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. 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 wit 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 than presented to the theme via the variable `{{toc}}`. (4) Now for a theme to work, Pankyll supports the front matter key `toc: True` or `toc: False`. If `toc` is missing, 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 `pankyll-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 language 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
```