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# Download any article as a PDF: templates, kinds and the quality check

How one request turns a governed article into a PDF, how a site decides which template each kind of document uses, and what the warn-only quality check tells you.

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# A PDF of any article, from one request

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Readers print, save and forward documents. A governed article on this site can become one. Ask for its PDF and the platform lays the article's own title, sections, pictures and sources onto a template the site owns, then attaches the finished file to the article.

Nobody writes the PDF by hand. The article's content is mapped onto the template by fixed rules, so the same article and the same template give the same document each time.

This article explains what the request does, how a site decides which template a document uses, and what the quality check reports. It also shows the real documents and page previews that were produced while it was written.

## Four terms to know

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Each term below is used the same way for the rest of the article.

- **Template:** a layout with named slots, stored and versioned by the artifact foundry. It is not a site object, so it is read with the template tools, not the object tools.
- **Kind:** the type of document being made, such as article, lead\_magnet or sales\_brochure. A site can pin a different template to each kind.
- **Receipt:** the answer the render call returns. It names the PDF, its page count, any quality findings, and everything the article had no content for.
- **Quality check:** a read of the finished PDF for blank pages, unresolved images and leftover template tokens. It warns. It does not block.

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