

Page master for blank pages

The ‘blank-or-not-blank’, ‘odd-or-even’ and ‘page-position’ properties specify three sub-conditions for whether to use an `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>`. For ‘blank-or-not-blank’, this is whether the page is generated to contain actual content or it is a blank page that is generated only because of a property value such as `break-before="odd-page"` or `force-page-count="end-on-even"`. A page with content from a descendant of `<fo:flow>`, even content such as `<fo:block/>` that is not actually visible, counts as non-blank. The ‘blank-or-not-blank’ values are: ‘blank’ (page generated only to satisfy property constraints); ‘not-blank’ (page contains content); and ‘any’ (any page). The default is ‘any’, which is always true, so ‘blank-or-not-blank’ is usually omitted except when specifying the page master to use for blank pages.

This document has only enough text for one page, but `force-page-count="3"` is specified¹ to force this page sequence to generate three pages. Two blank pages were generated to satisfy the constraint.

The `<fo:conditional-page-master-reference>` for this document specify separate page masters for blank and non-blank pages. The page master for blank pages specifies a blue background.

The ‘region-name’ value of the `<fo:region-before>` of the page master for blank pages is ‘blank-text’. The text on the blank pages is generated from an `<fo:static-content>` in this page sequence that is directed to the ‘blank-text’ region of each page that is generated from the page master.

1. A numeric value is one of several AH Formatter extensions for ‘force-page-count’. See [force-page-count](#) in the Online Manual for details.

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