CSS Grid Terminology

Grid Container

Element containing a grid, defined by setting display: grid;

```
<div class="site">
  <header class="masthead">
  </header>
  <h1 class="page-title">
  </h1>
  <main class="main-content">
  </main>
  <aside class="sidebar">
  </aside>
  <footer class="footer">
  </footer>
</div><!-- .site -->
```

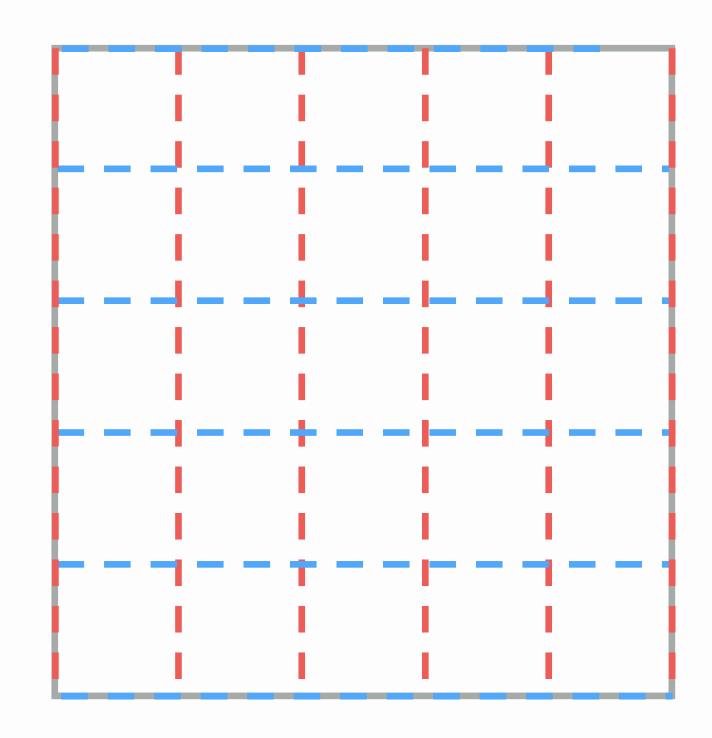
Grid Item

Element that is a direct descendant of the grid container.

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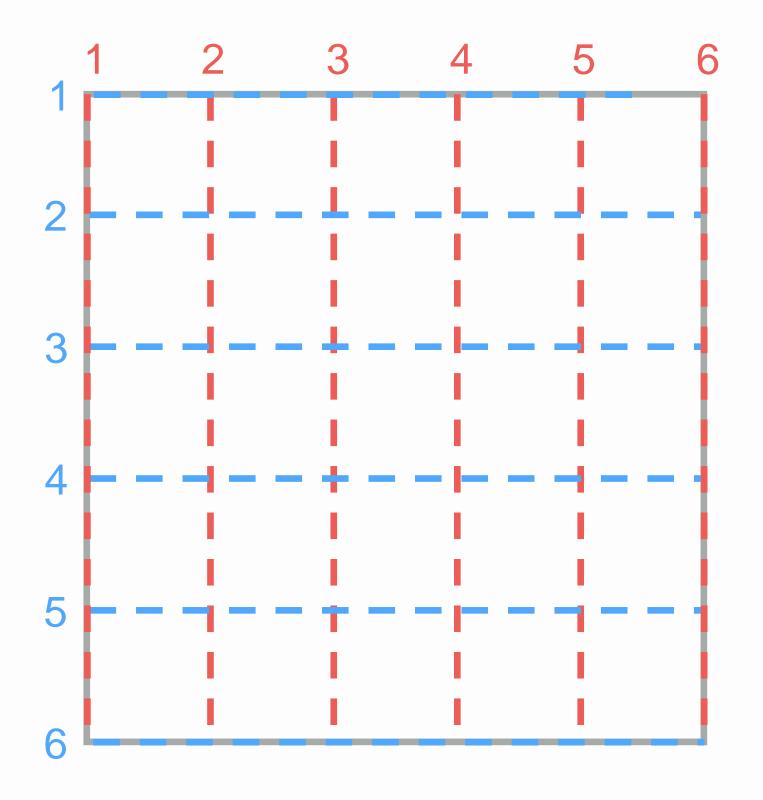
Grid Line

Horizontal (row) or vertical (column) line separating the grid into sections.



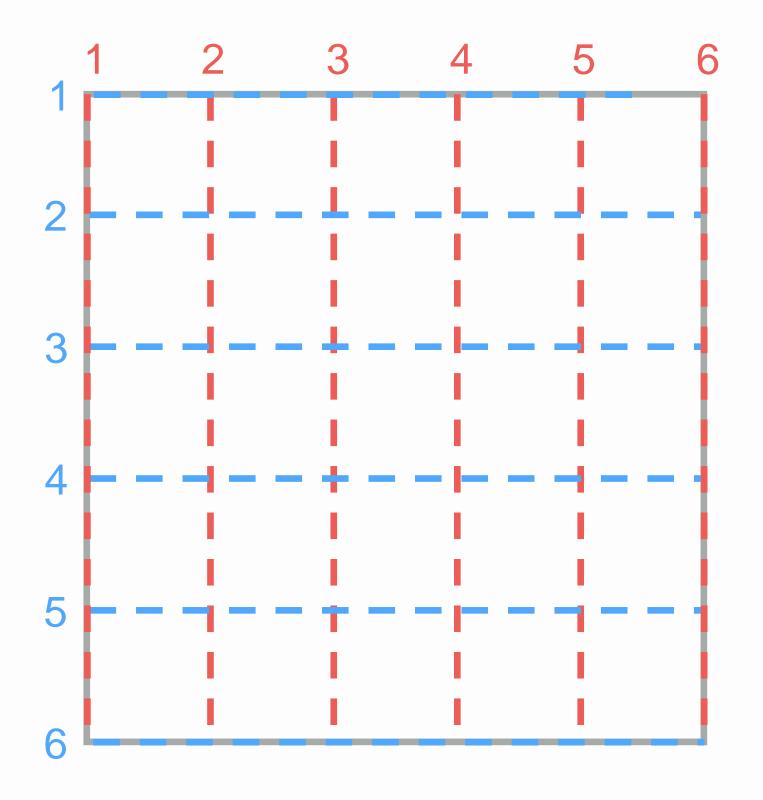
Grid Line

Grid lines are referenced by number, starting and ending with the outer borders of the grid.



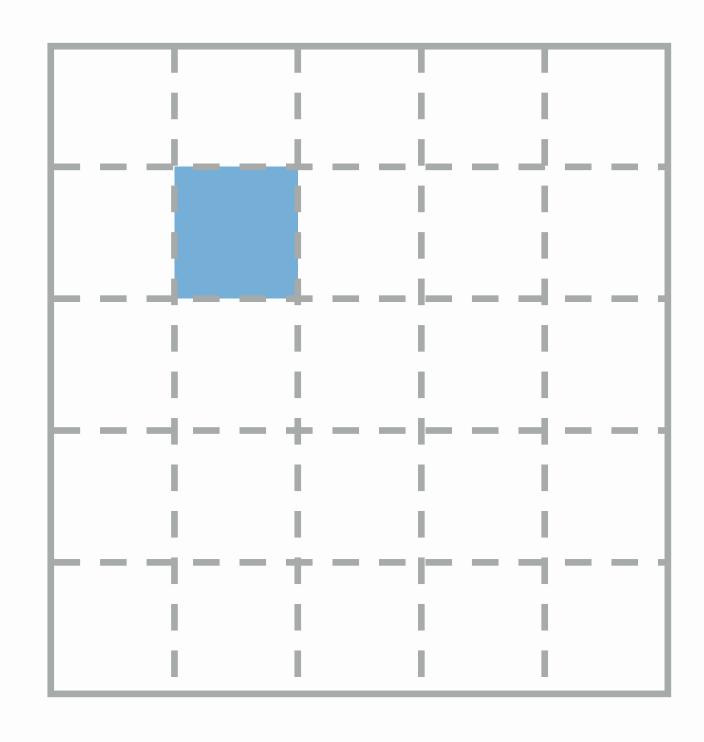
Grid Line

Grid lines can also be named for easier reference.



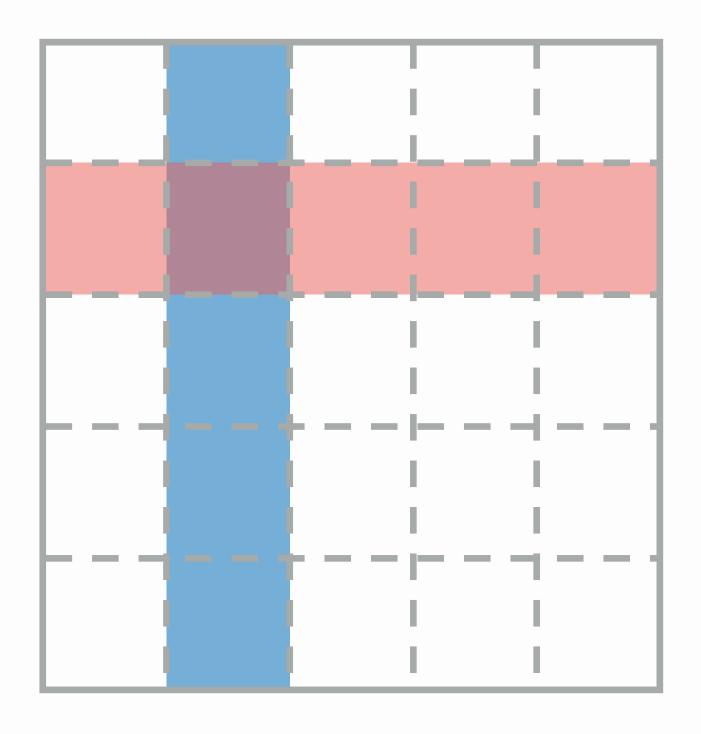
Grid Cell

The intersection between a grid row and a grid column. Effectively the same as a table cell.



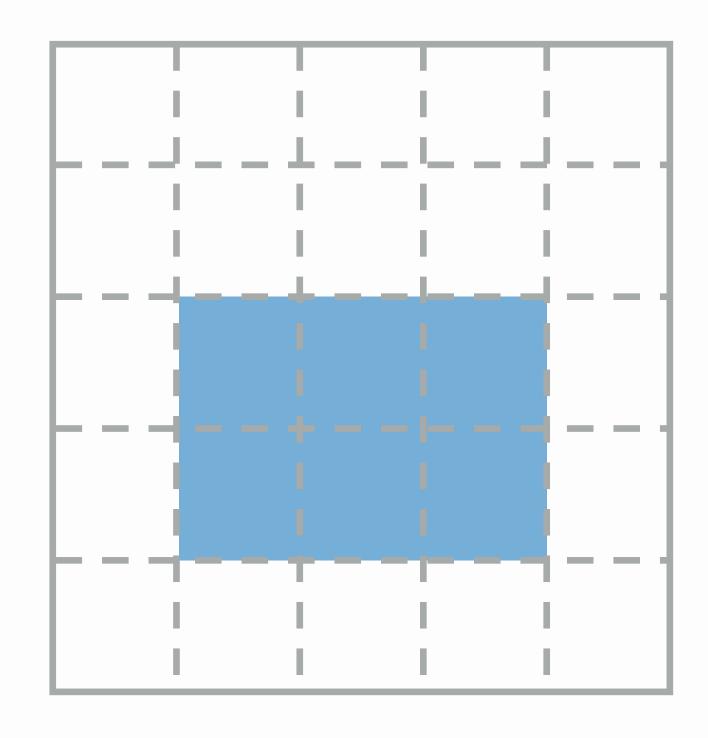
Grid Track

The space between two or more adjacent grid lines.
Row tracks are horizontal,
Column tracks vertical.



Grid Area

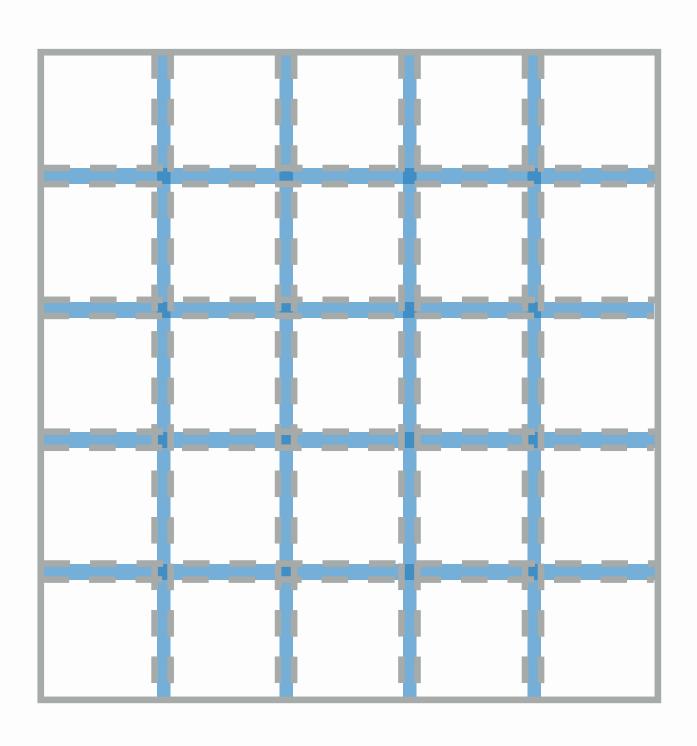
Rectangular area between four specified grid lines.
Grid areas can cover one or more cells.



Grid Gap

Empty space between grid tracks (shown in blue).

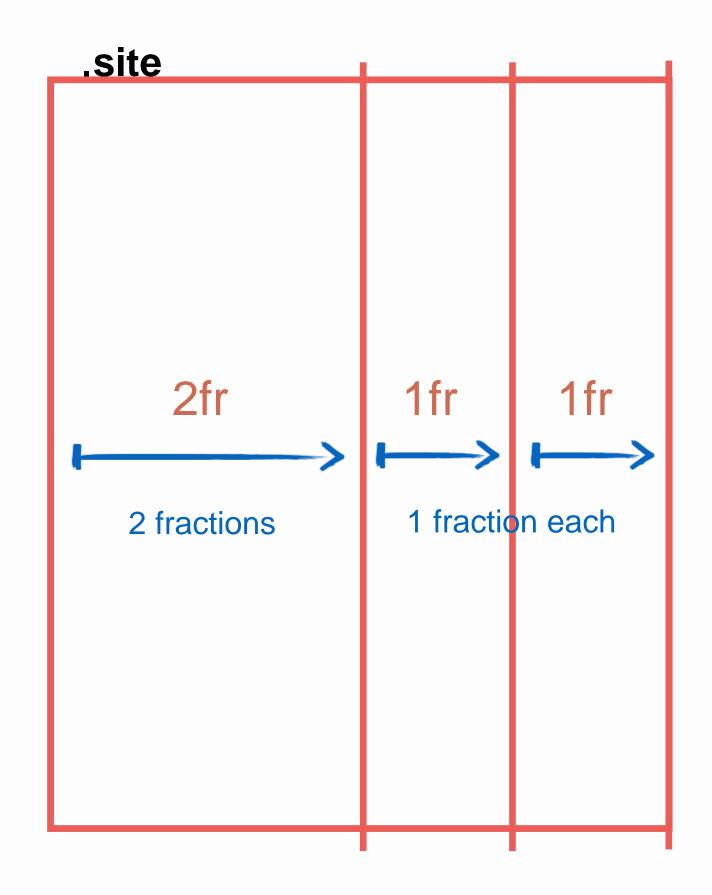
Commonly called gutters.



CSS Grid Lines and Units

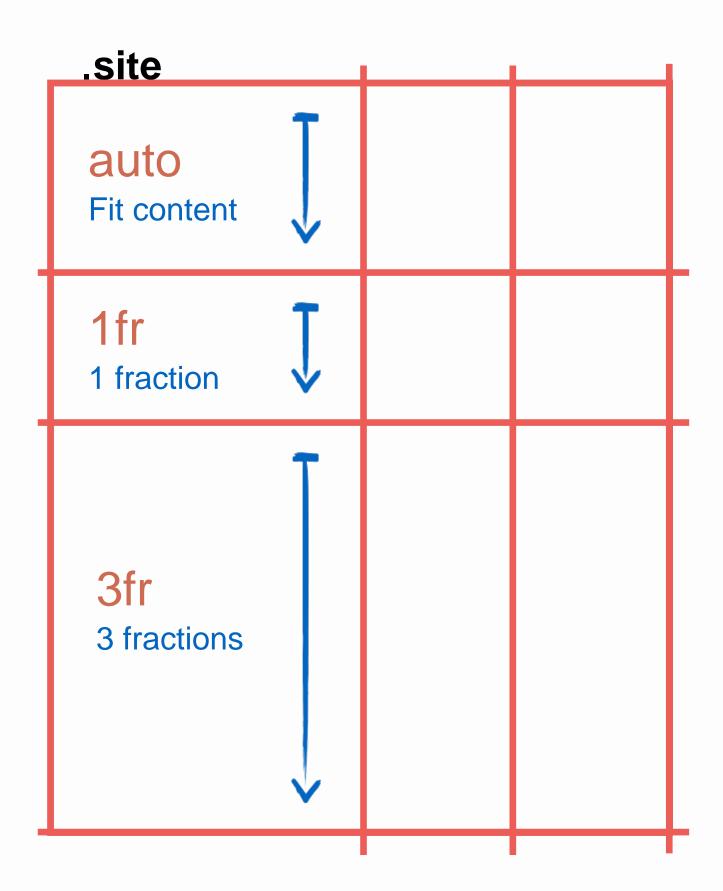
grid-template-columns: 2fr 1fr 1fr;

Draws grid lines. Takes list of length values (em, px, %, fr, etc.) denoting the distance between each line.



grid-template-rows: auto 1fr 3fr;

Draws grid lines. Takes list of length values (em, px, %, fr, etc.) denoting the distance between each line.



Fraction (fr) unit

The fr unit represents a fraction of the available space in the grid container.

```
grid-template-rows: 1fr 1fr 2fr;
```

minmax() function

The minmax() function defines a size range greater than or equal to min and less than or equal to max.

```
grid-template-rows: 1fr minmax(10em, 20em) 1fr;
```

repeat() notation

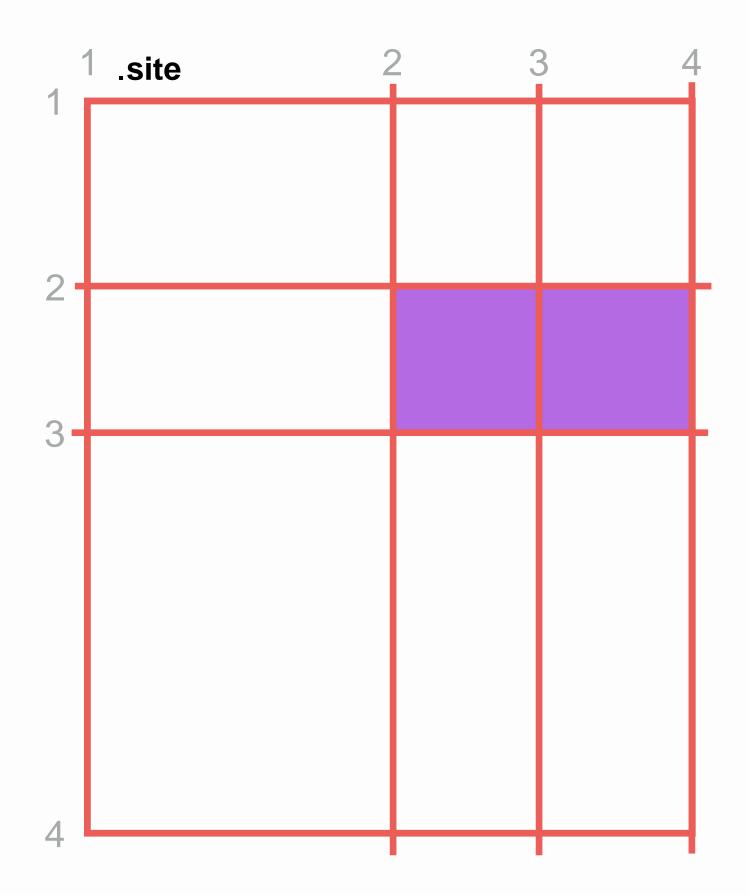
The repeat() notation repeats the provided pattern a specified number of times.

```
grid-template-rows: repeat(2, 1fr) 2fr;
```

Placing Items on the Grid

grid-column: 2/4; grid-row: 2/3;

Applied to grid items.
Places the item by
declaring start and end
lines.



span keyword

The span keyword is used to define how many grid tracks an element should span.

```
// Start at line 2, span 3 columns:
grid-columns: 2/3 span;
```

Grid Areas

grid-template-areas

Applied to grid container.
Uses a text-based grid
map to apply grid area
names to individual cells.

.site

title	title
header	header
sidebar	footer
	header

Implicit lines

If grid item placement requires additional columns or rows to be created, the browser adds implicit lines to keep the grid structurally sound.