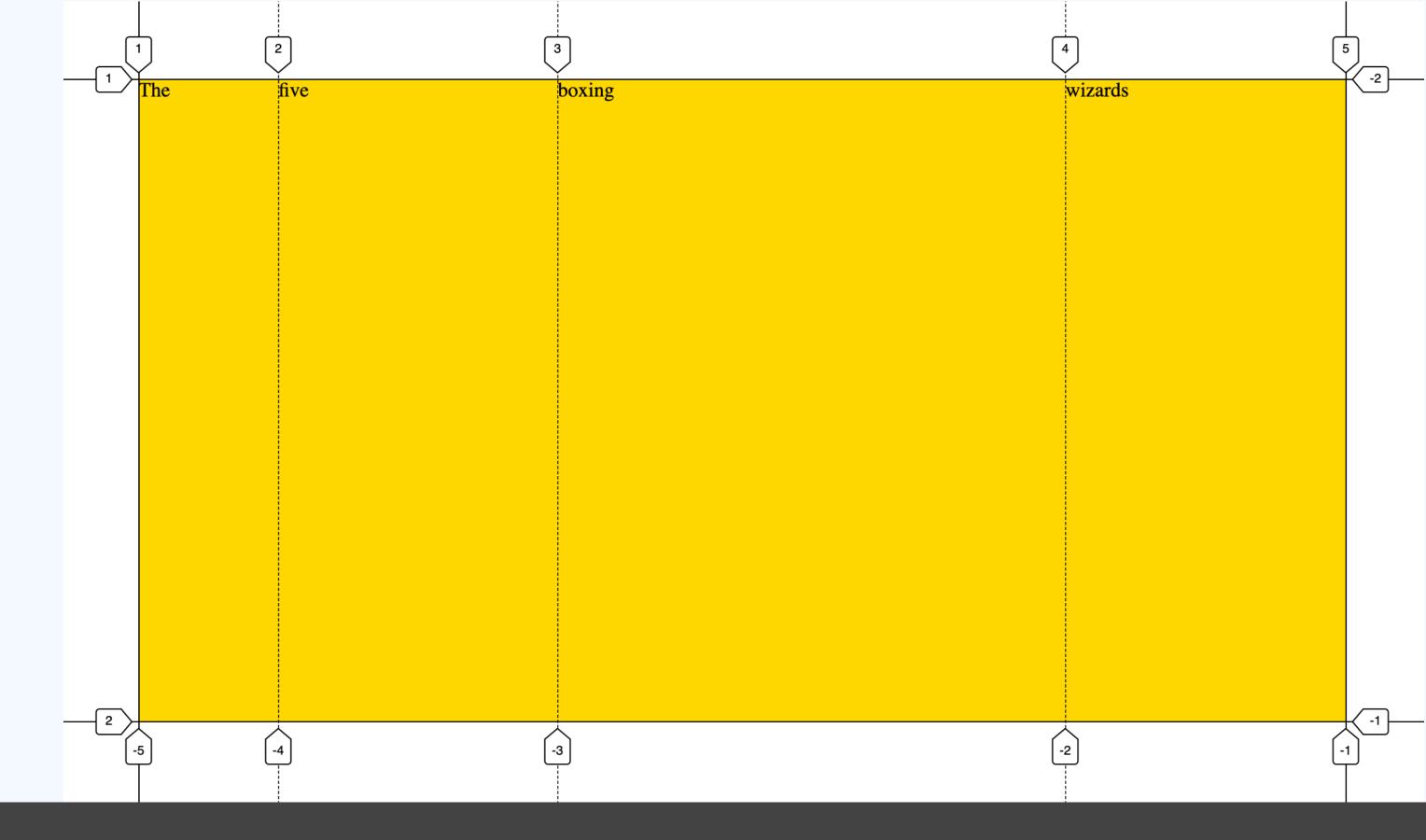
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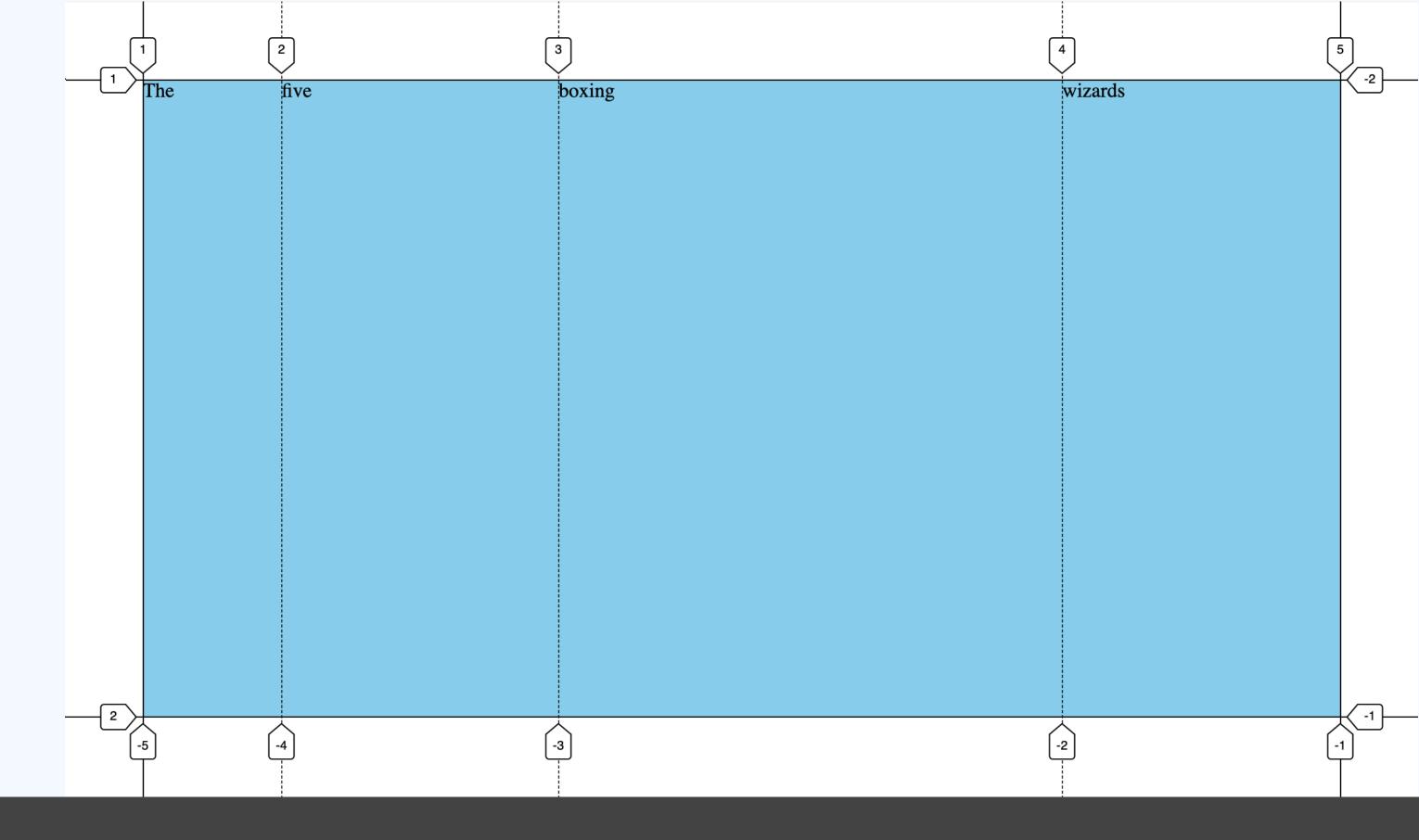


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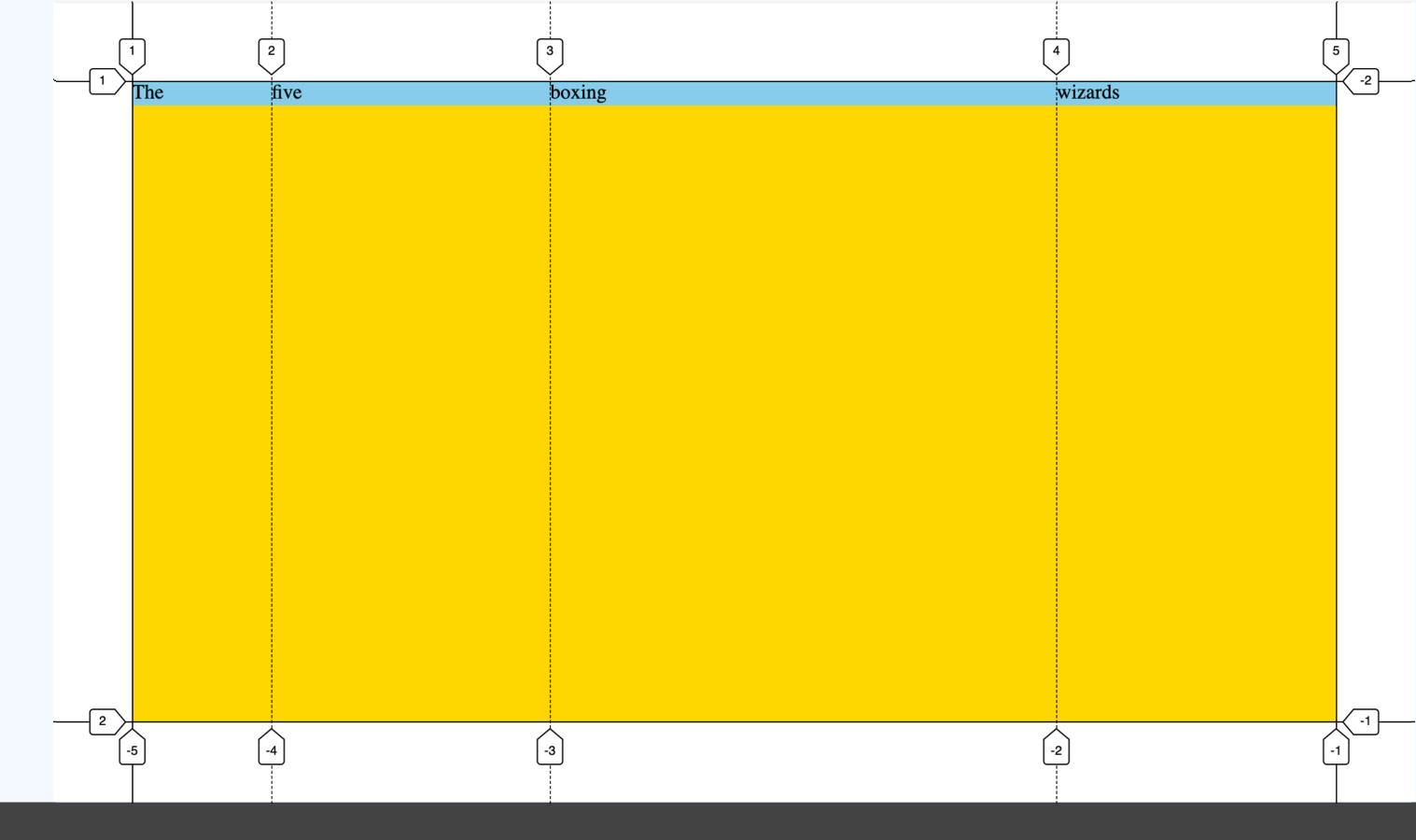
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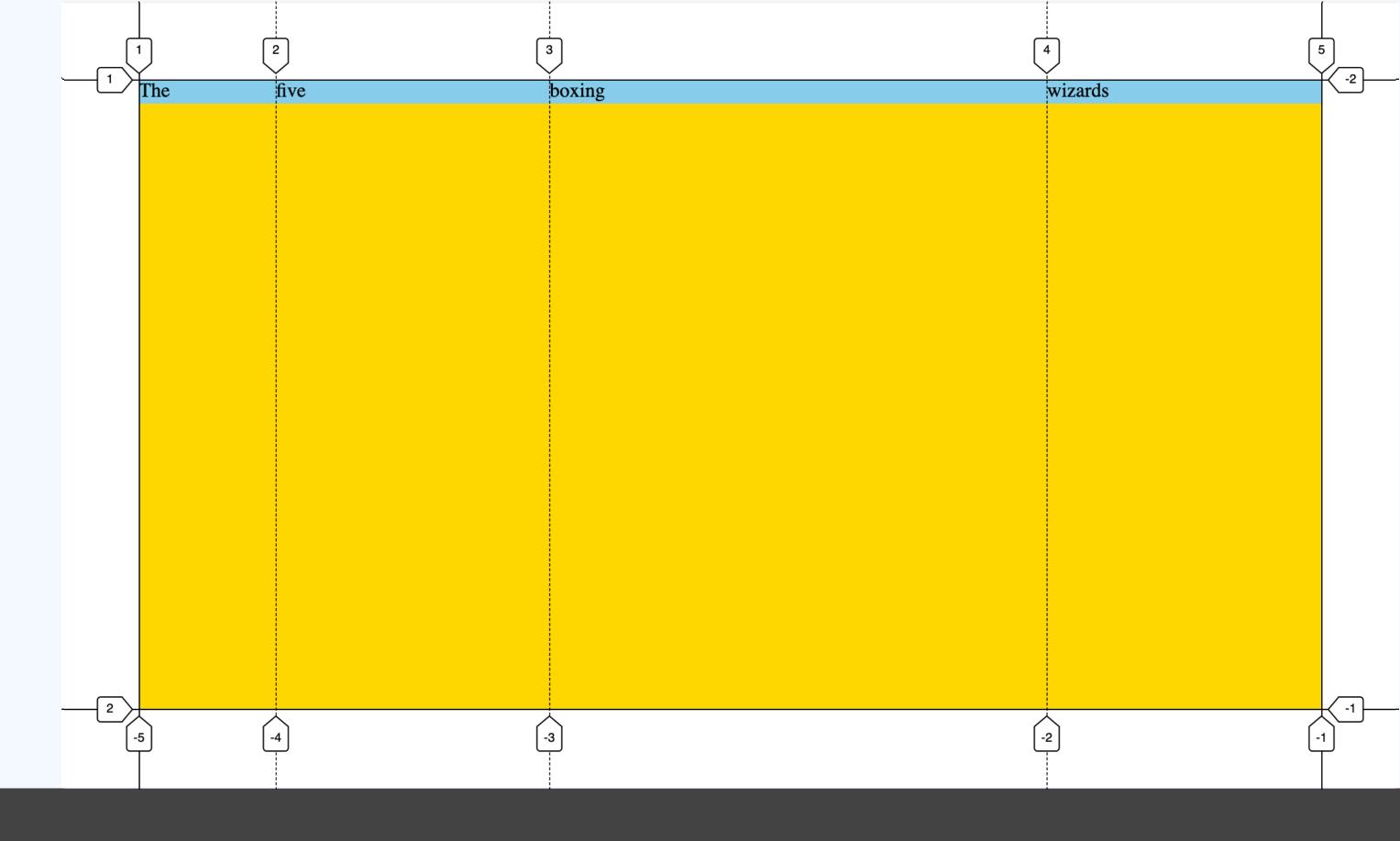
```
div {
   display: grid;
   grid-template-columns: 1fr 2fr 50ch 2fr;
   grid-template-rows: 1fr;
   background-color: gold;
   min-height: 80vh;
}
```





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```
<div>
  The
  five
  background-color: skyblue;
  margin-block-end: auto;
  boxing
  wizards
</div>
```

## !stretch (end)

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<div>
    The
    five
    background-color: skyblue;
    align-self: end;
    boxing
    wizards
</div>
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If grid items are aligned other than stretch, their size is what is needed.

The cell they are in can still be larger.

## Size of track

## WHEN

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## **WHEN**

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## Size that the content needs

## WHEN

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item is aligned "stretch"

## Size that the content needs

## **WHEN**

item is aligned in a way that
 leaves whitespace, or has
 an auto margin that returns
 whitespace to the track

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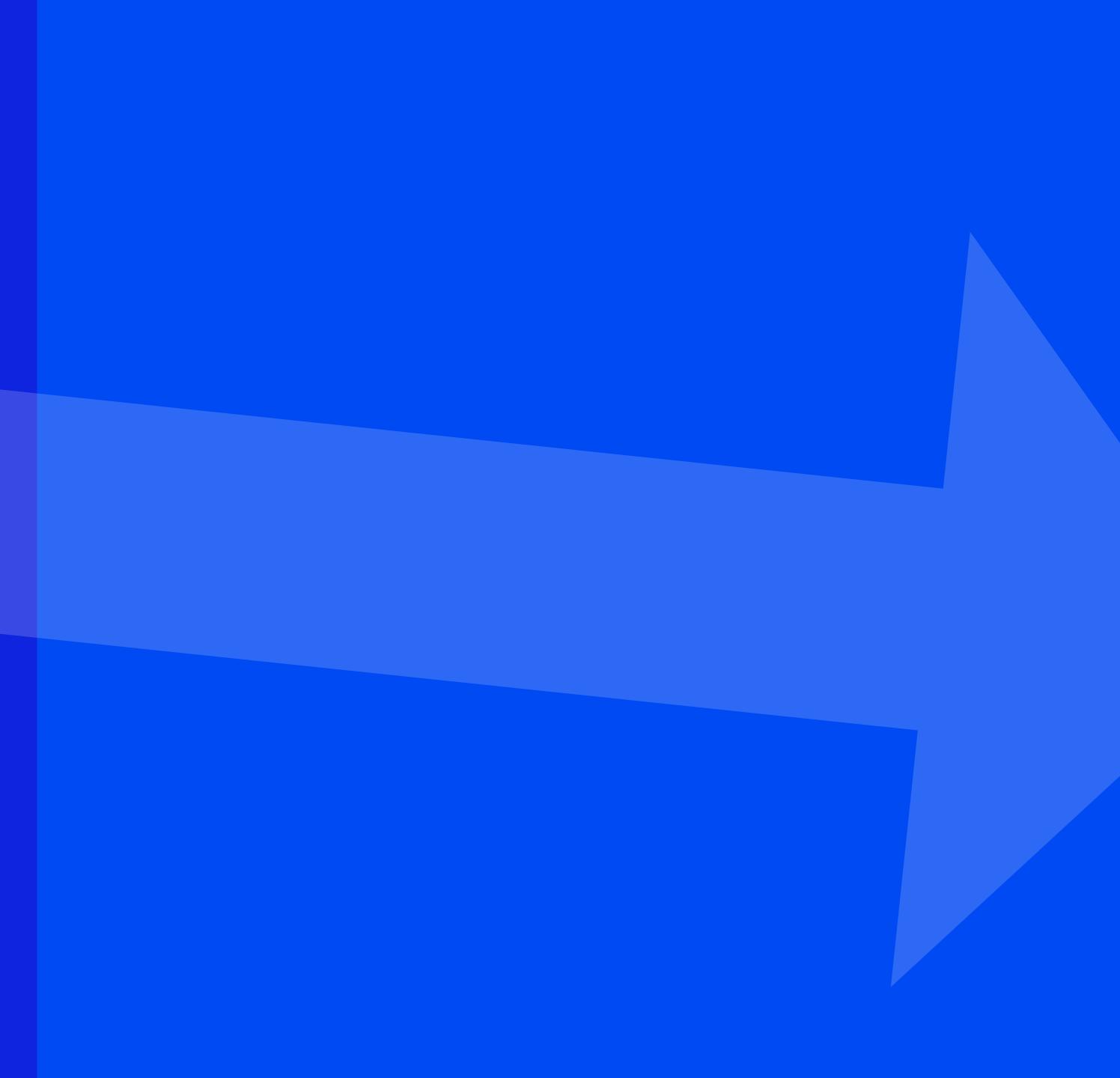
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