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Using Editoria11y

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Editoria11y is an installed module to aid website editors in identifying formatting and accessibility issues on pages. It displays when you are logged in and viewing a page.



If the page has no issues, it will display as a blue circle with a white checkmark in the lower right of the page:



Editoria11y Cautions

If there are cautions, it will display a small yellow bar with a black flag within the circle, with the number of issues on the page displayed to the right:

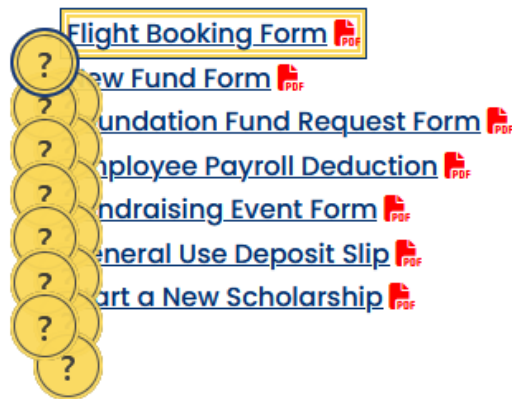


Sometimes an additional tab will open to the right indicating that the page has alerts regarding headings and alt text displayed:

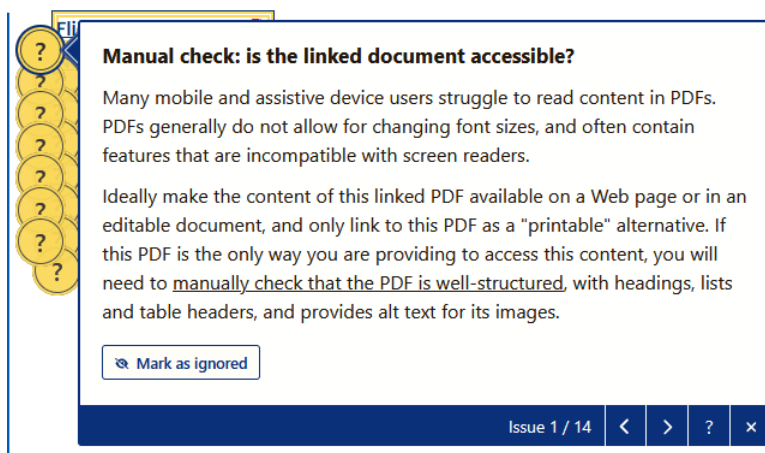


You can toggle this setting by clicking the central black flag icon.

When this option is enabled, yellow alerts will display on the page for you to be able to manually check, such as below:



Hovering over these icons will display what check is required:



If the link is okay, you can click the “Mark as ignored” button (or “Mark as OK” button, if available). This will clear it from the list of alerts.

All new or edited PDF links will trigger two cautions: one asking whether the linked document is accessible, and one asking whether opening a new window is expected. All new window alerts for document links can be cleared, as document links open in a new window by default.

Make sure documents are actually accessible before clearing those alerts. The easiest way to do this is to click on the link and make sure the text is selectable. However, people uploading the PDF should strive to ensure it is accessible, with selectable text and images with alt text, when the PDF is generated.

Editoria11y Warnings

Some alerts in Editoria11y can't be ignored and must be addressed for the alert to clear. These are displayed as red. Any pages with an active warning will display with a red icon:



These alerts should always display on the page and, like with cautions, will alert you to what the issue is when you hover over them:

A screenshot of a warning dialog box from Editoria11y. The dialog has a red border and a red circular icon with a white exclamation mark in the top-left corner. The title is "Heading tag without any text". The main text explains that headings and subheadings create a navigable table of contents for assistive devices and lists nesting rules. It also notes that empty headings create confusing gaps in the outline. A "To fix:" section suggests adding text or deleting the empty line. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with the text "Issue 1 / 1", a question mark icon, and a close (X) icon.

Heading tag without any text

Headings and subheadings create a [navigable table of contents](#) for assistive devices. The numbers indicate indents in a nesting relationship:

- Heading level 1
 - Heading level 2: a topic
 - Heading level 3: a subtopic
 - Heading level 2: a new topic

Empty headings create confusing gaps in this outline: they could mean the following content is still part of the previous section, or that the text was unpronounceable for some reason.

To fix: add text to this heading, or delete this empty line.

Issue 1 / 1 ? X

The most common warnings will either be an empty header tag somewhere in the body, or a table that doesn't have header rows.

The tutorial on tables will address how to add table headers. To remove the empty header tag, you will need to edit the page and remove the blank line.

Saving the changes will update the alerts. All pages should have the blue check mark icon displayed once you are finished editing.

If there are cautions or warnings, but you can't find where on the page they are, hovering over the number in the icon will change it to a ">" with a tooltip that says, "Go to first alert" or "Go to next alert," depending on the context.

Go to next alert



Clicking will take you to where on the page the alert is and auto-select it, providing you with the informational pop-up.