

# Chapter 39: Columns

## Section 39.1: Simple Example (column-count)

The CSS multi-column layout makes it easy to create multiple columns of text.

### Code

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```

```
.multi-columns {  
  -moz-column-count: 2;  
  -webkit-column-count: 2;  
  column-count: 2;  
}
```

### Result

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answers up or down and edit questions and answers in a fashion similar to a wiki or Digg.[13] Users of Stack Overflow can earn reputation points and "badges"; for example, a person is awarded 10 reputation points for receiving an "up" vote on an answer given to a question, and can receive badges for their valued contributions, [14] which represents a kind of gamification of the traditional Q&A site or forum. All user-generated content is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribute-ShareAlike license.

## Section 39.2: Column Width

The `column-width` property sets the minimum column width. If `column-count` is not defined the browser will make as many columns as fit in the available width.

### Code:

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<div id="multi-columns">  
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```

```
</div>
```

```
.multi-columns {  
  -moz-column-width: 100px;  
  -webkit-column-width: 100px;  
  column-width: 100px;  
}
```

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