

1-Pager — on Table Assets

Table assets can be placed on an InDesign page and can be styled automatically.

Table assets will not flow onto the page as an InDesign table; they will flow on as tabbed text, just as agate.

» RULESET CHANGES

Step 1

In the Default Ruleset, add a rule for a child table. The rule should be added next to where the rules for childimage and childarticle are referenced. An example of the rule is in the image to the right.

Step 2

Import the tableAsset ruleset. That ruleset can be obtained from TownNews, but it is also attached to this document. To import, go to your rulesets and select the New button. Choose Import, navigate to and select the ruleset you would like to import, and click OK.

The 'Edit rule' dialog box for 'Child Table' shows the following fields:

- Rule comment: Child Table
- Start tag: <childtable>
- Start tag replace:
- End tag: </childtable>
- End tag replace:
- Paragraph style:
- Character style:
- Translate script: <&kill:>|<&tbu2:(0,0,-2,,table,,+0,8)>|<&contents:>|<&ostyle:FR Table Frame>|<&recursive:(CleanReflowBreaks)>|<&recursive:(tableAssets)>

Buttons: Apply, Cancel

Step 3

Go to the Export ruleset and add rules so the styles write back to TCMS. An example of the rules is in the image to the right.

Rule comment	Start tag	Paragraph style	Translate script
Tables	//		
Table Head -- This writes back to the web headline (th...	#	Table 1 Asset Head	<&tbu2:(,,title)>
Table Description -- this is content and needs no speci...	#	Table 1 Asset Description	<&tbu2:(,,content)>
Table Header Row -- MUST go to table_headers	#	Table 3 Header	<&tbu2:(,,table_headers)>
Table Data Rows -- MUST go to table_rows	#	Table 4 Rows	<&tbu2:(,,table_rows)>
Table Bylines / Credit	#	Table 5 Credit	<&tbu2:(,,byline)>

» PARAGRAPH STYLES

The ruleset will call one object style and five paragraph styles. If you place a table asset, it will create the styles in a folder called, “Your Template Needs These Styles.” Then define the styles and make sure they are added to your template. You can also place a snippet created by TownNews. That snippet is attached to this document.



Tip

THE BLOX Total CMS appliance must be at version 1.15.x for table assets to work properly when flowing onto an InDesign page.