AH Formatter Developer Support XML Prague 2022

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AH Formatter Developer Support

- AH Formatter GUI
- Samples and books
- Oxygen
- Visual Studio Code
- AHRTS
- Support



AH Formatter GUI



- Graphical preview of formatted document
- Drag-and-drop source and stylesheet
- Set output options, PDF version, etc.
- Open document, stylesheet, Area Tree XML, option setting file in editor
- Reload hyphenation dictionary



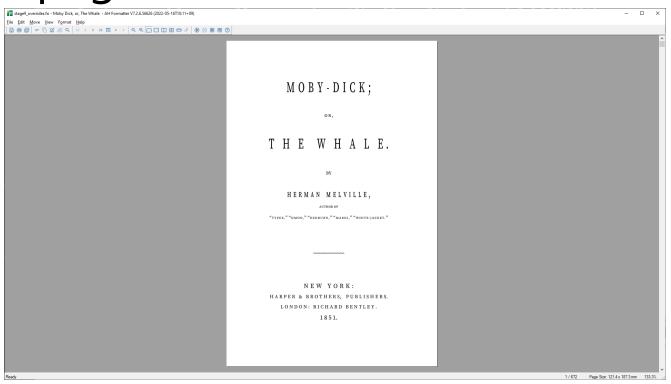
AH Formatter GUI Preview

- Borders
- Font information
- Rulers



AH Formatter GUI Page views

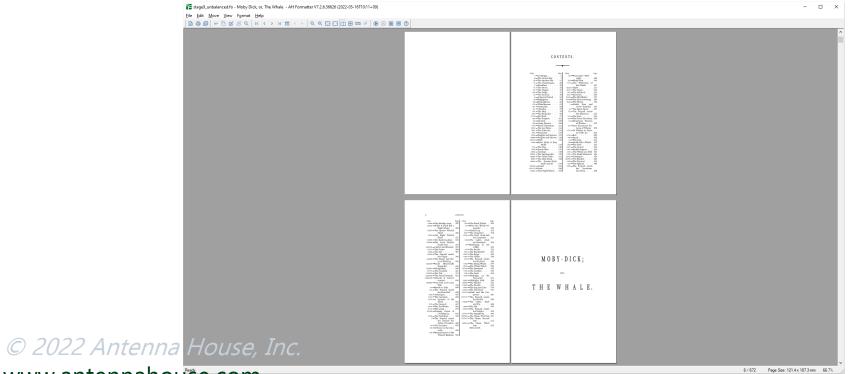
Single page



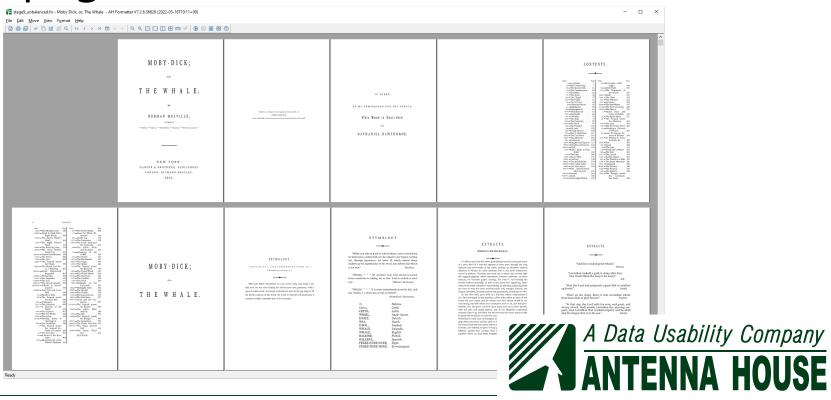
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Continuous



Multi-page



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Samples and Books

- Online manual
- XSL-FO samples collection
- Tips & tricks
- "Introduction to CSS for Paged Media"
- "Mastering Antenna House XSL Formatter Extensions"
- XSL Stylesheet Examples

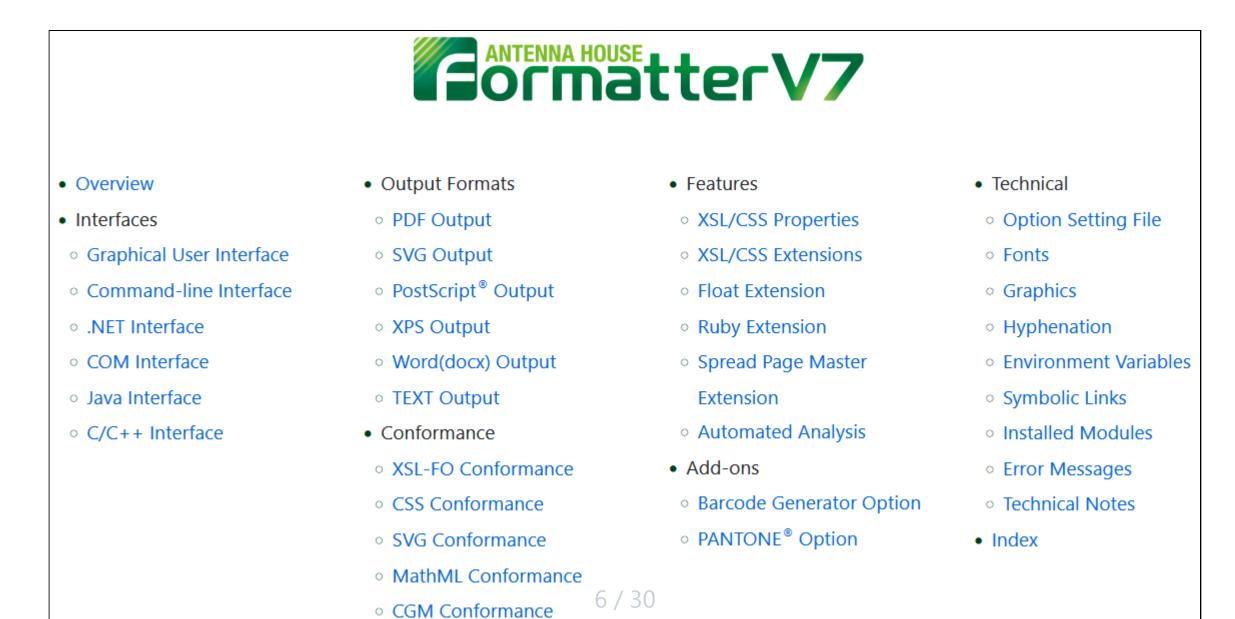


Online Manual

https://www.antenna.co.jp/AHF/help/en/

- Interface descriptions
- Output format descriptions
- Conformance

- Features
- Add-ons
- Technical information

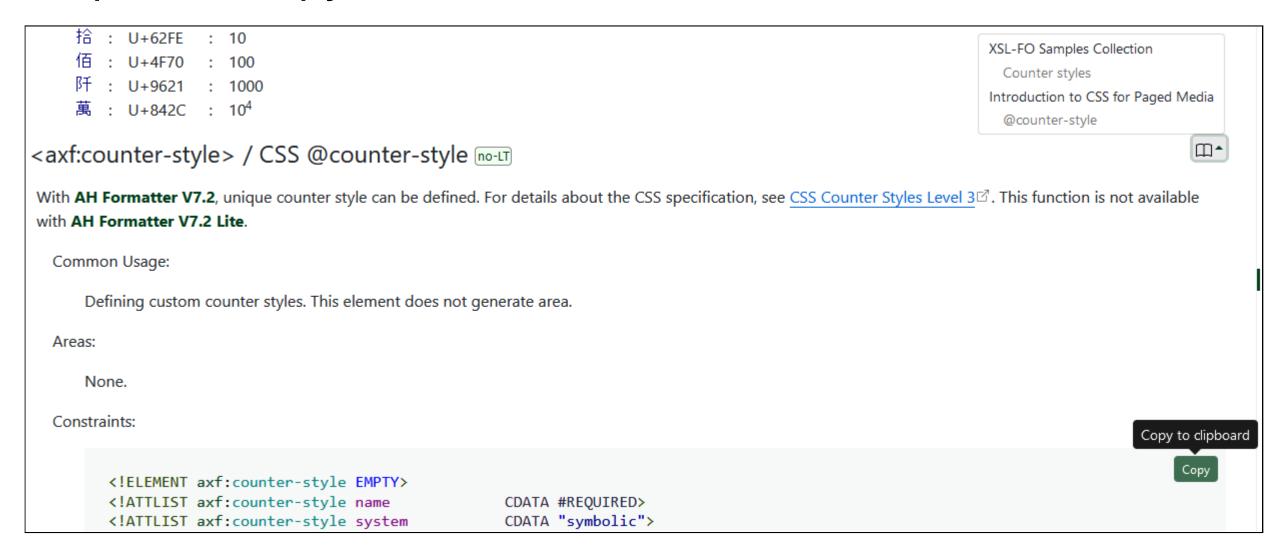




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Online Manual

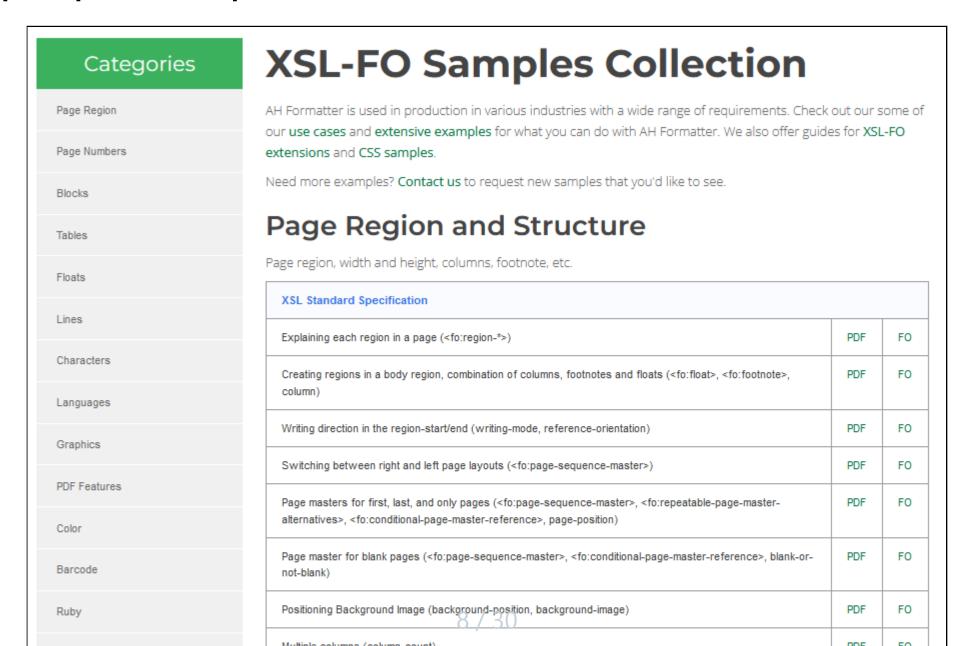
- Links to samples
- Code samples to copy



XSL-FO Samples Collection

https://www.antennahouse.com/xsl-fo-samples

- Over 220 samples
- 15 categories
- XSL FOs and properties plus AH Formatter extensions





XSL-FO Samples Collection

- Description of FOs, properties, or functions
- Examples
- Download source to see usage
- Property values (usually) also apply in CSS

Drop Caps

Using 'axf:initial-letters', creates <u>Drop Capitals</u>. Drop Capitals is a layout technique that enlarges the first character of a paragraph. This feature is available in AH Formatter V7.0 or later.

axf:initial-letters="3"

Specify the letter size as 3 lines

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Image as initial letter

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axf:initial-letters="3 adjacent" Indent all the lines in block

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Languages written right-to-left

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Tips & Tricks

Antenna House Tips & Tricks

Optimizing AH Formatter Performance Antenna House

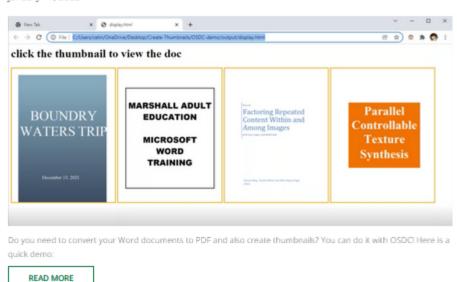
May 11, 2022

We get a lot of questions about how we measure performance or optimize performance for AH Formatter while generating PDFs, so here are some tips ...

READ MORE

How To: Create Thumbnails with OSDC Antenna House

January 14, 2022



PDF Techniques for Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 [Updated]

Antenna House

October 5, 2021

AH Formatter implements a combination of FOs and properties from XSL 1.1 plus Antenna House extensions that allow you to use the accessibility ...

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https://www.antennahouse.com/tips-tricks

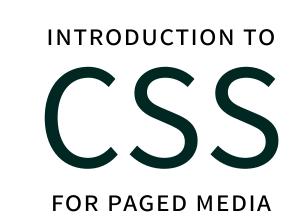
- Tips for using Antenna House products
- Other useful information



Introduction to CSS for Paged Media

https://www.antennahouse.com/css

- PDF and HTML+CSS source for 210-page book
- Review source to see how to use CSS properties and AH Formatter extensions







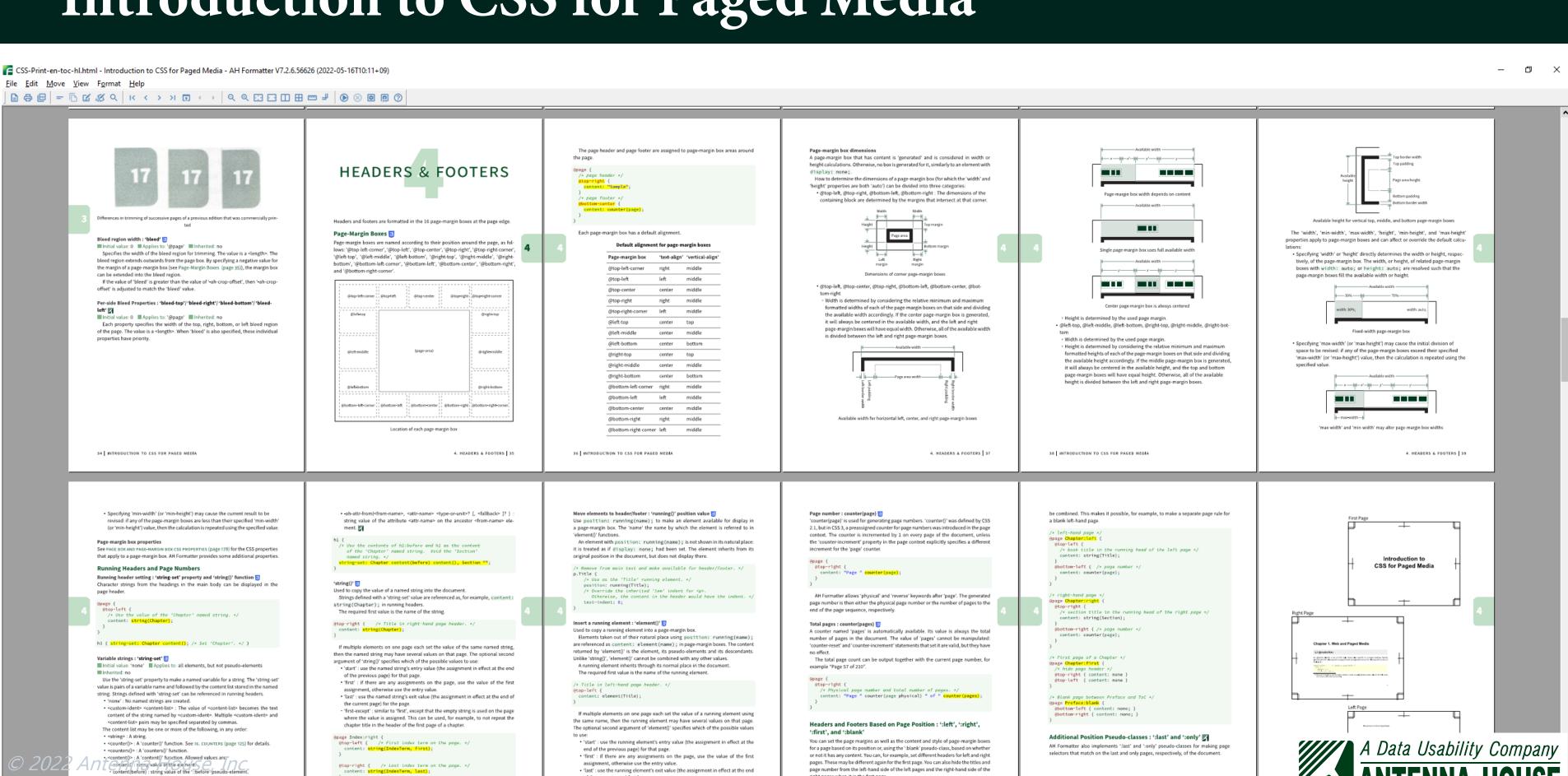
Introduction to CSS for Paged Media

of the current page) for the page.

where the value is assigned.

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'first-except': similar to 'first', except that the empty string is used on the page



page number from the left-hand side of the left pages and the right-hand side of the

of the first page of each named page can be specified. The pseudo-class

When used together with named pages, the style of the left and right pages and

Mastering Antenna House XSL Formatter Extensions

Mastering
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Extensions



- www.antennahouse.com/xsl-extensions-guide
- First edition 25 May 2022
- Released in time for XML Prague 2022
- "This first edition guide features Antenna House XSL Formatter extensions that were created in response to our users' specialized layout requirements and provides examples of a variety of documents formatted with XSL-FO."



Mastering Antenna House XSL Formatter Extensions

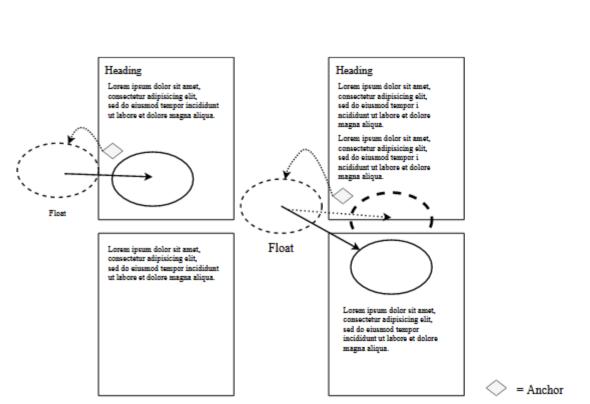


Figure 2.9-1 When sufficient space is available (left) and when not available (right)

2.9.1 Reference area

You can specify the reference area in which to place the float.

Property	axf:float-reference
Value	auto normal page column multicol
Initial	auto
Applies to	fo:float

axf:float-reference specifies the reference area for the float [Figure 2.9-2] (p.147).

axf:float-reference	Definition
auto, normal	Current reference area.
page	Page (body region).
column	Column.
multicol	The reference area is all columns. The float can span fewer than all of the

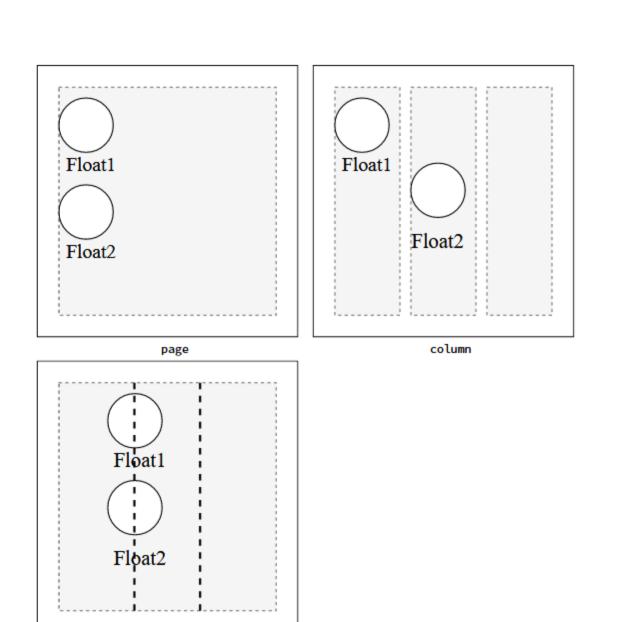


Figure 2.9-2 axf:float-reference with axf:float-x="start"

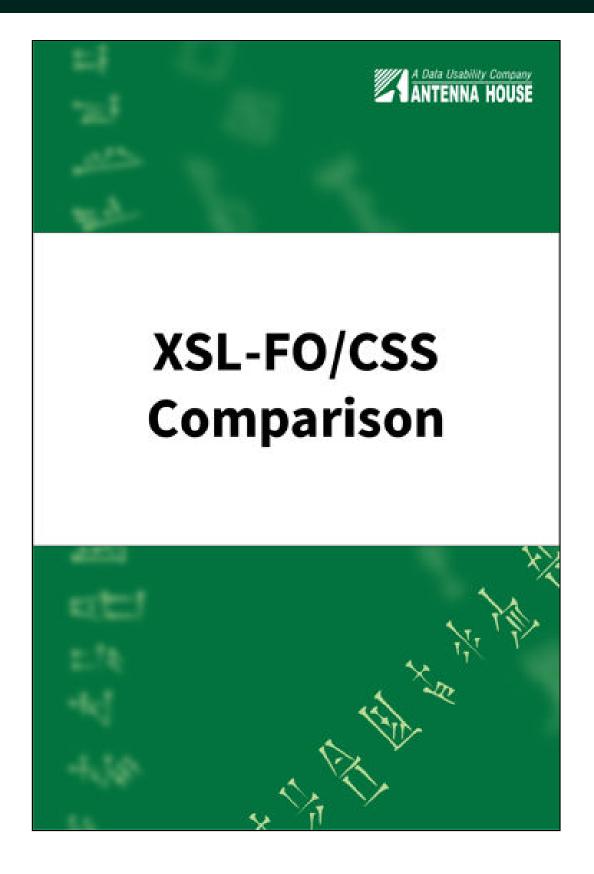
multicol

Since the reference area for column is a column, for a three-column area, the candidate areas for placing the float are the first, second and third column, in sequence.

When multicol, the placement position is the columns in sequence, but the floaf span fewer than all of the columns. By using *gr* for the float width, you can, for example specify the float as spanning two of the three columns. auto and normal use the curreference area.



XSL-FO/CSS Comparison



- www.antennahouse.com/xsl-fo-css-comparison
- 150-page comparison of XSL-FO, CSS, and AH Formatter extensions for both
- New for XML Prague 2022
- More information tomorrow!



Developing XSL-FO Stylesheets

https://www.antennahouse.com/xml-to-xsl-fo-stylesheets

- How to Develop Stylesheets for XML to XSL-FO Transformation
- Formatting World Languages with XSL-FO Formatter
- Stylesheet for XHTML to XSL-FO transformation
- Stylesheet for XBRL to XSL-FO transformation and sample XBRL file



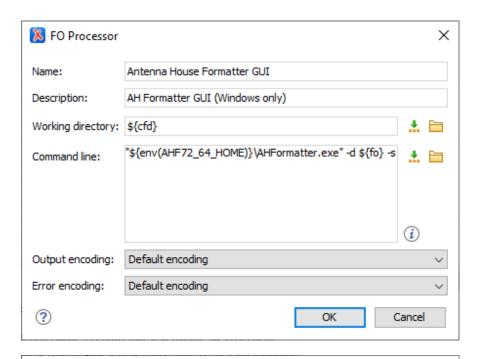
Oxygen

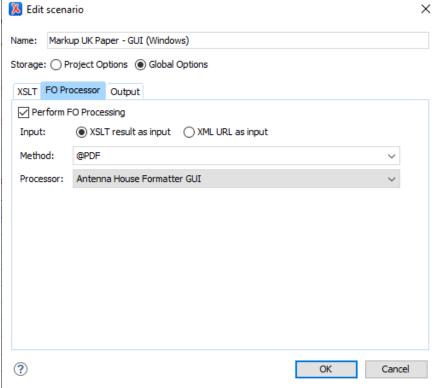
- Running AH Formatter from Oxygen
- Opening files in Oxygen from AH Formatter GUI
- Oxygen frameworks



Running AH Formatter from Oxygen

- Add AH Formatter GUI or AHFCmd as "External FO processor"
- "\${env(AHF72_64_HOME)}\AHFormatter.exe"-d \${fo} -s
 - s opens document in running AH Formatter
 GUI
- "\${env(AHF72_64_HOME)}\AHFCmd.exe" -d \$
 {fo} -p \${ah_method} -o \${out} -x 4
 - -x 4 stops only for fatal errors
- Set AH Formatter GUI or AH Formatter as FO Processor in transformation scenario
 - Start AH Formatter GUI before running transformation scenario
 - GUI refreshes to show current page again

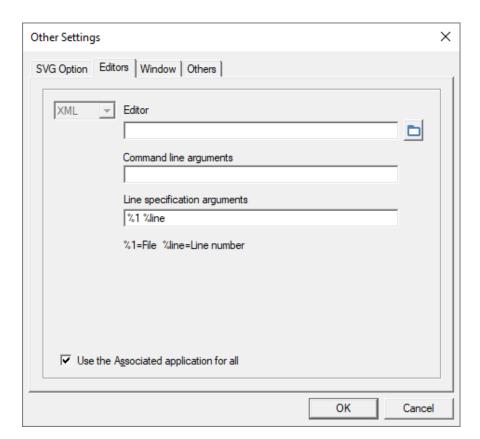


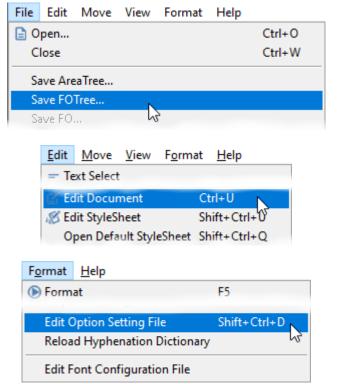




Opening files in Oxygen from AH Formatter GUI

- Set AH Formatter GUI to use system application when editing files
- Edit or view:
 - Area Tree XML
 - FO Tree
 - FO result of XSLT transform
 - Source document
 - Stylesheet
 - Default HTML styles
 - Option Setting File
 - Font configuration file
 - Some errors in log window







Oxygen Frameworks

- focheck XSL-FO and Antenna House extensions https://github.com/AntennaHouse/focheck
 - Also bundled with Oxygen
- ahfsettings Schema for AH Formatter "Option Setting File" https://github.com/AntennaHouse/ahfsettings
- hyphenation-info Schema and Schematron for AH Formatter hyphenation exception dictionaries https://github.com/AntennaHouse/hyphenation-info
- font-config Schema for AH Formatter "font-config.xml" files https://github.com/AntennaHouse/font-config
- Framework "add-on update site" URL format: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/AntennaHouse/repository/master/add-on.xml
- Issues and pull requests are welcome!



Visual Studio Code

```
# test.css > too

1    .foo {
2    -ah-baseline_block-snap: center;
3    Specifies how to align blocks on the baseline grid.
    none | [auto | before | after | center] || [border-box | margin-box]

AH Formatter manual | Introduction to CSS for Paged Media | Align title to top of text block (FO) | Line grid (FO)
```

- Auto-completion and hover information in CSS files for AH Formatter extension CSS properties
- Short description and allowed values
- Reference information links, including:
 - AH Formatter manual definition
 - XSL 1.1 definition, if CSS extension of XSL 1.1 property
 - "Introduction to CSS for Paged Media" section
 - FO PDF sample that shows property being used
- https://github.com/AntennaHouse/ahformatter-vscode-css-en
- https://github.com/AntennaHouse/ahformatter-vscode-css-en/releases

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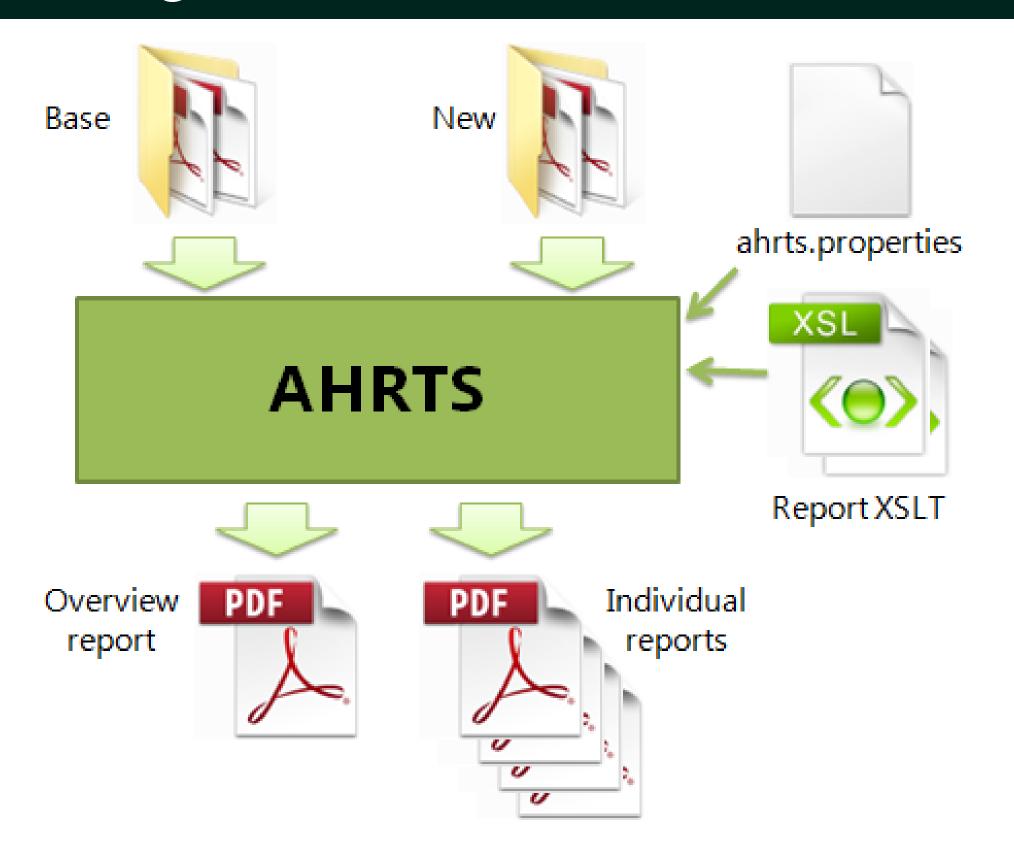
Antenna House Regression Testing System (AHRTS)



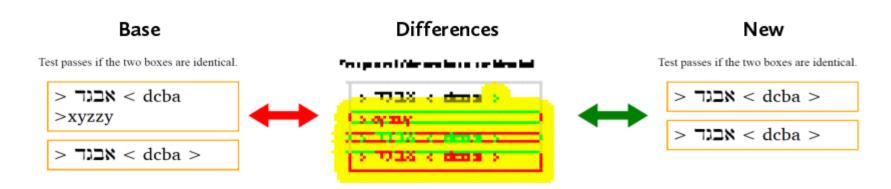
- Compare:
 - PDF to PDF
 - Image to image
 - Text to text
 - Directories of PDF files
 - Directories of image files
 - Output of different AH Formatter versions
- GUI or command line
- Summary report
- Individual report with differences highlighted
- Can exclude portions of a page



AHRTS Block Diagram



AHRTS Highlights Differences

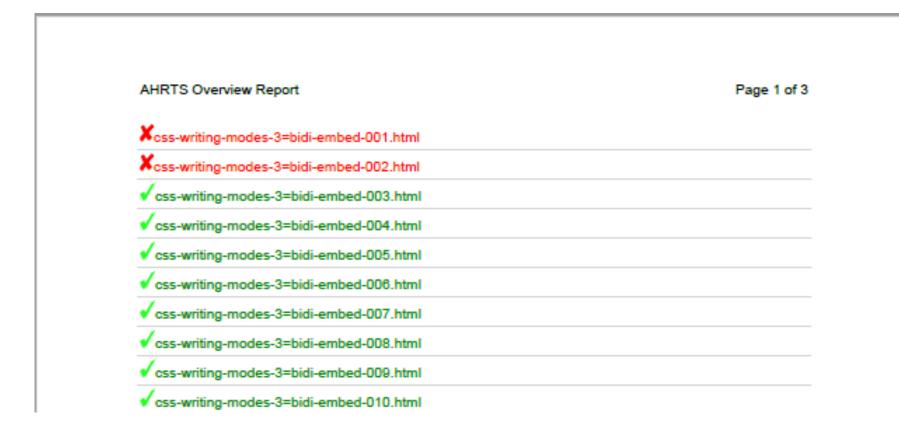


- Pixel-by-pixel comparison
- Any PDF or supported image type
- Does not need to be generated by AH Formatter

AHRTS Reports PDF Metadata

Individual Report For Comparison: report-css-writing-modes-3=bidi-embed-001.html-97421a4c.pdf Base Document: E:\jenkins_home\csswg-test-local-pdf\css-writing-modes-3=bidi-embed-001.html.pdf(1 page) New Document: E:\jenkins_home\csswg-test-local-V64-pdf\css-writing-modes-3=bidi-embed-001.html.pdf(1 page) The following pages have visual differences: (1/1) direction/unicode-bidi: span direction rtl, direction/unicode-bidi: span direction rtl, unicode-bidi embed (2) unicode-bidi embed (1) AH Formatter V6.4 A0 for Windows (x64): AH Formatter V6.4 A0 for Windows (x64): 6.4.0.25035 (2016/06/27 19:33JST) 6.4.0.25035 (2016/06/27 19:33JST) Antenna House PDF Output Library 6.4.811 Antenna House PDF Output Library 6.4.811 (Windows (x64)) (Windows (x64)) 2016-07-15T21:08:32.000+01:00 2016-07-15T21:08:32.000+01:00 date

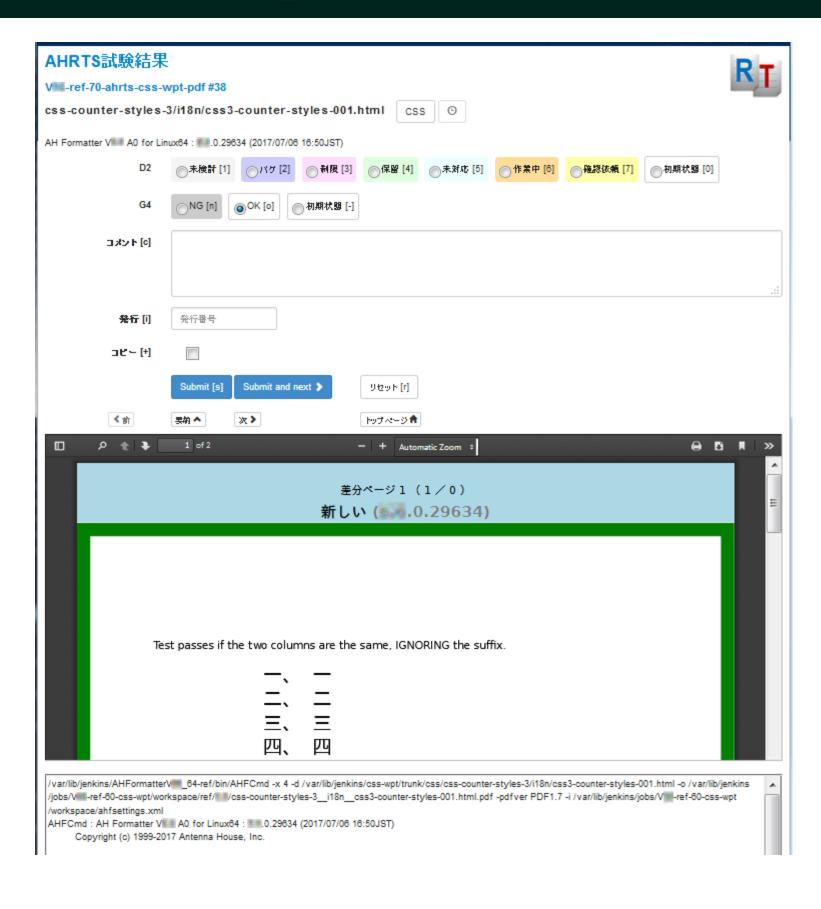
Customise Summary Report XSLT







Customise Individual Report XSLT



AHRTS is Localisable



Support

- support@antennahouse.com
 - Support within warranty or maintenance period
 - Bug reports
 - Enhancement requests
 - Subscribe to announcements list
- Website contact form https://www.antennahouse.com/contact-us
- StackOverflow
 - Use antenna-house, xsl-fo, or css-paged-media tag
 - Many answers are from other users



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