



Admin Header Consistency Debugger

 **CRITICAL ISSUE IDENTIFIED:** The header is likely shifting because of **different wrapper structures** and **inconsistent spacing** between pages.

Step 1: Check Header.php Structure

Open `includes/header.php` and verify it ends EXACTLY like this:

```
<!-- Main Content --> <main class="main-content"> <?php if
(isset($_SESSION['logout_success'])) { $current_page =
basename($_SERVER['PHP_SELF']); if ($current_page ===
'login.php') { echo '<div class="alert alert-success">You
have been logged out successfully.</div>'; }
unset($_SESSION['logout_success']); } ?>
```


 **ACTION:** Make sure header.php does NOT include any wrapper divs like `<div class="wrapper">` OR `<div class="container">`

Step 2: Standardize ALL Admin Page Structure

Every admin page MUST follow this EXACT structure:

```
<?php $pageTitle = 'Your Page Title'; include
'../includes/header.php'; ?> <!DOCTYPE html> <html lang="en">
<head> <meta charset="UTF-8"> <meta name="viewport"
content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0"> <link
href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Inter..."
rel="stylesheet"> <link rel="stylesheet"
```

```
href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/font-awesome/6.4.0/css/all.min.css"> <style> /* YOUR STYLES HERE
*/ </style> </head> <body> <div class="container"> <!-- Page
Header --> <div class="page-header"> <h1>Page Title</h1>
<p>Description</p> </div> <!-- YOUR CONTENT HERE --> </div>
</body> </html> <?php include '../includes/footer.php'; ?>
```

 **COMMON MISTAKE:** Some pages have <div class="wrapper"> or nested containers. Remove ALL extra wrapper divs!

Step 3: Universal CSS (Add to EVERY admin page)

```
<style> /* =====
CRITICAL LAYOUT RESET - DO NOT MODIFY
===== */ html, body {
margin: 0 !important; padding: 0 !important; width: 100%;
min-height: 100vh; } body { font-family: 'Inter', -apple-
system, BlinkMacSystemFont, 'Segoe UI', sans-serif;
background: #f5f7fa; color: #2c3e50; line-height: 1.6; } /*
CRITICAL: Standardize container */ .container { max-width:
1400px; margin: 0 auto !important; padding: 0 1.5rem 1.5rem
1.5rem !important; width: 100%; box-sizing: border-box; } /*
CRITICAL: Fix page header position */ .page-header { margin:
0 0 1.5rem 0 !important; padding: 2rem; background: linear-
gradient(135deg, #8bc34a 0%, #558b2f 100%); border-radius:
12px; color: white; box-shadow: 0 10px 15px rgba(0, 0, 0,
0.1); position: relative; overflow: hidden; } /* Remove any
wrapper interference */ .wrapper { display: contents; } /*
Your page-specific styles below... */ </style>
```

Step 4: Check for These Specific Issues

☐ Check if some pages have `<div class="wrapper">` - REMOVE IT

☐ Check if container padding differs (some have `4rem` , should `0 1.5rem 1.5rem` , `2rem` all be `1.5rem`)

☐ Check if some pages have `body { background: linear-gradient(...) }` - REMOVE the gradient from body

☐ Check if page-header has different margins on different pages

☐ Check if some pages nest containers inside other divs

Step 5: Test Each Page

Open your browser DevTools (F12) and check these on EACH page:

In Browser Console, run:

```
// Check body margin console.log('Body margin:',
getComputedStyle(document.body).margin); // Check
container padding const container =
document.querySelector('.container');
console.log('Container padding:',
getComputedStyle(container).padding); // Check page-
header margin const header =
document.querySelector('.page-header');
console.log('Page header margin:',
getComputedStyle(header).margin); // Check for extra
wrappers console.log('Wrappers:',
document.querySelectorAll('.wrapper').length);
```

☒ EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Body margin: 0px 0px 0px 0px

- Container padding: 0px 24px 24px 24px
- Page header margin: 0px 0px 24px 0px
- Wrappers: 0

Step 6: The Nuclear Option

If nothing works, this is the ABSOLUTE FIX - add this to header.php stylesheet:

```
/* FORCE CONSISTENT LAYOUT - IN HEADER.PHP */ <style> body {
margin: 0 !important; padding: 0 !important; padding-top: 0
!important; /* Critical! */ } main.main-content { padding: 0
!important; margin: 0 !important; } /* Ensure no inherited
spacing */ * { margin-block-start: 0; margin-block-end: 0; }
</style>
```

Quick Diagnosis Tool

Copy this code and paste it in your browser console on ANY admin page:

```
// ADMIN HEADER DIAGNOSIS TOOL console.clear();
console.log('🔍 HEADER CONSISTENCY DIAGNOSIS');
console.log('====='); const body =
document.body; const container =
document.querySelector('.container'); const header =
document.querySelector('.page-header'); const wrapper =
document.querySelector('.wrapper'); const mainContent =
document.querySelector('main.main-content'); console.log('✓
Body margin:', getComputedStyle(body).margin);
console.log('✓ Body padding:',
getComputedStyle(body).padding); console.log('✓ Body
padding-top:', getComputedStyle(body).paddingTop); if
(mainContent) { console.log('✓ Main content margin:',
getComputedStyle(mainContent).margin); console.log('✓ Main
content padding:', getComputedStyle(mainContent).padding); }
if (container) { console.log('✓ Container padding:',
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getComputedStyle(container).padding); console.log('✓
Container margin:', getComputedStyle(container).margin);
console.log('✓ Container offsetTop:', container.offsetTop);
} else { console.error('✗ NO CONTAINER FOUND!'); } if
(header) { console.log('✓ Page header margin:',
getComputedStyle(header).margin); console.log('✓ Page header
offsetTop:', header.offsetTop); } else { console.error('✗
NO PAGE HEADER FOUND!'); } if (wrapper) { console.warn('⚠
WARNING: Wrapper div detected!', wrapper); } console.log('\n
📊 DIAGNOSIS COMPLETE'); console.log('Expected: Body
margin/padding = 0, Container padding = 0 24px 24px 24px');
```

 Copy Diagnosis Code

Still Not Working?

Send me the console output from the diagnosis tool above for these pages:

- dashboard.php
- applications.php
- users.php

Also tell me: HOW is the header shifting?

- Moving up/down?
- Left/right?
- Growing/shrinking?
- Is it the entire header or just elements inside it?