

# Quick Reference: The Grid

# What is a grid?

A grid is a system of vertical and horizontal guides used for the organization of a layout. Grids are used in graphic and web design, as well as other kinds of applications

Using a grid provides consistency and uniformity to designs, particularly if they have multiple pages.

## **A grid system:**

Margins

Columns

Gutters

Horizontal Guides

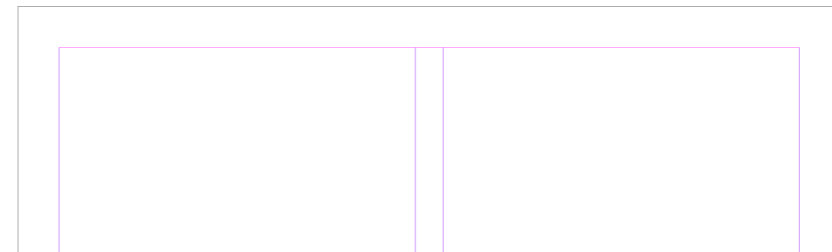
Horizontal Gutters

Module/Field

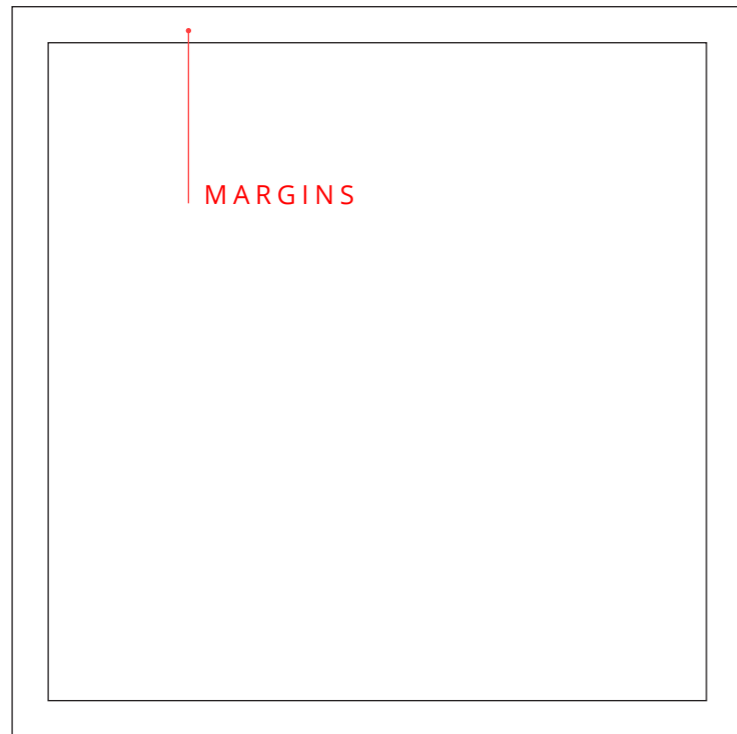
Zones

All these guides are invisible.

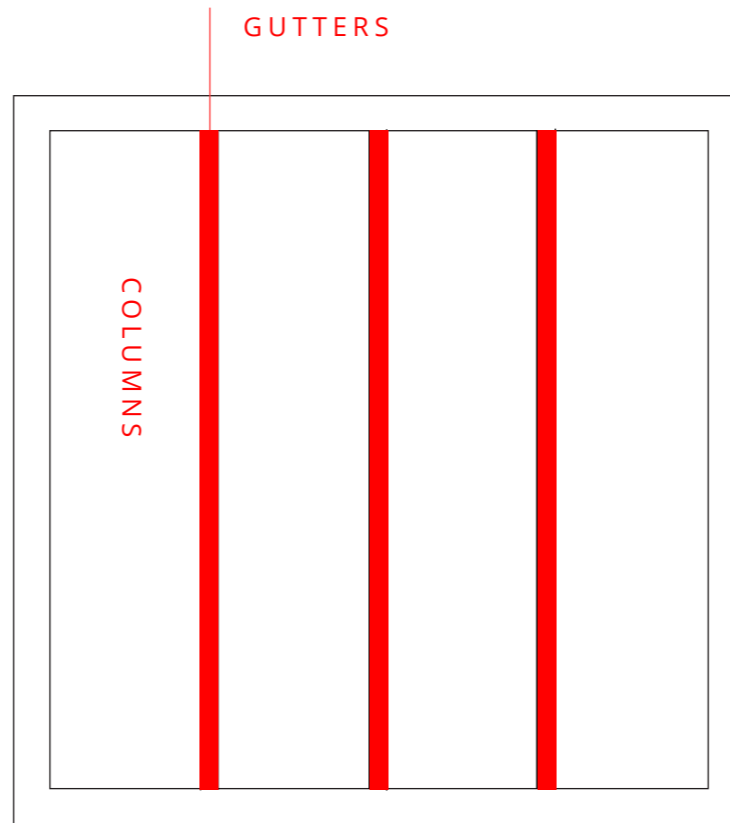
The number of columns (and rows) can vary



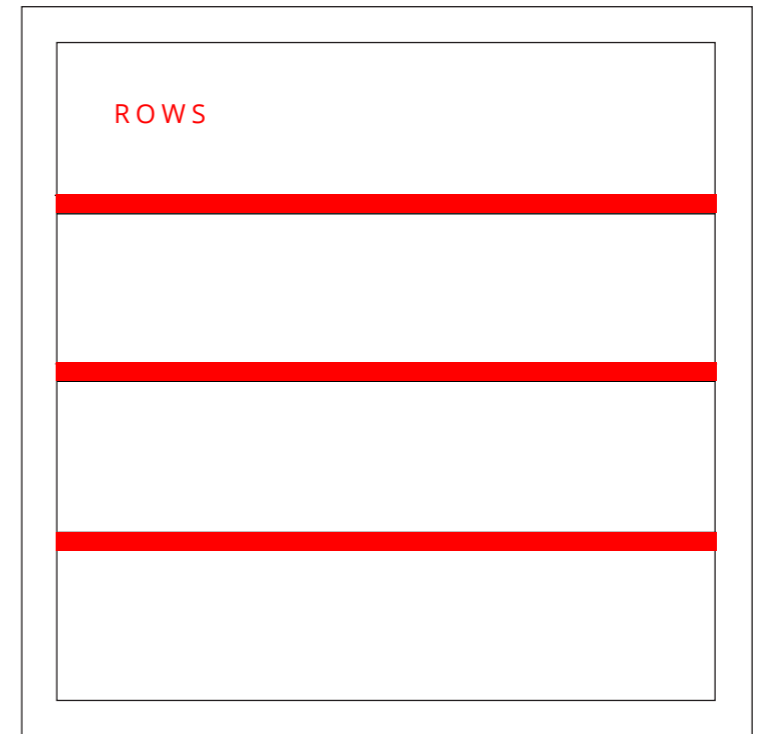
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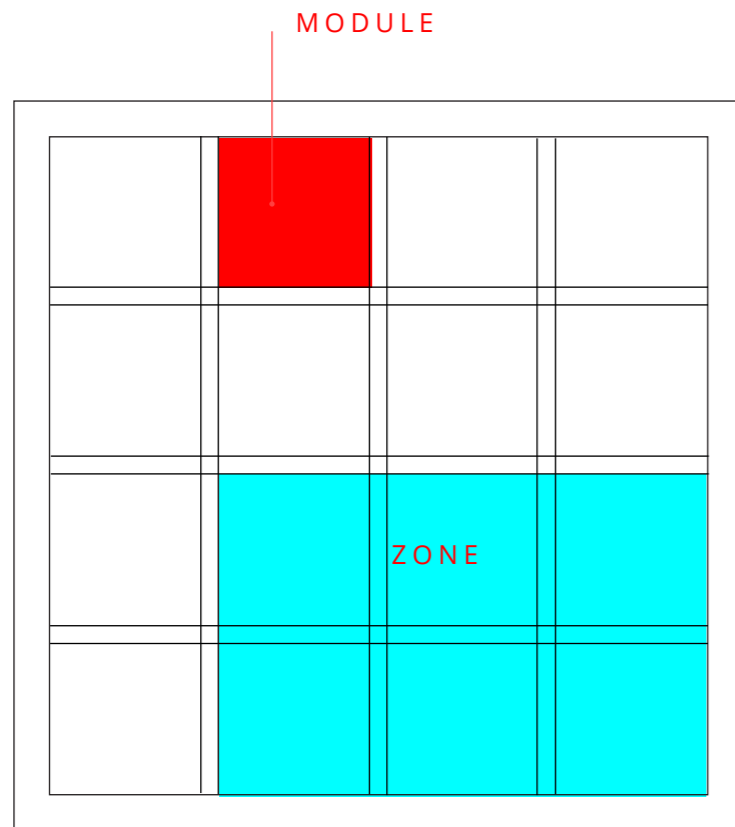
A simple grid contains **margins**



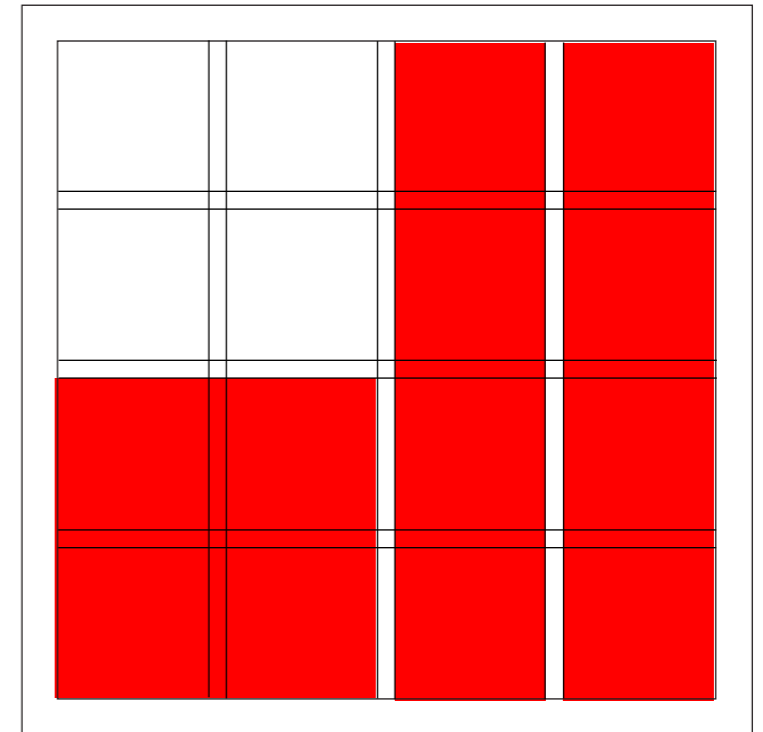
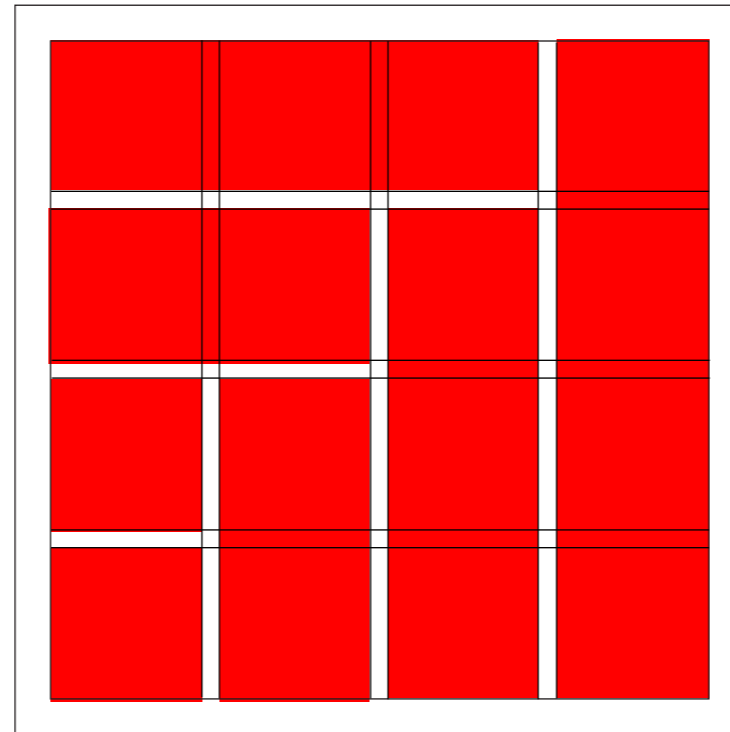
More complex grids have **columns and/or rows** and **gutters**



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More complex grids have also both columns and rows. These create **modules & spatial zones (group of modules)**



You can layout components of your design in endless ways using these modules and zones as guides.

