> ℹ️ **Tip**
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> When using different font sizes in the same paragraph, the line spacing may be uneven. To obtain evenly spaced lines, select **Fixed** or **At least** in the drop-down list and a value that is large enough to create a spacing between the lines sufficient to account for the largest font size used.

The last parameter on this tab is **Activate page line-spacing**. When *Use page line-spacing* is activated for a page style (see "General settings for the page style" on page 202), selecting this parameter enables page line-spacing for this paragraph style. To exempt the paragraph style from this feature, deselect this box.

When you enable a paragraph, paragraph style, or page style for page line-spacing, the base lines of the affected characters are aligned to an invisible vertical page grid, regardless of font size or of the presence of graphics. This aligns the baseline of each line of text to a vertical document grid, so that each line is the same height.

Alignment tab

Use the *Alignment* tab to modify the horizontal alignment of the text, choosing between Left, Right, Center, and Justified. The results of the selection are shown in a preview window on the right-hand side of the page.

When selecting Justified alignment, you can also decide how Writer should treat the last line of the paragraph. By default, Writer aligns the last line to the left (Start), but you can choose to align it to the center or to justify it (meaning that the words on the last line will be spaced in order to occupy it fully). If you have selected to justify the last line and select the **Expand single word** option, then when the last line of a justified paragraph consists of a single word, this word is stretched by inserting spaces between characters so that it occupies the full length of the line.

The alignment page is also used to control the Text to Text vertical alignment, useful when you have mixed font sizes on the same row. Choose the element of the fonts on the line that will be aligned between Automatic, Base line, Top, Middle, Bottom. Refer to Figure 208 for a visual representation of these reference points.
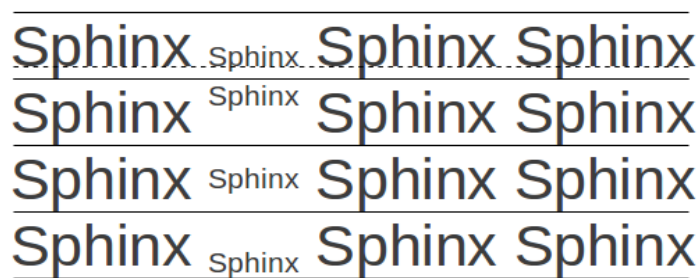

Figure 208: Text to text vertical alignment: Base line, Top, Middle, Bottom

Text flow options for paragraph styles

The *Text Flow* tab (Figure 209) has three parts: Hyphenation, Breaks, and Options.

With **Automatically** selected under *Hyphenation*, three parameters are available:

- **Characters at line end**: controls the minimum number of characters to be left on a line before inserting a hyphen.
- **Characters at line begin**: controls the minimum number of characters that can be placed at the beginning of a new line following a hyphen.
- **Maximum number of consecutive hyphens**: controls the number of consecutive lines that terminate with a hyphen. The typographical standard is 2.