Runtime grouping allows to change the look of data in the grid dynamically, re-organizing it for better presentation of information.

By default, grouping allows the user to show only grouping-key and count of items in the group.

```
<script>
grid.groupBy(2);
</script>
```

Sales	5	Book Title	Author	Price	In Store	Shipping	
⊡ John Grisham ( 3 )							
^	500	Time to Kill	John Grisham	\$12.99	•	24	
^	200	The Rainmaker	John Grisham	\$7.99		48	
^	1500	The Partner	John Grisham	\$12.99	~	48	

But, in many cases, such look and feel is not enough. The group contains a value that may be aggregated and shown as some kind of total.

The second parameter of **groupBy()** command allows to define the mask used by group-line:

```
<script>
grid.groupBy(2,["#stat_max","#title","","#stat_total","","#cspan","#cspan","#cspan"]);
</script>
```

Sale	25	Book Title	Author	Price	In Store	Shipping	Best
^	^ 1500 □ John Grisham ( 3 ) \$33.97						^
^	500	Time to Kill	John Grisham	\$12.99	<b>V</b>	24	
^	200	The Rainmaker	John Grisham	\$7.99		48	≡
^	1500	The Partner	John Grisham	\$12.99	<b>~</b>	48	

The second parameter of **groupBy()** command is an array, each value of which is mapped to the related column.

The possible values are:

- **title** will be used for group-key;
- cspan organize colspan with a sibling cell (the same as in cspan in header);
- **stat\_total** calculates total of values for the group;
- **stat\_max** calculates maximum value in the group;
- **stat\_min** calculates minimum value in the group;
- **stat\_average** calculates average value in the group;
- **stat\_count** calculates count of records in the group.

Stat-based values are rendered using the same exCell as the related column. This allows to

use **setNumberFormat()** against them (when the source column is of ron|edn type).

In normal mode, the grid allows to redefine the text of group-row with the help of **grid.customGroupFormat**:

```
<script>
   grid.groupBy(2);
   grid.customGroupFormat=function(name,count){
    return name+" :: found " +count+ " records";
   }
</script>
```

Sale	25	Book Title	Author	Price	In Store	Shipping	
□ John Grisham :: found 3 records							
^	500	Time to Kill	John Grisham	\$12.99	~	24	
^	200	The Rainmaker	John Grisham	\$7.99		48	
^	1500	The Partner	John Grisham	\$12.99	✓	48	

It is possible to add aggregation values to such custom defined group-line as well. It can be done through **groupStat()** method that returns the result of aggregation for the group and accepts the following parameters:

- · group name;
- · column index;
- name of stat operation (the same as markers above).

```
<script>
   grid.groupBy(2);
   grid.customGroupFormat=function(name,count){
    return name+", Max sales="+grid.groupStat(name,3,"stat_max")+",
total="+grid.groupStat(name,3,"stat_total");
   }
</script>
```

Sale	s	Book Title	Author	Price	In Store	Shipping		
⊡ Јс	□ John Grisham, Max sales=12.99, total=33.97							
^	500	Time to Kill	John Grisham	\$12.99	•	24		
^	200	The Rainmaker	John Grisham	\$7.99		48		
^	1500	The Partner	John Grisham	\$12.99	✓	48		

If all stated above is still not enough, there is a way to iterate through all rows in some

group and calculate any custom math. It can be done using built-in iterator:

```
<script>
grid.forEachRowInGroup(name,function(id){
do_something_with_row(id);
});
</script>
```

The parameter **name** is the key-value of the group.