

# android:layout\_alignBaseline vs android:layout\_alignBottom

## Android Snippets - Align Baseline explained

When aligning TextViews in a Layout you may find `android:layout_alignBaseline` a useful formatting tool.

'Baseline' is a typographical term and refers to the *line upon which most letters 'sit' and below which descenders 'extend'*.

Consider the example where we have two TextViews to present, the first of which has had `android:padding="10dp"` applied. If we were to try and use `android:layout_alignBottom` we would find the TextViews appear uneven due to the applied padding.

However, if we use `android:layout_alignBaseline` instead, the two TextViews appears beautifully aligned - nice!

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