



Text Composition

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Homework: Requirements Statement

- ❑ The Composition class maintains a collection of Component instances, which represent text and graphical elements in a document.
- ❑ A composition arranges component objects into lines using a linebreaking strategy.
- ❑ Each component has an associated natural size, stretchability, and shrinkability.
- ❑ The stretchability defines how much the component can grow beyond its natural size; shrinkability is how much it can shrink.
- ❑ When a new layout is required, the composition calls its compose method to determine where to place linebreaks.
- ❑ There are 3 different algorithms for breaking lines:
 - Simple Composition: A simple strategy that determines line breaks one at a time.
 - Tex Composition: This strategy tries to optimize line breaks globally, that is, one paragraph at a time.
 - Array Composition: A strategy that selects breaks so that each row has a fixed number of items. It's useful for breaking a collection of icons into rows, for example.