

OJS/ OMP/OPS Editorial View Accessibility Conformance Report

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OMP/OJS/OPS Editorial View 3.5

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Product Description

The Editorial View that ships with OJS, OMP, and OPS is designed to work great for a broad range of users. It employs a common, straightforward design style that should fit user needs and ensures the content is easy-to-access no matter what. This report covers the administrative (Editorial View) interfaces evaluated during the March 2026 accessibility audit.

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Notes

OJS, OMP, and OPS are authoring platforms — authors submit manuscripts, editors compose announcements and editorial decisions, and reviewers contribute structured feedback. As such, the Authoring Tool Accessibility Guidelines (ATAG) 2.0 are relevant to a comprehensive accessibility evaluation of these products.

This WCAG 2.1 conformance report evaluates the accessibility of content rendered and interacted with by end users, including authoring interfaces such as submission forms, rich text editors, and reviewer workflows. Where applicable, WCAG criteria in the tables below include authoring-tool component findings that overlap with ATAG Part B concerns — particularly around rich text editor operability (2.1.1), programmatic labels on editing fields (3.3.2), and content validation feedback (3.3.1).

A separate ATAG 2.0 Part B assessment is planned as part of PKP's broader accessibility roadmap. This assessment will evaluate the platform's capacity to support authors in producing accessible content, including: guidance for non-text alternatives, heading structure preservation through the rich text editor, and accessibility-aware content transformation during import/export. Until that assessment is complete, ATAG conformance is not claimed.

The Backend administrative interfaces audit found many barriers requiring remediation. While the frontend reader interface has some improvements, the admin interfaces remain critically non-compliant in several areas. If you encounter barriers, or need accommodations, please report them via the PKP accessibility report form: <https://pkp.sfu.ca/accessibility-report/>.

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Evaluation Methods Used

Reviewer's Testing Technologies

- Mac Air
- iPhone 15 Pro
- iPhone 14 Pro
- Windows 10 and 11 laptops
- Apple Mac Mini (M1, 2020)
- iPad Pro 12.9" (5th Generation)
- Different accessibility related apps, plugins, extensions, as well as online checking software, were used in Chrome, Edge, Safari, and Firefox.

Third Party Testers Testing Technologies

- JAWS 2026 on Microsoft Edge on Windows 10 (updated February 2026)
- VoiceOver on Safari on iPhone 14, iOS 26 (updated February 2026)
- Screen Reader with Braille Device (Deaf-Blind)
- VoiceOver on Safari on iPhone 13 Pro, iOS 17.6.1 with Focus 14 Blue braille display (updated March 2025)
- Screen Reader with Braille Device
- JAWS 2022 on Google Chrome on Windows 11 Pro with Mantis braille display (updated February 2025)
- VoiceOver on Safari on iPhone 14 Pro, iOS 26.3
- Windows Narrator on Microsoft Edge on Windows 11 version 25H2 (up to date March 2026)
- NVDA 2025.3.3 on Google Chrome on Windows 11 version 25H2 (updated February 2025)
- VoiceOver on Safari on iPad Pro 12.9" (5th Generation), iPadOS 26.3, Chrome with pinch-to-zoom and Dynamic Type enabled (19pt+ font)
- Safari on macOS 26.0.1 on Apple Mac Mini (M1, 2020) with 27" external monitor at 1280×720p, increased display contrast, and browser zoom (Ctrl +)

Testers disabilities

- Fully blind
- Deaf-Blind
- Almost fully blind (near fully blind)
- Low vision
- ADD
- Panic and anxiety disorders

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (No) Level AA (No) Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.x Level AAA.

WCAG 2.1 Report

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Electronic Documents: Not Applicable • Software: Supports • Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Graphs and charts used for statistics (e.g., Monographs, Preprints) lack text alternatives, rendering data points inaccessible to screen reader users. Small action icons (edit, delete, view) often lack descriptive labels, forcing reliance on visual cues alone. Broken links and missing href attributes were also identified. Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP All open WCAG 1.1.1 issue(s): 12596, 12649 • Software:

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		<p>Data structures expose values correctly when properly labeled in the UI layer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring Tool: <p>Authors and editors interacting with submission metadata, announcements, and editorial guidance encounter unlabeled action icons (edit, delete, view) and inaccessible statistical graphs. These barriers affect content production workflows where authors upload files and editors manage publication assets.</p>
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Audio-only media content is not present in the administrative interfaces.</p> Authoring Tool: <p>No audio-only media authoring in Editorial View interfaces.</p>
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Video content without audio transcripts are not commonly present in admin interfaces.</p> Authoring Tool: <p>No video captioning workflows in Editorial View.</p>
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: <p>Media synchronization alternatives are not required for admin workflow interfaces.</p> Authoring Tool: <p>No media synchronization in authoring workflows.</p>
1.3.1 Info and Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web:

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	<p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Partially Supports</p>	<p>Critical structural failures exist in table semantics and form labeling. Table headers frequently misuse the scope attribute on data cells instead of header cells. Rich text editors (used for Author Guidance, Announcements) are unreadable by screen readers, often labeled only as "clickable application" without exposing content. Filter controls behave incorrectly, and navigation submenus fail to announce their expandable state or auto-expand confusingly. Duplicate headings and improper heading hierarchies are prevalent.</p> <p>Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP</p> <p>All open WCAG 1.3.1 issue(s): 9355, 9357, 12467, 12839</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>Backend data structures maintain proper relationships when semantic markup is correctly implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Rich text editors used for Author Guidance, Announcements, and editorial decisions are unreadable by screen readers, labeled only as "clickable application." This directly impedes content authors who rely on these editors to produce published material. Table semantics and form labeling failures also affect authoring contexts.</p>
<p>1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Navigation order generally follows logical visual flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool:

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		<p>Navigation order follows logical flow for authoring tasks.</p>
<p>1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Buttons and breadcrumbs provide complementary text to screen reader users. • Authoring Tool: Instructions in authoring forms don't rely solely on sensory characteristics.
<p>1.4.1 Use of Color</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Dashboard notification indicators lack explicit context, relying primarily on color to convey meaning. Red bubbles do not define their status or urgency through text or icons, creating barriers for users with color vision deficiencies. Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP All open WCAG 1.4.1 issue(s): 12703 • Authoring Tool: Color-only notification indicators affect content authors monitoring submission queues.
<p>1.4.2 Audio Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable • Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: No audio playback features require pause controls in administrative workflows. • Authoring Tool: No audio playback in authoring workflows.
<p>2.1.1 Keyboard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web:

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	<p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Partially Supports</p>	<p>Complex interactions are not fully keyboard accessible. Reordering components (drag-and-drop) lacks a keyboard alternative, and rich text editors trap focus or require undocumented key combinations to exit. Some navigation tabs and dropdowns do not respond correctly to standard tab/enter navigation.</p> <p>Platforms: OMP, OJS, OPS</p> <p>All open WCAG 2.1.1 issue(s): 12601, 12681, 12838</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>System functions do not provide full keyboard operability for all interactive elements. Focus management requires improvement across complex workflows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Drag-and-drop reordering lacks keyboard alternatives, affecting editors who arrange submission files and chapter orders. Rich text editors trap focus, preventing authors from completing content production tasks efficiently via keyboard alone.</p>
<p>2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>No keyboard traps were identified; users can generally navigate away from all focused elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>No keyboard traps beyond RTE focus issues already captured under 2.1.1.</p>
<p>2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web:

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	<p>Not Applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>No custom keyboard shortcuts are implemented in the administrative interfaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>No custom keyboard shortcuts in Editorial View authoring interfaces.</p>
<p>2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>No time-based limits are enforced on user sessions in the administrative interface.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>No session timeouts enforced.</p>
<p>2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating information is not commonly used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>No auto-updating content in authoring contexts.</p>
<p>2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Not Applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Not Applicable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>No content flashes above three times per second in administrative interfaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>No flashing content in Editorial View interfaces.</p>
<p>2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Bypass blocks are available but functionality may vary in complex workflow contexts.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring Tool: Bypass blocks available in authoring contexts, though may vary in complex workflows.
2.4.2 Page Titled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Partially Supports Software: Partially Supports Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Dynamic administrative pages share identical page titles regardless of the current view (e.g., "Submissions OJS..." appears for Active, Needs Review, and Published stages). This prevents screen reader users from distinguishing between different workflow stages or contexts. Platforms: OJS, OPS All open WCAG 2.4.2 issue(s): 12840 Software: System-generated page titles do not dynamically update to reflect specific view context. Each unique admin view should receive a distinct title identifier. Authoring Tool: Identical page titles across workflow stages prevent authors and editors from programmatically identifying which submission or authoring context is currently active, increasing cognitive load during content production.
2.4.3 Focus Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Supports Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Focus order generally maintains logical sequence through workflow steps. Authoring Tool:

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2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Software: Supports • Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<p>Focus order follows logical sequence through authoring steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Dashboard is presenting non-descriptive "View" links that all read identically, making it impossible to identify which specific submission they refer to. Duplicate links per item increase the cognitive load and physical effort required for keyboard navigation. Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP All open WCAG 2.4.4 issue(s): 9339, 9341, 12749, 12836 • Software: Hyperlink destinations resolve correctly; naming convention is the primary presentation issue. • Authoring Tool: Non-descriptive "View" links in the submission dashboard make it difficult for authors and editors to navigate to specific submissions during content review and production workflows. Duplicate links per item increase tabbing effort for keyboard-dependent content producers.
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable • Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Pointer gestures are not required to operate core administrative functions. • Authoring Tool: Focus order follows logical sequence through authoring steps.

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2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: No single-pointer path-based gestures are required to complete workflows. • Authoring Tool: No path-based pointer gestures required.
2.5.3 Label in Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable • Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Label-in-name is not applicable as there are no dynamic label changes triggered by pointer movement. • Authoring Tool: No dynamic label changes from pointer interaction.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable • Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Motion activation is not used to trigger administrative workflows. • Authoring Tool: No motion-activated authoring functions.
3.1.1 Language of Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Dashboard supports 68 different languages and writing systems. • Authoring Tool: 68 languages supported, including for authoring interfaces.
3.2.1 On Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Focusing on components does not cause unexpected context changes without user confirmation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring Tool: No unexpected context changes on focus in authoring forms.
3.2.2 On Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Supports Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Changing settings does not automatically initiate unintended context changes. Authoring Tool: No unintended context changes from form input in authoring workflows.
3.3.1 Error Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Partially Supports Software: Partially Supports Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Error messages appear but are displayed inconsistently (sometimes under a single field rather than listing all errors). Critical feedback like password requirements may not be clearly indicated. Platforms: OMP, OJS, OPS All open WCAG 3.3.1 issue(s): 12599 Software: Focus does not automatically shift to error messages upon validation failure. Users must manually discover and correct errors without systematic guidance. Authoring Tool: Users creating content (e.g., announcements, submissions) receive inconsistent validation feedback through the admin interface.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web:

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	<p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: Supports • Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<p>Rich text editor fields lack descriptive labels, making it impossible to know which section is being edited. Fieldsets are often missing legends, and filter inputs do not provide hints on available options.</p> <p>Platforms: OMP, OJS, OPS</p> <p>All open WCAG 3.3.2 issue(s): 9347, 9347, 9349, 9362, 9363, 12613, 12640, 12725</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: Form label associations function correctly when HTML structure is properly implemented in templates. • Authoring Tool: Users editing content in rich text areas cannot reliably determine which fields require input due to missing programmatic labels.
<p>4.1.1 Parsing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Parsing is successful for most dynamic content; no critical duplicate IDs detected. • Authoring Tool: Parsing successful; no critical duplicate IDs in authoring templates.
<p>4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Software: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Programmatic accessibility is compromised by non-descriptive ARIA labels and landmark misconfiguration. Multiple main regions exist where only one should be present. Incorrect aside placements confuse screen readers. Dynamic components like

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<p>radio buttons are incorrectly announced as "invalid" even when functional.</p> <p>Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP</p> <p>All open WCAG 4.1.2 issue(s): 9330, 12646, 12709, 12719, 12723, 12837</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software: Several interactive elements lack necessary role and property definitions. Custom widgets (filters, graphs) do not expose proper state changes to assistive technologies. Authoring Tool: Content created through admin interfaces may inherit accessibility issues if authors rely on improperly labeled rich text editors.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Not Applicable Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Live captions are not required as live streaming is not part of administrative workflows. Authoring Tool: No live streaming in authoring workflows.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Audio descriptions are not required as video content is minimal in admin interfaces.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: No video content requiring audio descriptions.
1.3.4 Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: The interface provides support for both portrait and landscape orientation across screen sizes. • Authoring Tool: Orientation support applies to authoring interfaces.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Input purpose is properly recognized and autofill-ready for common fields. • Authoring Tool: Autofill-ready fields benefit authoring forms.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Software: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: There are UI elements failing contrast requirements, including pink graph lines on dark blue backgrounds, blue text links blending into body text, and red warning banners that are too small or low contrast. Table text, search boxes against dark backgrounds, and notification bubbles are consistently too light or small to be legible. Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP All open WCAG 1.4.3 issue(s): 9333, 9353, 12650 • Software: Color selection logic renders correctly; contrast failures are CSS implementation issues.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring Tool: Content produced through admin interfaces inherits whatever contrast styling is applied.
1.4.4 Resize text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Partially Supports Software: Supports Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Text throughout the administrative interface is frequently below the recommended 1rem size. This affects critical areas such as form labels, button text, table data, error messages, and warning banners. Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP Software: All open WCAG 1.4.4 issue(s): 12710, 12711 Software: Font sizing is handled by browser typography engines; minimum size recommendations are not programmatically enforced. Authoring Tool: Text scaling works as expected through standard browser controls.
1.4.5 Images of Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Supports Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Buttons include both icons and text labels related to the actions they perform. Authoring Tool: No images of text used in authoring interface buttons.
1.4.10 Reflow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web: The administrative interface is completely unusable at 200% and 400% magnification. Content is pushed off-screen, scrolling is restricted in key views (e.g., "View Submission"), and layouts

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: Partially Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<p>collapse requiring endless horizontal scrolling. On small screens (320px), submission pages and dashboard grids are rendered unusable.</p> <p>Platforms: OJS, OPS, OMP</p> <p>All open WCAG 1.4.10 issue(s): 12559</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: System layout rendering fails to adapt gracefully to high magnification levels. Responsive breakpoints need expansion. • Authoring Tool: Content reflows appropriately within the viewport constraints.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Most icons utilize sufficient contrast ratios, though specific instances fall short.
1.4.12 Text Spacing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Text spacing does not block content when adjusted by users.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Hoverable content remains visible until dismissed; no accidental dismissals reported.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Multiple ways exist to navigate to administrative pages (main menu, breadcrumbs, dashboard links).
2.4.6 Headings and Labels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Software: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Navigation labels are sometimes ambiguous and template configurations do not currently enforce inclusion of descriptive headings on dashboard landing pages.

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	<p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Supports</p>	<p>Platforms: OJS, OMP, OPS</p> <p>All open WCAG 2.4.6 issue(s): 9342, 9344, 9346, 9351, 9356, 9358, 12727</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>Label generation logic is sound; templating inconsistencies require manual enforcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Headings can be applied by content creators using available formatting options.</p>
<p>2.4.7 Focus Visible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>Partially Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Focus indicators are inconsistent and sometimes invisible. Top account icon dropdown focus states are barely visible, and some interactive elements lack a clear focus ring entirely.</p> <p>Platforms: OMP, OJS, OPS</p> <p>All open WCAG 2.4.7 issue(s): 12748</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software: <p>System focus management renders CSS styles that may not meet visibility thresholds for low-vision users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authoring Tool: <p>Focus indicators apply consistently to user-editable elements.</p>
<p>3.1.2 Language of Parts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: <p>Language changes are properly communicated to assistive technologies.</p>
<p>3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web:

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	Supports	Same navigation placement is maintained across all administrative pages.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Consistent identification across multiple pages is maintained for repeating components.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Partially Supports • Software: Partially Supports • Authoring Tool: Partially Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: When submitting forms, errors occur and the system provides minimal guidance on how to correct them. A generic "fill out this field" message is usually presented, but there are no actionable suggestions to help users resolve validation failures. Platforms: OMP, OJS, OPS • Software: Error suggestion logic is incomplete; additional context should be programmatically communicated alongside error messages. • Authoring Tool: Users editing content receive limited guidance when validation errors occur, potentially hindering correction efforts.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: No financial transactions are processed on the administrative reader interface.
4.1.3 Status Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Supports • Authoring Tool: Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web: Status messages are conveyed through roles and properties where programmatically determinable. • Authoring Tool: Status messages in authoring workflows are programmatically conveyed.

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