

Quick Reference: The Grid

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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

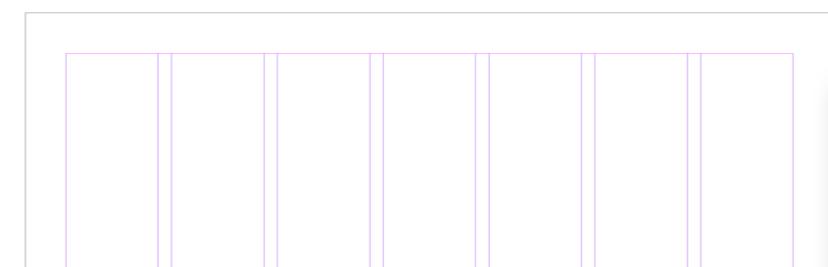
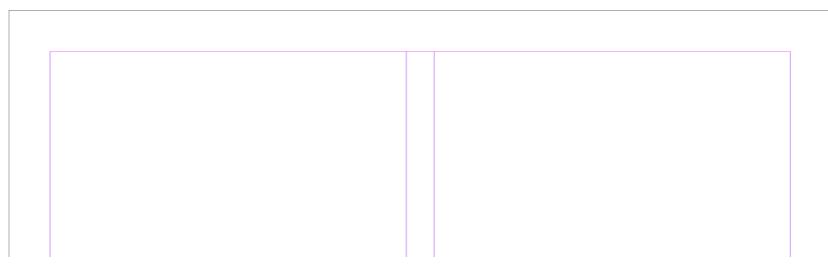
Horizontal Guides

Horizontal Gutters

Module/Field

Zones

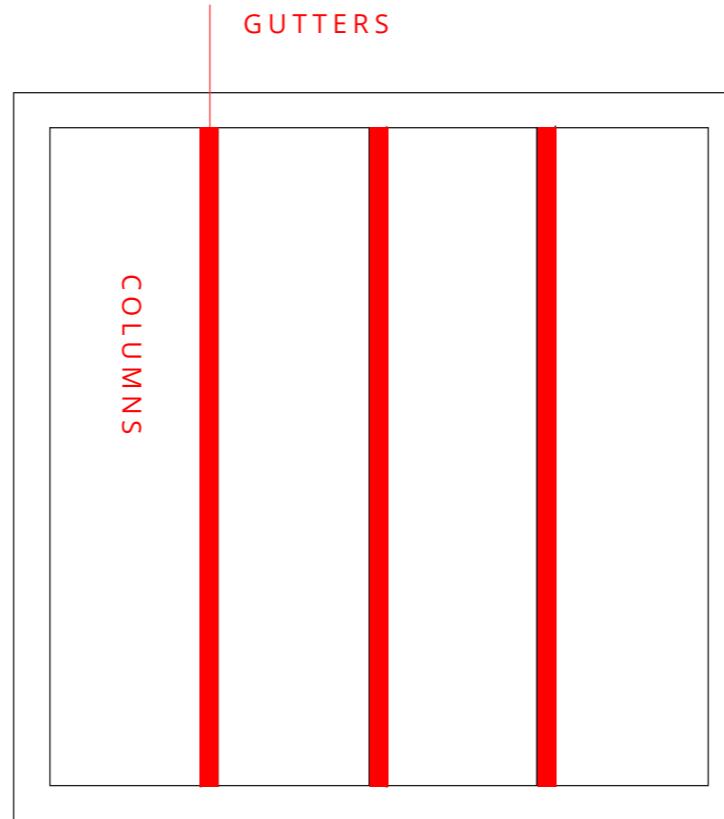
All these guides are invisible.
The number of columns (and rows) can vary



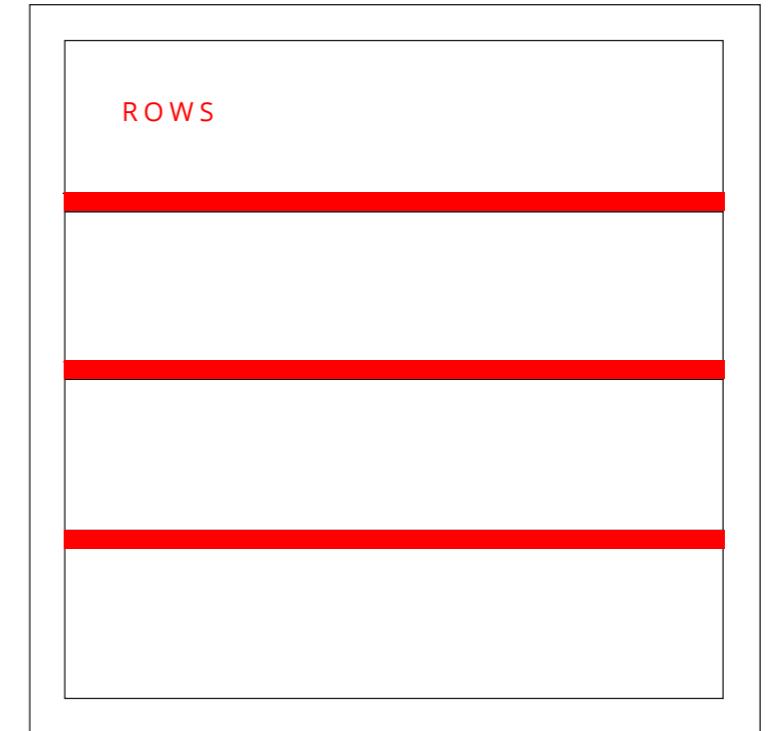
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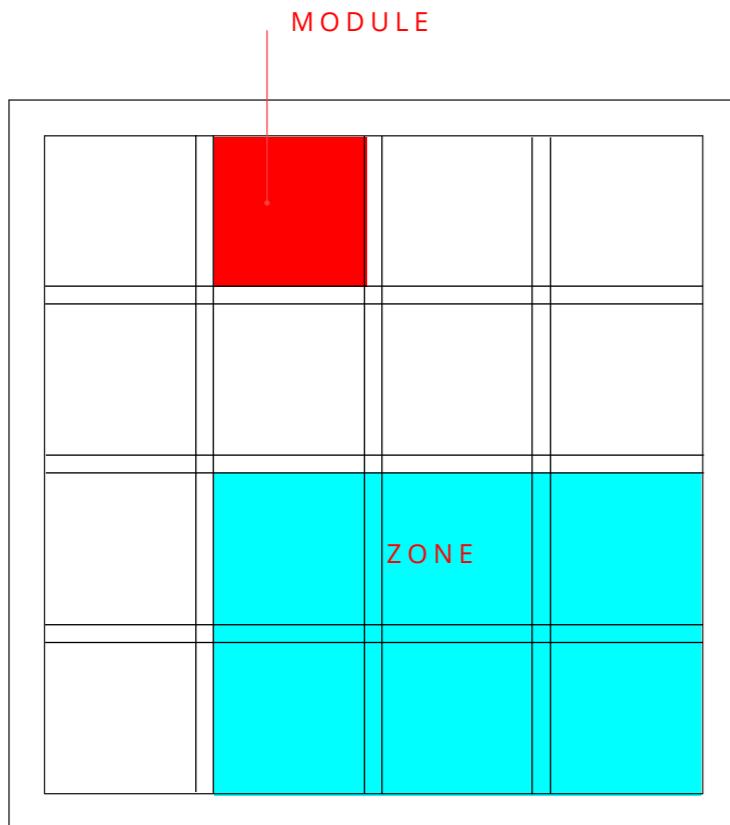
A simple grid contains **margins**



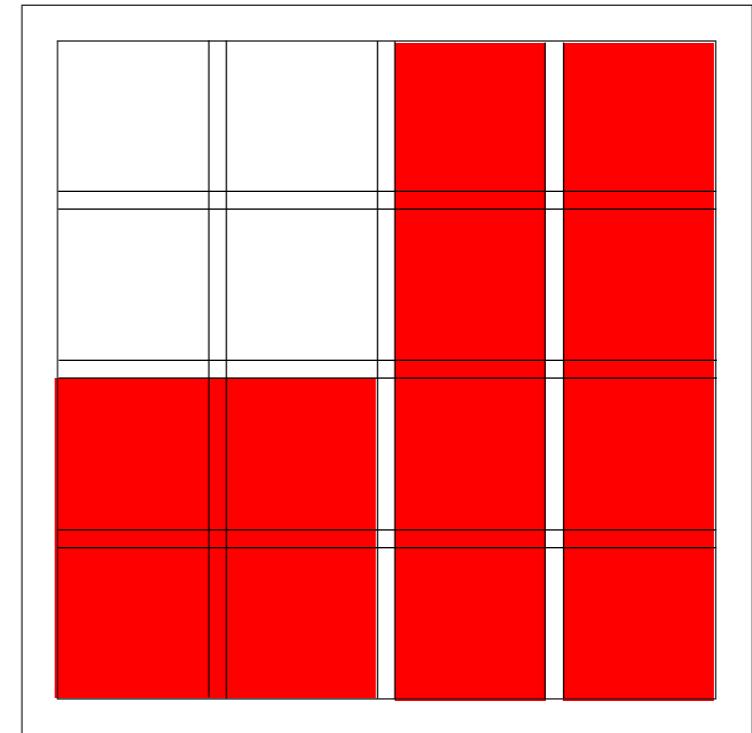
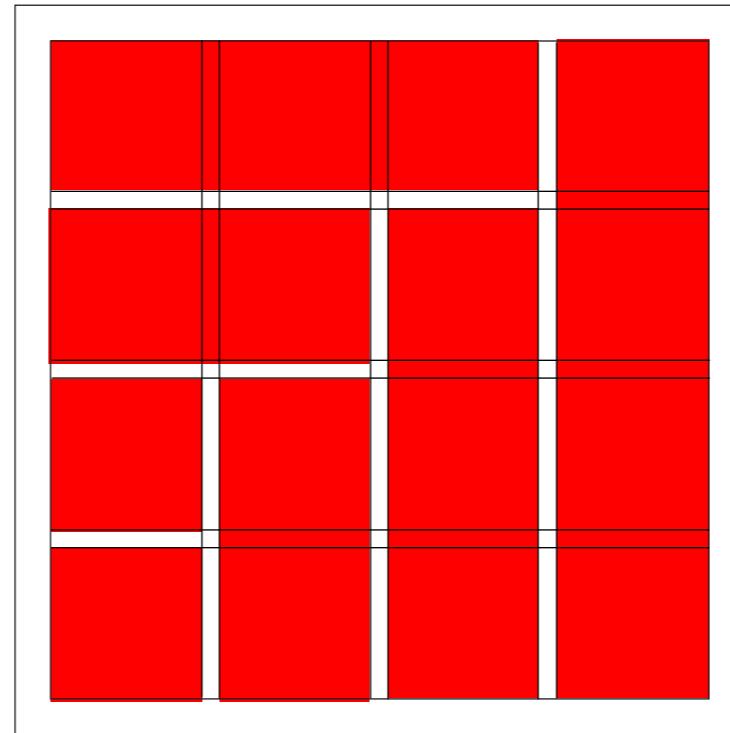
More complex grids have **columns and/or rows and gutters**



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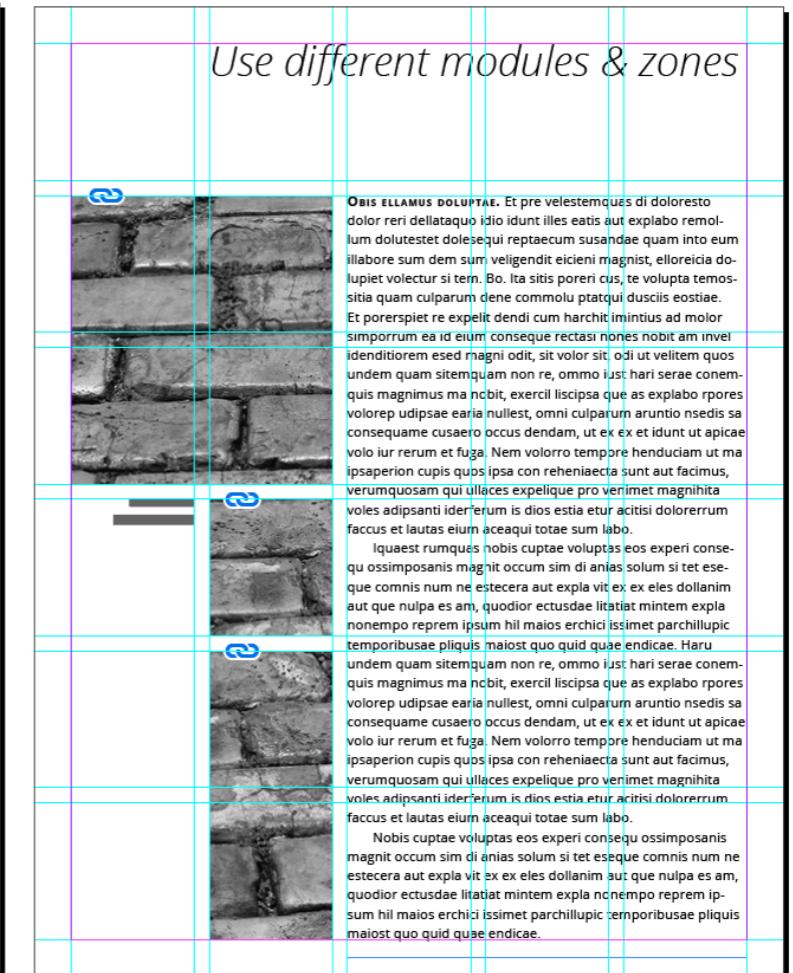
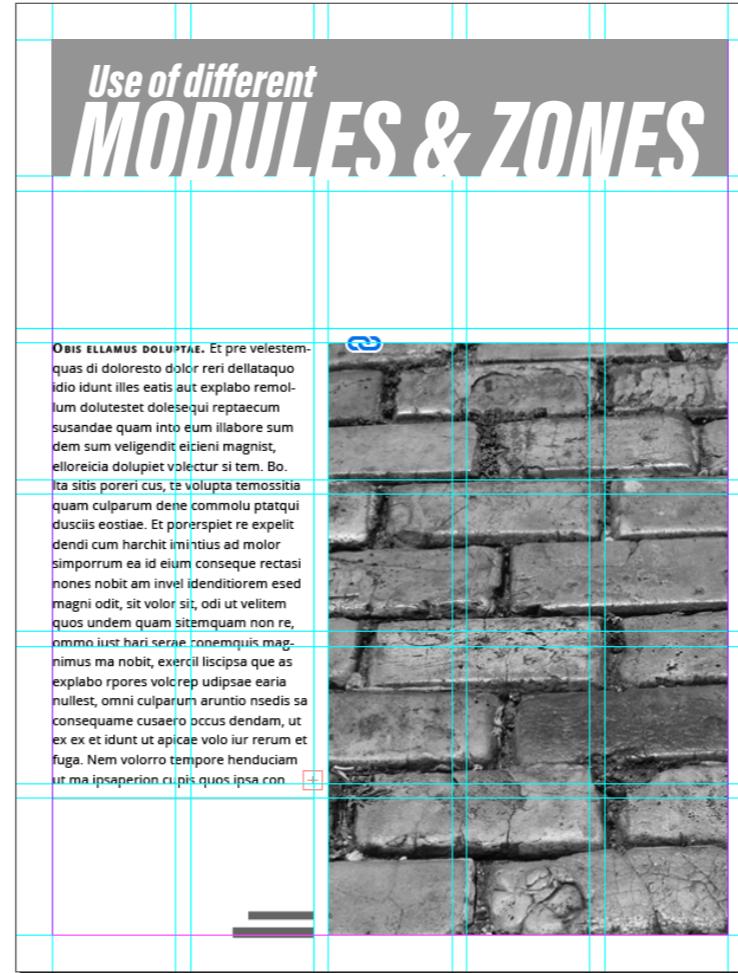
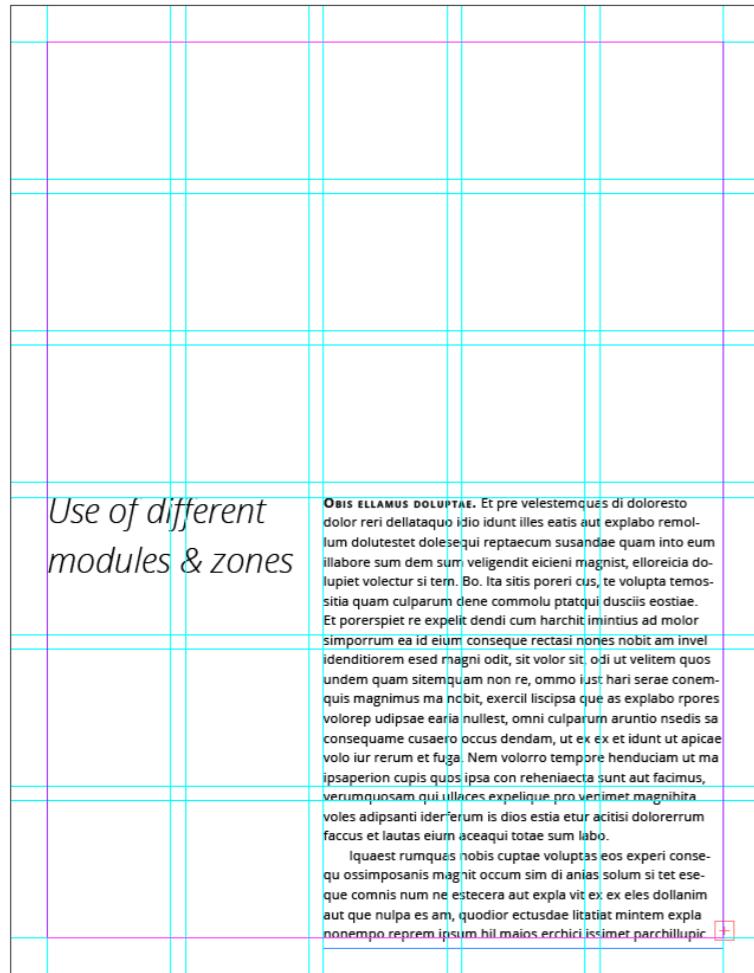


More complex grids have also both columns and rows. These create **modules & spatial zones (group of modules)**



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

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Using the same grid, notice the different use of the zones in the placement of an actual image, body copy and headline.