

# columns

(mPDF >= 1.0)

columns – Control use of Columns on the page

## Description

```
<columns column-count [ vAlign ] [ column-gap ] />
```

Define, start or stop Columns in the document.

**Note:** The maximum ratio to adjust column height when justifying is set by \$max\_colH\_correction - too large a value can give ugly results

**Note:** If you are setting HTMLHeaders or HTMLFooters, this will cancel any columns you have set; you need to call SetColumns() or use <columns> after commands like SetHTMLHeader() etc.

## Parameters

*column-count*

Set the number of (vertical) columns to use on a page  
**BLANK** or omitted or 0 or 1 turns Columns OFF i.e. the whole page is used as one column.  
**DEFAULT:** 1

*vAlign*

Automatically adjusts height of columns to be equal if set to J or justify.  
**BLANK** or omitted turns vertical-alignment OFF

**Values** (case-insensitive)  
 J or justify  
**DEFAULT:** ""

*column-gap*

Set the gap between columns in millimeters  
**BLANK** or omitted uses default value.  
**DEFAULT:** 5 (mm)

## Examples

### Example #1

```
<?php
$mpdf=new mPDF();
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<columns column-count="3" vAlign="J" column-gap="7" />');
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Some text...</p>');
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<columnbreak />');
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Next column...</p>');
$mpdf=Output();
?>
```

## See Also

- AddColumn() - Start a new Column
- <columnbreak> - Start a new Column
- SetColumns() - Control the use of multiple columns on the page - PHP equivalent of <columns>

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