

Experience Design Team

IEEE.org Content Provider Checklist

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Note: Any exceptions to guidelines referenced below should be approved by the Experience Design Team.

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| Usability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are users able to accomplish their tasks on my page? ○ Are the primary tasks implied by the name of the page achievable? |
| Scannability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can content be read through quickly/scanned? ○ Is the content scaled down as much as possible, using bulleted lists and shortened paragraphs where possible? ○ Did I use the simplest words possible to accurately get my point across? |
| Accessibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do my images have descriptive alternate text? ○ Have I provided captioning for audio files? ○ Does the user have control over the audio starting and stopping? ○ Have I removed flashing or flickering elements? ○ Have I used tables only to present data, and have I provided a table summary? |
| User Orientation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are my files named with all lowercase letters, using hyphens (-) for spaces? ○ Does my page have a brief introduction that allows the user to put my content into context? ○ Do my breadcrumb links provide a hierarchal path of links that demonstrate where my page lives? ○ Is content duplication among pages avoided except for cross-linking? ○ Have I provided contact information or instructions for help if needed? ○ Have I provided clear calls to action that let the user know what steps should be taken next? ○ If users got to this page through a link sent to them or through a search engine, would they know where they are? |
| Writing for the Web | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did I avoid first-person language ("we," "our," "us")? ○ Did I remove all instances of italic fonts? ○ Did I use bold print very sparingly? Did I reserve bold print for headings? ○ Did I avoid using exclamation points or hyperbolic language? ○ Have I spelled out all acronyms in the file name, title, and upon first usage? ○ Is the information on this page the most current and accurate information I have? |
| IEEE Style/ Look & Feel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do I refer to the organization as "IEEE" (and not "the Institute," "the IEEE," or "the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers")? ○ Are all prominent colors used on the page within or complementary to the IEEE color palette? ○ Did I clear all external font formatting so that the default fonts are used? ○ Have I complied with IEEE Master Brand standards where applicable? |

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| International Writing Conventions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are my dates, times, and phone numbers formatted for an international audience? ○ Have I removed any references to seasons or colloquial terms/figures of speech? ○ When referring to money, do I specify what currency I am referring to? (Example: US\$5) ○ Have I used straightforward language and avoided complex words where possible? ○ If I lived in another part of the country or world, would the information on my page still apply to me? |
| Navigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are my section headers bookmarked on longer pages? ○ Do my breadcrumb links provide the quickest path back to the home page? ○ Have I used "On this Page" menus on longer pages with clear section names? ○ Does my page contain "top of page" links after each section on longer pages? ○ Have I avoided placing critical links and information in the right column? ○ Are my subheadings in sentence case (first word capitalized, all other words lowercase aside from proper nouns)? ○ Are my links to other IEEE.org pages formatted correctly, starting with "/" content" instead of "www.ieee.org"? |
| Linking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do supporting files (PDF, DOC, PPT, XLS, WMV, PPS) open in a new window? ○ Are file types and sizes noted parenthetically after my supporting file link? ○ Do my links to html pages open in the same browser window? ○ Do my links clearly describe where the user will go upon click? ○ Are my links action-oriented when the link conveys a task? ○ Did I avoid using self-referential terms (like click here)? ○ Have I appropriately used trailing links for calls to action and embedded (within paragraph) links only for supplemental information? ○ Do I let the user know about links that require usernames and passwords to view the content? |
| Images | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do the images I chose aid in getting my point across? ○ Are the images I use professional and do they appropriately represent IEEE? ○ Is my text wrapped correctly around my image? ○ Did I check recommended image sizes and include alt text? |
| Tables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do tables break the page margin/are they over 100% wide? |
| Browsers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did I check the page in Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Firefox? |
| File Sizes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is my image size 250 KB or less? ○ Is my supporting file size 40 MB or less? |
| Forms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do my forms perform intended actions? ○ Do I clearly communicate through a confirmation page that the form has been successfully submitted by the user? |