Marking PDFs Using Standard Adobe Reader

Please read these instructions for marking digital proofs before you begin a project. Your Adobe software might appear somewhat differently on your monitor, depending on the version, so you may need to explore how to use it to obtain similar results as below. To access the needed features, click the "Comment" button at the upper right in the document window.

Examples

1. Use the strikethrough tool for deletions (click the "T" icon with red strikethrough). If you simply want to delete text, no need to type "delete" in the comment box or on the PDF. The "strikethrough" icon in the comment box is enough to instruct the compositor.



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2. When you use other tools, a pop-up dialog box appears. The text you enter in this box also appears in the Comments list to the right. Clicking on the comment box in the list will turn the selected comment yellow (or a pinkish color, depending on your monitor). The pop-up dialog box then opens to show the corresponding correction in the text.



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3. If you **highlight** material, a Comment box will appear in the list of comments to the right. To add a note to the Comment box, double-click on the box to open and enter text. A fillable box appears for your note. To distinguish instructions from desired revisions, use angle brackets (</>), e.g., "<insert>X".



To delete a correction you made, right-click on the comment box or the correction itself to access options, then select "Delete."

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4. **Insert-text tool**. Click on the Insert-text tool (see "T" icon with blue caret symbol [^]), then click on the exact location to insert a letter/word. Type the correct letter or word in the pop-up box. If a word should be inserted, it is helpful to note that an extra space is needed since spaces cannot be entered directly in the PDF, e.g., if the insertion point selected is at the end of the preceding word, enter "<insert><space>word."



If the letter/word should be italicized, italicize it in the pop-up box. For clarity, it's advisable to include an explicit note, i.e., "<ital>*text*</ital>"—beginning bracketed text with a slash as in this example indicates where the italics should end.

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When simply *inserting* a letter into a word, it's best to also spell out the word in the pop-up box on the first instance. With your mouse (not the highlighter tool), you can highlight the word on the PDF, copy it (Ctrl+c), then paste it into the pop-up box (Ctrl+v), and type the letter that's missing. Copying and pasting from the PDF brings the diacritics along, too.



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In the following example, there is a second change indicated, the addition of <a> at the end of a word. For text requiring more than one revision, it's best to separate the instructions as done here.



When you click outside the pop-up box, it will disappear, and the corresponding comment will show in the comments list to the right.

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5. **Replace-text tool**. Click on the Replace-text tool (see "T" icon with blue strikethrough and caret symbol) then select the material to be replaced. When the pop-up box appears, follow the same method as above. You may also include an explicit instruction here, e.g., "<replace X with:>Y."



6. **Replace diacritics.** Use the Replace-text tool. Copy the letter with diacritic from the PDF itself or from a Word doc and paste it into the pop-up box (or comment box). To specify the diacritic by name, enter, e.g., "<replace acute accent with macron:>[letter]."

If needed, change the font on your symbols chart to the new Times New Roman (TNR) font, which has the most complete list of diacritics.

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7. Add letters/words with diacritics. Use the Insert-text tool. The change below would be corrected to *Shōbōgenzō Zuimonki*. For text with several diacritics, you can denote explicit points for the special characters, e.g, "<insert macron over each o: *Shōbōgenzō*>."

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8. **Insert characters from the author's Word doc.** If you don't have the correct font, you won't be able to see or copy and paste the characters. In any case, use the Insert tool to mark the exact placement, and write: "<insert char. X>" (if a character list is included, enter the number or reference for the character). In the case that additional characters such as punctuation or symbols are needed, it's helpful to make this explicit, e.g., "<insert><left parens>character<right parens>."

If there is a character list (below, the separate Word doc window set to the left of the PDF), return that along with the PDF markup.



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9. Move text on page. The highlight and call-out tools were used to denote text should be moved.



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10. Insert text from another page.



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11. Move text to another page.



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12. Move figures, charts, maps, etc., from one page to another. If the caption includes a figure number, include it on the note.



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When revisions are complete, there is no need to sign each page. When you return the proofed, cross-marked, digitally marked-up PDF, that will signal the Press that you have proofed every page.

A final note: Each time a tool is used for a change, it creates a new comment box. If you need to use both highlighting and a call-out tool (e.g., to make clear where to move text), go ahead, but many corrections can be made with simply the Insert, Replace, or Delete tools. Most important, make your desired change clear for the compositor.