

HTML Editor

What are the basics of HTML Editor?

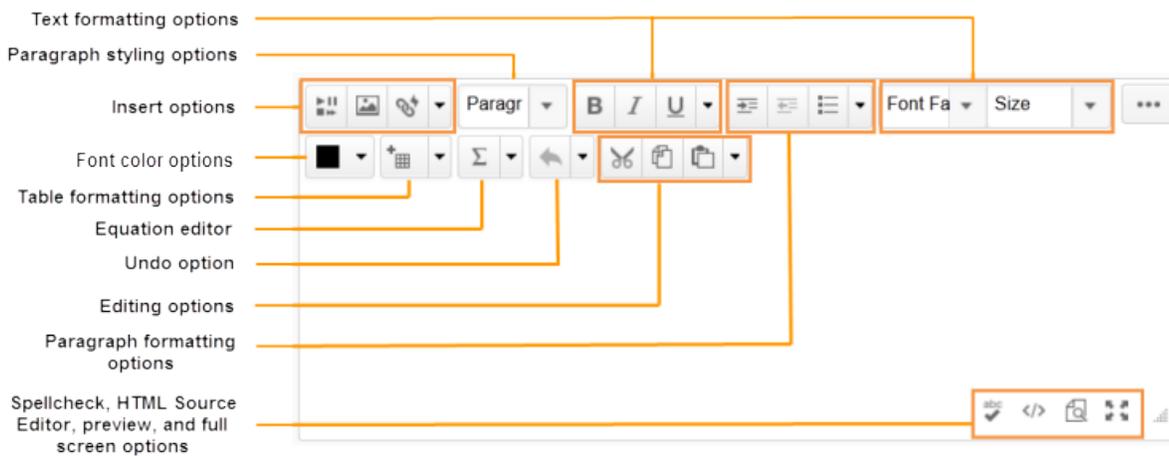


Figure 2: Design view of HTML Editor with editing options called out

The HTML Editor has three options you can choose when viewing content:

View	Description
Design view	The design view loads automatically when the HTML Editor is accessed. Use this view to quickly create and format content without needing any prior knowledge of HTML. Enter your content and use the available controls to apply formatting to your text, insert images and tables, and create links.
Source Editor view	Click the <code></></code> HTML Source Editor icon to display the source editor view. This view displays the code that structures and formats your content. Use this view if you have experience with HTML and prefer to author your content in HTML or want to apply styles from a cascading style sheet (CSS). If you have HTML-based content from another application, you can also copy and paste that code into the source editor view.
Preview	Use the view to display a preview of your HTML content in a new window. This allows you to preview content and ensure that it displays as expected prior to saving

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	any changes.

Compliance to accessibility standards in HTML-authored content

An accessibility checker is now available within the HTML Editor for use within Content, Widgets, Quizzes, Assignments, Calendar, Assignments, and any other tools where you can access the HTML Editor.

The accessibility checker is available on the HTML Editor bar. After you add content to the HTML Editor, you can click the checker to ensure that the HTML page meets conformance to WCAG and Section 508 accessibility standards.

The accessibility checker reviews content for the use of the following items:

- Use of paragraphs as headings
- Sequential headings
- Adjacent links
- Ordered list structure
- Unordered list structure
- Contrast ratio of text to background colors
- Image ALT text
- ALT text filename
- Table caption
- Complex table summary
- Table caption and summary
- Table heading scope, markup, and headers

The checker indicates if the content is free of accessibility issues, or offers suggestions to fix them.

Note that the accessibility checker does not check multiple files at the same time and does not check files that you have imported into a course. Also be aware that the accessibility checker is only available for HTML files in the HTML Editor tool; it cannot be used to check any other file type, such as MS Word, PDF, PowerPoint, and so on.

Use the Accessibility Checker on HTML-authored content

The accessibility checker gives you a way to ensure that the content you author in the HTML Editor conforms to WCAG and Section 508 accessibility standards. The accessibility checker is available within the HTML Editor for use within Content, Widgets, Quizzes, Assignments, Calendar, Assignments, Discussions and any other tools where a user can access the HTML Editor.

1. Enter HTML content in the HTML Editor.
2. Click  to start the checker.
3. If there are any compliance issues, read the report for suggestions on how to fix the issue.