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:

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

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