

# Filling columns

Depending on the 'axf:column-fill' value, the content in an <fo:region-body> or <fo:block-container> that has multiple columns can either fill the columns sequentially or be balanced, as much as possible, across the columns. (For <fo:region-body>, only the last page is balanced.) When 'axf:column-fill' is 'balance' (default), the columns are balanced as much as possible. When it is 'auto', the columns are filled sequentially.

Unless stated otherwise, these samples have orphans="1", widows="1" and max-height="7lh + 8pt".


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The available content might not fill balanced columns.

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Content that cannot break, such as a graphic, can affect column heights.

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axf:column-fill="auto"

Columns are sequentially filled up to the maximum available height.

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