

Validating Audience Targeted Release Views

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Confirming the release view and audience you are testing

Before you test any public page, make sure you are looking at the correct release in Atloria. Start in the release area for your project and open the release you plan to share. Check the release name, the selected documentation version, and any version label shown in the release details. If your team uses multiple versions, this step matters because the same page title can appear in more than one release.

Next, confirm that you are testing the public release view, not an internal editing or review screen. Use the release preview or public page opening option tied to that release so you are validating the same view your readers will receive. If the release shows audience settings, review the audience names attached to it and confirm they match the groups you expect to test, such as separate reader segments with different page visibility.

Pay close attention to which pages are included in the release. A page should already be part of the published release set and have a public route. If you see pages that are still in draft or pages that are missing a public path, do not include them in your validation result because readers will not reach them the same way.

A quick release check usually includes:

- The correct project
- The correct release
- The intended documentation version
- The intended audience or audiences
- Public pages with live routes

[SCREENSHOT: Release details panel showing release name, version label, audience settings, and public preview option]

If you need a refresher on reading audience-based views before this validation step, see [Reading Audience Specific Documentation Views](#).

Opening the public page as each target audience

Once you have the right release open, launch the page from the release preview or the public link shown for that release. This helps you avoid testing an outdated bookmark or a general project link that may not reflect the audience-targeted setup. Open the exact page stakeholders are expected to review.

1. Open the public page from the release preview or public link.
2. Select the first audience view available for that release.
3. Note the page title, visible sections, callouts, links, and navigation items.
4. Switch to the next audience view and repeat the same check.
5. Open the same page in a private browser window and test again.

As you move between audiences, compare what changes on the page. Look for hidden sections, different wording, different navigation choices, or missing links. In Atloria, these differences are often the clearest sign that audience targeting is working as expected. If two audiences should see different content but the page looks identical, pause and verify the audience setup before continuing.

It helps to keep a simple comparison note while testing. Record the audience name, the page you opened, and the main items visible on screen. That makes it easier to explain differences during stakeholder review.

Use a clean browser session for at least one pass. A signed-in session, an older preview tab, or saved browsing state can make a page appear under the wrong audience context. A private window gives you a cleaner check of the public experience.

[SCREENSHOT: Public documentation page open with audience-specific content and visible navigation]

[SCREENSHOT: Same page opened in a private browser window for comparison]

Checking that routes resolve to the correct public pages

After confirming the visible content, test whether the page route itself is correct. Start by looking at the page address in the browser and compare it with the route configured for the release. The route should match the intended public page slug. If Atloria opens a different route than expected, you may be landing on an older page, a default page, or a different release path.

1. Open the page directly from the release link.
2. Copy the page link and paste it into a new browser tab.
3. Open the same page through public navigation inside the documentation site.

4. Compare the results to make sure all entry points lead to the same page.
5. Repeat this check for each audience-targeted route you plan to share.

Also test what happens when a reader tries to open a route that should not be available to their audience. The page should not quietly show content meant for another audience. Instead, confirm that Atloria shows the expected public result, such as a not found page or a limited-access view. This is especially important when stakeholders receive copied links by email or chat and open them directly.

Check more than the page body. Review the navigation menu, sidebar links, and any search-driven links available on the public documentation site. A route can be hidden on the page itself but still appear in navigation if the release setup is incomplete. If an audience should not see a page, they also should not see a link leading to it.

[SCREENSHOT: Browser address bar with the expected public route]

[SCREENSHOT: Public navigation menu showing only audience-appropriate pages]

Verifying the version context shown on the page

A targeted page can still be wrong if it is showing the wrong documentation version. Open the public page and look for any version label in the page header, a version badge, or a version switcher. Compare that label with the version selected in the release details. If the release is meant to show a specific version, the public page should match it everywhere.

1. Open the page and locate the version label or version switcher.
2. Compare the displayed version with the release version in Atloria.
3. Open two or three related pages from the same navigation tree.
4. Confirm the version stays the same as you move between pages.
5. Copy a page link and reopen it in a new tab to confirm the same version appears.

This step is important when your team maintains multiple versions at the same time. A page may look correct at first glance, but the text, screenshots, or links may belong to a different version than the one you are preparing for release. Compare the public page against the selected release version in your project workspace and make sure audience-specific sections match the published state for that version.

Watch for links that jump readers to the latest version instead of keeping them in the release you are validating. This often shows up when you open a related page, use a navigation link, or paste a copied link into a new tab. If the version changes unexpectedly, that is a release issue worth fixing before review.

[SCREENSHOT: Public page header showing version label]

[SCREENSHOT: Version switcher or version badge remaining consistent across related pages]

Comparing what stakeholders will see before launch

Before you send a release for approval or external review, capture exactly what each audience will see. The easiest way to do this is to use one validation table for every audience and page combination you test. That gives you a clear record of the route, the version, and the visible differences.

Audience	Tested public page	Expected route	Actual route	Displayed version	Notes
Audience name	Page title	Expected public route	Opened route	Version label shown	Visible differences or issues
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As you compare audiences, note the items that change in the final public rendering:

- Hidden or visible sections
- Different callouts or instructions
- Audience-specific navigation items
- Different page titles or metadata
- Version labels that differ from the release setup

Take screenshots of the final public page for each audience you test. Focus on the page header, the main content area, and the navigation around the page. These screenshots are useful when a reviewer wants proof that a page is ready without opening every route personally.

[SCREENSHOT: Side-by-side comparison notes for two audience-targeted page views]

[SCREENSHOT: Final public rendering captured for stakeholder approval]

If you find a mismatch, write it down in plain language. For example: “Partner audience opens the correct page title, but the navigation still shows Internal Setup,” or

“Version label shows the latest release instead of Version 2.1.” Clear notes make follow-up faster.

Fixing common validation problems before stakeholder review

Most validation issues fall into a few repeat patterns. If an audience sees the wrong content, start by reopening the release settings and checking the audience assignment tied to that release view. Then test again in a private browser window. In Atloria, an older session or previously opened preview can make a page appear under the wrong audience context.

If a public link opens the wrong page, compare the page slug in the browser with the route you expected to test. Then open the page from the release preview again and see whether both paths match. If they do not, review the page route used in the release and any alternate public path your team may have shared earlier. Replace old stakeholder links with the current release link before review.

When the version label is wrong, go back to the release details and confirm the release is tied to the intended documentation version. Then reopen the page and test navigation to related pages. If the first page is correct but later pages switch versions, the release needs more route checking before it is ready.

If navigation exposes pages for the wrong audience, review the public menu and sidebar entries included in the release. A page should not appear in navigation if that audience should not open it. Remove or hide links that point to pages outside the targeted release view.

Common fixes to verify before retesting:

- Correct the audience assigned to the release view
- Reopen the page in a clean browser session
- Confirm the public route matches the intended page slug
- Check the selected documentation version in the release
- Remove navigation links that expose the wrong audience pages

For broader admin checks around access, analytics, or audit review, see [Using the Admin Workspace](#), [Reviewing Security and Audit Controls](#), and [Monitoring Administrative Analytics and Activity](#).

Overview

This guide focuses on one specific task in Atloria: validating that a public release view shows the right documentation to the right audience before you share it. You are not creating audiences here and you are not planning the content structure from scratch. Instead, you are checking the final public result of a release that already has audience targeting applied.

The validation process centers on four things:

- The release you opened
- The audience context you selected
- The public route readers will use
- The documentation version shown on the page

That combination determines what stakeholders actually see. A release can look correct inside a project workspace but still fail in the public view if the wrong route opens, the wrong audience content appears, or the page switches to the wrong version after navigation.

Use this guide when you are preparing for launch, doing a final internal review, or sending a stakeholder preview. If you already reviewed how audience-specific pages behave in public documentation, this guide builds on that work rather than repeating it. For earlier planning and page review steps, see [Planning Audience Specific Documentation Experiences](#) and [Reviewing Audience Specific Pages in Public Documentation](#).

The goal is simple: when someone opens the public page, Atloria should show the correct page, for the correct audience, in the correct release version, with the correct navigation around it.

Prerequisites

Before you start validating a targeted release view in Atloria, make sure you have access to the project and the release you need to test. You should also be able to open the public documentation view for that release. If you cannot reach the release area or public preview, ask an Atloria admin or project owner to confirm your access.

You will get the best results if the following items are already in place:

- A project with at least one published documentation release
- Audience settings already defined for the content you are testing
- Public pages with active routes

- A release version selected and ready for review
- A way to open the public page for each audience you need to validate

It also helps to prepare a short list of the exact pages you plan to test. Include the page title, expected audience, and expected route so you can compare what opens in the browser against what should be visible. If your team is reviewing multiple versions, note the version label for each page in advance.

For cleaner testing, have a private browser window available. This lets you confirm that saved sessions or earlier previews are not affecting the public result. If you are collecting approval evidence, be ready to capture screenshots during the validation pass.

If you still need help with account access or sign-in before reaching your project, use [Accessing and Registering Your Atloria Account](#) and [Signing In to Atloria and Solving Access Problems](#).

After you finish the checks in this guide, continue with [Reviewing Audience Specific Reading Experiences](#).