Table

Prawn comes with table support out of the box. Tables can be styled in whatever way you see fit. The whole table, rows, columns and cells can be styled independently from each other.

The examples show:

- · How to create tables
- What content can be placed on tables
- Subtables (or tables within tables)
- How to style the whole table
- How to use initializer blocks to style only specific portions of the table

table/creation.rb

Creating tables with Prawn is fairly easy. There are two methods that will create tables for us table and make_table.

Both are wrappers that create a new Prawn::Table object. The difference is that table calls the draw method after creating the table and make_table only returns the created table, so you have to call the draw method yourself.

The most simple table can be created by providing only an array of arrays containing your data where each inner array represents one row.

this is the first row
this is the second row

short	short	looooooooooooooo
short	looooooooooooooo	short
looooooooooooooo	short	short

table/content_and_subtables.rb

There are five kinds of objects which can be put in table cells:

1. String: produces a text cell (the most common usage)

2. Prawn::Table::Cell

3. Prawn::Table

4. Array

5. Images

Whenever a table or an array is provided as a cell, a subtable will be created (a table within a cell).

If you'd like to provide a cell or table directly, the best way is to use the make_cell and make_table methods as they don't call draw on the created object.

To insert an image just provide a hash with an with an :image key pointing to the image path.

just a regular row				blah blah blah
this row content comes directly	from cell objects			
		subtable from an array		
just another regular row				
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		subtable from another ta	able	

table/flow_and_header.rb

If the table cannot fit on the current page it will flow to the next page just like free flowing text. If you would like to have the first row treated as a header which will be repeated on subsequent pages set the :header option to true.

```
data = [["This row should be repeated on every new page"]]
data += [["..."]] * 30
table(data, :header => true)
```

This row should be repeated on every new page

This row should be repeated on every new page

table/position.rb

The table() method accepts a :position argument to determine horizontal position of the table within its bounding box. It can be :left (the default), :center, :right, or a number specifying a distance in PDF points from the left side.

```
data = [["The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs."]] * 2

text "Left:"
table data, :position => :left
move_down 10

text "Center:"
table data, :position => :center
move_down 10

text "Right:"
table data, :position => :right
move_down 10

text "100pt:"
table data, :position => 100
```

Left:

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

Center:

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

Right:

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

100pt:

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs.

table/column_widths.rb

Prawn will make its best attempt to identify the best width for the columns. If the end result isn't good, we can override it with some styling.

Individual column widths can be set with the :column_widths option. Just provide an array with the sequential width values for the columns or a hash were each key-value pair represents the column 0-based index and its width.

Prawn trying to guess the column widths

this is not quite as long	here we have a line that is long but	this is so very
as the others	with smaller words	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
		ooong

Manually setting all the column widths

· · ·	we have a line that is long but smaller words	this is so very looooooooooooooooooo

Setting only the last column width

this is not quite as	here we have a line that is long	this is so very
long as the others	but with smaller words	looooooooooooooooooooo

table/width.rb

The default table width depends on the content provided. It will expand up to the current bounding box width to fit the content. If you want the table to have a fixed width no matter the content you may use the :width option to manually set the width.

```
text "Normal width:"
table [%w[A B C]]
move_down 20

text "Fixed width:"
table([%w[A B C]], :width => 300)
move_down 20

text "Normal width:"
table([["A", "Blah " * 20, "C"]])
move_down 20

text "Fixed width:"
table([["A", "Blah " * 20, "C"]], :width => 300)
```

Normal width:



Fixed width:

А	В	С
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Normal width:

С

Fixed width:

table/row_colors.rb

One of the most common table styling techniques is to stripe the rows with alternating colors.

There is one helper just for that. Just provide the <code>:row_colors</code> option an array with color values.

table/cell_dimensions.rb

To style all the table cells you can use the :cell_style option with the table methods. It accepts a hash with the cell style options.

Some straightforward options are width, height, and padding. All three accept numeric values to set the property.

padding also accepts a four number array that defines the padding in a CSS like syntax setting the top, right, bottom, left sequentially. The default is 5pt for all sides.

Cell's width: 160

Look at how the cells will look when styled	
They probably won't look the same	

Cell's height: 50

Look at how the cells will look when styled	
They probably won't look the same	

Cell's padding: 12

Look at how the cells will look when styled	
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Padding can also be set with an array: [0, 0, 0, 30]

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table/cell_borders_and_bg.rb

The borders option accepts an array with the border sides that will be drawn. The default is [:top, :bottom, :left, :right].

border_width may be set with a numeric value.

Both border_color and background_color accept an HTML like RGB color string ("FF0000")

Cell borders: [:top, :left]

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They probably won't look the same

Cell border_width: 3

Look at how the cells will look when styled

They probably won't look the same

Cell border_color: "FF0000"

Look at how the cells will look when styled

They probably won't look the same

Cell background_color: FFFFCC

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table/cell_border_lines.rb

The border_lines option accepts an array with the styles of the border sides. The default is [:solid, :solid, :solid, :solid].

border_lines must be set to an array.

Cell:border_lines => [:dotted, :solid, :dotted, :dashed]

	Look at how the cell border lines can be mixed		
	dotted top border		
	solid right border		
	dotted bottom border		
	dashed left border		

table/cell_text.rb

Text cells accept the following options: align, font, font_style, inline_format, kerning, leading, min_font_size, overflow, rotate, rotate_around, single_line, size, text_color, and valign.

Most of these style options are direct translations from the text methods styling options.

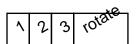
Look at how the cells will look when styled

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Just SOME *inline*styles being applied here



Look at how the cells will	
They probably won't look the	

table/image_cells.rb

Prawn can insert images into a table. Just pass a hash into table() with an :image key pointing to the image.

You can pass the :scale, :fit, :position, and :vposition arguments in alongside :image; these will function just as in image().

The :image_width and :image_height arguments set the width/height of the image within the cell, as opposed to the :width and :height arguments, which set the table cell's dimensions.

Standard image cell	
:scale => 0.5	
:fit => [100, 200]	
:image_height => 50, :image_width => 100	

:position => :center	
:vposition => :center	

table/span.rb

Table cells can span multiple columns, rows, or both. When building a cell, use the hash argument constructor with a <code>:colspan</code> and/or <code>:rowspan</code> argument. Row or column spanning must be specified when building the data array; you can't set the span in the table's initialization block. This is because cells are laid out in the grid before that block is called, so that references to row and column numbers make sense.

Cells are laid out in the order given, skipping any positions spanned by previously instantiated cells. Therefore, a cell with rowspan: 2 will be missing at least one cell in the row below it. See the code and table below for an example.

It is illegal to overlap cells via spanning. A Prawn::Errors::InvalidTableSpan error will be raised if spans would cause cells to overlap.

```
table([
    ["A", {:content => "2x1", :colspan => 2}, "B"],
    [{:content => "1x2", :rowspan => 2}, "C", "D", "E"],
    [{:content => "2x2", :colspan => 2, :rowspan => 2}, "F"],
    ["G", "H"]
])
```

Α	2x1		В
1x2	O	D	Е
	2x2		F
G			Н

table/before_rendering_page.rb

Prawn::Table#initialize takes a **:before_rendering_page** argument, to adjust the way an entire page of table cells is styled. This allows you to do things like draw a border around the entire table as displayed on a page.

The callback is passed a Cells object that is numbered based on the order of the cells on the page (e.g., the first row on the page is cells.row(0)).

```
table([["foo", "bar", "baz"]] * 40) do |t|
  t.cells.border_width = 1
  t.before_rendering_page do |page|
    page.row(0).border_top_width = 3
    page.row(-1).border_bottom_width = 3
    page.column(0).border_left_width = 3
    page.column(-1).border_right_width = 3
    end
end
```

foo	bar	baz
foo	bar	baz

foo	bar	baz
foo	bar	baz

table/basic_block.rb

All of the previous styling options we've seen deal with all the table cells at once.

With initializer blocks we may deal with specific cells. A block passed to one of the table methods (Prawn::Table.new, Prawn::Document#table, Prawn::Document#make_table) will be called after cell setup but before layout. This is a very flexible way to specify styling and layout constraints.

Just like the Prawn::Document.generate method, the table initializer blocks may be used with and without a block argument.

The table class has three methods that are handy within an initializer block: cells, rows and columns. All three return an instance of Prawn::Table::Cells which represents a selection of cells.

cells return all the table cells, while rows and columns accept a number or a range as argument which returns a single row/column or a range of rows/columns respectively. (rows and columns are also aliased as row and column)

The Prawn::Table::Cells class also defines rows and columns so they may be chained to narrow the selection of cells.

All of the cell styling options we've seen on previous examples may be set as properties of the selection of cells.

Header	A A A A	В
Data row	С	DDDDD
Another data row	E	F

table/filtering.rb

Another way to reduce the number of cells is to filter the table.

filter is just like Enumerable#select. Pass it a block and it will iterate through the cells returning a new Prawn::Table::Cells instance containing only those cells for which the block was not false.

Item	Jan Sales	Feb Sales
Oven	17	89
Fridge	62	30
Microwave	71	47

table/style.rb

We've seen how to apply styles to a selection of cells by setting the individual properties. Another option is to use the style method

style lets us define multiple properties at once with a hash. It also accepts a block that will be called for each cell and can be used for some complex styling.

```
table([[""] * 8] * 8) do
  cells.style(:width => 24, :height => 24)

cells.style do |c|
  c.background_color = ((c.row + c.column) % 2).zero? ? '000000' : 'ffffff'
  end
end
```

