

Table Of Contents

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The **table of contents** (TOC) feature collects the headings from a [Markdown](#) file and creates a [HTML](#) table of contents that can be used by a theme to display a table of contents. A page can request a TOC. The TOC is created regardless if a page is requesting it or not to display it. [Themes](#) are recommended but can not be forced to obey the pages wish. For the **table of content** feature to be used [Pankyll](#) needs to work hand in hand with the theme and vice versa. Here are the details on how the TOC is compiled. (1) [Pankyll](#) uses the [Pandoc](#) template `toc.markdown` to extract the table of content from a [Markdown](#) file. (2) After this step again [Pandoc](#) is used to convert the **table of content** to [HTML](#). (3) This [HTML](#) snippet is then presented to the theme via the variable `{{toc}}`. Coincidentally this is also a Pandoc variable. Therefore this variable can not be used inside the front matter. If used it would return a TOC with the content of 'true', if 'toc: True' was written in the front matter. Otherwise it would not return a TOC, in case 'toc: False'. (4) Now, for a theme to work, [Pankyll](#) supports the front matter key `TOC: True` or `TOC: False`. Note, that YAML is case sensitive and this key has to be all caps to work. (See (3) for the reason.) If `TOC` is missing in the front matter, it is treated as `TOC: False`. A theme who displays a **table of content** (which is optional) just need to test if there is a `toc` content and if there is a `TOC: True`. The following is an example from `pankyl1-theme-newspaper`.

```
{% if frontmatter.TOC and toc %}
<div class="table-of-contents" id="table-of-contents-container">
  {% if cfg.toc[locale].text %}
    <strong>{{ cfg.toc[locale].text }}</strong>
  {% endif %}
  {{toc}}
</div>
{% endif %}
```

If the theme uses the 'table of content' feature and you should add the lan-

guage localization (translation) to your configuration. The following example is for English, German and Japanese.

```
toc:
  en_US:
    text: Table Of Contents # alternative: Contents
  de_DE:
    text: Inhalt
  ja_JP:
    text: 目次
```