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PDF16: Setting the default language using the /Lang entry in the document catalog of a PDF document

Issue

The language is not set in the document properties.

Success Criteria

3.1.1 (Language of Page)

Description

The objective of this technique is to specify a document's default language by setting the /Lang entry in the document catalog. This is normally accomplished using a tool for authoring PDF.

Both assistive technologies and conventional user agents can render text more accurately when the language of the document is identified. Screen readers can load the correct pronunciation rules. Visual browsers can display characters and scripts correctly. Media players can show captions correctly. As a result, users with disabilities are better able to understand the content.