

Adobe Acrobat DC (Professional) vs. CommonLook PDF

CHECKPOINT



		Adobe Acrobat DC (Professional)	CommonLook PDF
General	Displays tags and physical representation of PDF	Yes	Yes
	Displays physical view for reference	Yes	Yes
	Split text runs	Yes	Yes
	Physical view and Tags tree display together	Yes	Yes
	Physical view and Tags tree selection synchronized	Use "Show tag from Selection"	Yes
	Display only untagged Elements in a separate view	No	Yes
	Multiple selection modes (Exact, Text Only, Images Only, Tags Only, etc.)	No	Yes
	Selection reordering (Logical/Physical)	No	Yes
	Level up tags	No	Yes
	Level up children of tags	No	Yes
	Change tag order up/down	No	Yes
	Unlimited Undo/Redo for all operations	No	Yes
	Automatically calculate bounding boxes for Figures, Formulas and Tables	No	Yes
	Support for Named Destinations	Yes	Yes

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Accessibility Support	100% keyboard navigability and functionality	No	Yes
	Create tags with keyboard shortcuts	No	Yes
	Convert tags with keyboard shortcuts	No	Yes
Bookmarks	Create Bookmarks	Yes	Yes
	Automatically generate Bookmarks based on heading levels	Yes	Yes
	Bookmarks are properly nested based on heading level	No	Yes
Forms	Functionality for form field creation/ editing	Yes	No
	Fix tagging of Forms	Yes	Yes
	Create form tags	Yes	Yes
	Set the tab order to follow document structure (for multiple pages)	Yes	Yes
	Check for radio buttons (non-accessible)	No	Yes
	Check for presence of tooltips	Yes	Yes
	Display all tooltips for user verification	No	Yes
	Automatically Create tooltips	No	Yes (Using the Fix Wizard)
	Additional fix forms assistance (Automatic form field tagging)	No	Yes
Headings	Functionality to fix incorrect Heading tags	Yes	Yes
	Create Heading tags	Yes	Yes

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Headings (continued)	Test for, and provide functionality to fix improper nesting of heading levels	Yes	Yes
	Test headings for accessibility compliance	Yes	Yes
	Use "Tag Similar" to consistently tag headings	No	Yes
	Pass or fail Headings	No	Yes (through overriding status)
Images	Check if image alt text exists	Yes	Yes
	Ignore required alt text (artifact)	Yes	Yes
	Test Figure tags for accessibility compliance	Yes	Yes
	Provide Fix Wizard to remedy alt text failures	No	Yes
	Display all alt text for user verification	No	Yes
	Search for and replace alt text, actual text, expansion text	No	Yes
Language	Fix language	Yes	Yes
	Display language	Yes	Yes
	Set language	Yes	Yes
	Display only valid languages/countries	No	Yes
	Display language change for user verification	No	Yes

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Links (General and in TOC)	Fix links	Yes	Yes
	Create Link tag	Yes	Yes
	Set the tab order to follow document structure (for multiple pages)	Yes	Yes
	Automatically create properly structured links upon selection in the Physical View or in the tags	No	Yes
	Check for Broken links	No	Yes
	Automatically create Alt text for Link tags	No	Yes (Using the Fix Wizard)
	Verify/ edit Alt text for Link tags	Yes	Yes
	Display all Link Alt text for user verification	No	Yes
	Automatically add the Contents attribute to Link Annotations	No	Yes (Using the Fix Wizard)
	Easily add/ edit the Contents attribute to Link Annotations	No	Yes
	Display all Link annotations' Contents for user verification	No	Yes
Test Links for accessibility compliance	No	Yes	
Lists	Manually create List, LI, Lbl, and LBody tags for list tagging	Yes	Yes
	Fix List tagging errors	Yes	Yes

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Lists (continued)	Test Lists for accessibility compliance	Yes	Yes
	Automatically Generate a List from selection in the Physical View or Tags	No	Yes
	Automatically generate a List spanning multiple pages from selection in the Physical View	No	Yes
	Easily assign/ edit ListNumbering attribute values	No	Yes
	Additional fix list assistance (ListNumbering validation, correct nesting validation)	No	Yes
Metadata	Set to display document Title	Yes	Yes
	Input Keywords	Yes	Yes
	Set document Subject	Yes	Yes
	Provide Author information	Yes	Yes
	One-click setting of PDF/UA compliance	No	Yes
Paragraphs	Fix Paragraphs	Yes	Yes
	Display paragraphs visually	Yes	Yes
	Create Paragraph tags	Yes	Yes
Reading Order	Display reading order	Yes	Yes
	Provide functionality to test reading order	Yes	Yes
	Pass or Fail reading order	Yes	Yes

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Tables	Provide Table Summary	Yes	Yes
	Manually create individual Table, TR, TH, and/or TD tags	Yes	Yes
	Fix Table tagging errors	Yes	Yes
	Display table structure visually	Only layered on top of Physical View	Yes (Table Editor)
	Test Tables for accessibility compliance	Yes	Yes
	Provide Table Editor GUI displaying tables, synced to the Tags tree, for ease in advanced Table editing	No	Yes
	Automatically Generate a table from selection in the Physical View or in the tags	No	Yes
	Automatically generate a table spanning multiple pages from selection in the Physical View or in the tags	No	Yes
	Additional fix table assistance (Insert Cells/ Rows, Delete Cells/ Rows, Merge Cells, Split Rows)	No	Yes
	Merge Tables based on rows or columns	No	Yes
	One-click convert data cells to TH and assign scope of Column or Row	No	Yes (Table Editor and Fix Wizard)
	Redesign tables in the Table Editor, synced with the tags, without changing the physical view	No	Yes
Visual verification of Linked Headers assignment	No	Yes	

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Tables (continued)	Autogenerate header cell IDs	Yes	Yes
	Automatically Generate one level Linked Headers based on scope	No	Yes
	Automatically Generate Recursive Linked Headers based on scope	No	Yes
	Provide Fix Wizard in Verification to remedy table failures	No	Yes
	Convert Table to Text (Linearize horizontally or vertically)	No	Yes
Tables of Contents	Validate Table of Contents tagging	No	Yes
	Automatically generate a Table of Contents from selection in the Physical View or the tags	No	Yes
	Automatically generate a Table of Contents spanning multiple pages from selection in the Physical View or the tags	No	Yes
	Automatically assign Alternative text to Link tags in the TOC	No	Yes
Tagging	Tag untagged documents	Yes	No
	Create Tags	Yes	Yes
	Convert one tag type to another	Yes	Yes
	View, Edit role maps	Yes	Yes
	Toggle view between non-standard tags and the standard PDF tag that they've been mapped to	Yes	No
	Convert non-standard tags to the PDF tag they've been role mapped to	No	Yes
	Merge Tags (including merging multiple tags of various types)	No	Yes

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Tagging (continued)	Change properties of multiple tags in bulk	No	Yes
	Search for tags by type and properties – across the document – and perform bulk operations on those tags	No	Yes
	Flatten tags to remove unnecessary grouping elements	No	Yes
	Clean up empty tags	Yes (Some tags, like TH and TD, will remain.)	Yes (Options to delete all empty tags or keep empty TH/ TD tags.)
	Treat tags containing only spaces as empty and remove upon cleanup	No	Yes
	Based on settings, automatically tag untagged annotations (Forms and Links) in the right place and using the right tag.	No	Yes
	“Find and Replace” function for fast, accurate tagging (symbols, text, etc.)	No	Yes
	Select and tag content spanning multiple pages	No	Yes
	Automatically create header and footer pagination artifacts	No	Yes
	Deleting tags automatically artifacts content	No	Yes
Verification and Reporting of Compliance	Structural Validation – check for broken links, valid annotation actions, empty tags, etc., based on ISO 3200-1:2008	No	Yes
	Check document for compliance against accessibility standards: Section 508 (2001 and 2017), WCAG 2.0AA, PDF U/A 1.0, and HHS (including 2018 Refresh)	No	Yes

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Verification and Reporting of Compliance (continued)	References standards to provide additional information to user	Indirectly (Adobe help pages link to WCAG for “related” content.)	Yes
	Certifies PDF document meets accessibility requirements	No	Yes
	Walks user through a compliance workflow based on verification run	Yes	Yes
	Display all results of verification	Yes	Yes
	Prompts user to view and confirm reading order, color, and contrast	Yes	Yes
	Prompts user to view and confirm appropriateness/ accuracy of alt text (images, links, etc.), tooltips, correct link annotation contents, metadata properties and language change.	No	Yes
	Prompts user to view, pass/fail identified issues	Yes	Yes
	Reports on results of accessibility testing	Yes	Yes
	Report indicates issues to be addressed and issues addressed	Yes	Yes
	Report indicated pass/ fail status issued by user	Yes	Yes
	Selecting a failure, warning, etc., highlights the corresponding content in the physical view	Sometimes (Yes, in the Accessibility checker, Not in Preflight.)	Yes

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Verification and Reporting of Compliance (continued)	Customizable checkpoints	No	Yes
	Display only results requiring user verification, indicating a warning/ and or a failure	No	Yes
	Context sensitive Fix-Wizard to solve issues that appear in verification	No	Yes
	Reviewer can override automatic validation result	No	Yes
	Reviewer can add comments that will appear on verification report	No	Yes