



The Standard Tags for Accessible PDFs

Container/Grouping Tags

- <Document> — At the top of the tag tree; contains everything in the PDF file.
- <Part> — Contains a large major section of the document, such as a chapter of a book.
- <Art> — An article or distinct portion of the PDF.
- <Sect> — A small section of a larger article or part, such as a sidebar, pull quote, or boxed text.
- <Div> — Not recommended for semantic/accessibility use. For programming.

Heading Tags

- <H1> — Heading 1 is used to label the title of the document or a major section because PDF/UA-1 does not have a dedicated “Title” tag.
- <H2> – <H6> — Lower-level headings, subheads.
- <H> — Not recommended, is not in use.

Text Tags (Block-Level Paragraphs)

- <P> — The most often-used tag, for body text.
- <BlockQuote> — Used to label a full paragraph as an extract or quote attributed to someone else or another publication.
- <Caption> — Used for figure and table captions.
- <Index> — Identifies an entry in an index.
- <L> — (List) A combination of tags that label and identify the individual parts of a list. Includes: <L>, , <Lbl>, and <LBody>.
- <Note> — The text of a footnote, endnote, or source note. (Not for “sticky notes.”)
- <TOC> — (Table of Contents) A combination of tags that identify a TOC and its individual elements. Includes: <TOC> and <TOCI>.

Text Tags (Inline Character-Level)

- <BibEntry> — An entry in a bibliography.
- <Code> — Text that represents computer program text or coding.
- <Formula> — A mathematical formula.
- <Link> — A combination of tags that surrounds an active, clickable hyperlink. Includes: <Link> and <Link-ObjR>.
- <Quote> — Short quoted material within a sentence, usually surrounded by “quote marks.”
- <Reference> — A citation to text or a figure that appears elsewhere in the document, another document, or a URL; a cross-reference; or a superscript footnote number.
- — Used to designate visual formatting, discretionary hyphens, language, etc.

Table Tags

- <Table> — A combination of tags labeling the entire table and its individual components. Includes: <Table>, <TR>, <TH>, and <TD>. The <THead>, <TBody>, and <TFoot> tags are optional at this time.

Special Elements

- <Form> — An individual form field that is interactive.
- <Figure> — Any graphic element, such as an illustration, photograph, graphical chart, logo, or other element that is not text.