

RML Example 17: Graphics



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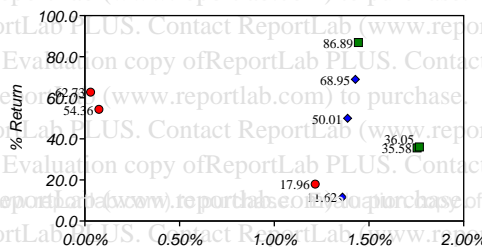
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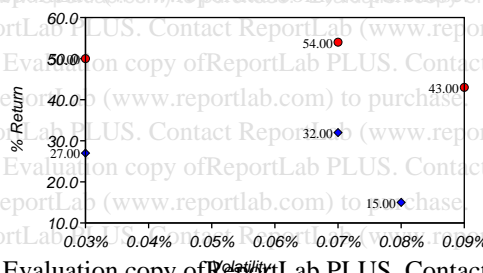
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Paragraphs 8-12: Simple Bullet Points

• Parastyle name="style8" parent="style1" bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "5"

- These paragraphs are in a style we have called "style8"
- These five lines should have bullet points.
- The bullet font is ZapfDingbats.
- The bullet size is 5 points
- This is a long line to see how multi-line bullets look: These paragraphs are in a style we have called "style8". These four lines should have bullet points. The bullet font is ZapfDingbats. The bullet size is 5 points

Paragraphs 13-18: Indented Bullet Points

• bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "10" bulletIndent = "20"

- These paragraphs are in a style we have called "style9"
- These five lines should have *indented* bullet points.
- Bullet points should look like a pointing hand.
- Bullet font is still ZapfDingbats, and bullet size is 10 points.
- The bullet indent is 20 points
- This is a long line to see how multi-line bullets look: These paragraphs are in a style we have called "style9". These four lines should have *indented* bullet points. Bullet points should look like a pointing hand. Bullet font is still ZapfDingbats. The bullet size is 10 points. The bullet indent is 20 points

Paragraph 19-24: Indented Bullet Points with a Left Indent for the Text

• bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "10" bulletIndent = "20" leftIndent = "35"

- These paragraphs are in a style we have called "style10"
- These four lines should have *indented* bullet points, with the text indented well.
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Paragraph 25: Left Justified Paragraphs
This paragraph is in a style we have called "style11". It should be left justified. It has an argument which states 'alignment = "left"'. It should be left justified. It should be aligned to the left.

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Paragraph 26: Right Justified Paragraphs

This paragraph is in a style we have called "style12". It should be right justified. It has an argument which states 'alignment = "right"'. It should be right justified. It should be aligned to the right.

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Paragraph 27: Centered Paragraphs

This paragraph is in a style we have called "style13". It should be center justified. It has an argument which states 'alignment = "center"'. It should be centered. It should be aligned to the center.

Paragraph 28: Justified Paragraphs

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paragraph doesn't contain any bold text though.

Paragraph 28.1: Justified Paragraphs With Bold Text

This paragraph is in a style we have called "style14". It should be **justified**.
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Paragraphs 29-32: Bullets using left align, right align, centered and justify.

- **bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "5" bulletIndent = "20" leftIndent = "35" alignment = "left"**
- This is "style15", bullets with a left alignment. (The bullets in this style based on "style10")
- **bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "5" bulletIndent leftIndent = "35" alignment = "**
- This is "style16", bullets with a right alignment. (The bullets in this style based on "style10")
- **bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "5" bulletIndent = "20 leftIndent = "35" alignment = "center"**
- This is "style17", bullets with a center alignment. (The bullets in this style based on "style10")
- **bulletFontName = "ZapfDingbats" bulletFontSize = "5" bulletIndent = leftIndent = "35" alignment = "justify"**
- This is "style18", bullets with a justified paragraph. (The bullets in this are based on "style10")

These all look wierd, but most people do not actually use these styles because they look so wrong.

Paragraph 33-35: Using Colours by Colour Name

This text should be RED

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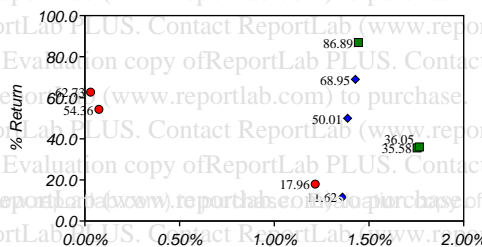
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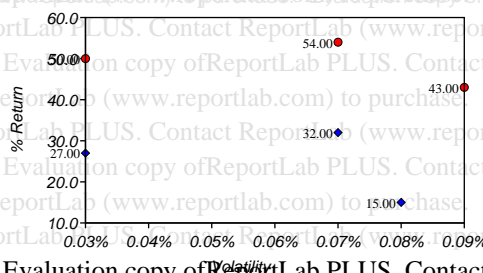
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Paragraphs with anchored bullets: green line is the global indent, blue the bullet indent

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- 1.3 bullet anchor absent
- 1.1 bullet anchor start
- 1.22 bullet anchor start
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- 1.1 bullet anchor middle
- 1.22 bullet anchor middle
- 1.3 bullet anchor middle
- 1.1 bullet anchor end
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Here is another example, demonstrating bulletAnchor, note the alignment of the text when we get to double figures:

Numbers not aligned	Numbers aligned
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You SHOULD be able to specify colours by all the means available to reportlab.lib.colours. Currently, you cannot use RGB or HEX values...

Last Paragraph: Para Tags and Paragraph Content

This should *not* have any extra spaces at the start of **this** line (though there should be at the start of the heading). RML should ignore additional whitespace, and you should be able to format the actual paragraphs as you like. This should be underlined. There should be line break after the colon:

The text in this paragraph starts on a different line to the actual "para" tag.

Quoting and escaping

This checks for all the possible quotes: `& = &`, `< = <`, `> = >`, `' = '`, `" = "`, `£ = £`.

If this is not italic, and this is not bold, even normal angle brackets are broken.

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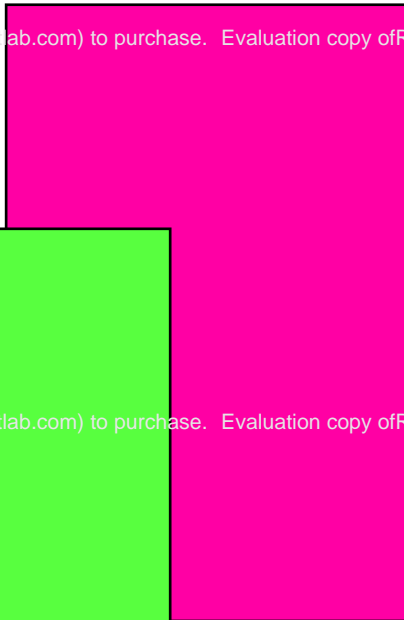
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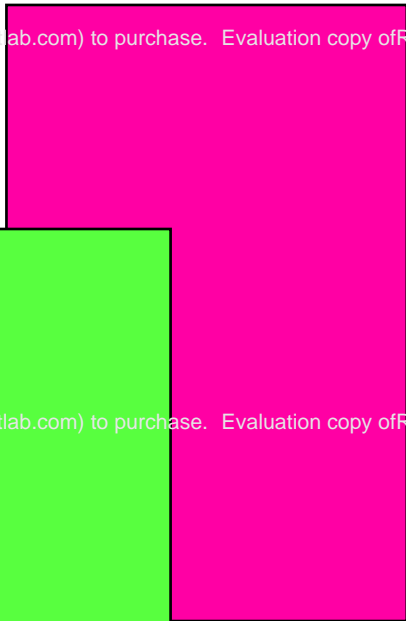
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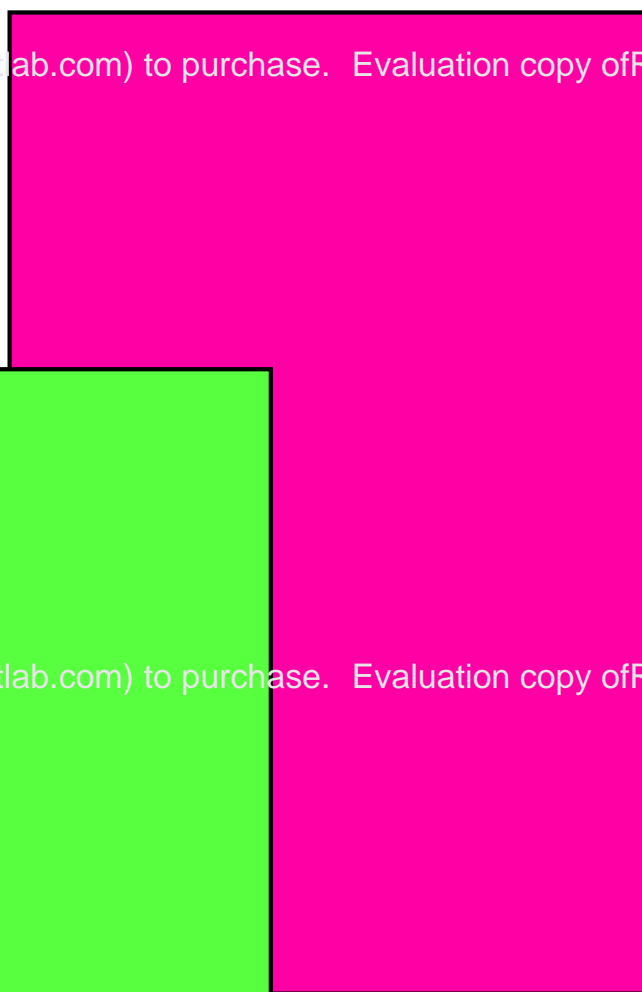
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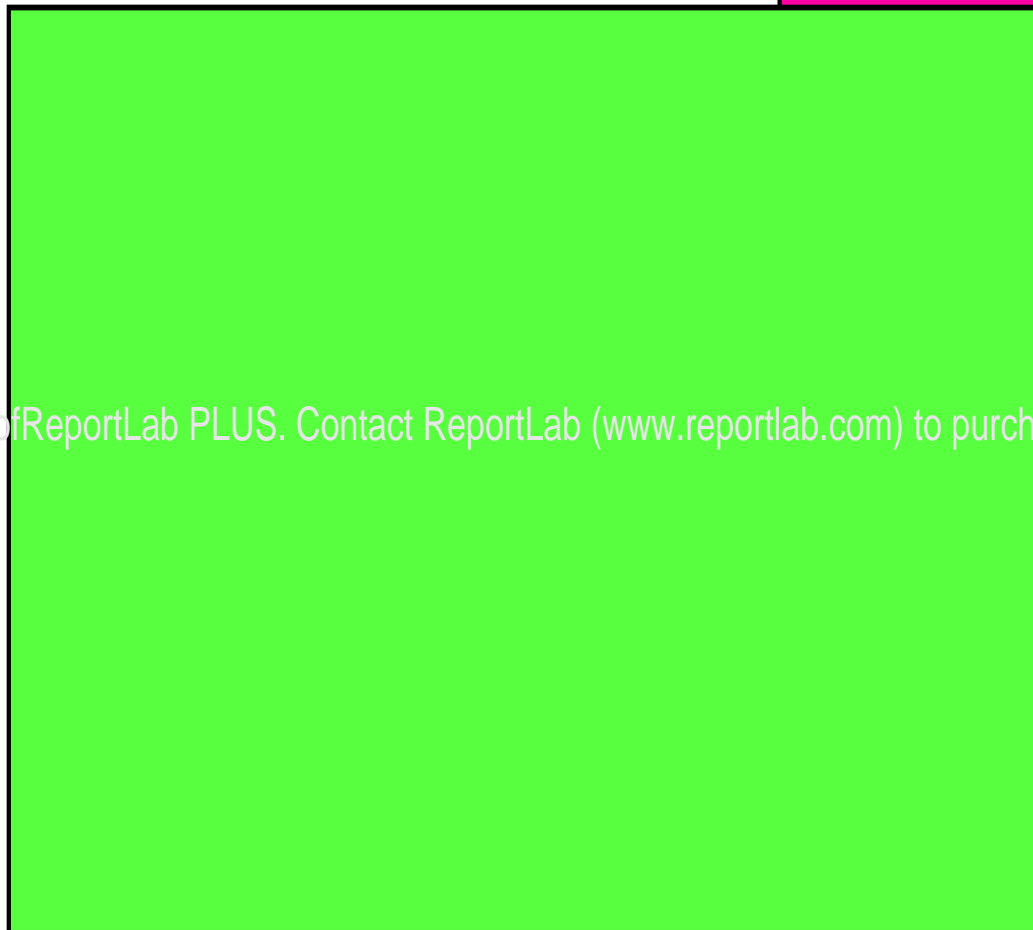
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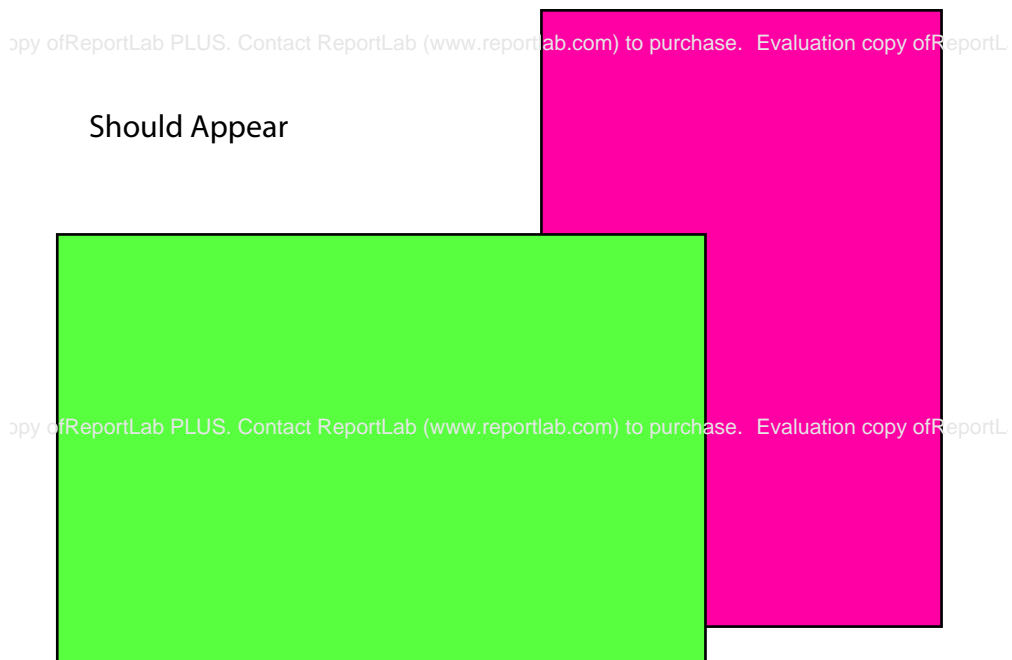


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