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Documentation

A word about size and dimension parameters:
By default, all lengths and sizes are in points. You can override this by specifying a unit after the number.
Currently recognized units are:
mm: millimeters
cm: centimeters
in: inches
pt: points. equivalent to not specifying a unit.
%: percentage. For length, this is the percentage of the appropriate page dimension. For font size, this is relative to the current font size.

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A single line of text that can have a border, background, position and alignment.
 This is primarily used to build tables, by using the next parameter.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a cell or a multicell element.

author
left: the distance between the container and the left border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
top: the distance between the container and the top border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
width: the width of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
height: the height of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
color: indicates a border is needed and specify the color. Colors are encoded as 6 digits hexadecimal numbers such as "FC80C0" or "#A03E8F"
fillcolor: specify a background color. By default, the background is transparent.
border: indicates the thickness of the border.
next: right|bottom|break: define where the flow continues after the cell.
align: left|center|right

header
Example:
hm, write me. See 3d example in the "examples" section.

multicell
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column
Start a multi-column layout.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a cell or a multicell element.
left: the distance between the container and the left border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
top: the distance between the container and the top border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
count: how many columns should show. By default, use 2 columns.
width: the width of one column. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page, divided by the number of columns.
height: the height of each column. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
spacing: the vertical distance between 2 rows of columns. Only meaningful if break is set to 'line'.
break: pageline, if set to 'page', a new page starts everytime all columns are filled. if set to 'line', start a new row under the current one.

author
Example:
yes, an example would be 3d example in the "examples" section.
See also: [subject](#), [creator](#)

div
Define a text container that can have a border, a background, a position and a size.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.

body
left: the distance between the container and the left border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
top: the distance between the container and the top border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
width: the width of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
height: the height of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
color: indicates a border is needed and specify the color. Colors are encoded as 6 digits hexadecimal numbers such as "FC80C0" or "#A03E8F"
fillcolor: specify a background color. By default, the background is transparent.
border: indicates the thickness of the border.
Example:
Text to render goes here.
<div top=30% left=30% width=40% height=40% color=#00FF00 border=2mm>
This is right in the <u>middle</u> of the page.

Neat.
</div>

See also: [multicell](#),

font
Specify a change of font family, the container and/or size.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.
height: the length of the line break. By default, the size of the current font.
color: set the color of the font using a 6 digit hexadecimal number.
face: set the family of the font [XXX]. This needs more details.
size: set the font size.
Example:
default size. This is twice as big.

author
Set an author for the document.
 This element can be used directly under a head element.

author
Example:
<pdml>
<head>
<author>John O. Author</author>
</head>
</pdml>
See also: [subject](#), [creator](#)

bold
Renders text in bold.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.
Example:
Normal text, Bold text, More normal text.
See also: [underline](#)

body
left: the distance between the container and the left border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
top: the distance between the container and the top border of the page. By default, use the current position in the document.
width: the width of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
height: the height of the container. By default, use the remainder of the space on the page.
color: indicates a border is needed and specify the color. Colors are encoded as 6 digits hexadecimal numbers such as "FC80C0" or "#A03E8F"
fillcolor: specify a background color. By default, the background is transparent.
border: indicates the thickness of the border.
Example:
Text to render goes here.
</body>
</pdml>
See also: [head](#),

br
Insert a line break in the document.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.
height: the length of the line break. By default, the size of the current font.
Example:
Some text.

More text on the next line.
<br height="3cm" />
Some more text, 3 centimeters below.
size=%200>This is twice as big.

`This`

is 8pt. `This is a 4cm-tall font.`

`This is a 8pt font again.`

`This is courier`

`This is arial courier again`

`red, `

`green, `

`blue.`

See also: [b](#), [u](#), [i](#),

footer

This element, like `header`, is processed unusually. Instead of being rendered directly, the content of this element is kept until the bottom of a page is reached. At this point, anything within the footer element gets rendered.

Example:

```
<body>
```

```
<footer>
```

```
<multicell top=98% align=right>
```

```
Page &pagenumber;/6</multicell>
```

```
</footer>
```

```
<page />
```

```
<page />
```

```
<page />
```

```
<footer>
```

```
<div top=98% left=40%>I am the last footer.</div>
```

```
</footer>
```

```
</body>
```

See also: [header](#), [page](#),

head

Indicates a section of the document that doesn't directly impact its rendering. `
` This element can be used once under the pdml element.

Example:

```
<pdml>
```

```
<head>
```

```
<author>John Q. T. Author.</author>
```

```
<title>PDML Considered Harmful</title>
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body>
```

```
...
```

```
</body>
```

```
</pdml>
```

See also: [body](#),

header

This element, like `footer`, is processed unusually. Instead of being rendered directly, the content of this element is kept until a new page starts. At this point, anything within the header element gets rendered.

Example:

```
<body>
```

```
<header>
```

```
<font face=Courier size=25pt color="#00ff5c">
```

```
<multicell align=center>Header Thingy.</multicell>
```

```
</font>
```

```
</header>
```

```
<page />
```

```
<page />
```

```
<page />
```

```
</body>
```

See also: [footer](#), [page](#),

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Renders text in italic.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.

Example:

Normal text ,<i>Italic text, More normal text.

See also: [b](#), [u](#),

img

write me

Example:

See also:

keywords

write me

Example:

See also:

line

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write me

Example:

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Example:

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u

Renders text with an underline.
 This element can be used anywhere within a body element, except inside a multicell element.

Example:

Normal text ,<u>Underlined text, </u>More normal text.

See also: [b](#), [i](#),

pagenumber

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See also:

pagecount

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Example:

See also:

title

Expands into the document title as specified in the <TITLE> tag. This element can be used anywhere within a body element.

Example:

```
<header><multicell align="center">&title;</multicell></header>
```

See also: [title](#),

author

Expands into the document author as specified in the <AUTHOR> tag. This element can be used anywhere within a body element.

Example:

```
<header><multicell align="center">&author;</multicell></header>
```

See also: [author](#),

subject

Expands into the document subject as specified in the <SUBJECT> tag. This element can be used anywhere within a body element.

Example:

```
<header><multicell align="center">&subject;</multicell></header>
```

See also: [subject](#),

creator

Expands into the document creator as specified in the <CREATOR> tag. This element can be used anywhere within a body element.

Example:

```
<header><multicell align="center">&creator;</multicell></header>
```

See also: [creator](#),