

By default paragraphs are stacked one on top of (or actually - below) another. It's possible however to split any paragraph (or even the whole document) into columns.

Here we go with 2 star-sized columns, with justified text and gap set to 20:

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Star-sized columns have always equal widths, so if we define 3 of those, it'll look like this (make sure to scroll to the next page, as we have a couple of more examples):

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You can also specify accurate widths for some (or all columns). Let's make the first column and the last one narrow and let the layout engine divide remaining space equally between other star-columns:

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We also support auto columns. They set their widths based on the content:

auto This is a star-sized column. this one another This is a star-sized column.

column	It should get the remaining space divided by the number of all star-sized columns.	has specific width set to 50	auto column	It should get the remaining space divided by the number of all star-sized columns.
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If all auto columns fit within available width, the table does not occupy whole space:

val1 val2 value3 value 4

Another cool feature of pdfmake is the ability to have nested elements. Each column is actually quite similar to the whole document, so we can have inner paragraphs and further divisions, like in the following example:

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Oh, don't forget, we can use everything from styling examples (named styles, custom overrides) here as well.

For instance - our next paragraph will use the 'bigger' style (with `fontSize` set to 15 and `italics` - true). We'll split it into three columns and make sure they inherit the style:

First column (BTW - it's defined as a single string value. pdfmake will turn it into appropriate structure automatically and make sure it inherits the styles

In this column, we've overridden `fontSize` to 20. It means the content should have `italics=true` (inherited from the style) and be a little bit bigger

Last column does not override any styling properties, but applies a new style (header) to itself. Eventually - texts here have `italics=true` (from bigger) and derive `fontSize` from the style. OK, but which one? Both styles define it. As we already know from our styling examples, multiple styles can be applied to the element and their order is important. Because 'header' style has been set after 'bigger' its `fontSize` takes precedence over the `fontSize` from 'bigger'. This is how it works. You will find more examples in the unit tests.

Wow, you've read the whole document! Congratulations :D