

Manuscript preparation guide

This guide explains how to compose and format your content into a manuscript.

For camera ready books please see the [Camera ready \(LaTeX\) guide](#) (though many of the following principles will still apply).

We encourage you to review the [Manuscript submission guide](#) at this point too, to understand how everything will come together when you send us your manuscript.

The guide contains the following sections for each of the key components of your manuscript:

[Typescript \(text chapters\)](#)

[Front matter \(preliminary material\) and end matter](#)

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[Artwork](#)

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[Permissions](#)

[Cover design](#)

There is also a final section on preparing [New editions](#).

Your book may also include additional content, formatting or features depending on your subject and your audience. Examples include further reading lists, review questions or example exercises. Please discuss this with your Commissioning Editor, who may direct you to additional subject-specific or technical information.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion

We believe in social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we support ethically responsible research. Many referencing guides include advice for using bias-free language, and we would encourage authors to consider this in their work. For example, Chapter 5 of the APA Publication Manual, 7th Edition contains guidelines for writing about people without bias across a range of topics, and specific guidelines that address the individual characteristics of age, disability, gender, participation in research, racial and ethnic identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and intersectionality.

We also encourage authors to consider diversity in their selection of contributors, texts, references, images, and case study examples.

Any language or imagery which could be considered bigoted, or prejudiced, including racist or sexist language and imagery, may be challenged, and flagged for removal.

We do of course recognise that some work will by necessity engage with or quote such material for the purposes of critical analysis.

Typescript

The typescript comprises the written elements of your book.

Each chapter (including introduction if relevant) should be composed as a separate Word document file. A sample chapter is provided [at the end of this section](#).

The chapter files should only include the final chapter text and not any of the following:

- Artwork
Illustrative material (except tables) should be supplied as separate files in the original format. See our [Manuscript submission guide](#) for more information.
- Tracked changes
If tracked changes were used during the writing process, please ensure they are resolved, and that tracking is stopped on the version you submit.
- Comments
As with track changes. Should you need to communicate specific requirements to us, please do so separately using the dedicated tools (such as the notes for the copyeditor form) or by email.
- Hidden text.

Keep the layout simple. Your book will be professionally typeset, so you do not need to attempt to format the manuscript to convey a text design or how the final book will look. For example:

- Use a Unicode font available from Microsoft Word, such as Arial or Times New Roman.
- Number the pages of each chapter from 1 within each file.
- Add a line between paragraphs and avoid indents at the start of a paragraphs
- Do not use hyphenation to break words across a line (only in words where a hyphen is grammatically required).
- Do not present text in columns (even if columns will be used in the final book).

Please keep in mind that **all references, notes, and bibliographies or reference lists are included in the agreed word count**.

Callouts and Captions

Remember that the chapters text files should not contain anything that isn't text. This includes:

- Figures (artwork, photos, diagrams, graphs, etc.)
- Maps
- Boxes
- Equations (unless fully editable in Word)

These items should not be pasted or embedded in the chapter text files but submitted separately. See the [Manuscript submission guide](#) for more details.

These non-text items should, however, be described in the text using **captions** (and alternative text) and referred to clearly and consistently via **callouts** to indicate their inclusion and placement. This also applies to structured text that is included in the chapter, for example tables and boxes.

Name each item according type, chapter, and order within chapter, for example: Figure 1.1, Figure 1.2, Figure 2.1. Figure 2.2, Figure 2.3 etc.

The item numbers should match the file names for each item exactly. See the [Manuscript Submission guide](#) for more information.

Specific subject areas or complex books may require further categorisation, such as 'Example' for Music examples or 'Structure' for chemical structures.

Some smaller elements such as linguistic tables do not necessarily require specific labelling or numbering as they merely use a table for the practicality of formatting – ask your Editorial Assistant if unsure.

Callouts

Any item that needs to be inserted into the text needs a callout – a short, easily identifiable piece of text to indicate roughly where the item should be placed. The callout should match the naming of the item's file name exactly and should be highlighted to make it stand out. For example:

<Figure 2.3 here>

Note that our standard text designs place any figures, tables, and boxes at the top or bottom of a page, as near to the callout as possible, but not necessarily in the exact location indicated. When referring to non-text items, always be specific, for example "see figure 2.3" rather than "see the below figure," as the image may have been shifted slightly during typesetting.

Captions

Images and tables require a caption briefly describing the content.

Captions may also include any necessary source information such as who took a photograph, who provided some artwork, or where some data is from. Providers of this material may require a specific credit line as part of the permission to use that content, which can be included in the caption (or wherever the provider has requested).

Here is an example caption:

Figure 2.3. A dog running along a beach. Photograph by the author.

Captions should be inserted directly below the callout (or the table) for that item.

Tables

Tables must be supplied in an editable format. Images of tables from other sources must be rekeyed.

Please use the table functionality in Microsoft Word and avoid using tabs and line breaks to construct the appearance of a table (which is prone to shift and become unintelligible during copyediting and typesetting). Larger, data heavy tables can be created in Microsoft Excel (though consider how well they will fit in a book).

Editable tables should be included directly in the chapter text file.

Tables must follow the naming, numbering and caption conventions laid out above.

Boxes

Boxes can be used to isolate and highlight segments of text, perhaps for a definition or case study.

To indicate that a segment of text should be boxed, apply an outside border using the Microsoft Word functionality, or clearly indicating using tags such as <box begins> and <box ends>.

Floating boxes are positioned and numbered in the same way as a figure or table, with a caption, e.g. Box 1.1, Box 1.2 etc. These are generally used in specific text designs that allow for them.

Editorial style and conventions

You will need to determine certain stylistic approaches to take in your book, for example US or UK spelling, whether to use serial commas, and so on.

We do not have a specific 'house style', but your Commissioning Editor may suggest or request a specific style depending on your subject area, audience and/or primary market (i.e. predominantly US or UK readership).

The most important consideration is ensuring consistency of style throughout the manuscript, regardless of the conventions used. This applies to aspects such as spelling, serial commas, acronyms, and referencing style.

For a full list of stylistic considerations, see the [Notes for the Copyeditor](#) form. Consider these style choices while writing, rather than filling in the form before submission only to realise they are not consistent.

Once the most appropriate style for your manuscript has been selected, many authoritative resources are available to consult, for example *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th edition (2017).

Referencing

Please check with your Commissioning Editor whether a specific style is expected.

If there is no specific expectation, any suitable referencing style can be used, so long as it is applied consistently throughout the manuscript, including in edited collections.

Some styles have multiple options (for example, Chicago has both author-date in-text references and notes/bibliography). Please select one and apply it consistently.

Bibliographies and reference lists

A bibliography or reference list should be provided at the end of each chapter so that chapters are accessible in isolation, especially in digital formats.

Every referencing style will include a bibliography or reference list containing full details of everything cited, though the presentation conventions may vary.

Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) should also be included where available.

Notes

Notes can be used to provide further detail, or for referencing where appropriate to the chosen referencing style.

Notes should be numbered by chapter, not throughout the whole manuscript. We typeset notes as endnotes at the end of each chapter and will convert footnotes accordingly.

It is essential that notes are added using the 'insert endnote' functionality within Word. This allows for the numbering to be dynamically changed if the text is reordered. Guidance on how to use this feature is widely available.

Be economical when using discursive notes and remember that these are included in the word count. If your manuscript contains excessive text in notes, consider if it is essential to the book, and if so, incorporate it into the main text.

Headings

Headings and subheadings can help provide structure and promote readability.

In the book, headings will be employed at typesetting stage, following one of our established text designs. In your manuscript, the main consideration is clearly identifying different levels of heading for the benefit of the typesetter.

Please use no more than three levels of subheading and avoid numbered headings unless discussed with and approved by your Editorial Assistant.

We recommend using Microsoft Word's style gallery to indicate different levels of headings (i.e. Heading 1, Heading 2, Heading 3).

Alternatively, ensure headings are consistently and clearly differentiated through formatting, for example:

Subheading level 1

Subheading level 2

Subheading level 3

Special characters

The book will be typeset in a suitable font depending on the text design and any special character requirements.

If your manuscript will include characters not generally found in Western European languages, e.g. Greek, Hebrew, or Arabic, it is essential that typed in a font which supports Unicode, such as Times New Roman or Arial.

Please use fonts available in Microsoft Word: do not use a downloaded non-Unicode font as we cannot use these fonts (they will not open correctly on our computers).

Note that not every Unicode font supports every language, especially East Asian languages. The following list are available in Word (depending on the version you are using):

- Chinese: Microsoft YaHei, Microsoft JhengHei, SimSun, PMingLiU, or KaiTi
- Japanese: MS Gothic, Yu Gothic, or MS Mincho
- Korean: Batang or Malgun Gothic

Please submit a PDF of any chapters containing special characters. This will act as a fixed reference for the typesetter to double check everything has been reproduced correctly.

You should also pay close attention to any special characters when checking the proofs.

Abstracts

Every chapter, including the introduction and conclusion, requires an abstract. The abstract is a selling pitch for the chapter, focusing on what it is about and what the reader can expect to gain from reading it.

Each chapter abstract should be:

- 100–200 words
- Written in the third person e.g. ‘this chapter discusses’, rather than ‘I discuss’
- Self-contained, without abbreviations, footnotes, or incomplete references

Place the abstract in the chapter file, before the main chapter text, under the heading ‘abstract’ and highlight the abstract to distinguish from the chapter text.

See the [sample chapter](#) for a visual reference.

Abstracts are copyedited and will appear in the files for you to check during production but will not be visible in the final book. They will appear on our institutional eBook platform taylorfrancis.com.

For more details on the importance of abstracts see our guide to [Making your work more discoverable](#).

ORCID

ORCID is an effective way for each author to make themselves and their work discoverable to others, to ensure they are always appropriately credited and to promote their publications. For further information, including how to obtain an ORCID iD, please see the ORCID section in our guide to [Making your work discoverable](#).

Include an ORCID iD for every author of every chapter, repeating as necessary. Copy and paste ORCID iD(s) beneath the relevant author name(s) in each chapter Word document, beneath the chapter title and before the abstract.

Authored books: include author name(s) and ORCID iD(s) on all chapter title pages and book title page.

Edited books: include editor name(s) and ORCID iD(s) on book title page and on any chapter to which they have contributed as a named author (alongside other chapter author name(s) and ORCID iD(s)).

Double-check ORCID iD(s) for accuracy before submission (test by confirming they return the right profile!).

Neither abstracts nor ORCID iDs will appear visibly in the printed book.

Research data

T&F Books encourages you to share any research data associated with your book (or chapter). This may take the form of videos, transcripts, and questionnaires as well as data files and spreadsheets. Please see our [Data Sharing Policy](#) for more information.

Shared data should be cited in line with your chosen referencing style and a data availability statement should be included in the preliminary material for your book. Templates are available [here](#).

Sample chapter

An editable Word version of the sample is also available [here](#).

1. Chapter title

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Abstract

This chapter covers how to format your chapter files in the manuscript you will provide to Taylor & Francis. It covers manuscripts supplied in Microsoft Word format. The chapter includes all the basics; it emphasises that Taylor & Francis do not have a set house style, but instead require consistency throughout in terms of stylistic choices including spelling and referencing. It also includes guidance for including abstracts, such as the present one, and keywords, as below. It includes information on non-textual content and how this is indicated and referred to in the chapter itself, with specific guidance on callouts and captions.

The chapter text as it will appear in the book then begins here. Note that the purpose of this sample is to show how to include the various aspects outline above including abstracts, keywords, tables, figure callouts and special characters. The actual formatting in terms of line spacing and font size etc. only needs to be clear and consistent rather than following any requirements.

You may choose to refer to tables in the text, such as table 1.1.¹ Note that the table has been added using the insert table functionality within Word, rather than being an image pasted into the document. Because this is created using Word and is fully editable, it is fine to include in the manuscript itself.

| State | Abbreviation |
|------------|--------------|
| Alabama | AL |
| Alaska | AK |
| Arizona | AZ |
| Arkansas | AR |
| California | CA |

Table 1.1. Some U.S. states and their abbreviation

What about images?

You may also decide to include an image somewhere. In this case, it's a photograph, so see the Artwork section for details on the technical requirement of the file itself. The image file should not be inserted into the chapter, but instead flagged with a callout, along with a caption (unless the captions are included in a list of figures in the frontmatter).

<Figure 1.1 here>

Figure 1.1. A dog running along a beach. Photograph by the author.

What about special characters?

If the manuscript includes any special characters, make sure these are included in a font that supports Unicode so they will appear the same when opened on another computer or changed to a different font.

Example

Your book may include some ancient Greek such as the opening to the *Histories* by Herodotus: Ἡροδότου Ἀλικαρνησέως ἱστορίας ἀπόδεξις ἦδε, ὡς μήτε τὰ γενόμενα ἐξ ἀνθρώπων τῷ χρόνῳ ἐξίτηλα γένηται, μήτε ἔργα μεγάλα τε καὶ θωμαστά, τὰ μὲν Ἕλλησι τὰ δὲ βαρβάροισι ἀποδεχθέντα, ἀκλεᾶ γένηται, τὰ τε ἄλλα καὶ δι' ἣν αἰτίην ἐπολέμησαν ἀλλήλοισι.²

Reference list

Herodotus, *Histories*, trans. A. D. Godley. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1920.

Taylor & Francis, 'Manuscript writing and formatting guide'. Taylor & Francis, 2021.
<https://www.routledge.com/our-customers/authors/publishing-guidelines>

¹ Note that the table is referred to by number, rather than just 'below'. See Taylor & Francis, 'Manuscript writing and formatting guide' (Taylor & Francis, 2020).

² Herodotus, *Histories*, trans. A. D. Godley (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1920), 1.1.0.

Front matter (preliminary material) and end matter

Front matter and end matter include all the supporting material a book requires in addition to the substantive content contained in chapters, such as the table of contents and the index.

The following information applies to most T&F Publications, but certain subject areas may organize their front and end matter slightly differently. Please consult your Editorial Assistant to confirm the appropriate content and order of front and end matter for your book.

Front Matter (Preliminary material, or “prelims”)

Submit your prelims as a single Word file. Include each of the following elements as relevant on the page indicated.

Endorsements (optional)

Half title page

- Final author biographies and book description may be included here, to be placed by T&F.

Data availability statement (optional)

- To be included if research data is shared/cited. Templates are available from the Data Sharing Policy page.

Title page

Main title

Subtitle (optional)

“Edited by” (optional)

All author/editor names

- Ensure that the order and exact presentation of the names is final.
- If this has changed, flag to your EA so we can update our database, which feeds out online.

ORCID IDs for each author/editor (optional)

Dedication (optional)

- Do not include any epigraphs of copyrighted material.

Table of contents

- Format as a simple text list (do not use tables, tabs, columns, or any other complex formatting)
- Do not include page numbers (these will be added during typesetting and will not match the manuscript)
- To include the following

Front matter elements (from table of contents onward, as below in this list)

All chapter titles, to match the chapters exactly

For edited or multi-author collections, the names of chapter authors (presented on the next line below the relevant chapter)

Part numbers and titles (optional)

Chapter subheadings if relevant (no more than three levels including chapter title)

List of contributors (edited books)

- Alphabetical order by surname.
- Do not include titles as part of the name.
- Ensure names match both the contents and the chapters exactly.
- To include:
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Country
 - Brief (50 words) professional biography (optional)
- Two options for presentation:
 - Sentence biography (preferred for Routledge)

Anony Mous is a fictional staff member at Taylor & Francis, UK and author of Author Guidelines (2021).

- Stacked (preferred by CRC Press)

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Foreword (optional)

A short introductory piece by someone else, for example a recognised figure in the field or a series editor.

Preface (optional)

A short piece by the author explaining how the book came to be written. Anything more detailed dealing with the content itself should be treated as an introduction and therefore a standalone chapter.

Acknowledgements (optional)

- Personal or professional thanks to supporters or contributions beyond the author team.
- Crediting sources of third-party material using any wording requested with the grant of permission for use (a separate lists of credits is also acceptable if the volume is substantial).
- Can be combined with or form the end of a preface if preferred.

List of acronyms and abbreviations (optional)

End matter

Appendices (optional)

Glossary (optional)

- Can be included as front matter if preferred.

Index

- Compiled during the Production process at proof stage
- To be completed by you as author/editor, unless agreed otherwise with your Commissioning Editor prior to manuscript submission (in which case you may wish to submit a list of essential terms for inclusion with your manuscript). See [Indexing guidelines](#) for more information.

Endorsements

Endorsement quotes from notable people in your field can boost the impact of your book. We encourage you to secure endorsements, but they are not mandatory.

Unless agreed otherwise with your Editorial team, securing endorsements is your responsibility.

If you send your endorsers' email addresses to your Editorial Assistant, they will send each endorser a free electronic copy of the book upon publication.

Specifications

It may seem obvious, but it is worth clarifying to potential endorsers that their quote should mention the book, or a feature of the book, and the benefit it delivers to the reader or the subject area.

Each endorsement must be no more than 50 words in length (1-2 sentences), including the endorser's affiliation as a credit line.

Example

"Through careful design and composition, T&F's *Author Guidelines* make it easier than ever to publish high quality, impactful academic and professional content. I would recommend this resource to all T&F authors and prospective authors."

Professor Joe Nemo, Fictional Institute for Examples, Canada

Submission and use

If you'd like endorsements to appear in your book they must be submitted as part of the manuscript along with the rest of your content. There is only space for two or three endorsements in the book.

Endorsements received after manuscript submission can still be added to your book's online profile. While there is space online for a few more quotes, keep in mind that customers will only read so many endorsements!

We will also take snippets from any positive reviews your book receives and display these as endorsements in your book's online profile.

Artwork

This section covers the technical requirements for images you wish to include in your book. For information on image callouts and captions within the script, see the Typescript section. For how to name, organize, and send files, see the submission guide.

If you did not agree to a specific maximum number of images, please discuss your intended inclusions with your Editorial Assistant in advance of manuscript submission.

Unless previously agreed with your Editorial team, please only include images in your book if they are essential to conveying your point(s) successfully, rather than for decoration.

Bear in mind that your book will be printed in black and white (unless agreed otherwise) so all imagery you include should be legible. For example, very dark, low contrast photographs or graphs with numerous shades or colours may not translate well and should be adjusted or omitted.

Similarly, even if an image is technically good enough, consider how it will appear on the page, and whether the specific detail is important, or just the overall context. For example, a very detailed map at only five inches across may not be legible enough to identify towns or roads, but if the objective is just to show the broad shape or location of a country, it may be sufficient.

Halftones

Photographs, screenshots, and any other images with a continuous variation of colour and shading are considered halftones.

For a book of a typical trim size, halftones should be supplied as individual files at a minimum of 1,500 pixels wide and at their original resolution (the higher the resolution the better) to allow them to be printed across the full width of the print area on the page at a suitable print quality.

Do not use any software to artificially enlarge an image made up of pixels. While this may make it technically large enough, the image will appear pixelated and low quality.

Please discuss with your Editorial Assistant if you have an image that does not meet the above size requirements but is essential to the context of the book.

Halftones should be supplied as .jpg or .tiff files (screenshots can be supplied as .png files). Do not paste halftones into the manuscript text. See the [Manuscript submission guide](#) for further details.

If you will be depicting people in your images, aim to reflect diversity as far as possible, including in characteristics such as age, gender and sexuality, ability, racial and ethnic identity, and cultural background.

Line art

Graphs, diagrams, equations, lines, and shapes over a plain background are considered line art. They are composed of block colours with little or no shading.

Line art should be supplied as editable files in the original format or software in which it was created. This will allow for both the whole image and individual elements to be resized and optimized for the page if needed without impacting the quality of the image.

The format will depend on what the image is and how it was made. Microsoft Office Word or PowerPoint can create simple diagrams such as flowcharts using in-built functionality, and Microsoft Excel can be used to create graphs and charts.

Most specialist software will have various options for exporting images. Suitable vector formats are .eps, .svg, and .ai (adobe specific).

Do not copy line art from other material and supply as a halftone. Diagrams or graphs should be remade where possible.

Where line art is only available as a halftone image it will need to adhere to the halftone requirements provided in this guide. A higher resolution is needed to print at a suitable quality; lines and curves can otherwise appear jagged.

While line art may include other text, do not embed the figure caption within the image. This should be provided separately (see the [Typescript section](#) for more details).

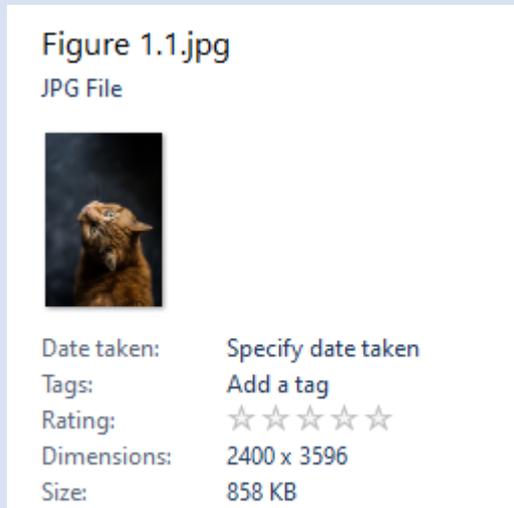
Composite images

If you have a line art image that includes halftone elements (for example, a large flowchart), supply the overall line art as above (i.e. editable) and the halftone elements separately in their best, original size and resolution. Flag to your Editorial Assistant that it is one 'figure' overall.

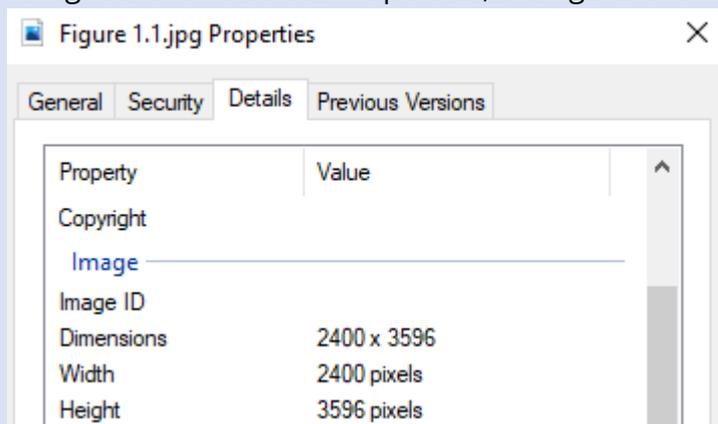
Checking image size

There are three ways to check that the width of your image is at least 1500 pixels in Windows Explorer:

1. Select the file and click Alt + Shift + P to show the Details pane:



2. Right click and select 'Properties', then go to the 'Details' tab:



3. Set your file view to 'Details' by selecting 'Details' view under the View tab at the top of Explorer. Then right click one of the columns in the window, click 'More', and select 'Dimensions' to add it as a column in your folder view:

| Name | Status | Date modified | Type | Size | Dimensions |
|--|---|------------------|----------|--------|-------------|
|  Figure 1.1.jpg |  | 01/02/2021 10:14 | JPG File | 859 KB | 2400 x 3596 |

Remember to look at the image and confirm that it is clear and good quality at the right size.

Alt Text

What is alt text?

Alternative Text (alt text) is a short text description that can be digitally attached to figures or images to convey to readers the nature or contents of the image. It is used by systems such as pronouncing screen readers to make the object accessible to people that cannot read or see the object due to a visual impairment or print disability.

All figures in T&F publications require an alt text description (unless they are purely decorative, which is generally discouraged). This includes visual resources hosted in instructor resources, image banks, companion website downloads and author-hosted websites (all websites should be fully accessible in line with [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#)).

Video and audio content will require the equivalent for alt text, which is at the very minimum, a transcript. You can read more about creating transcripts on the [W3C website](#).

Why is alt text so important?

Alt text is a key aspect of accessible publishing and its inclusion in our content ensures T&F meets its key moral, ethical and legal obligations to customers by recognizing their challenges and responding appropriately to their needs. A digital “accessible” text is one that provides equal opportunity to all readers, including those with visual or print impairments. Taylor & Francis is committed to the supply of accessible content, ensuring as many readers as possible have access to the content we publish. Alt text is also beneficial to search engine optimization as the alt text is indexed by companies like Amazon and Google. Implementing alt text will ensure your titles reach the top of these search results.

Alt text will improve customer experience, but there are also legal challenges which require publishers to create more accessible products and services. European Union Member States will have to adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the European Accessibility Act by 28 June 2022. Member States will then have to apply the measures from 28 June 2025.

Therefore, if T&F sell any eBook after 28 June 2025 then that eBook must comply with the accessibility requirements of the Act, even if the eBook was created before 28 June 2025. We will be unable to retrospectively create alt text for all of our 150,000 backlist eBooks, plus cater to new titles requiring alt text creation. If your title does not contain alt text now, and you expect it to still be in print in 2025, we may be unable to sell it into the European Union from that point forward.

In the United States, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (Americans with Disabilities Act) protects the rights and interests of customers. Under Section 508, agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information comparable to the access available to others. US-based universities cannot receive federal funding unless the titles they adopt are ADA-compliant, so ensuring your book is accessible is one way to safeguard your title for adoptions.

Composing alt text

- Alt text is not a rote description of the image. Instead it should convey the context and purpose of an image.
- Alt text is not the same as a caption, which typically provides information supplementing or not already in the visual element itself.

Example



In a hypothetical chapter on inspirational photography, the figure caption for the below image may read:

Figure 1: Example of an inspirational image

Without visual context, this caption does not tell the reader anything about what the image contains.

The alt text for this image may read:

Two hands holding the word 'Hope' up against a sunny sky.

Successful alt text descriptions describe key elements and meaning in a way every user can understand. Unsuccessful alt text describes images in a way that is confusing or does not convey the educational goal of the content.

Alt text for a visual element can vary depending on how it is used. For example, the same image of New York City may be used within an architecture book and a book on photography. In the first case, the alt text may describe the construction elements and design of a skyscraper. In the latter, the alt text may discuss the angle of the sun

reflecting off windows or the people walking by, or even what makes the photo “good” or “bad” from a photographer’s standpoint.

Ask yourself:

- Why is this visual element here?
- What information does it present?
- What is its purpose?
- If the image were removed, how would I describe it to convey the same information and/or purpose?

Alt text should be as objective as possible. Successful alt text follows some general rules. It is:

- **Concise.** Using a screen reader is time-consuming and unnecessarily long descriptions can create a burden on the user. Alt text should strive to be under 100 words and generally 25 to 30 words long.
- **Targeted.** Descriptions should reflect the context and intent of the image, matching the focus of the text, chapter, and title. The alt text may have different descriptions depending on its purpose in a work.
- **Unique.** Do not repeat descriptions or text already provided in the caption or the surrounding text. When images are completely described by their caption or surrounding text, consider identifying them as decorative images.
- **Clear.** Spell out all contractions, numbers, and non-Latin letters and present the information in a logical and consistent order.
- **Simple.** Screen reading software does not read formatting in alt text, so do not use formatting, such as bullet points, in alt text descriptions.
- **Singular.** Screen reading software indicates the alt text is a replacement for an image, so do not use redundant phrases such as “Image of...” or “Graphic of...”.
- **Consistent.** Use the same level and style of language used within the main body of text.
- **Inclusive.** Alt text should not contain additional information a sighted person (a customer not using a screen-reader) would miss.
- **Complete.** Conclude your alt text with a full stop/period (this allows for a pause in the screen reader before it continues onto the next body of text).

Sometimes the caption describes the essential content and context of the image, rendering further alt text unnecessary.

Decorative imagery

Alt text is not required for purely decorative imagery. T&F discourages the inclusion of purely decorative imagery, unless agreed in advance with your Editorial team. These images do not require alt text: these are marked as ‘decorative’ in the eBook so screen readers skip over them.

For decorative images please enter “decorative” in the alt text space, and for those where the caption is sufficient, please enter “caption sufficient”.

Long Descriptions

Long descriptions are in-depth descriptions of an image beyond what alt text can provide. Long descriptions are rare, but some STEM titles may require them. These descriptions are added in addition to alt text and generally follow the same rules, but they may be any length and can be formatted with lists and tables to clearly organize complicated information or data (this is particularly relevant on STEM topics).

Submitting alt text

Please submit all alt text and long descriptions using the [Artwork and third-party material permissions log](#). These must be submitted with your final manuscript. The alt text will be inserted during eBook conversion.

For decorative images please enter “decorative” in the alt text space, and for those where the caption is sufficient, please enter “caption sufficient”.

Can I see more examples?

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Overview of the permissions process

1. Identify third-party material
2. Confirm that third-party material is necessary
3. Determine copyright status of third-party material
4. Apply for permission
5. Document permission
6. Submit permission

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We have collated the information in this guide to help you with permissions, but we cannot legally judge if something needs permission. Our policy is to err on the side of caution. We encourage you to seek legal advice.

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1. Identify third-party material

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- Redrawn artwork³
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UK Intellectual Property Office: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/intellectual-property/copyright>

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<https://www.dacs.org.uk/>

<https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>

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There are three options for requesting permission depending on the material and the rightsholders' requirements:

1. Request and obtain permission quickly through the [Copyright Clearance Center](#) if possible.
2. Follow the guidance on the work's page on the rightsholder's website or in their information section, especially if you are contacting a publisher (for example

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3. Email your request to the likely rightsholder. Some suggested wording is included [below](#).

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at [insert contact info.].

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Appendix A: non-exhaustive list of works potentially under copyright

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Prose

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Lyrics

Transcripts

Music composition/notation

Private correspondence and personal information (including letters and email)

Translations

Epigraphs⁶

Software

Advertisements

Trademarks and logos

Images

Photographs (including of paintings and sculptures)

Images in which individuals are identifiable, especially children

Illustrations, sketches, and diagrams

Graphic art

Screenshots and screen grabs

ClipArt

Maps

Fiction and non-fiction

Books, essays, graphic novels, journal, magazine or newspaper articles, white papers

Letters and interviews

Social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, etc.

Blogs, websites, and search engines (including Wikipedia and Google)

Works by students/children

³ Unless you have substantially transformed the original through enhancement or character, i.e. to make a new work or a new critical point)

⁴ A representative list of creative works that may be subject to copyright is provided in this appendix.

⁵ CRC Press, Psychology Press, Routledge Built Environment and Routledge Behavioural Sciences.

⁶ As a rule, we do not allow epigraphs in our titles. These serve as an embellishment and are more suited to fiction or trade publishing. Should you wish to use a quotation in your work, please embed it in the text with suitable context and discussion.

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[Focus \(short form\) example](#)

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