

# CSS Line Module Processing Model

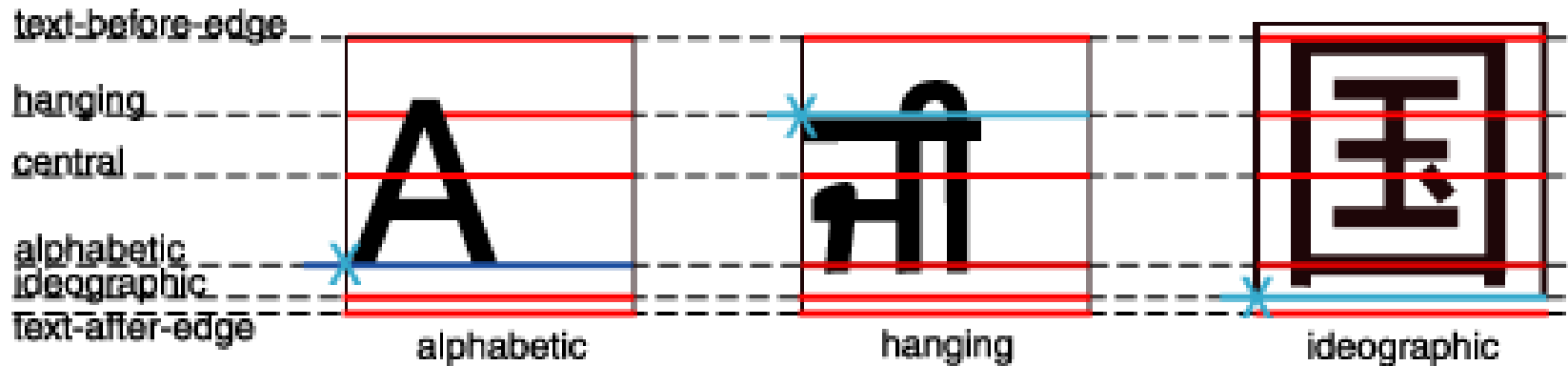
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# Basic Processing Model

1. Text processing (i.e., **line breaking and justification**).
2. For each line constructed in step 1., the components of the line are **given their half-leading and are aligned, vertically**, with respect to its neighbors
3. Having aligned all the components, **compute the vertical extent of the line**. This vertical extent determines the top and bottom of the line box (and Text Processing determined its horizontal extent)
4. If alignment to a line grid is not specified, then **the top of the current line box is aligned to the bottom of the previous line box** if there is one and, otherwise, at the top of the block box in which the line box occurs.
5. If alignment to a named line grid is specified, then a relevant **baseline in the current line box is aligned with the relevant baseline in the next line alignment table in the line grid**.
6. If the line, thus position has any component which collides with a float, then, shorten the line to avoid the collision and repeat above steps.

# Baseline Tables

- Based on the “dominant baseline” a scaled table of baselines is created for each element



- Different baselines may have different tables
- Not all baselines come from the font

# Topics of Concern – Line Box

- Determining the position of the “top” and “bottom” baselines
- Determining where the dominant baseline is within the line box
- Can half-leading be “turned-off” at the top of a container?

# Line Grids

- Specify an alignment grid for a given container

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lazy dog. A quick brown  
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mps over the lazy dog.

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the lazy dog. A quick brown fox  
quick brown fox jumps over the

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**Heading**

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lazy dog. A quick brown

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A quick brown fox jumps over t  
fox jumps over the lazy dog. A

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# Topics of Concern: Line Grid

- The line grid is based on the font, font-size and line-height used when it is defined
- Is the position of the (then) dominant baseline sufficient or is a full baseline table per line needed?
- What control over the alignment of blocks of text is needed: top, bottom, center or TeX-like?
- How is the line grid offset from element in which it is defined?

# Proposed Plan

- Update the current draft to current template, dropping all out of scope material
- Re-do the introduction to describe the processing model
- Implement the resolution moving the Line Grid description into this spec
- Discuss at Hamburg F2F