



# **axesPDF for Word: In a nutshell**

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## 1 What is axesPDF for Word?

### 1.1 Convert your Word documents to accessible PDF - with 1 click only!

#### **In short words**

axesPDF® for Word is a powerful Microsoft Word Add-In for the creation of high quality accessible PDF documents that are compliant with PDF/UA, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines WCAG 2.1 or National Accessibility Requirements.

### 1.2 Accessible PDF simply done!

#### 1.2.1 Accessible with one click only

Quick, easy and reliable: axesPDF for Word empowers every Word user to create a top quality accessible PDF in seconds. Remediation is not needed anymore. Quality assurance becomes a no-brainer. The key is to use styles and templates that are optimized for accessibility. Everything else is done by axesPDF for Word.

#### 1.2.2 PDF Tags in a perfect reading order

Logical structure („tag tree“) with rich semantics and correct syntax is the backbone for a perfect reading order and best adaptability to assistive technologies. All elements are marked and placed in the determined logical order. This offers people with disabilities a great user experience with quick access to all content which they are interested in.

#### 1.2.3 No remediation – even for documents with complex elements

Even complex elements like anchored objects, notes, side notes, captions, references, glossaries or tables are fully supported. No time-consuming editing of tags is required anymore.

## 2 What makes axesPDF® for Word outstanding (“the killer arguments”)

- **PDF/UA OUT OF THE BOX** | axesPDF® for Word creates PDF documents that are compliant with ISO 32000-1 und DIN-/ISO-Standard 14289-1 (PDF/UA).
- **COST EFFICIENT** | Creating accessible documents becomes as easy as printing: with a click of a button. A lot of tedious work that was necessary in common PDF accessibility workflows is now obsolete.
- **DO IT ON YOUR OWN** | Instead of paying a tagging service you can do it on your own now.
- **QUALITY ASSURANCE STARTS BEING FUN** | Make a PDF/UA check with your documents – for example with the free PDF Accessibility Checker or the trial of axesPDF QuickFix – to evaluate the quality. Enjoy all the check marks that signalize: Good work!
- **NO REMEDIATION ANYMORE** | With axesPDF® for Word you can cancel time-consuming correction, remediation and evaluation with professional PDF editing software.
- **WORD IS SUFFICIENT** | Use Word as intended and click „Export PDF” – Done! The conversion takes care of a proper tag tree based on styles, embeds fonts and more.
- **SIMPLIFIED AUTHORIZING** | The context sensitive task pane supports you with all additional tasks needed like adding alt text or marking elements as decorative.
- **EASY AND INTUITIVE** | You only need to know the „Rolemap” button to open the axesPDF task pane and the „Create PDF” button to start the PDF export. Directly in the „Create PDF” dialog box you can check – and change if necessary – the document title and the main language.
- **AUTO-CORRECTION** | Typical issues like empty paragraphs for instance are corrected on the fly.
- **DEFAULT SETTINGS WITH ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY IN MIND** | Settings for the initial view are already optimized for the best user experience (bookmarks panel open, document title is displayed as window titel).
- **ROLE BASED WORKFLOW** | Word authors only need basic accessibility knowledge: using styles and adding alternative text. They achieve best results by using templates with predefined accessibility settings. Preparing such templates is the job of template developers.
- **OPTIMIZED TEMPLATES** | Save all axesPDF settings like the mapping of styles to PDF roles and the initial view in your Word template. You only need to do this once.
- **ALL PDF STANDARD TAGS SUPPORTED** | All PDF roles are supported – even Label, Caption and BlockQuote.
- **EVALUATION OF USER EXPERIENCE IN COOPERATION WITH «ACCESS FOR ALL»** | User testing with experts and people with disabilities during the development

process played an important role in finding solutions for real world challenges like screenreader accessible footnotes.

- **FULL CONTROL ABOUT THE TAGGING PROCESS** | The tagging is fully customizable. The template developer maps styles to PDF tags individually and saves these settings in the template. For example: map a style to a table header cell.
- **A LOT OF UNIQUE FEATURES THAT NO OTHER SOFTWARE OFFERS** | Some examples: Fully accessible footnotes and endnotes that are navigable for screenreader users or Low vision users. Or running header or footers can be marked as relevant content.

### 3 Feature highlights

- Reliable accessible PDF creation: Lean and proper logical structure in the PDF, optimized for assistive technologies (100% PDF/UA)
- Separate task pane for efficient accessible document authoring
- Font embedding
- Unicode support  
(even for symbol fonts like Webdings or Wingdings for instance)
- Default styles are already mapped to the most appropriate PDF roles
- Customizable tagging  
(Define the role mapping of styles)
- Create accessible tables based on styles usage  
(Row and column headers with scope or header-IDs, ColSpan, RowSpan)
- Linearize layout tables
- Accessible footnotes and endnotes with linking (even with link back from the note to the reference) based on default „Add note“ functionality
- Support of text frames, building blocks (Word 2013 and above)
- Support of all layout options for images
- Anchored objects like side notes and position frames are correctly placed in the reading order
- Decorative elements markable as artifacts
- Save pre-settings for accessibility in the template  
(Role-mapping, tab order, main language)
- Default settings for initial view optimized for accessibility (Bookmarks, document title as window title)
- Empty paragraphs automatically eliminated
- PDF/UA-Identifier automatically added

### 4 Key benefits

- no expert knowledge required
- no time-consuming remediation

- no costs for PDF accessibility training (short Word training in combination with a short training of axesPDF for Word is absolutely sufficient)
- less time for quality assurance
- no additional licenses for PDF remediation software
- well-proven in governmental usage

## 5 System requirements

### 5.1 Supported operating system

- Windows 8.1 Service Pack (SP) 1
- Windows 10

### 5.2 Word version

- Microsoft Word 2013
- Microsoft Word 2016
- Microsoft Word for Office 365
- Microsoft Word 2019

### 5.3 Additional requirements

- .NET Framework 4.6.2

## 6 Check it out now!

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