

# Page masters for first, last, and only pages

Use 'page-position' to select a page master based on the position of the page at that point in the page sequence. 'page-position' applies to `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>`, which is used within `<fo:repeatable-page-master-alternatives>`. The `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>` that is chosen is the first alternative for which all of its conditions are true at that point. The 'page-position' conditions are: 'first' (first page in the page sequence); 'last' (last page); 'only' (only page); 'rest' (not the first and not the last page); and 'any' (any position within the page sequence). The default is 'any', which is always true.

The sequence of the `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>` can be important. Four `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>`, in order, specify the conditions for selecting four page masters that each have a different background color:

- For the only page in its page sequence, a page with no background color.
- For the first page in its page sequence, a page with a blue background.
- For the last page in its page sequence, a page with a pink background.
- For a page that is not the first page and not the last page in its page sequence, a page with a yellow background.

This page is the only page in its page sequence (because the following page is the start of a new page sequence), so this page has no background color. The following three pages have blue, yellow, and pink background colors, respectively, because of their positions in the second page sequence.

First page in the second page sequence.

Neither the first page nor the last page in the page sequence.

Last page in the page sequence.