

COMD1127 Type and Media

Some common uses and problems with alignment

FL/RR [Flushed left- Ragged Right] is the most common kind. Often used for heavy text. Good for columns with short line length

One day her mother said to her: ‘Come, Little Red-Cap, here is a piece of cake and a bottle of wine; take them to your grandmother, she is ill and weak, and they will do her good. Set out before it gets hot, and when you are going, walk nicely and quietly and do not run off the path, or you may fall and break the bottle, and then your grandmother will get nothing; and when you go into her room, don’t forget to say, “Good morning”, and don’t peep into every corner before you do it.’

Be careful with odd line breaks, multiple hyphens (ladders)

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Used for minimal text scenario. Quotes, Breaks.

Widows/orphans/odd breaks/start of paragraph?

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C [Centered]

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Rhythm of lines: Careful with short /long/short/long

Widows/orphans/hyphenated word

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J [Justified]

Often used for heavy text. Better when the line length is longer (wider column)

Control of hyphens and rhythm of text lines can be very tricky

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FJ [Forced Justification]

When to use? Rarely-- Highly problematic

Rivers! Rivers! Rivers! Odd spaces between words and letters

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