## Fixed to Fluid to Responsive Grids in Design

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### Grid systems in graphic design

für die visuelle Gestaltung

### Josef Müller-Brockmann

A visual communication manual for graphic designers, typographers and three dimensional designers

## Raster systeme

Ein Handbuch für Grafiker, Typografen und Ausstellungsgestalter

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# **Ordering Disorder** Grid Principles for Web Design



# Why use a grid system? Elements line up Proportion Makes things easier for designers (& editors)

Particularly suited for how web rendering engines work

### Rule of Thirds

Rule of thumb or guideline for images, designs, & websites

First named by John Thomas Smith in *Remarks on* Rural Scenery (1797)

"... an image should be imagined as divided into nine equal parts by two equally-spaced horizontal lines & two equally-spaced vertical lines ... important compositional elements should be placed along these lines or their intersections" —Wikipedia

















### Grid-based frameworks

- » Foundation
- » Bootstrap
- » Skeleton

### Good list at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CSS\_frameworks

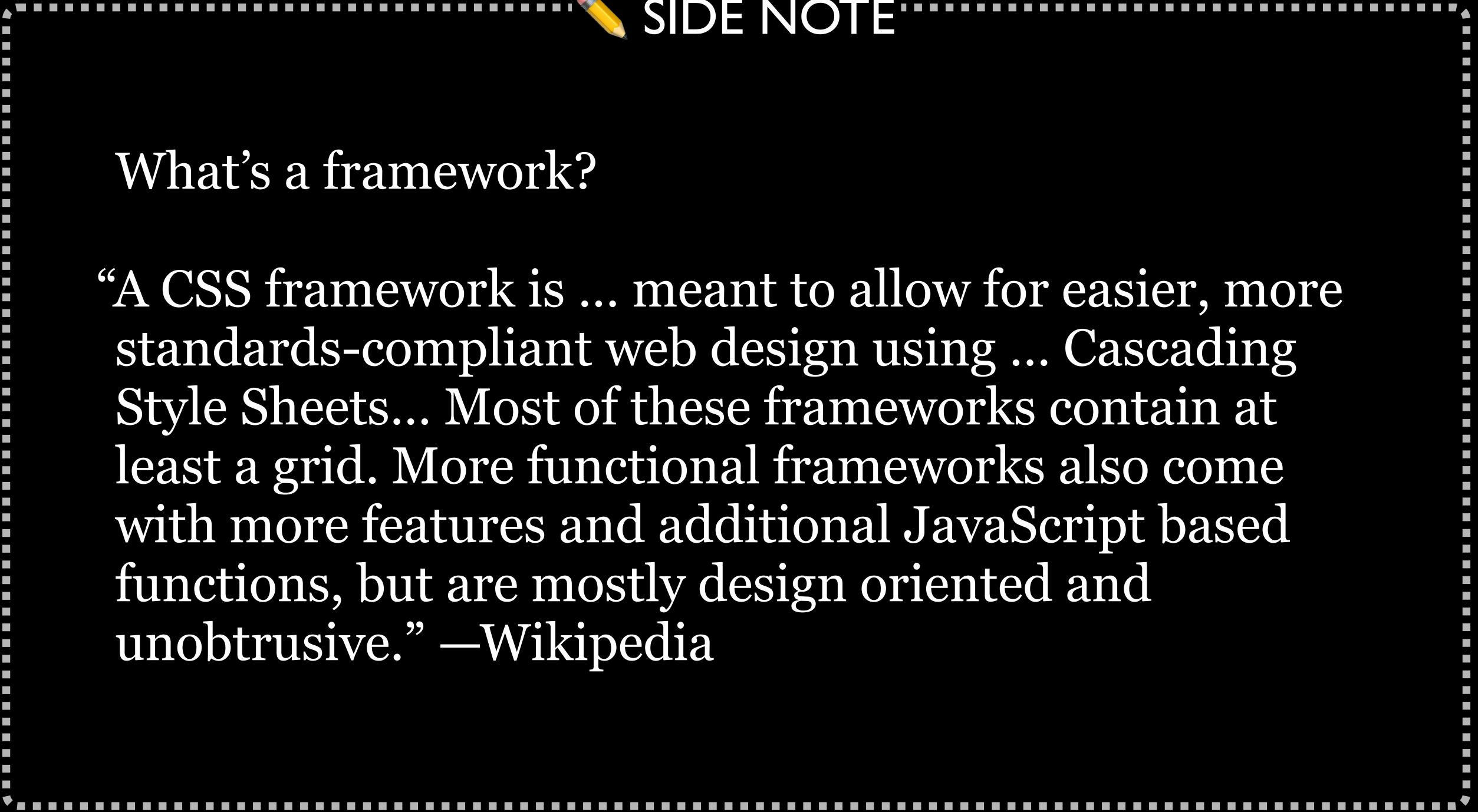


### What's a framework?

functions, but are mostly design oriented and unobtrusive." – Wikipedia

### SIDE NOTE

- "A CSS framework is ... meant to allow for easier, more standards-compliant web design using ... Cascading Style Sheets... Most of these frameworks contain at least a grid. More functional frameworks also come with more features and additional JavaScript based





### Advantages

» Quicker development process » Usually tested across multiple browsers

### Disadvantages

bloated

### SIDE NOTE

# » Should include many well thought out design patterns

### » Often lots of unused code in the framework, so can be



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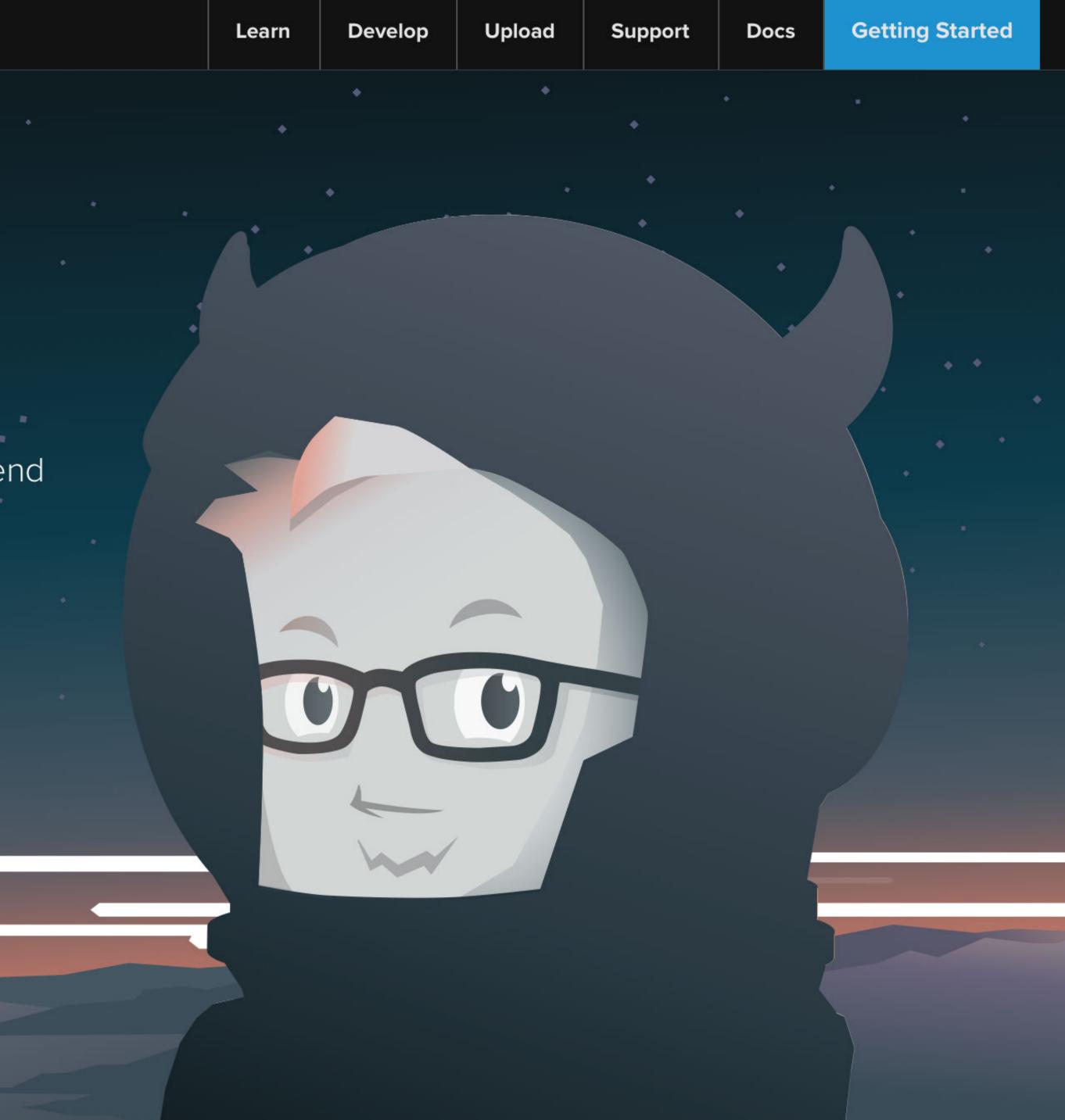
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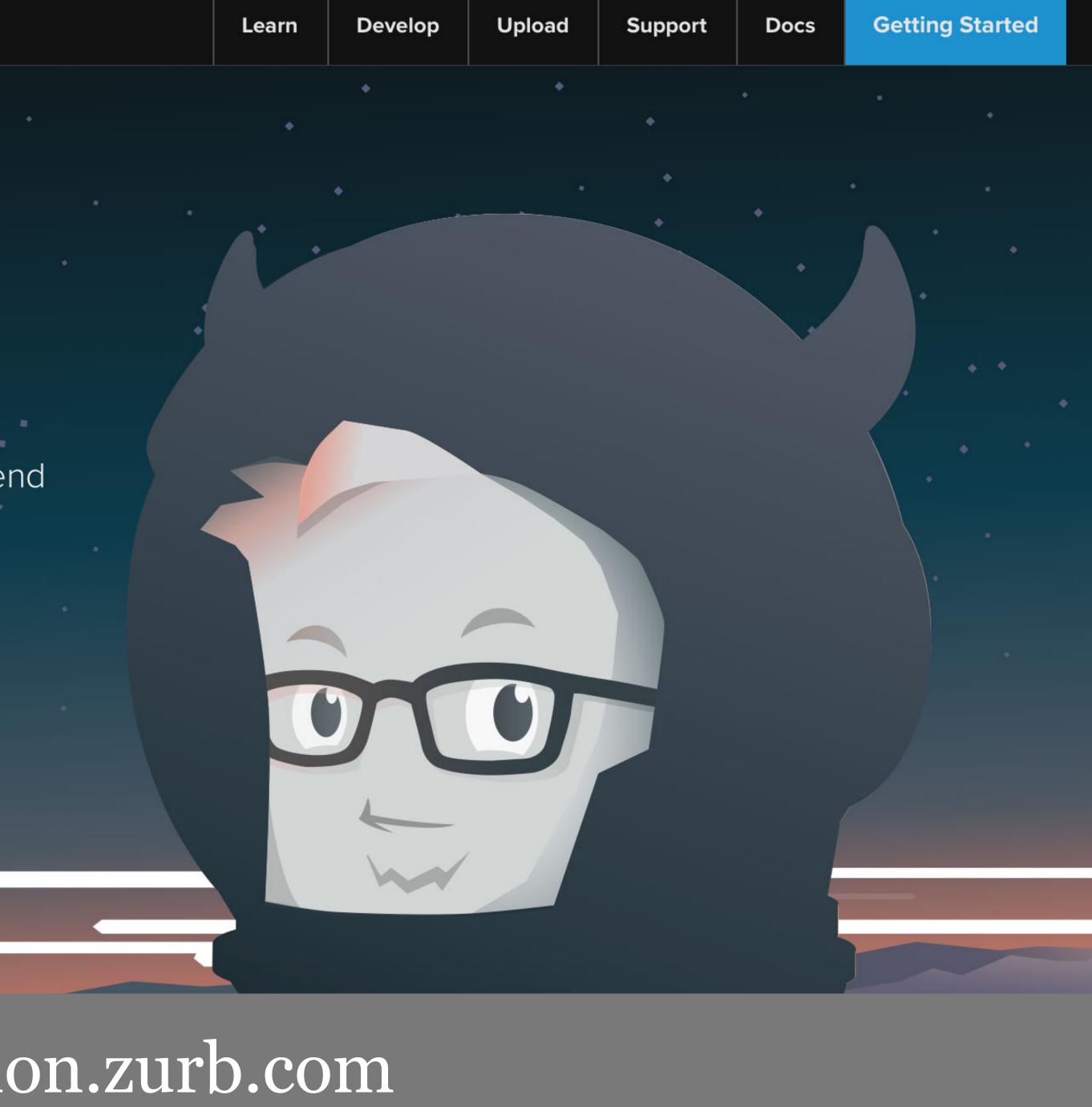
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Bootstrap

"Bootstrap is a free and open-source collection of tools for creating websites and web applications. It contains HTML- and CSS-based design templates for typography, forms, buttons, navigation and other interface components, as well as optional JavaScript extensions. ... As of May 2015, it was the most-starred project on GitHub, with over 81,000 stars and more than 32,000 forks." —Wikipedia

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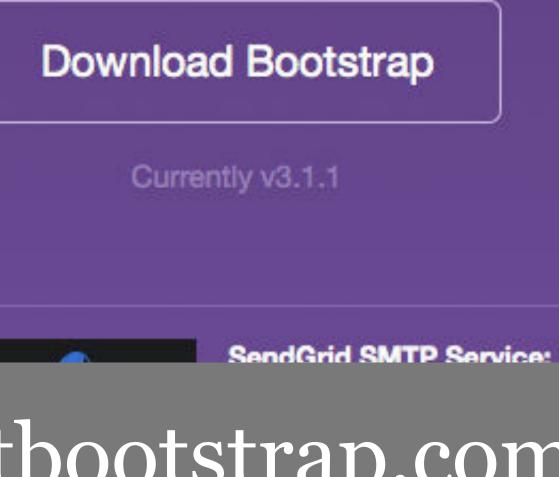
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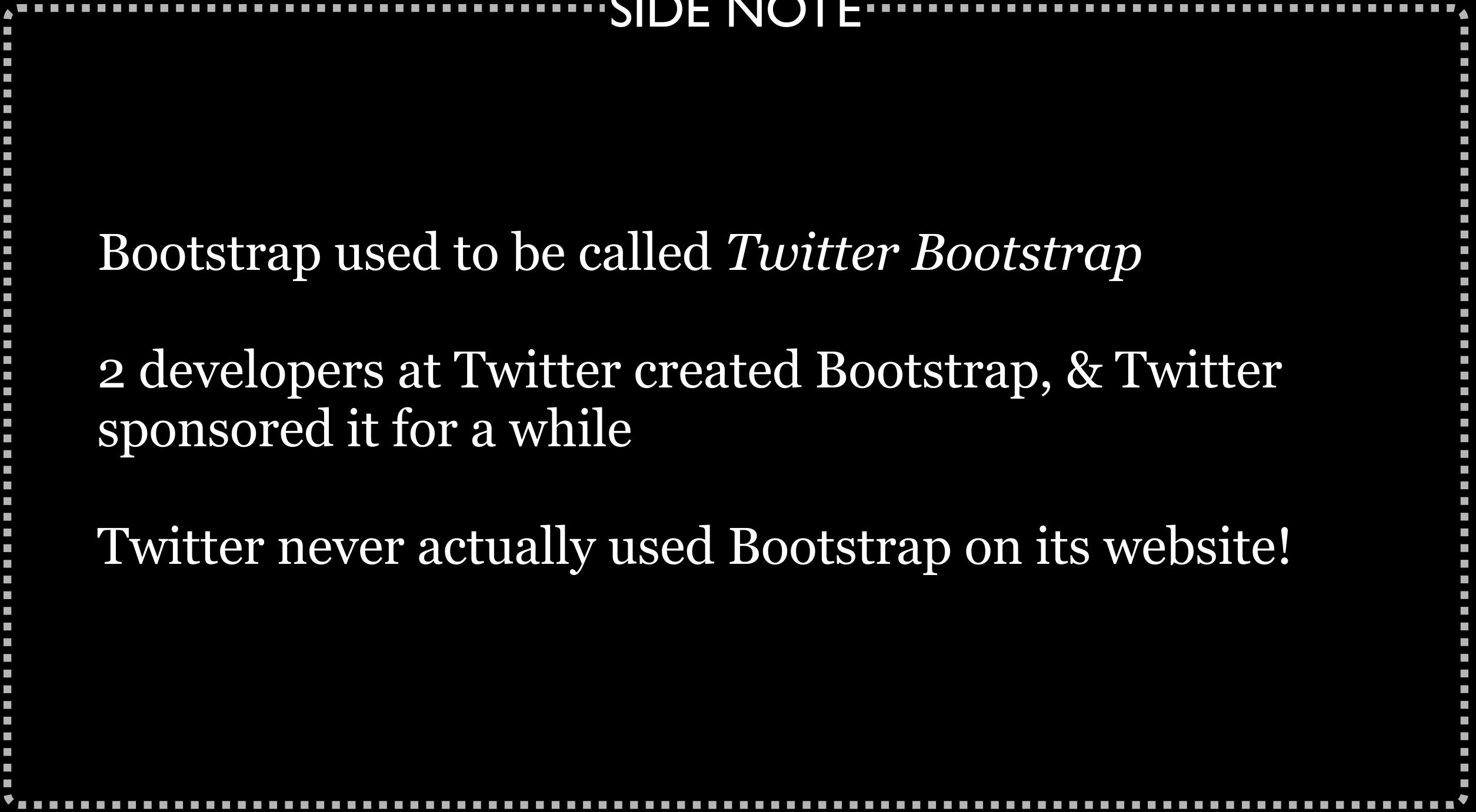


### <u>SIDE NOTE</u>

## Bootstrap used to be called *Twitter Bootstrap*

### 2 developers at Twitter created Bootstrap, & Twitter sponsored it for a while

## Twitter never actually used Bootstrap on its website!



Skeleton

"You should use Skeleton if you're embarking on a smaller project or just don't feel like you need all the utility of larger frameworks. Skeleton only styles a handful of standard HTML elements and includes a grid, but that's often more than enough to get started."

"It's a starting point, not a UI framework"

Around 400 lines of CSS unminified & including comments (versus ~9000 with Bootstrap 4!)

## Only provides...

- » Grid (5 breakpoints: >1200px, >1000px, >750px, >550px, >400px)
- » Typography
- » Buttons
- » Forms
- » Lists
- » Code
- » Tables
- » Utilities (floats)

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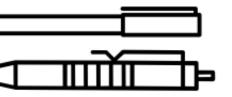


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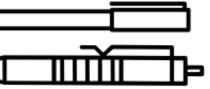


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### Notable people [edit]

- Bob James, jazz musician
- Twila Tanner, contestant on Survivor: Vanuatu
- Noble Johnson, actor
- Mike Henderson, blues musician, artist, teacher

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# Advantages

- » Adapts to most screen resolutions & devices
- » Reduces user scrolling
- » Allows for users on smaller displays while being optimized for larger displays

# Disadvantages

- » Harder to execute successfully
- » Limits imposed on whitespace

# » Challenging to read when text spans a wide distance

» Horrible on mobile & high resolution (retina) devices

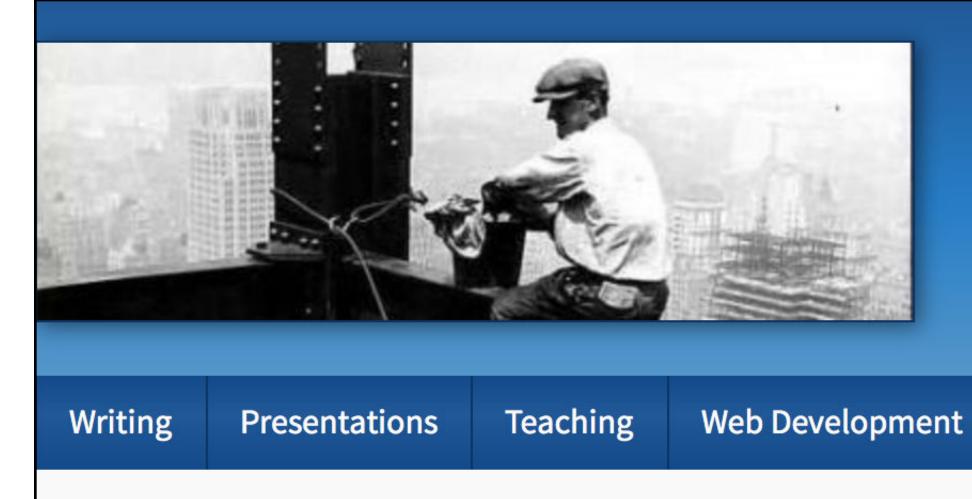
# Fixed Layouts

# Layout has same width on every display

body {
 width: 960px;
 margin: 0 auto;
}

.column1, .column2, .column3 {
 width: 300px;
 float: left; 300×3=900
 margin: 10px; 10×6=60

900+60=960



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- Webster U: <u>Senior Overview</u>

# Advantages

- » Gives designer more control over how an image floated within the content will look
- » Allows for planned whitespace
- » Improves readability with narrower text blocks

# Disadvantages

» Can appear dwarfed in large browser windows
» Takes control away from users (or is this an

» Takes control away fron advantage?)

# Mobile Solutions

Mobile Site

Create 2 different sites v content:

» 1 for desktops (www.foobar.com)» 1 for mobile (m.foobar.com)

Browser sniffing on the server determines which site is served

# Create 2 different sites with different HTML, CSS, &

# Adaptive Design

AKA reactive design & progressive enhancement

# Create 3 sites (at 1 URL) with the same content, but different HTML & CSS:

- end devices

# is served

» A basic site without CSS or JavaScript for older, low-

» A site with CSS & JavaScript appropriate for mobile » A site with CSS & JavaScript appropriate for desktops

Browser sniffing on the server determines which site



Zooming





Responsive Design

Create 1 site (at 1 URL) with the same content & HTML, but the CSS changes depending upon the width of the browser's or device's viewport:

- » Phones
- » Tablets in portrait
- » Tablets in landscape & small desktops & laptops
- » Desktops & laptops

Width detection is done on the client, not the server

# Medium Bootstrap Grid

992px to 1199px viewport, fixed widths, 970px container, 30px gutters

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# All layout is based on *columns*









# Responsive Layouts



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# **Responsive Web Design**

by ETHAN MARCOTTE · May 25, 2010

Published in CSS, Layout & Grids, Mobile/Multidevice, Responsive Design, Interaction Design · 103 Comments

"... a web design approach aimed at crafting sites to *provide an optimal viewing experience*—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—*across a wide range of devices* (from mobile phones to desktop computer monitors)" — Wikipedia





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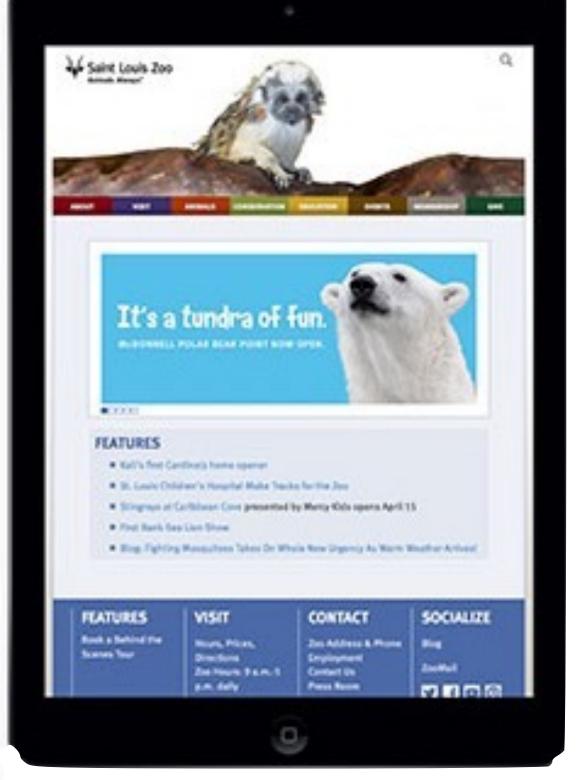
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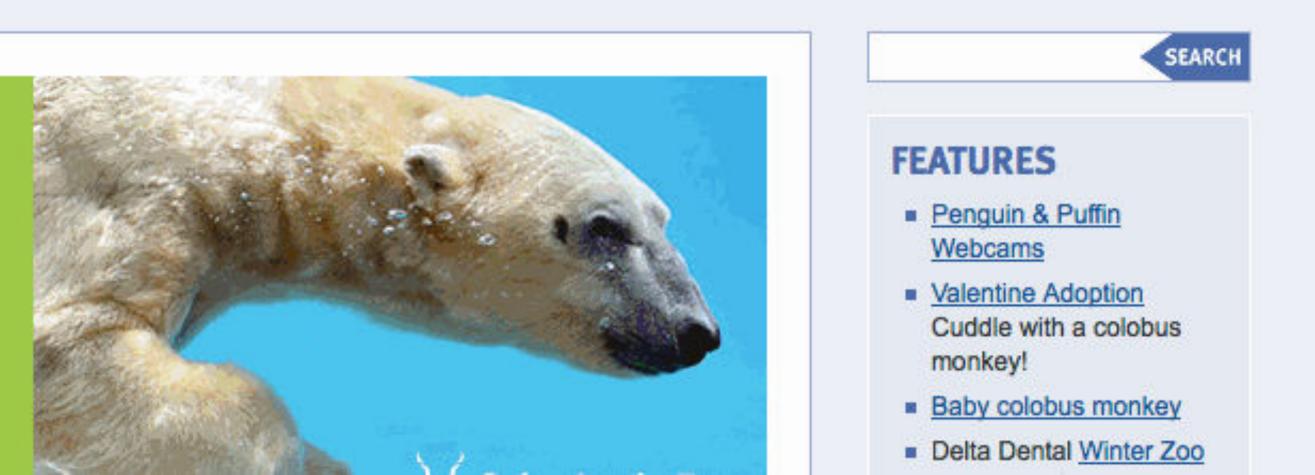






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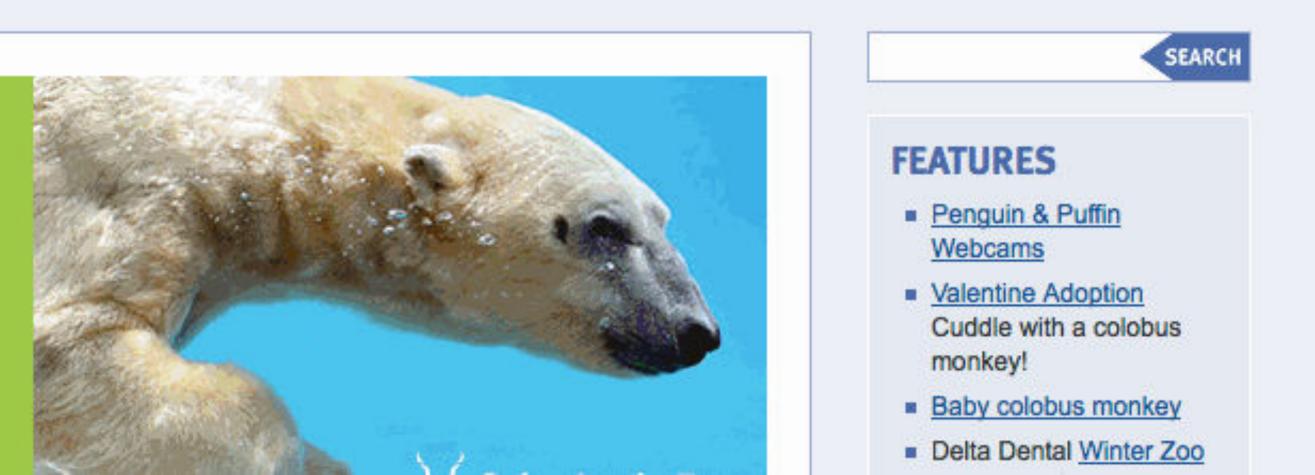






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## Bootstrap uses 12 columns to layout the webpage Why 12 & not 10? or 20? or 5?



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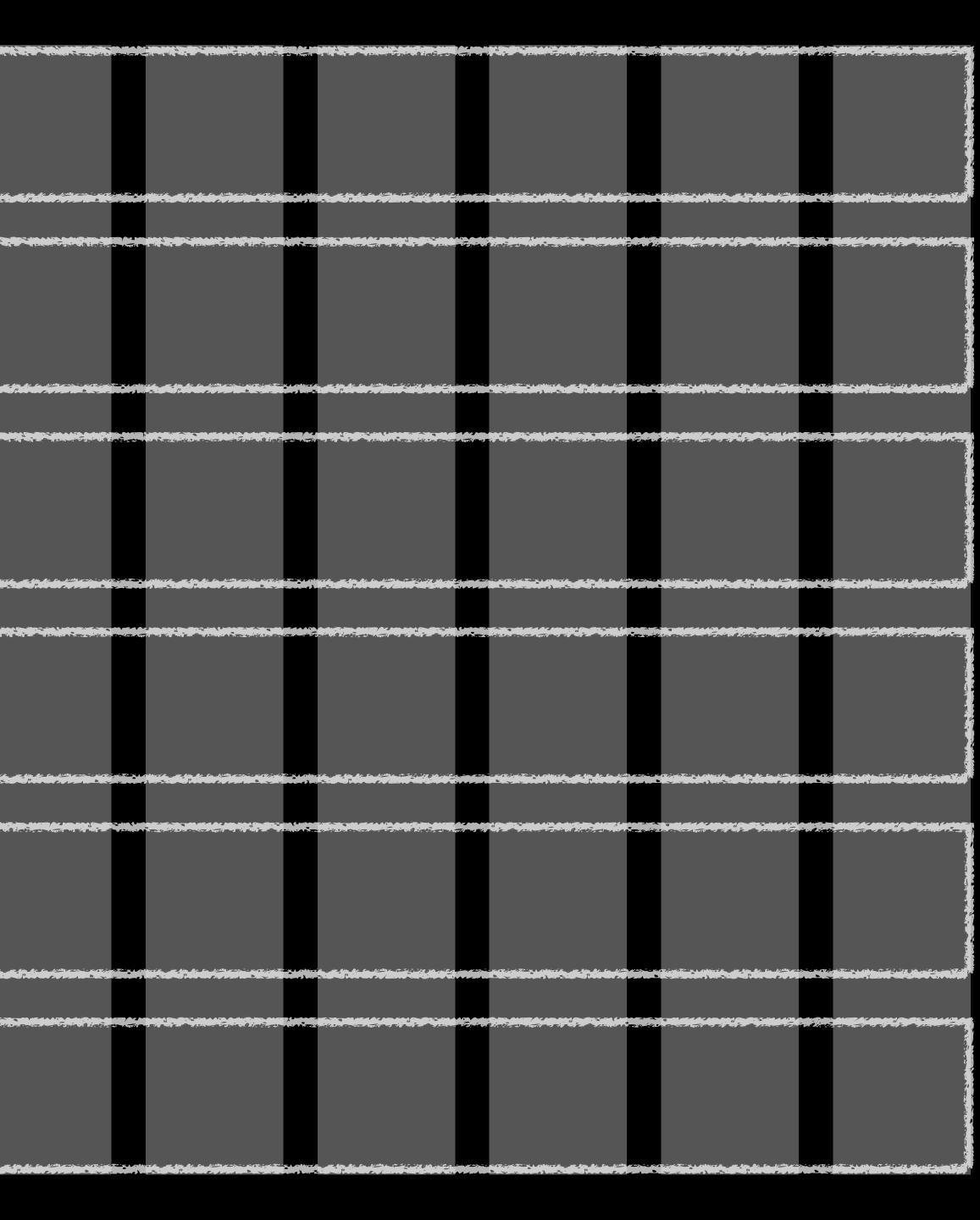
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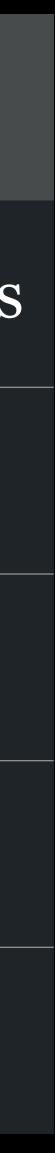
Based around *breakpoints*: viewport widths (defined by media query declarations) that change the layout & appearance of the webpage once the viewport is within the range defined by the media query

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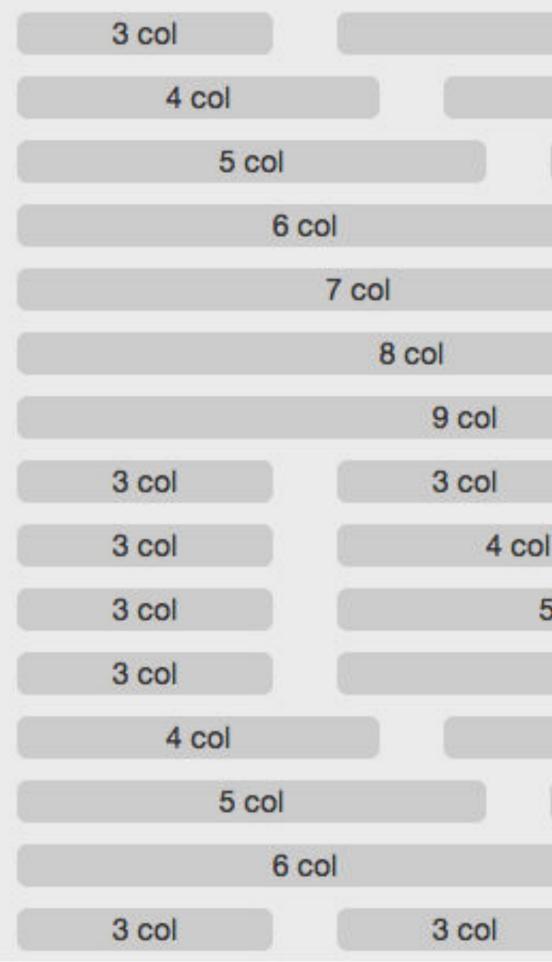


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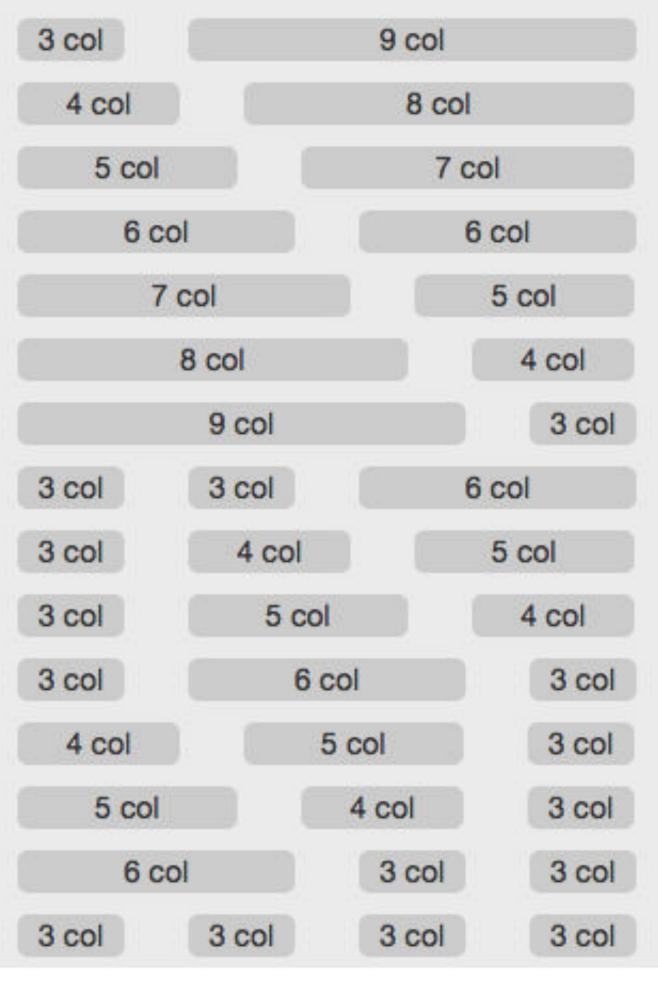
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### Extra Small Bootstrap Grid

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### Restrictions

- (Bootstrap 4)
- » Integration with 3rd party services can be problematic if they're not built to be responsive
- » More designs (so more money & time)

» Limited number of breakpoints: 4 (Bootstrap 3) or 5

## Before responsive design, websites normally needed designs for 2 templates\*: the home page & every other page

Now we need at least 8: 4 for the home page & 4 for every other page, 1 for each breakpoint

\*Sometimes a site required more; the Saint Louis Zoo, for instance, needed a template for *animal* detail pages

## Before responsive design

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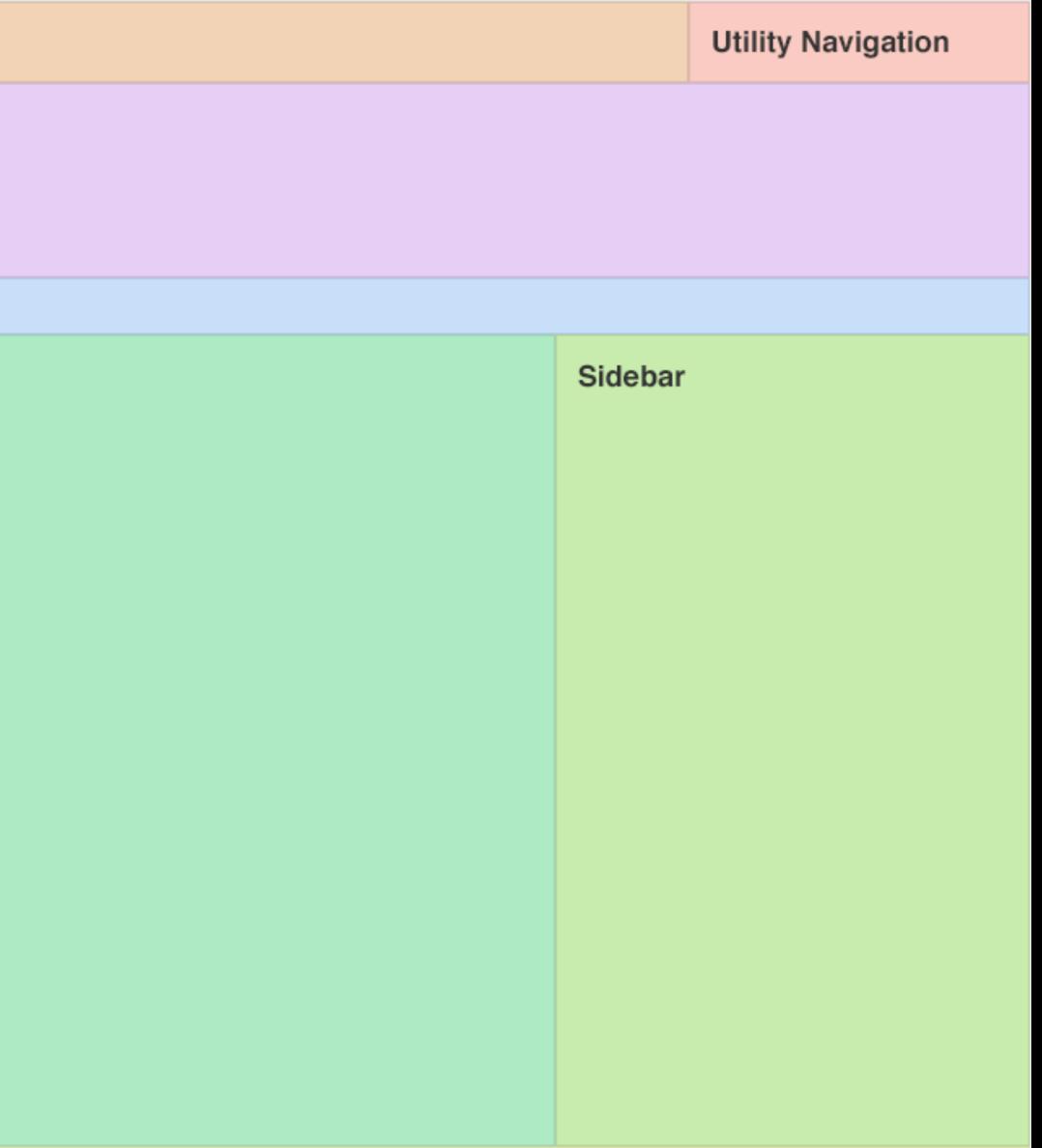
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2020-07-17 1.8: Updated breakpoints to Bootstrap 3, 4, & 5; removed URLs from slides since they're in Presenter Notes; added more Presenter Notes in a few places to help me 🕑

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Bootstrap grids

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