



# Mastering Spacing

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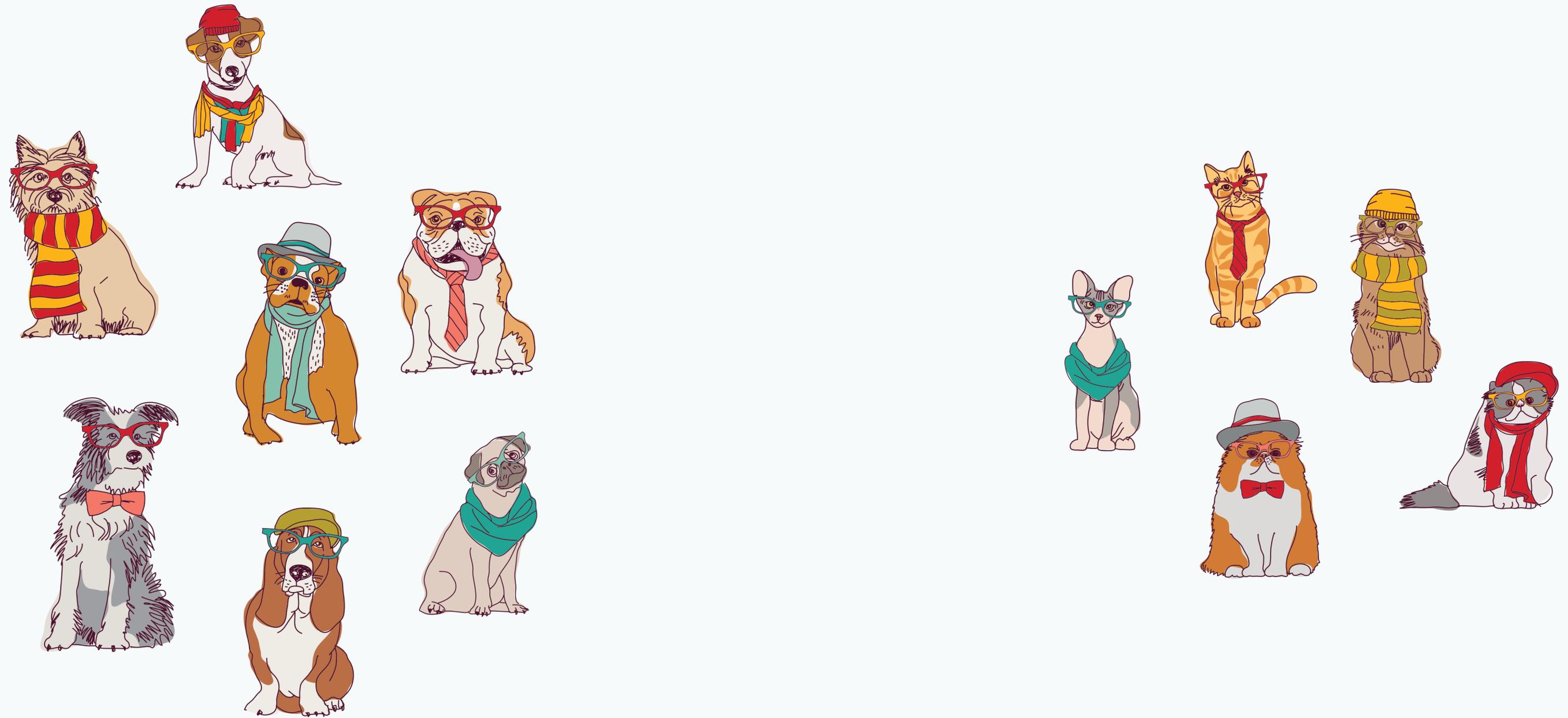
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- We group elements that are related to each other together. This is called **Proximity**.

## PROXIMITY

Things that are closer together are  
perceived to be more related than things  
further apart





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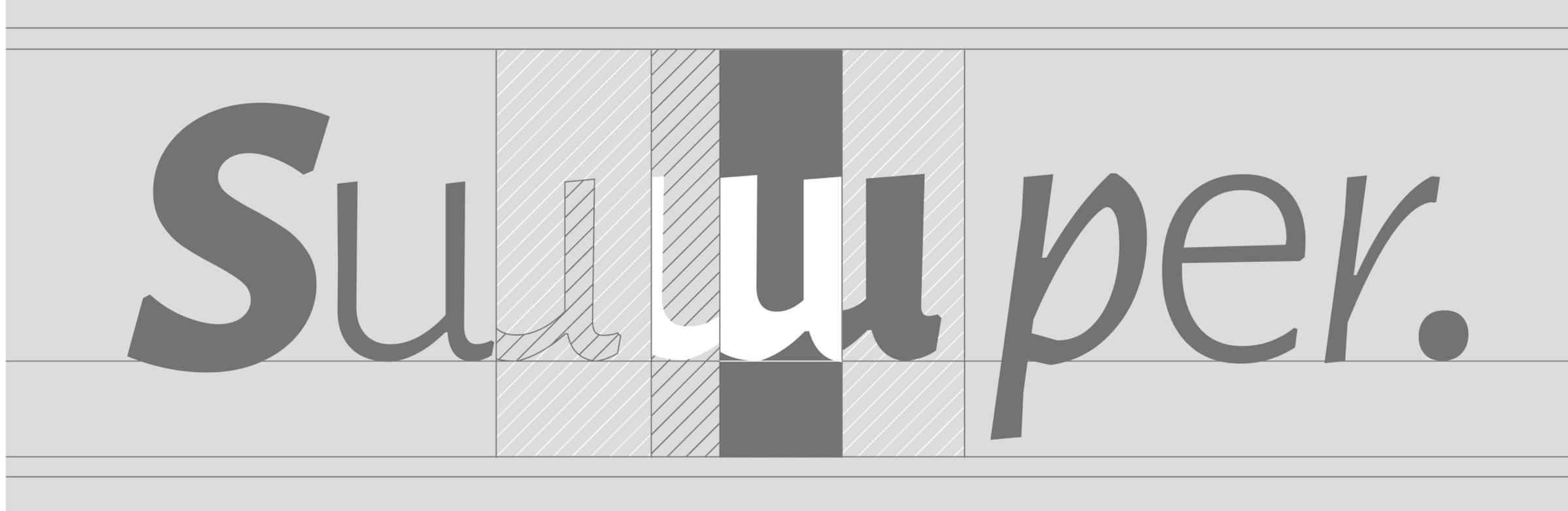


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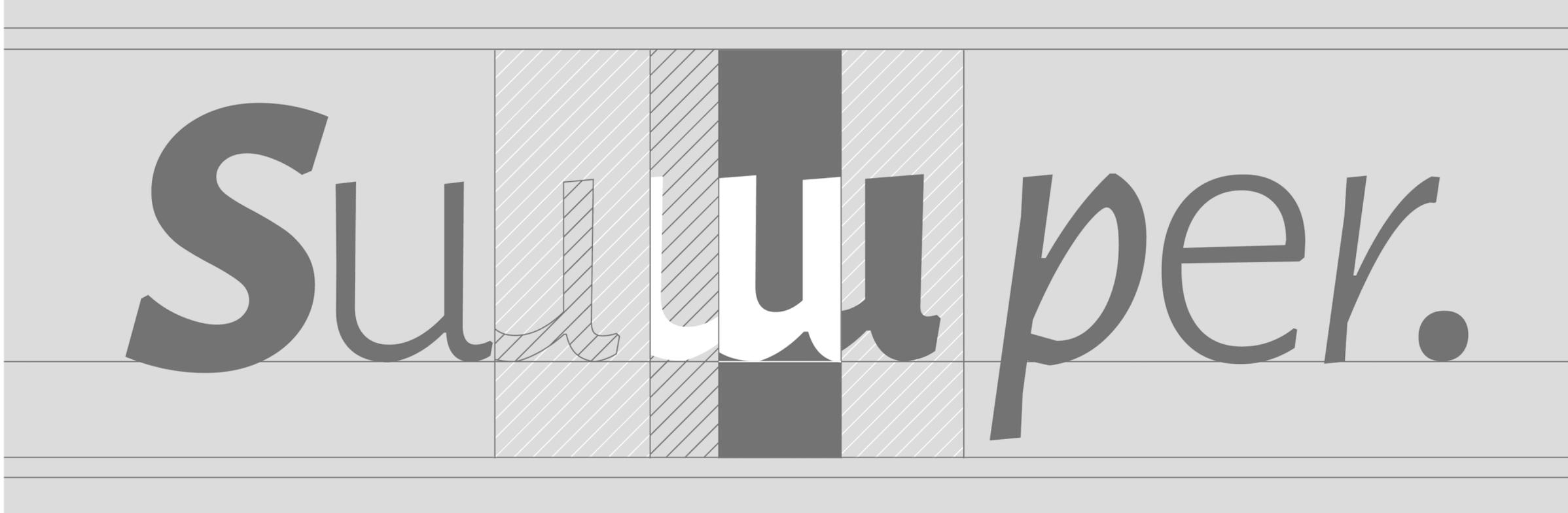
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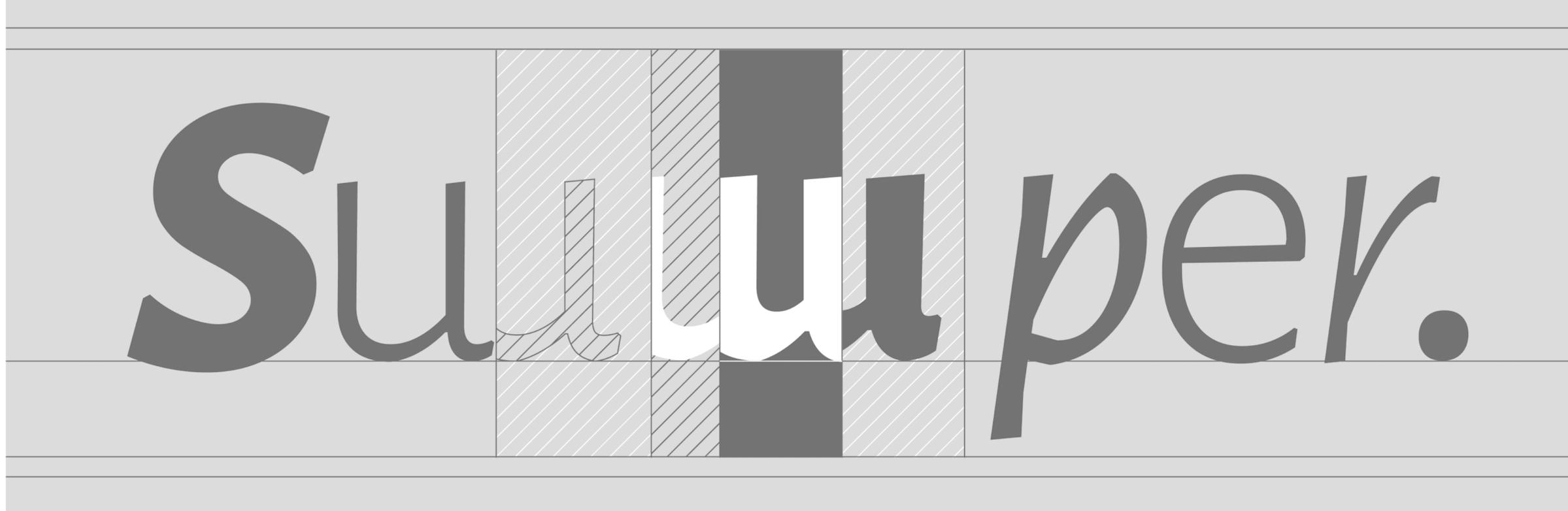


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## WHITESPACE

The empty space between  
different elements

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*If it is, you're doing it wrong!*

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**Tailwind CSS**

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# Spacing

Utilities for controlling an element's padding and margin.



## Work in progress!

More detailed documentation is coming soon, but in the meantime here's a quick class reference.

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CLASS	SIDE (optional)	SPACE
<code>p</code> Padding	<code></code> All ( <i>default</i> )	<code>0</code> 0
<code>m</code> Margin	<code>t</code> Top	<code>1</code> 0.25rem
<code>-m</code> Negative Margin	<code>r</code> Right	<code>2</code> 0.5rem
	<code>b</code> Bottom	<code>3</code> 0.75rem
	<code>l</code> Left	<code>4</code> 1rem
	<code>x</code> Horizontal	<code>6</code> 1.5rem
	<code>y</code> Vertical	<code>8</code> 2rem
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Your base unit for spacing is  
usually your body copy size

1 rem **14px**

1.5 rem **21px**

2 rem **28px**

3 rem **40px**

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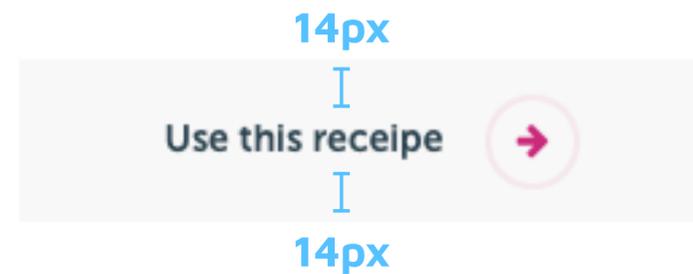
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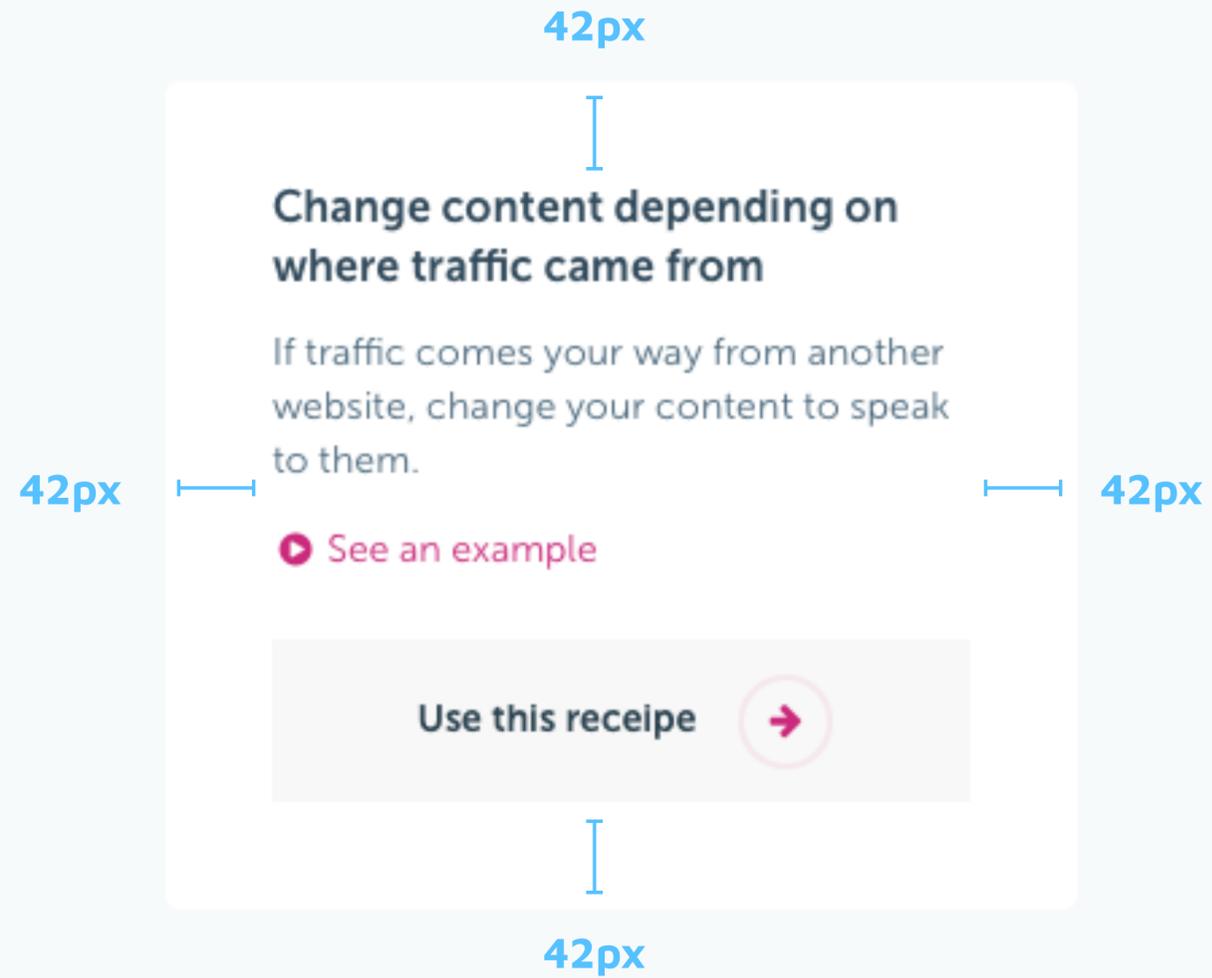
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Could this have been 21px?



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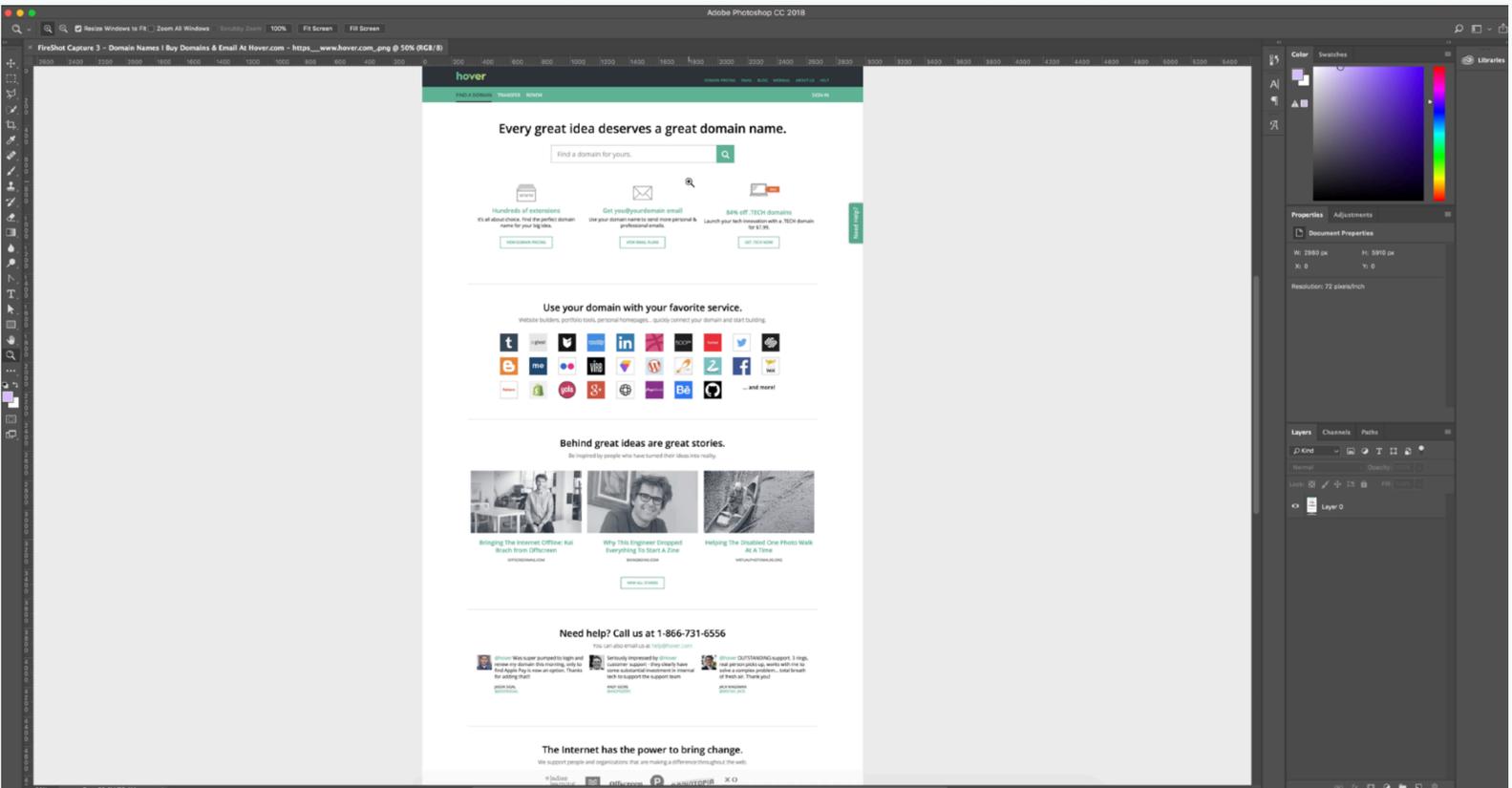
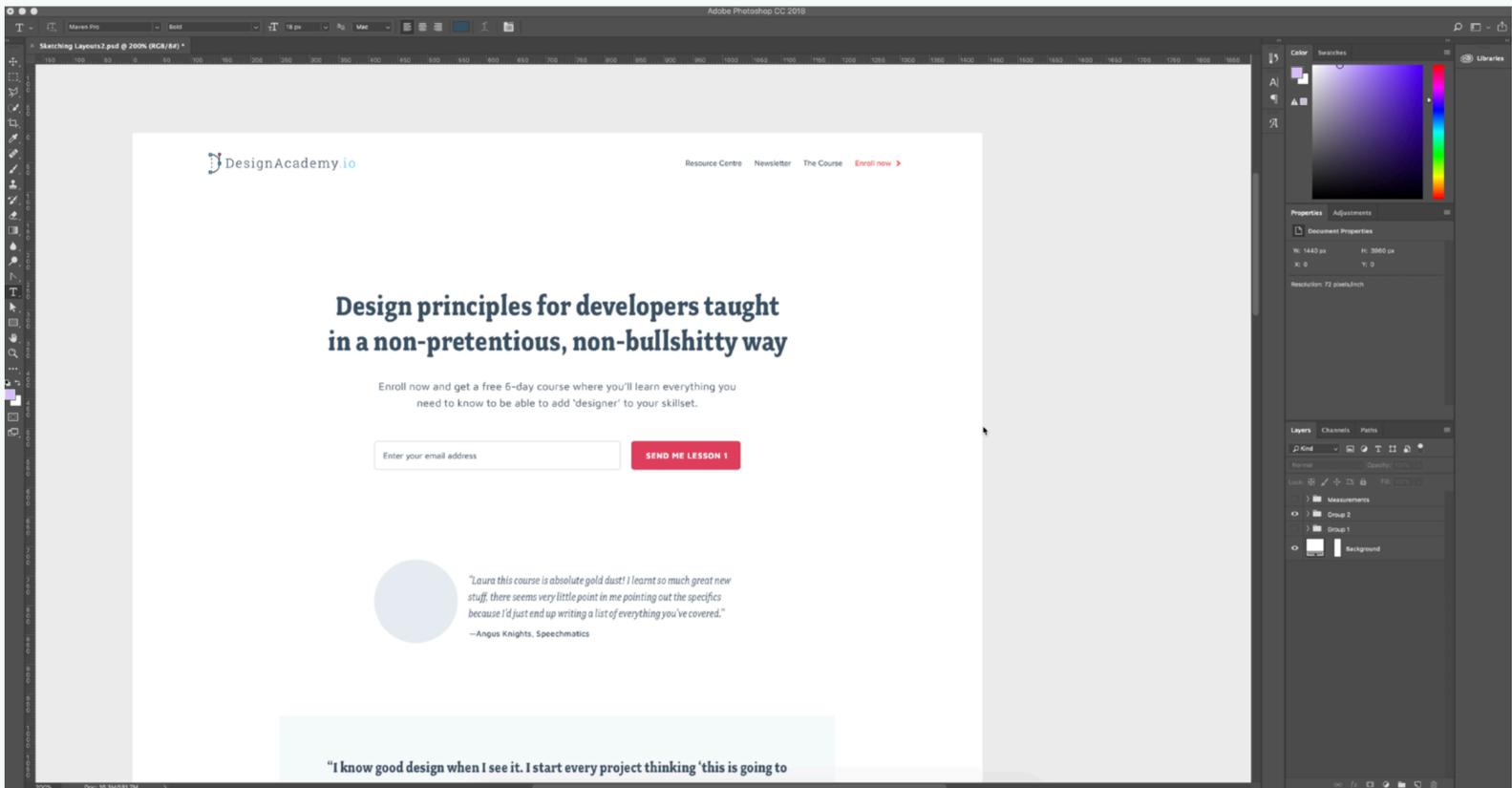
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You can have as many or as few spacing measurements as you like. This just keeps you mindful about whether you can reuse something existing



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5. If you still have trouble with spacing, try overlaying a design you like onto of yours. It'll help you identify the problem areas



## EXERCISE

Define some spacing measurements for your project and have a go at applying them to your design