

Overview:

The @COLUMNS action tag takes a single integer parameter and splits a set of options (checkboxes and/or radio buttons) into the specified number of columns.

Usage:

Action Tag Section: @COLUMNS=5

Specifications:

- The sorting is driven by the field alignment:
 - If a Vertical field alignment is chosen, the options will be sorted vertically (first column will contain options 1, 2, 3...).
 - If a Horizontal field alignment is chosen, the options will be sorted horizontally (first row will contain options 1, 2, 3...).
- The width of the columns is driven by the length of the labels.
- It is recommended that careful testing is done to ensure the menu labels and number of columns work well together and present the desired layout.
- Using a large number of columns may have unintended consequences in regards to the page width / layout. However, a field with very short labels may be able to accommodate many columns.
- Works with field embedding. The field using @COLUMNS can be embedded. Also, the menu being split can include embedded fields (e.g. including a text field after an “Other” option).
- When downloading as a PDF, you MUST use the “(via browser’s *Save as PDF*)” option.



- If an invalid parameter value is provided (0, -1, a...) a default of 1-column will be used.

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Example:

Choices (one choice per line) [Copy existing choices](#)

VT, Vermont
VA, Virginia
WA, Washington
WV, West Virginia
WI, Wisconsin
WY, Wyoming
OT, Other Territory {other_territory}

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Action Tags / Field Annotation (optional)

@COLUMNS=5

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Resulting Output (checkboxes): Note how the options are organized vertically based on the field alignment.

States where you have lived. (Alignment: LV)

<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/> Vermont
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington
<input type="checkbox"/> California	<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana	<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas	<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island	<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming
<input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Territory <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware	<input type="checkbox"/> Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota	
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> New York	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas	

Resulting Output (radio buttons): Note how the options are organized horizontally based on the field alignment.

States where you have lived. (RADIO BUTTON: Alignment: LH)

<input type="radio"/> Alabama	<input type="radio"/> Alaska	<input type="radio"/> Arizona	<input type="radio"/> Arkansas	<input type="radio"/> California
<input type="radio"/> Colorado	<input type="radio"/> Connecticut	<input type="radio"/> District of Columbia	<input type="radio"/> Delaware	<input type="radio"/> Florida
<input type="radio"/> Georgia	<input type="radio"/> Hawaii	<input type="radio"/> Idaho	<input type="radio"/> Illinois	<input type="radio"/> Indiana
<input type="radio"/> Iowa	<input type="radio"/> Kansas	<input type="radio"/> Kentucky	<input type="radio"/> Louisiana	<input type="radio"/> Maine
<input type="radio"/> Maryland	<input type="radio"/> Massachusetts	<input type="radio"/> Michigan	<input type="radio"/> Minnesota	<input type="radio"/> Mississippi
<input type="radio"/> Missouri	<input type="radio"/> Montana	<input type="radio"/> Nebraska	<input type="radio"/> Nevada	<input type="radio"/> New Hampshire
<input type="radio"/> New Jersey	<input type="radio"/> New Mexico	<input type="radio"/> New York	<input type="radio"/> North Carolina	<input type="radio"/> North Dakota
<input type="radio"/> Ohio	<input type="radio"/> Oklahoma	<input type="radio"/> Oregon	<input type="radio"/> Pennsylvania	<input type="radio"/> Rhode Island
<input type="radio"/> South Carolina	<input type="radio"/> South Dakota	<input type="radio"/> Tennessee	<input type="radio"/> Texas	<input type="radio"/> Utah
<input type="radio"/> Vermont	<input type="radio"/> Virginia	<input type="radio"/> Washington	<input type="radio"/> West Virginia	<input type="radio"/> Wisconsin
<input type="radio"/> Wyoming				

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