

Baseline Grid Example

THIS IS THE MAIN BASELINE GRID

HEADLINE 36/36 PT

BODY TEXT 9/12 PT

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ALIGN TO BASELINE GRID

LEAD-IN 18/24 PT

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PULLQUOTE 12/18 PT

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CAPTION 7/9 PT

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Baseline Grid Example

In order for the body text to line up with the baseline grid, the space before and after the subheads must add up to the baseline grid increment, 12pt (1p).

Typeface in the example:
Adobe Utopia
Robert Slimbach, 1989.

SUBHEAD 1 10.5/12 PT

Semibold
space before & after = 6 pt
do not align to baseline grid 

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SUBHEAD 2 9/12 PT

Semibold
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space after = 3 pt
do not align to baseline grid 

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SUBHEAD 3 9/12 PT

Smallcaps
space before = 10 pt
space after = 2 pt
do not align to baseline grid 

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How to calculate the leadings?

EXAMPLE 1

larger text, leading = ?

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } 2x &= 36\text{pt} \\ x &= 18\text{pt} \end{aligned}$$

The leading of the larger text should be 18 pt in order to align with the baseline grid every other line.

body text, leading = 12 pt
Baseline Grid increment = 12 pt (1p)

Remember to click on the  button & select 'Only Align First Line to Grid' in the paragraph  submenu .

EXAMPLE 2

smaller text, leading = ?

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vulputate eumsandre dolor] $12\text{pt} \times 3 = 36\text{pt}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } 4y &= 36\text{pt} \\ y &= 9\text{pt} \end{aligned}$$

The leading of the smaller text should be 9 pt in order to align with the baseline grid every five lines.

body text, leading = 12 pt
Baseline Grid increment = 12 pt (1p)

Remember to click on the  button & select 'Only Align First Line to Grid' in the paragraph  submenu .