

High Level Design Document

Introduction

This High Level Design (HLD) document outlines the architecture and core components for **Gridify** - **CSS Grid Visualizer**. Gridify is an interactive, open-source tool built with React and Tailwind CSS, enabling users to visually design and preview CSS Grid layouts for educational and development purposes.

1. System Architecture Overview

Architecture Summary:

Gridify is a single-page application (SPA) structured around modular React components, styled with Tailwind CSS. The system is entirely client-side, requiring no backend.

Module/Component	Role/Responsibility	
UI Controls	Input grid parameters (rows, columns, gaps, etc.)	
Grid Preview Canvas	Render live CSS Grid layout based on user input	
Code Generator	Generate and display corresponding CSS/HTML code	
State Management	Manage and propagate grid configuration state	
Export/Share Utility	Allow users to export or share grid configurations	

2. Component Interactions

Source Component	Target Component	Interaction Description
UI Controls	State Management	Updates grid configuration state on user input
State Management	Grid Preview Canvas	Triggers re-render with updated grid settings
State Management	Code Generator	Supplies current config for code generation
Export/Share Utility	State Management	Reads current state for export/share actions

Sequence Flow:

- 1. User updates grid settings via UI Controls.
- 2. State Management updates and notifies dependent components.
- 3. Grid Preview Canvas and Code Generator re-render accordingly.
- 4. Export/Share Utility accesses current state for output.

3. Data Flow Overview

Data Source	Data Destination	Data/Action Transferred
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User Input (UI)	State Management	Grid parameters (rows, columns, gaps, etc.)
State Management	Grid Preview Canvas	Grid configuration object
State Management	Code Generator	Grid configuration object
State Management	Export/Share Utility	Grid configuration object

4. Technology Stack

Layer/Area	Technology/Framework	
Frontend Framework	React (JavaScript)	
Styling	Tailwind CSS	
State Management	React Context/State	
Build Tooling	Vite or Create React App	
Deployment	Static hosting (e.g., Vercel, Netlify, GitHub Pages)	

5. Scalability & Reliability

• Scalability:

As a client-side SPA, Gridify scales horizontally via static hosting; no backend bottlenecks.

Reliability:

Minimal points of failure; all logic runs in-browser. No persistent data or authentication required.

• Security:

No sensitive data handled; standard web security practices apply.

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