Column Macro

The **column macro** allows you to define a set of columns across a page.

A set of columns must be defined within a vertical 'section' of a page. Hence, to display a set of columns correctly across a page, each column in the set must be inserted within a single pair of **section macro** elements. Furthermore, each column in the set is defined as a pair of column macro elements.

Once you have defined your set of columns within a pair of section macro elements, you can add content to each column by inserting your content within the body of each pair of column macro elements.

The following example in Wiki Markup, shows a set of two columns defined across a section of a page,

```
{section:border=true}
{column}The content of column one is entered within the body of the first set of column elements here.
{column}
{column}The content of column two is entered within the body of the second set of column elements here.
{column}
{section}
```

which renders on the page like this:

The content of column one is entered within the body of the first set of column elements here.
The content of column two is entered within the body of the second set of column elements here.

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**Usage with the Macro Browser**

To insert the column macro into a page using the Macro Browser,

1. Open the Confluence page or blog post that you want to edit, then click the 'Edit' button.
2. Click the Macro Browser icon on the toolbar. The macro browser window will open.
3. Scroll through the list of macros to find the one you want. Alternatively, start typing the macro name into the search box at the top right of the macro browser. Macros with a matching name will appear in the main pane.
4. Click the desired macro.
5. Set the macro parameters to your requirements. If desired, you can preview these changes by clicking 'Refresh'.
6. Click 'Insert' to add the macro onto the page.

You can also insert macros via autocomplete. For more information, see Using Autocomplete in the Rich Text Editor.

Once you've found the column macro, click 'Insert' to add it to your page.

One or more column macros must be inserted within a section macro to be displayed correctly on a page.

**Usage with the Wiki Markup Editor**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>What you need to type</th>
<th>What you will get</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>{section}</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>{column}</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Column one text goes here</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>{column}</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Column two text goes here</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>{section}</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Parameters**

Parameters are options that you can include in Confluence macros to control the content or format of the macro output. The table below lists relevant parameters for this macro.
Parameter names are different in the macro browser and in wiki markup. Below we show the macro browser parameter names in **bold** text, and the equivalent wiki markup parameters in *(bracketed)* text. If we do not show any parameter name for the wiki markup, then you should leave out the parameter name and simply include the parameter value as the first parameter, immediately after the colon (:).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Required?</th>
<th>Default</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Column Width</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>100% of the page width, divided equally by the number of (column)s in the (section)</td>
<td>The width of the column. Can be specified either in pixels (e.g. '{column:width=400px}’) or as a percentage of the available page width (e.g. '{column:width=50%}’)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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