

Drop Caps

Using `'axf:initial-letters'`, creates [Drop Capitals](#). Drop Capitals is a layout technique that enlarges the first character of a paragraph. This feature is available in AH Formatter V7.0 or later.

`axf:initial-letters="3"`

Specify the letter size as 3 lines

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus. In aliquam sem quis suscipit iaculis.

Image as initial letter



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`axf:initial-letters="3 adjacent"`

Indent all the lines in block

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Languages written right-to-left

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The height of the dropped initial is set to the cap-height or x-height of the first line by specifying '[axf:initial-letters-first-line-head-height](#)'. However, some fonts do not have the cap-height and x-height information, so the dropped initial characters and the height of the first line will not match. In such a case, it can be adjusted by specifying in the [Font Configuration File](#) of AH Formatter. For example, the setting in the font construction file is as follows:

```
<font-folder path="C:\*****">  
  <font-entry file="frank.ttf" cap-height="0.46"/>  
</font-folder>
```

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By adjusting in the Font Configuration File, the above sample changes as follows:

Result when adjusted:

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Result when not adjusted:

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In addition, various layouts can be created by combining the specifications for the dropped initial. For details, see [Drop Capitals](#) in the online manual, download this FO and refer to it by using an editor.

Raised initial letter

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus.

Change indent only for first line

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus. In aliquam sem quis suscipit iaculis. In vitae nibh volutpat, blandit mi at, cursus ipsum.

Language-specific letter selection

IJzel zorgt voor zeer gevaarlijke omstandigheden op de weg. **IJ**zel zorgt voor zeer gevaarlijke omstandigheden op de weg.
Black ice creates very dangerous conditions on the road. **B**lack ice creates very dangerous conditions on the road.

Combination with small-capitals

LOREM IPSUM dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus. In aliquam sem quis suscipit iaculis. In vitae nibh volutpat, blandit mi at, cursus ipsum.

Individual color

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Partially raised

gazing on that which seems to dim thy sight? What seest thou there? King Henry's diadem, encased with all the honours of the world? If so, gaze on, and grovel on thy face, until thy head be circled with the same.

Hang leading punctuation

«**H**ar De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

Leading punctuation size and position

«**A**ar De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

Hide leading punctuation

Har De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

Initial letter in vertical text

吾輩は猫である。名前
生れたかとも見当が
かぬ。何でも薄暗い
じめた所でニヤーニ
泣いていた事だけは
憶している。吾輩はこ
で始めて人間というもの
を見た。しかもあとで
くるとそれは書生とい
間中で一番悪な種族
あつたそうだとこの書
とて煮食う時々我々を
えて煮かすという話は
ある。しかしその当時は
何となく思わな
から別段恐しいとも
かつた。