Drupal 8 - Adding tables and making them responsive

User Level: Advanced

This is an advanced topic. You will need to possess a good understanding of HTML, and have significant experience with Drupal content editing.

Overview

You can add tables and, if you like, make those tables responsive in content on Drupal 8. This ensures they look good no matter how small a device someone viewing your site uses.

As this requires going into the "source" of your text editor and working with html, it is more of an advanced topic for our content editors.

The first part covers how to make a table. The second will explain how to add classes to make your table responsive.

```
<FAMOUS SCIENTISTS - TABLES PAGE>

Basic page Famous scientists - table page has been created.

On this page I'm going to make a responsive table, one that looks good on small devices.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Titles</th>
<th>Life</th>
<th>Wikipedia link</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Johnson</td>
<td>physics, space scientist, mathematics</td>
<td>1910-</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pope-Gaines</td>
<td></td>
<td>1970-</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret</td>
<td>computer scientist, aerospace</td>
<td>1936-</td>
<td><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Hamilton_I">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Hamilton_I</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hamilton</td>
<td>geography</td>
<td>1888-</td>
<td></td>
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</table>
```

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4) Type your content into the cells
5) If you need to add another cell or row, right click on the table and select the option that meets your needs.

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6) Save your content and view your table.

- Part Two: In the source of your text editor, add classes to the table rows and cells
  1) Click on the Source button of your text editor
  2) Add a class to the table to make it responsive.
  3) Decide which column or columns have the least priority and add "priority-low" classes to them.
  4) Decide which column or columns have second least priority and add "priority-medium" classes to them.
  5) Edit your table as needed.

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  Table source code before responsive classes were added:

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Notes for the web team (developers)

In order for this to work for our clients, you need the following fields allowed under the filter settings for the Full HTML text format:

```
<table class> <caption> <tbody> <thead> <tfoot> <th class style colspan rowspan> <tr>
  *The style and colspan/rowspan are what users need to merge columns and rows
```

You can also find it in the tables.css of the Bartik theme.

```php
/** * Responsive tables. */
@media screen and (max-width: 600px) {
th.priority-low, td.priority-low,
th.priority-medium, td.priority-medium {
display: none;
}
}

@media screen and (max-width: 960px) {
th.priority-low, td.priority-low {
display: none;
}
}
```

Steps
Part One: Create a table in the text editor region of your content

1) Within the text editor region of a piece of content, look for the table icon.

2) Decide how many rows and columns you need. You can always add more later.
3) Indicate where your table header will be ("First Row" in the above example, and provide a caption.

Here's your table:

4) Type your content into the cells
5) If you need to add another cell or row, right click on the table and select the option that meets your needs.

Here's my table filled out:

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Merging cells

Note: If you are trying to merge rows or columns in a table and find you cannot, please put in a ticket to helpdesk.franklin.uga.edu.
6) Save your content and view your table.

Notice the table has some flexibility, but the content doesn’t all fit when I downsize the screen to simulate a cell phone screen.
We're going to go into the source and add some responsive classes to our table using html.

**Part Two: In the source of your text editor, add classes to the table rows and cells**
1) Click on the Source button of your text editor

To *table* I added `<table class="responsive-table">`.

2) Add a class to the table to make it responsive.

To `<table>` I added `<table class="responsive-table">`. 
3) Decide which column or columns have the least priority and add "priority-low" classes to them.

These will be the first to disappear when the screen size shrinks.

Add the "priority-low" class to the table header row and each of the cells.

I'm making the Year column disappear first.

First, to <th> I added <th class="priority-low"> to make the header row Year disappear first.

```html
<thead>
  <tr>
    <th>Name</th>
    <th>Titles</th>
    <th class="priority-low">Life</th>
    <th>Wikipedia link</th>
  </tr>
</thead>
```

Next I changed <tr> to <tr class="priority-low"> to each of the Year cells.

```html
<tr>
  <td>Katherine Johnson</td>
  <td class="priority-low">1918-present</td>
  <td>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katherine_Johnson</td>
</tr>
```

I had to remember to add this class to all of the Years for each person in my table.

*Note: To see all the changes made to the HTML of this table, please see my source code at the bottom of this document.*

I won't see a change when I go back to the regular text editor mode away from the Source. I'll need to save my content first.
The Year column, which I gave the "priority-low" class, disappears once I decrease the size of the page.

4) Decide which column or columns have second least priority and add "priority-medium" classes to them.

These will columns will not show up on the smallest devices.

Edit your page again and select the Source button once more.

Add the "priority-medium" class to the table header row and each of the cells.

I'm making the Title column disappear next.

First I change the table header...
Then I do each of the individual title cells.

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Don't forget to change them all!

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Save your page and test your results.
Now the titles won't show up on small devices.

But there's a problem.

The urls in the Wikipedia page columns are so long, and they don't have a word break so the text won't wrap.
Because pasting the url as the link text doesn't meet accessibility guidelines any way, I'm going to recreate the link with some friendly text.

5) Edit your table as needed.

I'm changing the link text for this Wikipedia page column.

For more about adding links, please view the [Drupal 8 - Adding links to content document](https://drupal.org/docs/8getting-started/adding-links-to-content).

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<th>Famous scientists and mathematicians</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
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I did this for each link.

Notice I'm not just typing "Wikipedia page" over and over again, because that alone is not specific enough for link text. So I say "Wikipedia page for Katherine Johnson."
I saved my page.

Looks good!

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<td>astronomer, astrophysicist</td>
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