

Guide: Progressive Outline

1 Function documentation

This section details all the parameters available for the progressive-outline function.

Option	Type	Effect & Expected Values
level-X-mode	string	Defines the visibility of level X (1, 2, or 3). Values: "all", "current", "current-parent", "none".
text-styles	dict	Dictionary of Typst text(...) styles for each level. Structure: (level-X: (active: (...), inactive: (...))).
spacing	dict	Controls vertical space (v-between-X-Y) and horizontal indentation (indent-X) between elements.
show-numbering	bool	Enables or disables the display of heading numbering.
numbering-format	str func	Typst numbering format (e.g., "1.1") or custom function (..n) =>

2 Visibility

This section covers the level-X-mode parameters.

2.1 The ‘current-parent’ mode

The current-parent mode is the most powerful: it only displays the “siblings” of the current element. This allows you to see the plan of the current section without being distracted by other chapters.

```
progressive-outline(  
  level-1-mode: 'all',  
  level-2-mode: 'current-parent'  
)
```

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2.2 Isolation via ‘current’ mode

If you want an ultra-minimalist rendering, the current mode hides everything except the exact entry where you are located.

```
progressive-outline(  
  level-1-mode: 'current',  
  level-2-mode: 'none'  
)
```

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3 Style Customization

The function allows you to modify the appearance of headings based on their state (active/inactive).

3.1 The anti-jitter mechanism

Anti-jitter ensures that switching from a thin font to a bold one doesn't move the text. We use a ghost box to reserve the maximum space required.

```
text-styles: (  
  level-1: (  
    active: (weight: 'black', fill:  
eastern, size: 1.2em),  
    inactive: (weight: 'light', fill:  
gray, size: 1.2em)  
  )  
)
```

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3.2 Colors and decorations

Each level can have its own rules for colors, italics, or bold.

```
text-styles: (  
  level-2: (  
    active: (style: 'italic', fill: blue,  
weight: 'bold'),  
    inactive: (fill: luma(200))  
  )  
)
```

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4 Fine-grained spacing management

The spacing dictionary sculpts the rhythm.

4.1 Inter-level spacing

You can define the exact space between an H1 heading and an H2 heading, or between two headings of the same level.

```
spacing: (
  v-between-1-1: 2em,
  v-between-1-2: 1.2em,
  v-between-2-2: 0.8em
)
```

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4.2 Horizontal indentation

Indentation defines the offset to the right for each depth level.

```
spacing: (
  indent-2: 3em,
  indent-3: 6em
)
```

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5 Numbering system

The function relies on Typst's native engine.

5.1 Complex hierarchical formats

The numbering-format parameter accepts all standard Typst models (1, a, i, I, A).

```
show-numbering: true,  
numbering-format: 'I.a.1. '
```

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5.2 Advanced textual prefixes

To use long words like “Chapter” without errors, pass a function. This prevents Typst from interpreting letters like ‘a’ or ‘i’ as numbering models.

```
show-numbering: true,  
numbering-format: (..n) => 'Chapter ' +  
numbering('1', ..n) + ' : '
```

Secure 'Chapter' Prefix

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6 Additional information

It is optimized to work within presentation themes (like progressive-outline), but can be used in any standard Typst document.