

○iAbacus User **Manual**

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Welcome

Welcome to iAbacus, the beautifully simple online tool for self-evaluation and planning.

We hope that using iAbacus will be straightforward and intuitive, and any questions you have will be covered in this user guide. However if you find you need help – feel free to contact us.

Find out more about iAbacus by visiting one of these websites: Global | Scotland | Wales

Read about the model behind the iAbacus here: www.iabacus.co.uk/model

Watch a series of videos about iAbacus here: www.iabacus.co.uk/videos

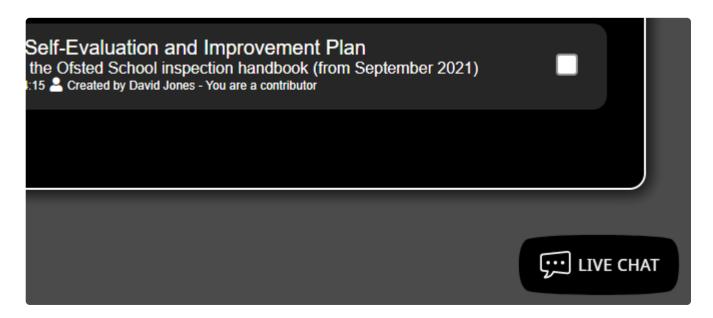
Contact Support

We're here to help. If you can't find the answer you need in this user guide, please let us know and we'll talk you through.

Email: support@iabacus.co.uk

Phone: 0115 929 3419

Live chat: If you're logged into iAbacus and an operator is available, click the button at the bottom right of the screen that says **Live chat**. (If an operator is not available you can type in your question and we will respond as soon as we are available, normally during business hours).



Quick Start Guide



This quick start guide will show you how to do the very basics – from logging in to completeing your first cycle of self-evaluation and improvement planning. Please use the menu on the left to find out more about each step in the process, including how you can collaborate with others and create reports to share.

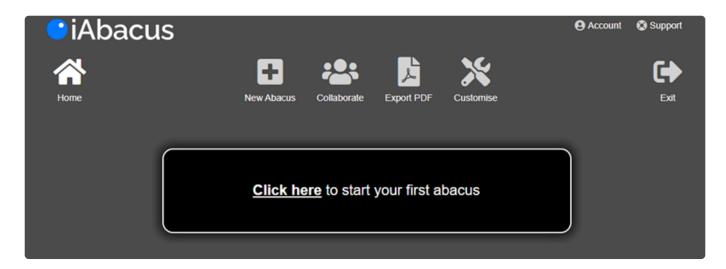
Create your iAbacus® account at www.iabacus.me/create

Complete the form with your details and licence code. (Your licence code should have been given to you by your school iAbacus administrator. If you do not have a licence code, please contact your school's administrator, or contact iAbacus support.)

When you've done this, click the arrow at the bottom of the form to continue.

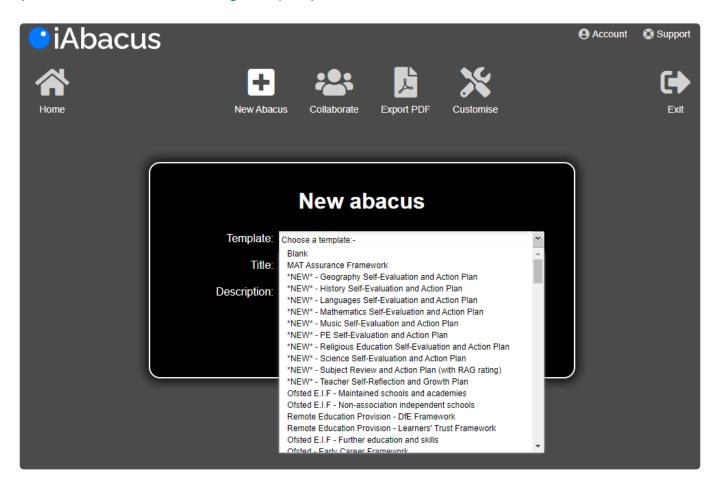


You will see a confirmation message that your account has been created. Click the arrow to go into your Home screen. Most likely it will be empty, like this:



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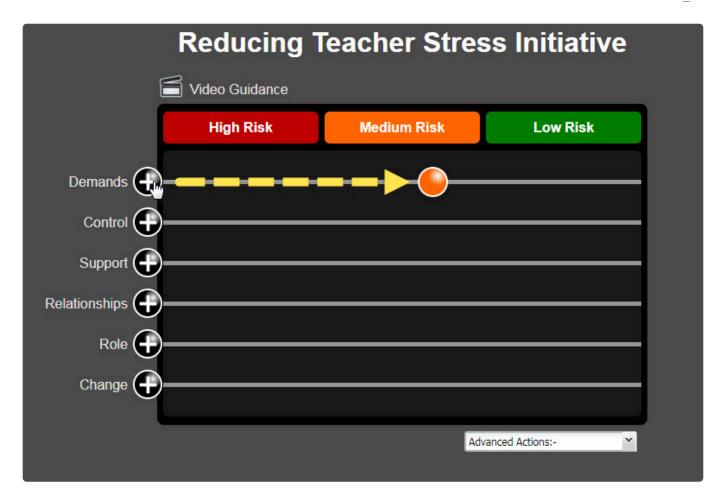
(More information about choosing a template)





Slide a bead.

(More information about making a judgement)



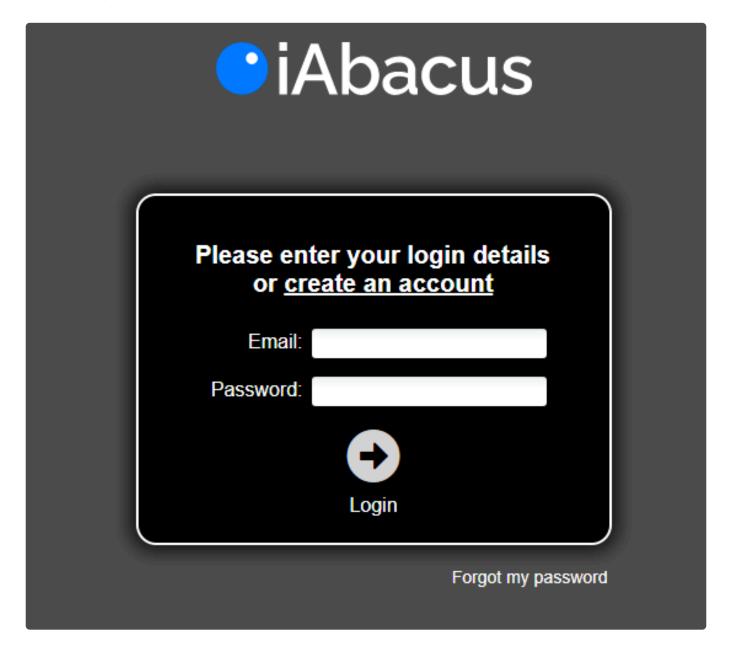
User Accounts

This section tells you how to create your account, if you don't already have one, how to log in and how to update your details.

Create your user account

If you are logging into iAbacus for the first time, you will need to create a user account.

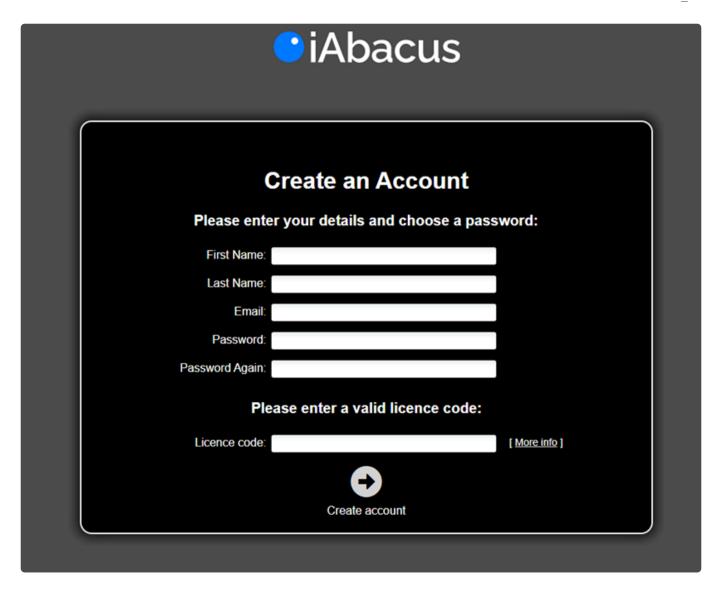
- 1. Go to www.iabacus.me.
- 2. On the login screen, click 'Create an account'.



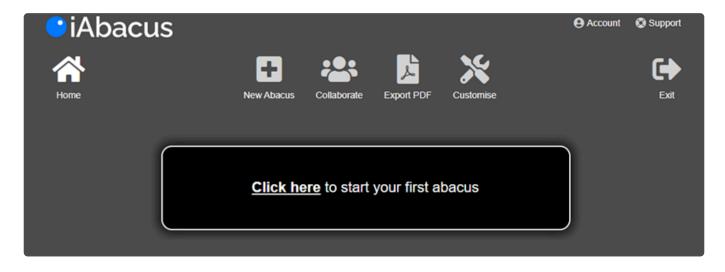
3. On the next screen, enter your details and choose a password.

Enter your licence code, which should have been given to you by your school iAbacus administrator. If you do not have a licence code, please contact your school's administrator, or contact iAbacus support.

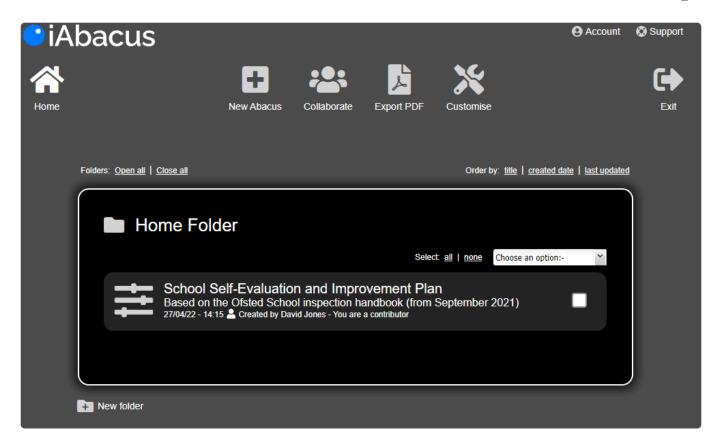
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4. You will see a confirmation message that your account has been created. Click the arrow to go into your Home screen. Most likely it will be empty, like this:



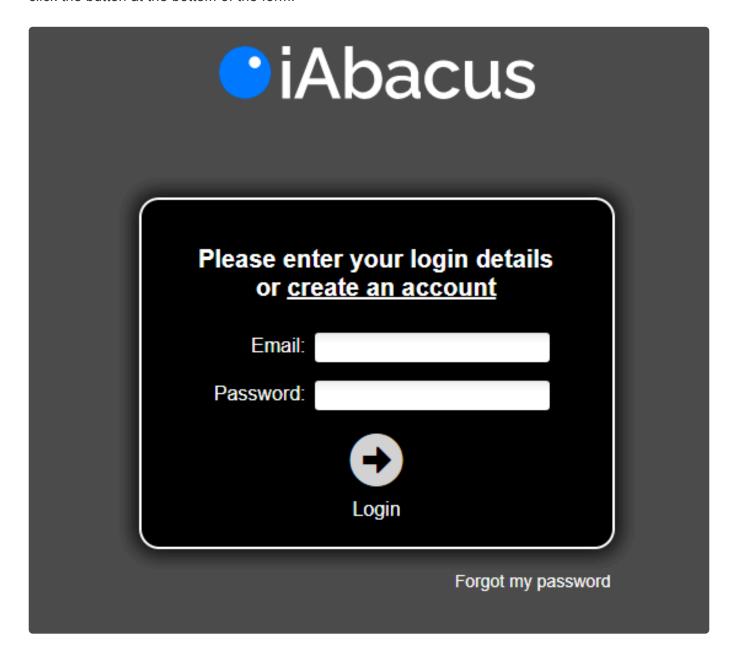
However, if a colleague has already invited you to collaborate on an abacus, this will appear on your Home screen:



Log in to your account

To log into your account, go to www.iabacus.me.

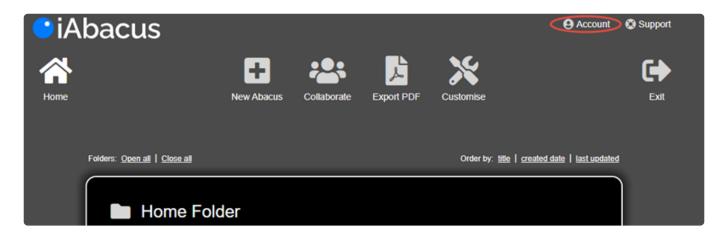
At the Log in screen, enter the email address you used to create your account and your password, and click the button at the bottom of the form.



If you have forgotten your password, please click 'Forgot my password' at the bottom of the form.

Update your details

You can update your details at anytime by clicking on My Account at the top right of your screen.



Here you can change your name and email, and update your password.

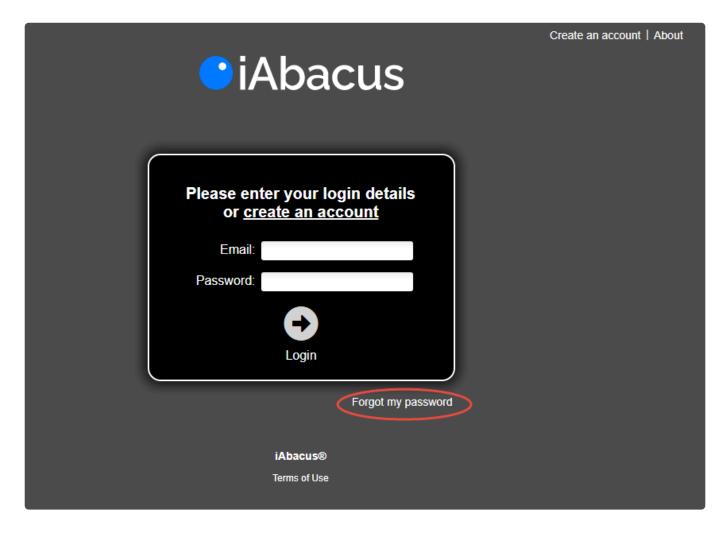




Please note, the email that appears in your account details is the email you will use to log in. Therefore if you update your email, it will also update your log in details.

Retrieve your password

If you have forgotten your password, go to the log on screen (www.iabacus.me) and click on 'Forgot my password'.



Enter the email address you use to log in and we will then email instructions regarding your password.

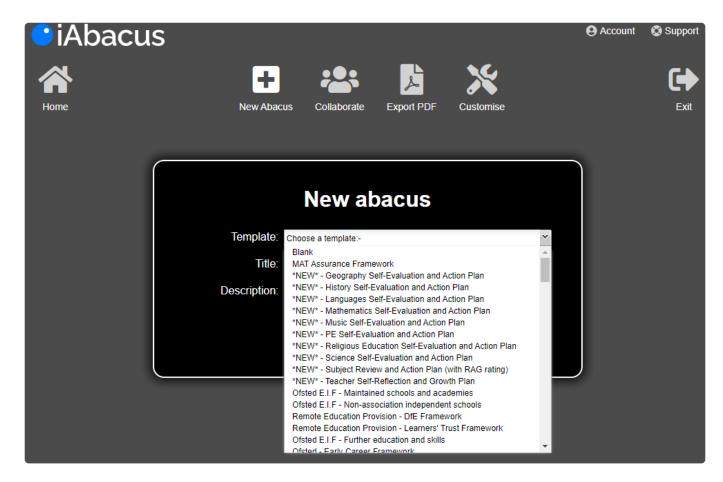
If you can't remember the email you used to log in, or you still have problems accessing your account please contact your school administrator or <u>iAbacus support</u>.

Create and Complete an Abacus

Your iAbacus comes preloaded with templates that you can use straight away, or customise to suit your own context. This sections explains the various screens in a template and walks you through the process. To customise a template, see <u>section 13 – Create and customise an abacus template</u>

Start with a template

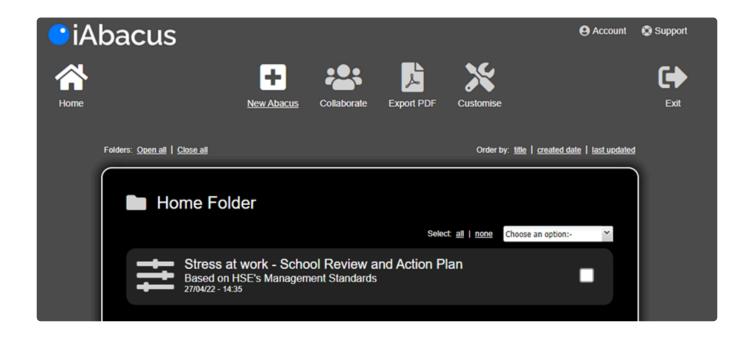
To begin, click on the <u>New Abacus</u> button at the top of your home screen. The first drop down menu you see is Template. Click the choose a template drop down and a list of templates will appear.



Once you have chosen your template, you can amend the title and description, if you choose, so that they are meaningful to your school. If you have multiple folders set up, you can choose a folder for your abacus.



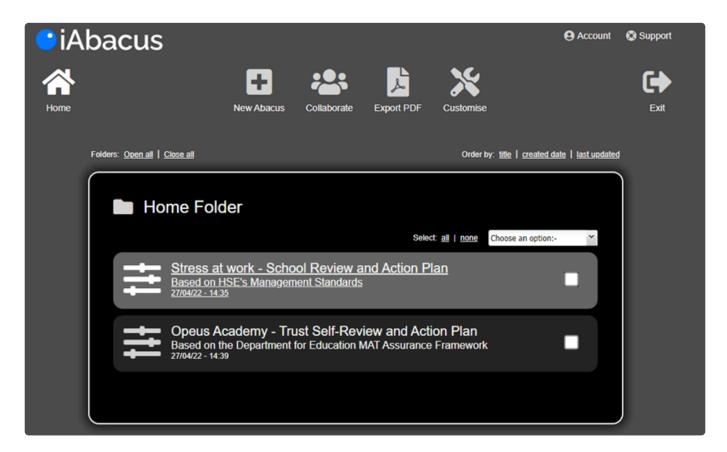
The title is what others will see on their home screen if you opt to share the abacus with them. The description will appear underneath the title, as you see here:



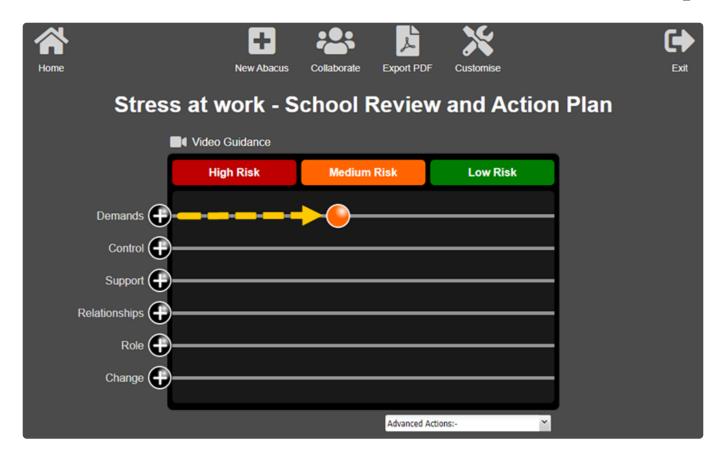
Make a judgement

iAbacus starts with the intuitive judgement of the professional – that's you – of where you are now in relation to where you need to be. To see this, follow the instructions or watch the video at the bottom of the page.

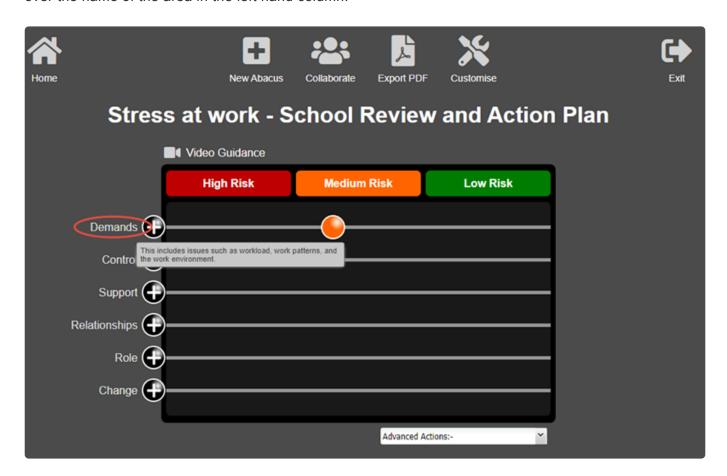
Once you have retitled and saved a template, it appears as an abacus on your Home screen. To open it click on the title of the abacus.



To make your initial judgement against each area in the left hand column, place your cursor or finger over the plus sign and drag to the right.

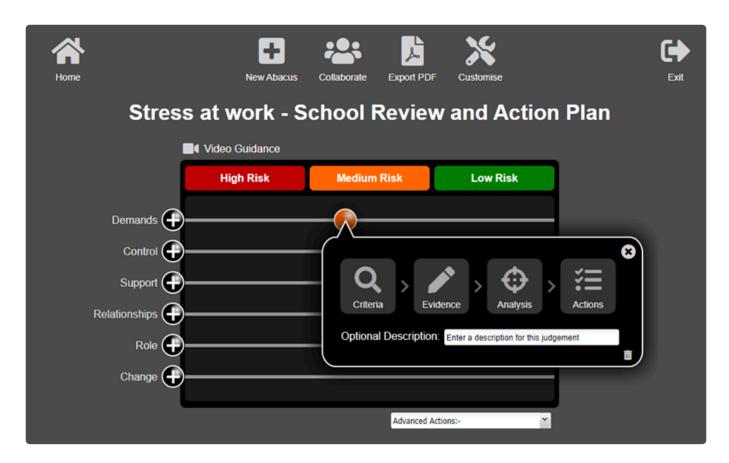


There may be a further description related to that topic area. You will see this by hovering your cursor over the name of the area in the left hand column.

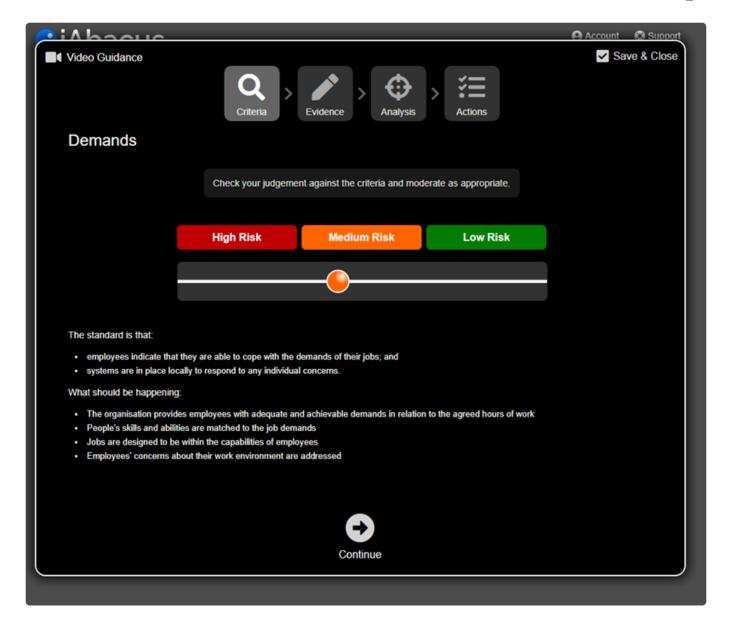


You can always amend your judgement simply by sliding the bead again.

If the template you are using is based on a framework that includes more detailed criteria for each area, you can see this by clicking the Review Criteria button in the pop up box that appears when you click on or move a bead.

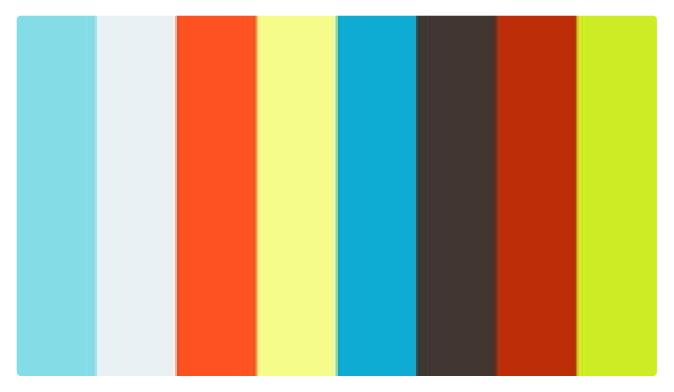


Once you review the criteria, you may want to adjust your judgement, or you may feel it is correct.



Once you are done, either click Save and Close in the top right corner, or click Continue to go to the Provide Evidence screen. You can always come back later and amend what you have done.

The video below shows the process.

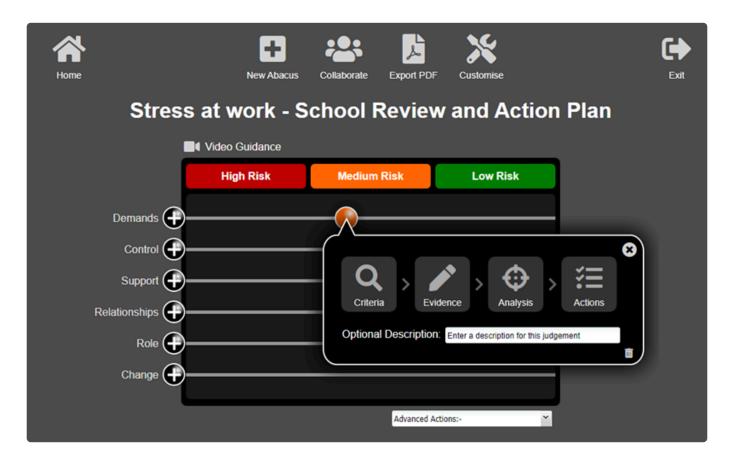


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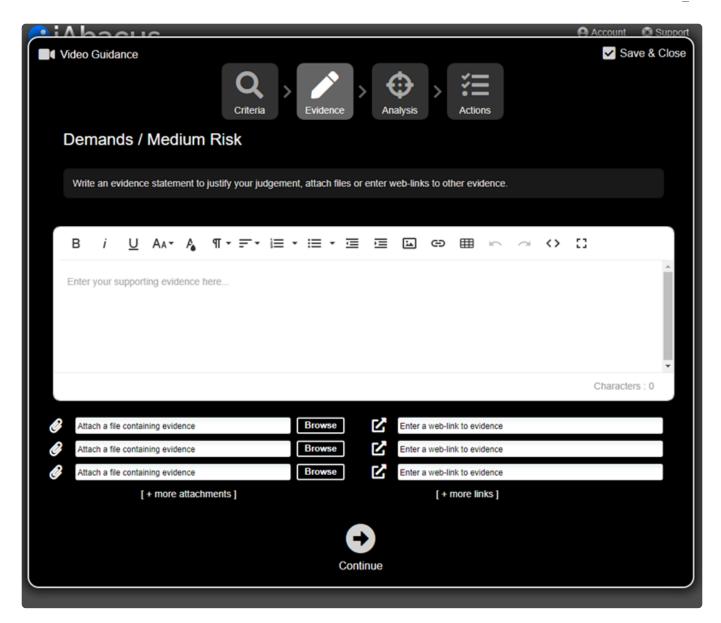
Provide evidence

Once you have made your initial judgement, you can write an evidence statement to justify your judgement, attach files and include web links to other evidence.

To do this, click on the bead you wish to provide evidence for, and then click the Provide Evidence button.

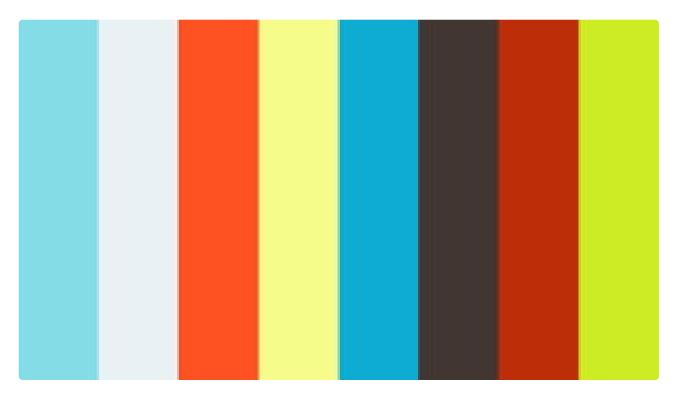


On the Provide Evidence screen, there is space to type your evidence statement. Below this, you can attach Word, Excel, PowerPoint or other types of files (bottom left) or links to other websites (bottom right).



Once you have included your evidence, either click Save and Close in the top right corner, or click Continue to go to the Analyse Factors screen. You can always come back later and amend what you have done.

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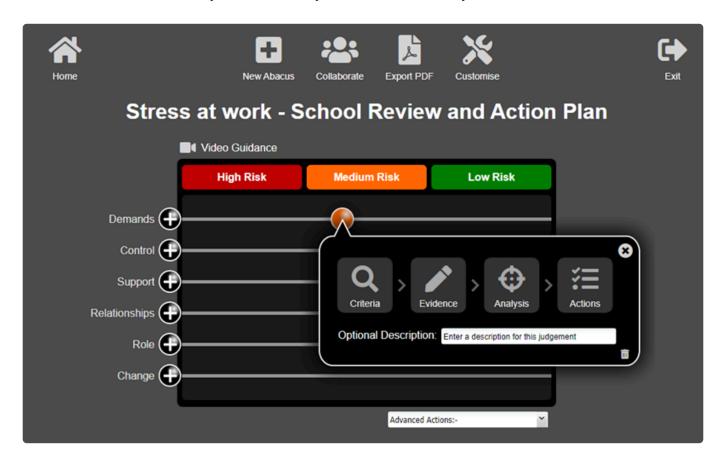


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Analysis

Once you have provided your evidence statement, the next screen allows you to pinpoint factors that help or hinder, currently or in the future, and to reorder them.

To do this, click on the bead you wish to analyse, and click the Analysis button.

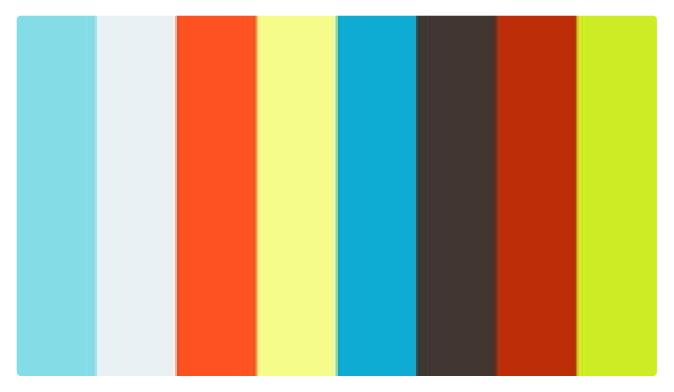


Include the helping factors on the left and the hindering factors on the right. You can reorder them by clicking on and dragging the arrows to the left of the box.



Once you have finished the analysis, either click Save and Close in the top right corner, or click Continue to go to the Plan Actions screen. You can always come back later and amend what you have done.

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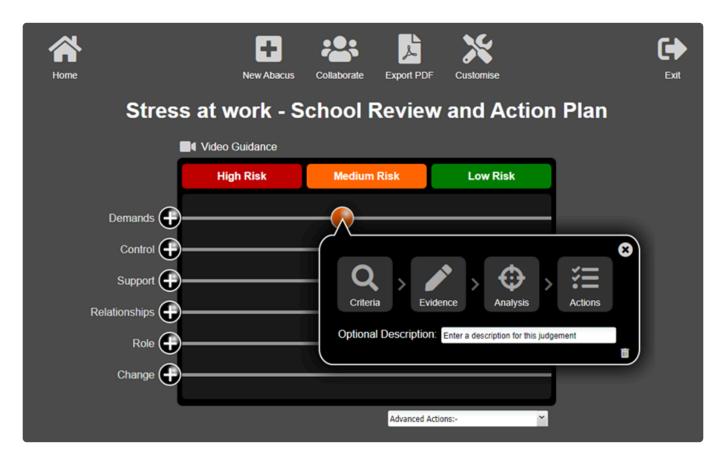


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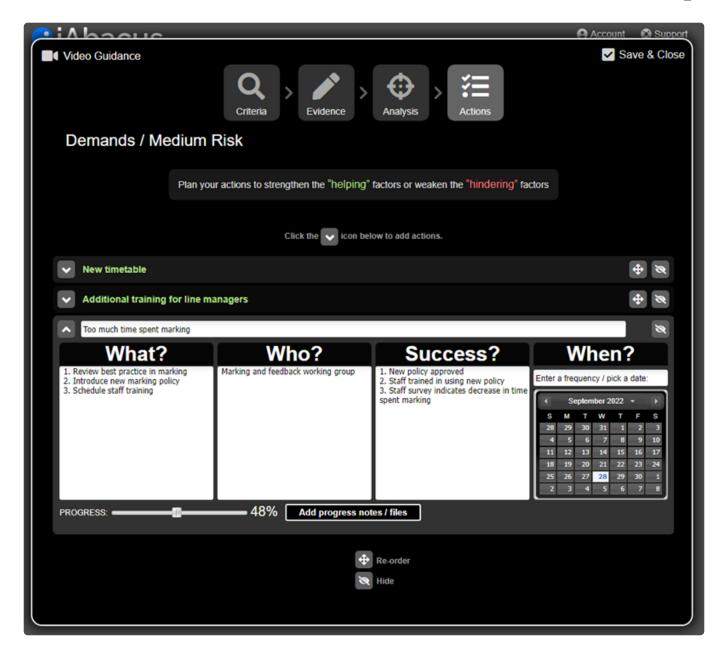
Plan actions

Once you have made your analysis of the helping and hindering factors, you can start to write your action plan.

To do this, click on the bead you wish to create an action plan for, and then click the Actions button.



On the Plan Actions screen, click the expand icon to start planning actions for some or all of your hindering factors. You may also want to plan actions to strengthen your helping factors.



You can use the sliding progress scale to indicate how close the action is to completion. By clicking on the button that says Add Progress Notes / Files, next to the progress scale slider, you can attach files and web links, and include notes about progress.



Once you have included your evidence, click Save and Close in the top right corner. You can always come back later and amend what you have done.

The video below shows the process.

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Update and Maintain an Abacus

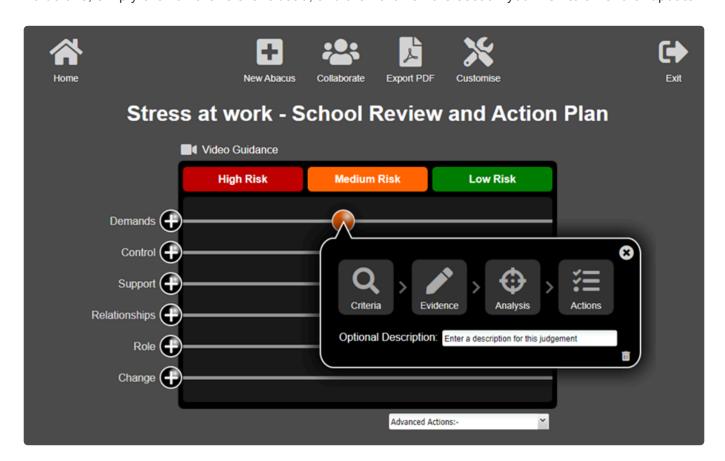
The beauty of iAbacus is that it is easy to add to and amend, making it a useful tool throughout the year.

Once you have created and populated an abacus, you can go back at any time to update judgements, add or change supporting evidence, add commentary and capture progress against the action plan.

Update existing evidence, analysis and actions

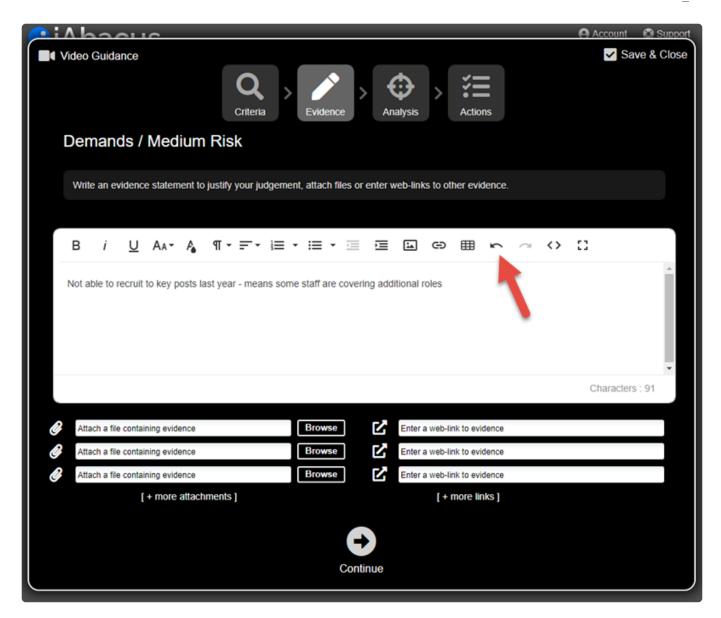
You can go back to any of the screens at any time and add or change judgements, evidence and commentary. You can also update progress against items in your action plan.

To do this, simply click on the relevant bead, and then click on the section you wish to amend or update.





The Provide Evidence and Plan Actions sections have text boxes in which you can include commentary. If you make changes to the text in error, you can undo these by using the undo button in the tool bar at the top of the text area.



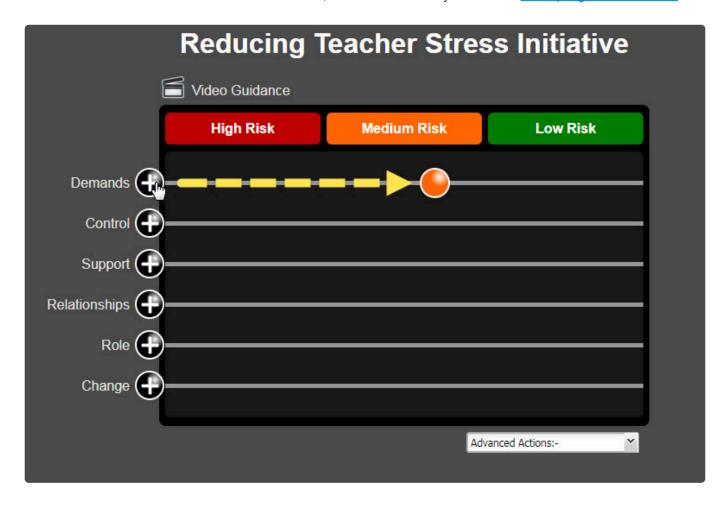
More guidance on features in each of the sections can be found here:

- 5.3 Provide evidence
- 5.4 Analyse factors
- 5.5 Plan actions

Add or amend a judgement (or bead)

To amend a judgement, simply click on an existing bead and drag it to a new position.

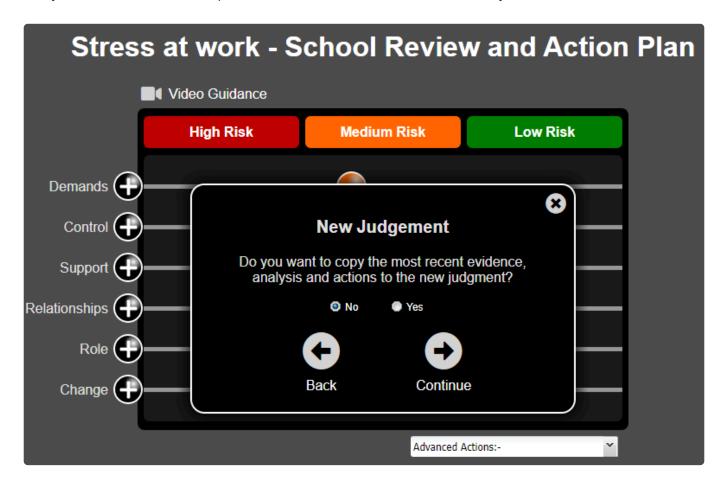
If you wish to add a bead, simply click on the plus sign next to the area to review, and slide it to the right. You can have more than one bead on an area, which is useful if you wish to <u>track progress over time</u>.



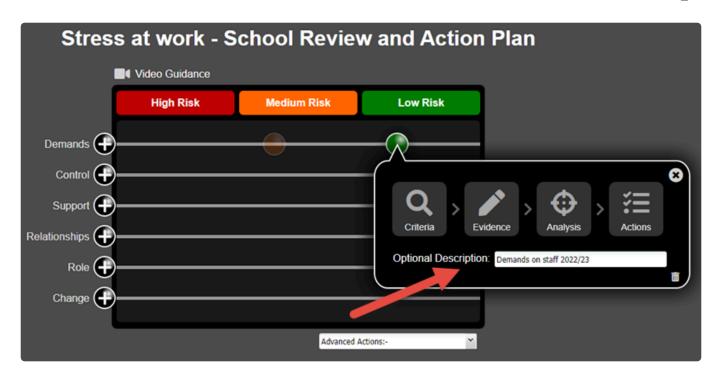
Track progress over time

Your iAbacus can easily be used to track progress over time. Simply slide a second bead along the abacus, and a third and fourth. You can give each bead a name, or description, to differentiate them.

When you slide an additional bead, a pop up box will appear asking if you wish to copy the evidence, analysis and actions from the previous bead to the new bead. Tick either yes or no.

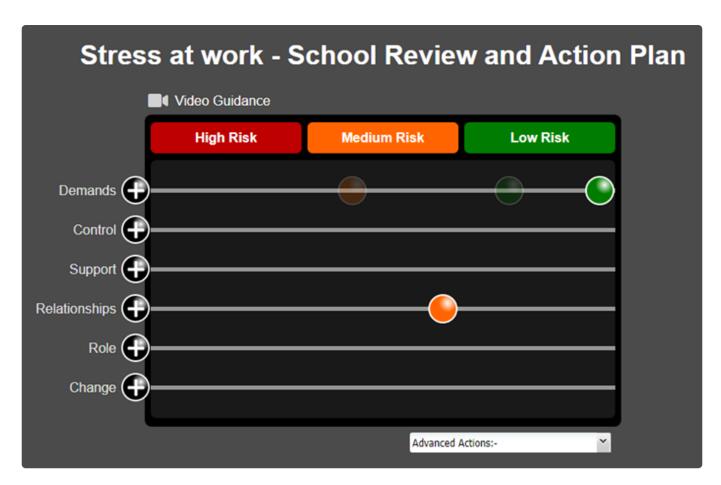


In the next pop up box, if you wish you can include a descriptor that includes a date, in order to see when the assessments were made.



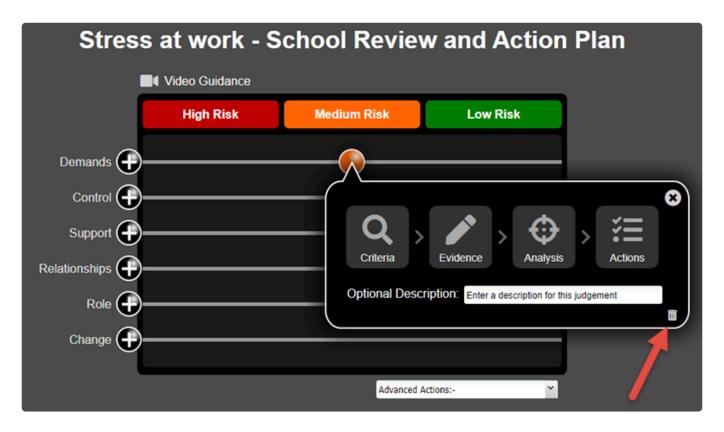
You can then add to and change the text in the evidence, factors and actions.

The latest bead will always appear in full colour and previous beads appear faded, in order to easily tell which is the most recent.



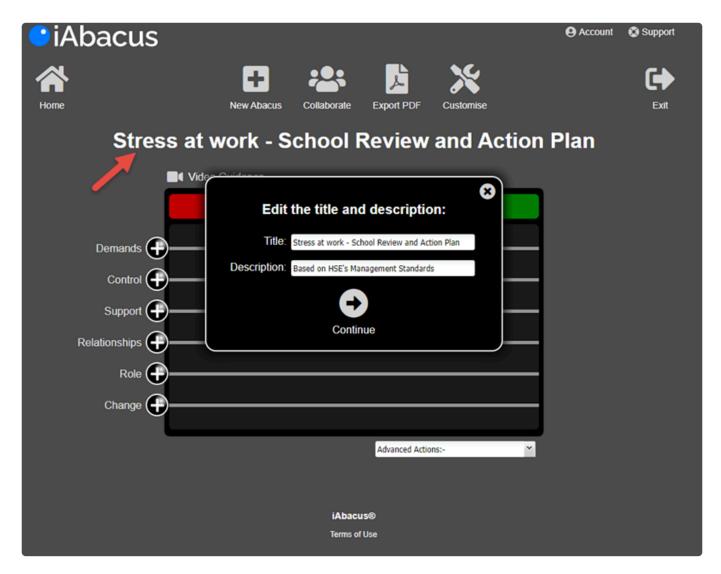
Delete an existing judgement (or bead)

If you wish to delete a bead on an abacus, click on the bead, then click the delete button.



Change the title/description

You can edit the title and description of an abacus by clicking on the title of the abacus. When you have finished editing select the continue button and you will be taken back to the abacus.



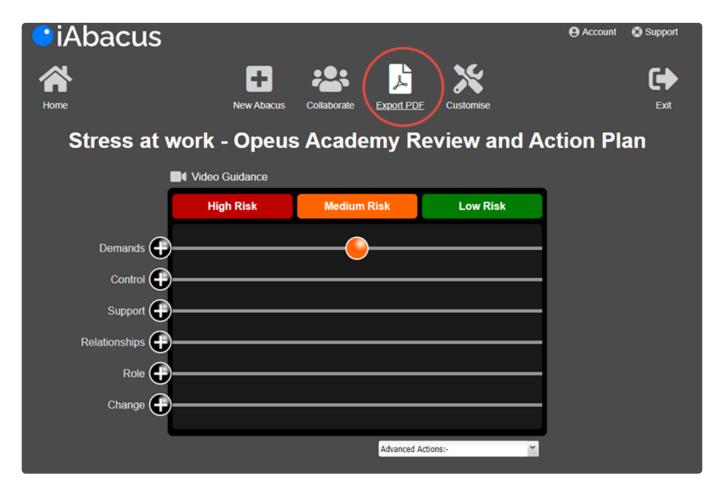
Reports

iAbacus allows you to create pdf reports which you can easily share with others. These documents are perfect for printing and emailing as attachments.

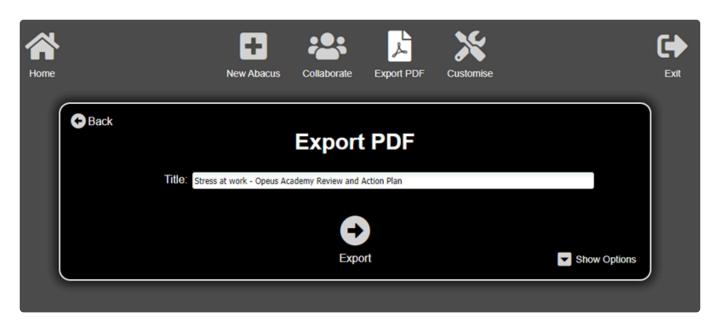
Create reports

There are a number of options for customising your reports, to make them as detailed or a high level as you wish.

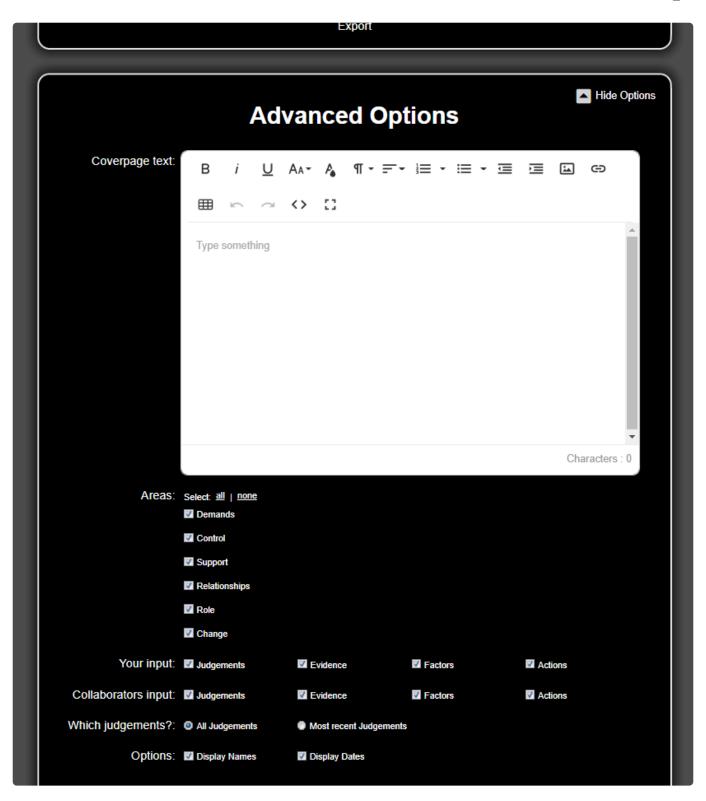
To create a report, first click on the Export pdf button at the top of the screen.



You will be taken to the export pdf page. If you just want the standard report creating then select the export button and your report will be generated (you can change the title of the report). Select the download pdf button and the report should appear in your web browser. Use the tools in your browser to save it wherever you choose.



There are advanced options so that you can customise your report. You can access these by clicking on the 'show options' button.



In the advanced options you can:

Add a cover page with text/logo if you wish.

By using the tick boxes, you can include or exclude areas, your inputs, and input from anyone invited to collaborate on the abacus.

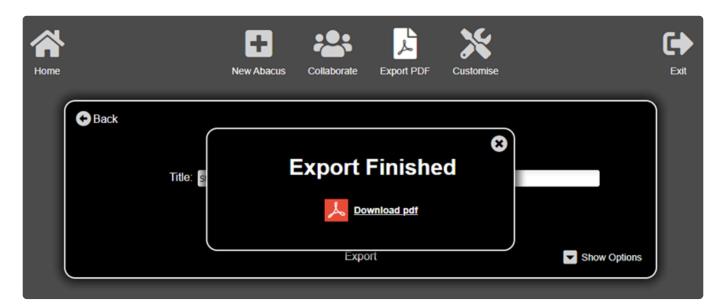
If you have more than one bead on an area you can include all judgements or just the most recent one.

You can decide if you want the name of the owner of each bead shown and the date the bead was

initially dragged onto the abacus.

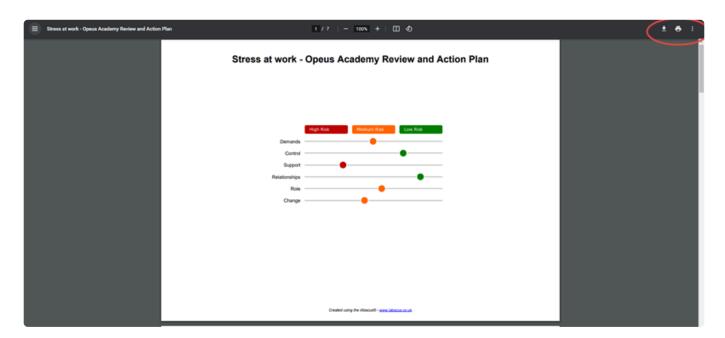
When you are done, scroll back up and click the export button.

Clicking on export will generate your report. You will then see a box saying your report is ready.



Click on Download Pdf.

The Pdf should appear in your web browser. Use the tools in your browser to save it wherever you choose.



On the pdf report you can click any of the beads or areas on the left hand side to jump down to that page of the report. This is particularly useful if you have a large report or know which bead you wish to view.

Collaboration

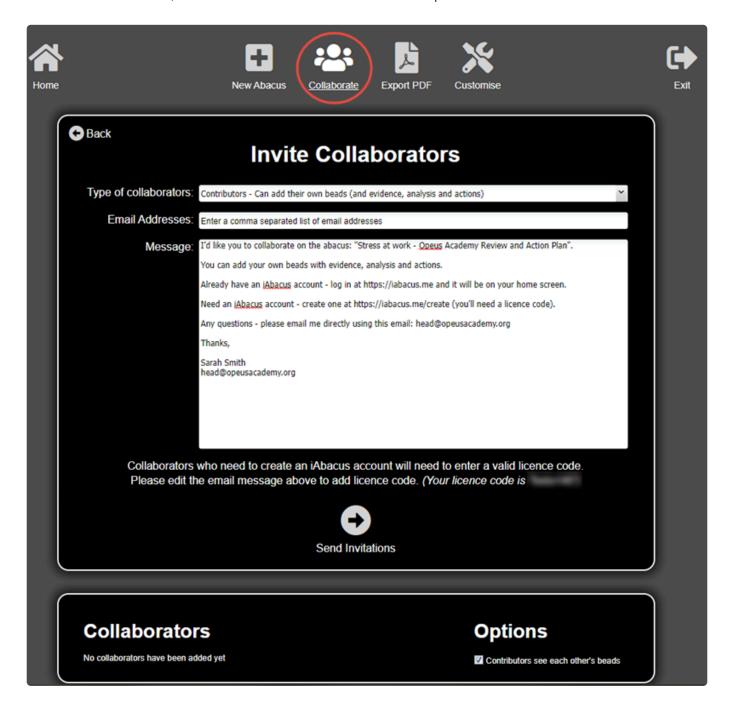
One of the powerful features of iAbacus is that it lets teams and colleagues collaborate on abacuses, in several different ways. This section outlines the options available.

Invite collaborators

As the owner of an abacus, you can invite colleagues to collaborate on it in a number of ways.

- · Viewers can see the abacus but cannot edit it
- · Contributors can add their own beads to the abacus, as well as evidence, analysis and actions
- Editors can edit other users' beads, as well as evidence analysis and actions

To invite collaborators, click on the Collaborate button at the top of the screen.



Using the drop down menu next to Type of Collaborator, you can choose whether the recipient is given viewer, contributor or editor status.

The Message box contains prepopulated text that will appear in the body of the email. You can change

this simply by clicking on and amending the text.

The title of the email will be Your Invitation to Collaborate.



The email that is generated from the invite screen will have admin@iabacus.me in the 'from' line. Therefore you may wish to include your direct address in the email.



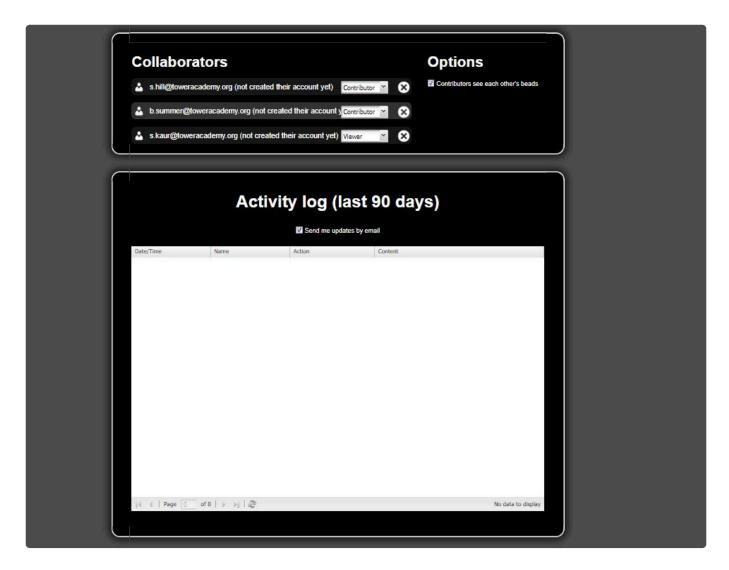
The person receiving the email will need to have an iAbacus licence in order to accept the invitation and log in. If you need to allocate or purchase licences, please contact us.

When you are finished, click Send Invitation. A pop up box will appear confirming that the invitation has been sent.

You can add collaborators at any time.

Manage existing collaborators

To manage existing collaborators, click on the Collaborators button at the top of the screen. Scroll down to the second box titled Collaborators.



Here you can change the permissions of existing users by using the drop down menus to the right of the individual's email address.

If an individual has not created an account yet, it will say (not created their account yet) next to the email address.

To remove a contributor from that abacus, click the X next to their name.

There is also an option to allow or disallow contributors from seeing each others' beads. As the abacus owner, you will see all the beads.

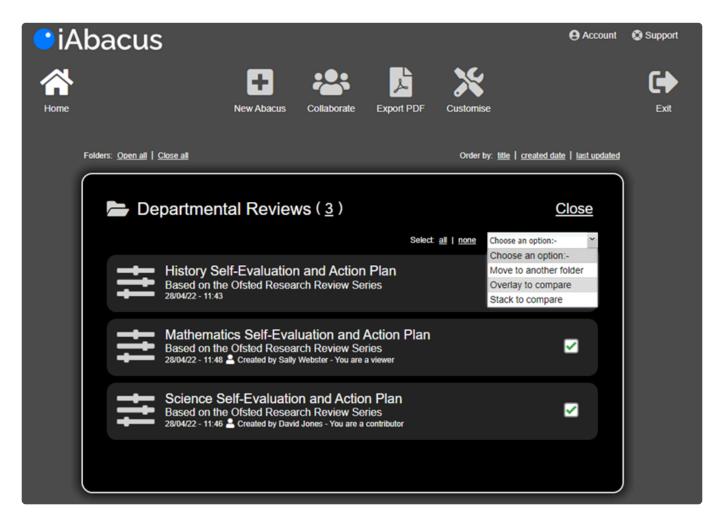
The Activity Log tells you when individuals have logged in and the changes they made.

Analyse Multiple Abacuses

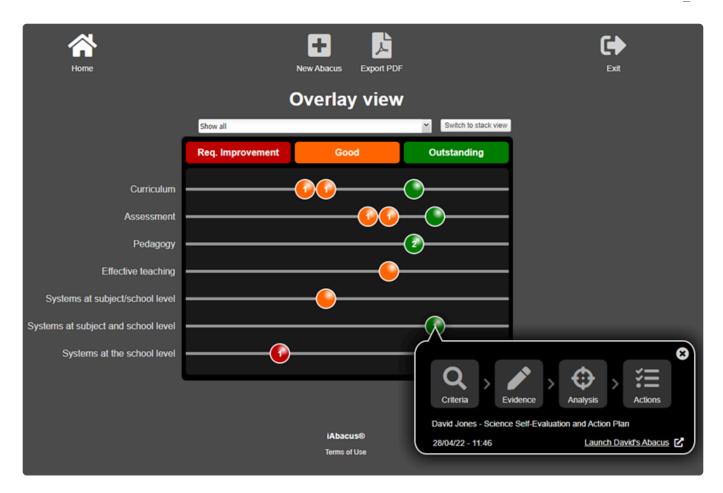
One of the powerful features of iAbacus is that it lets you see multiple abacuses in a single screen, for an overall view of performance and progress. This section explains the options available.

Overlay abacuses

To overlay abacuses, go to the Home screen. Tick the box to the right of the abacuses you wish to overlay, or click Select All. Click on the Choose an Option drop down menu and select Overlay to compare.



The next screen will display an overlay of your abacuses. Click on each bead to see the owner and title, and to drill down to evidence, analysis and planning.

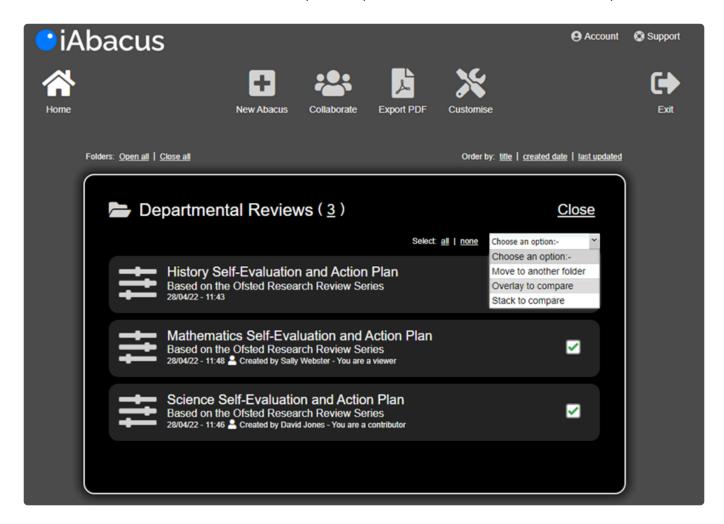


If you wish to create a pdf report of the overlay view, simply click the export pdf button at the top of the screen. You will need to add a title before clicking export. Selecting 'show options' will show the advanced options for <u>customising a report</u>.



Stack abacuses

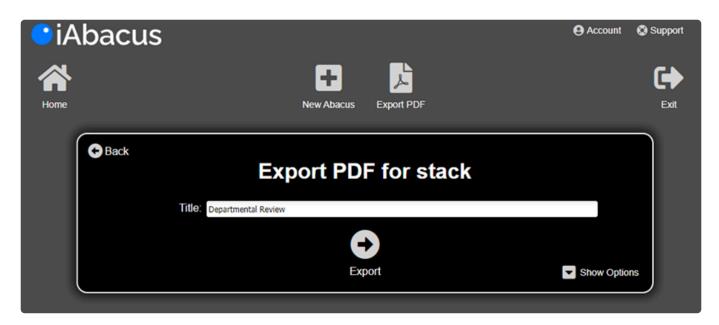
To stack abacuses, go to the Home screen. Tick the box to the right of the abacuses you wish to stack, or click Select all. Click on the Choose an option drop down menu and select Stack to compare.



The next screen will display a stacked view of your abacuses, along with the owner and name of each. Click on each button to drill down to evidence, analysis and planning.



If you wish to create a pdf report of the stacked view, simply click the Export pdf button at the top of the screen.



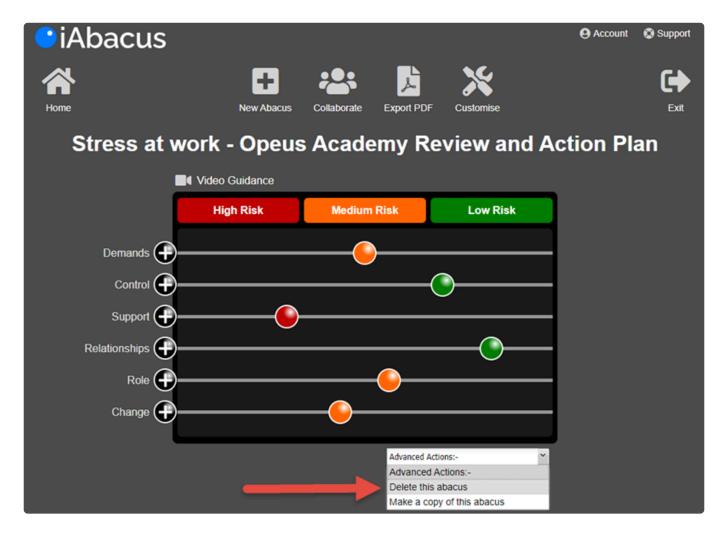
Here you have all the usual options for <u>customising a report</u>.

Managing your Abacuses

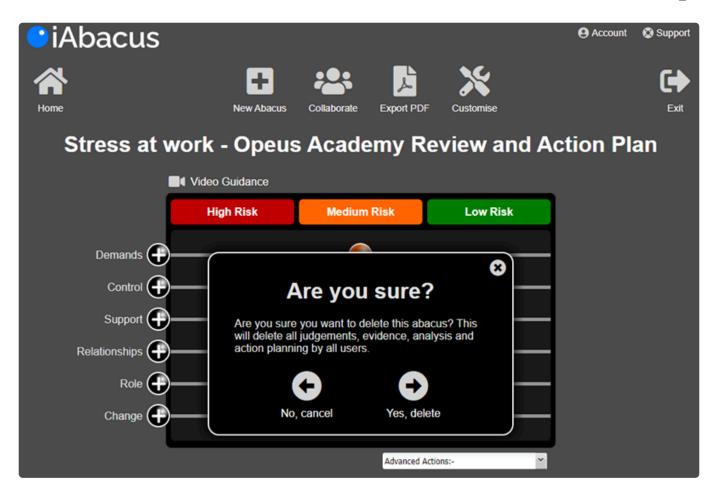
This section explains how you delete an abacus you no longer need, or copy and reuse an abacus you have previously created. This may be helpful in departmental planning, for instance, where you wish to create abacuses with the same criteria for several different academic faculties.

Delete an abacus

If you no longer need an abacus and wish to delete it, first open the abacus you wish to delete. Click on the arrow next to Advanced actions at the bottom of the abacus, and scroll to Delete this abacus.

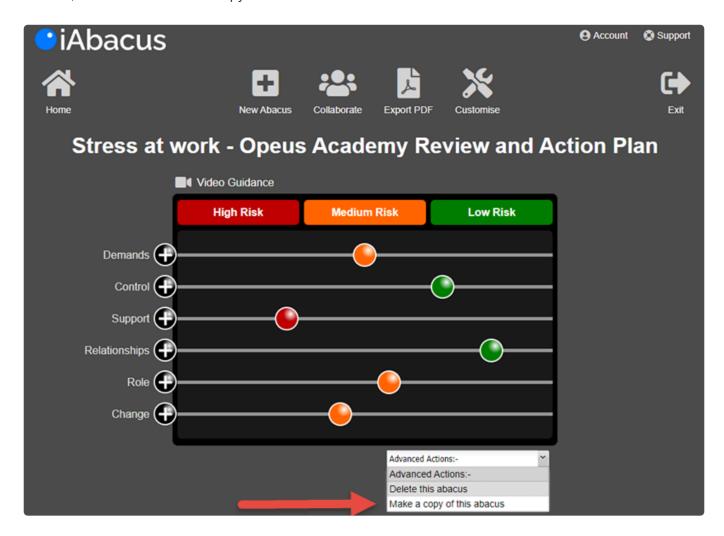


A pop up box will appear asking if you are sure you wish to do this. Please note, deleting an abacus will delete all judgements, evidence, analysis and action planning by all users associated with that abacus.

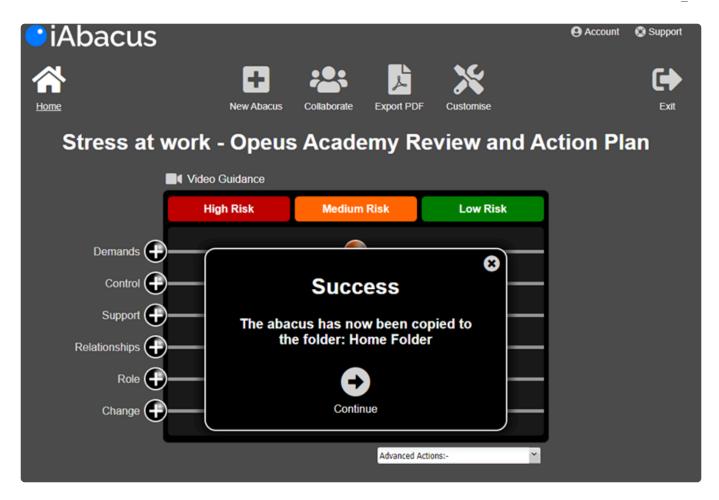


Copy an abacus

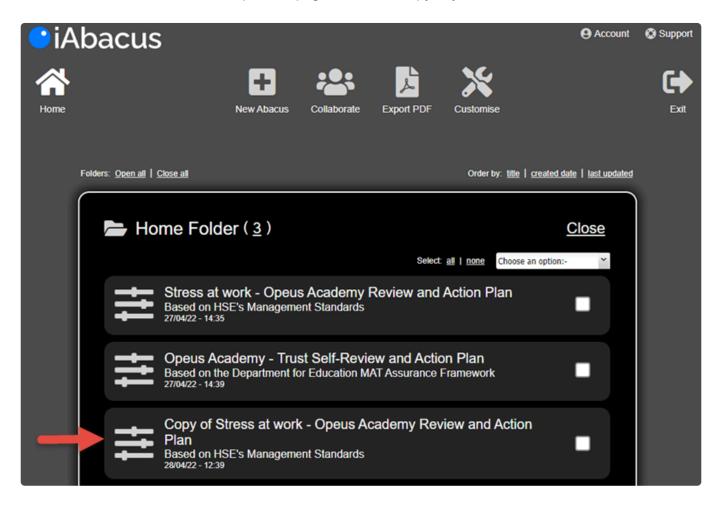
If you wish to copy and amend an abacus, for instance to make an abacus for each subject area, first open the abacus you wish to copy. Click on the arrow next to Advanced actions at the bottom of the abacus, and scroll to Make a copy of this abacus.



You will see a pop up box that confirms a copy of the abacus has been saved to your Home screen.

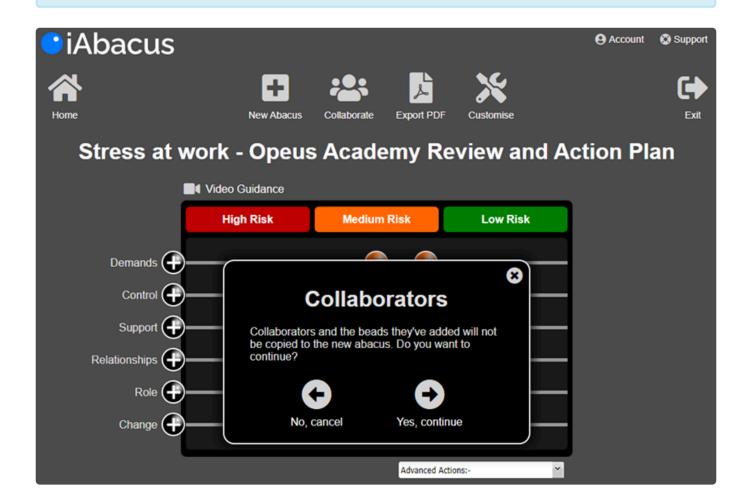


Click on the Home button at the top of the page to see the copy in your folder.



You can then edit the title and description for the copied abacus.

If you have invited users to collaborate on your abacus, the users and their beads will not be copied to the abacus and you will receive the warning message shown below



Folders

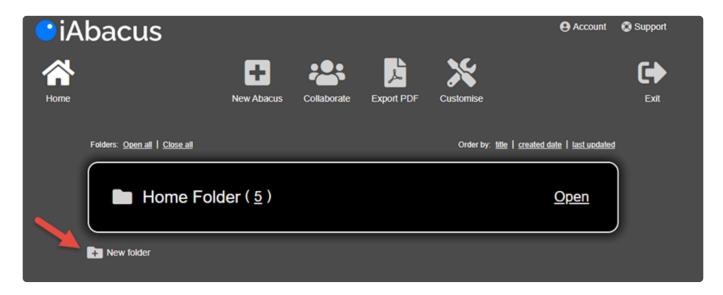
On your home screen iAbacus gives you the option to group abacuses into folders, which can be a useful organisational tool.

Add a new folder

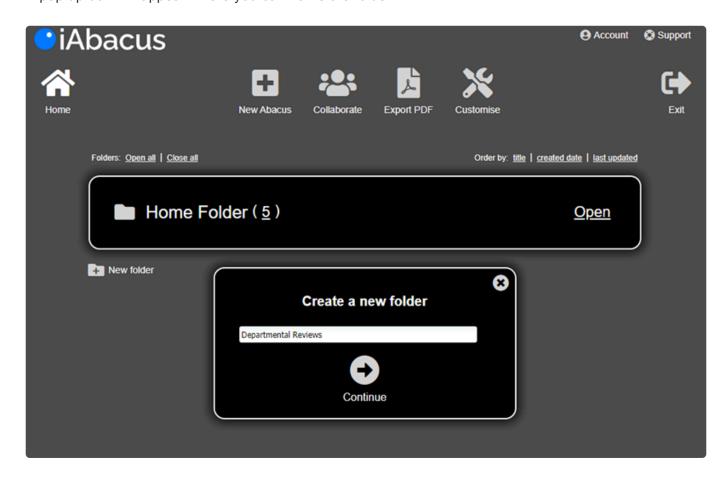
The first abacus you create will automatically appear in a folder titled Home Folder. You can <u>rename this</u> folder.

Once you have created your first abacus, you can add new folders from the Home screen.

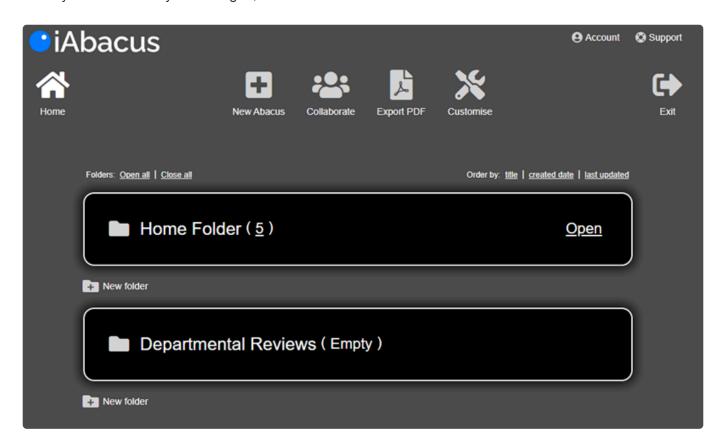
To do this, click on the New folder icon below any of the existing folders.



A pop up box will appear where you can name the folder.



Once you have made your changes, click Continue.





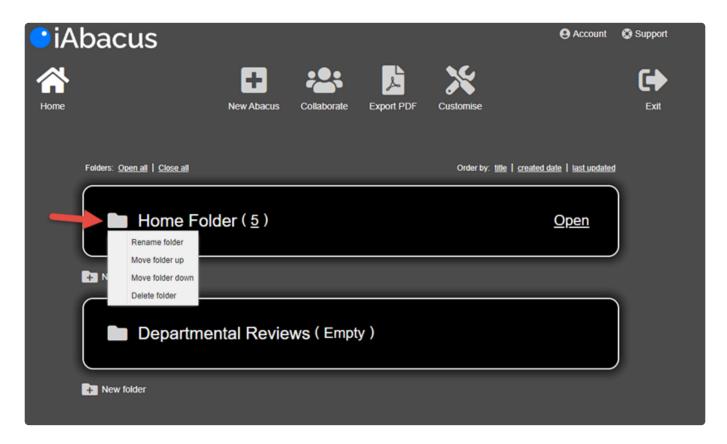
You must click the Continue button in order to save your changes. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box, your changes will not save.

When you create new abacuses, the new folder will appear in the drop down list of folder options.

Move a folder

If you have several folders, you can change the order in which they appear on the Home screen.

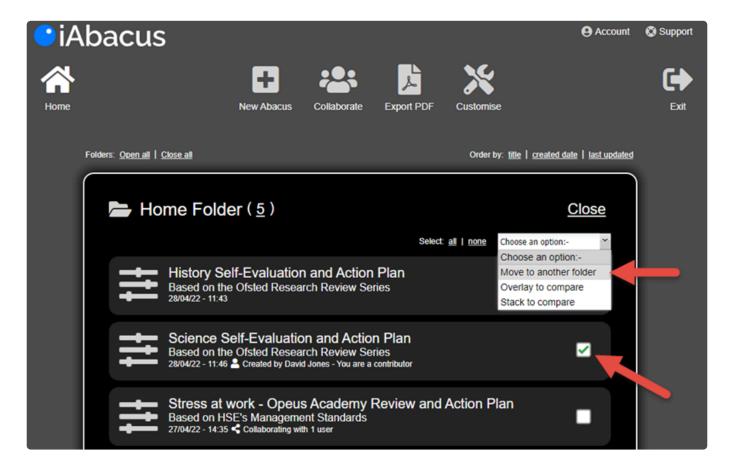
Simply click on the name of the folder. In the drop down menu, click Move folder up or Move folder down. Do this as many times as you need to until the folder is where you want it.



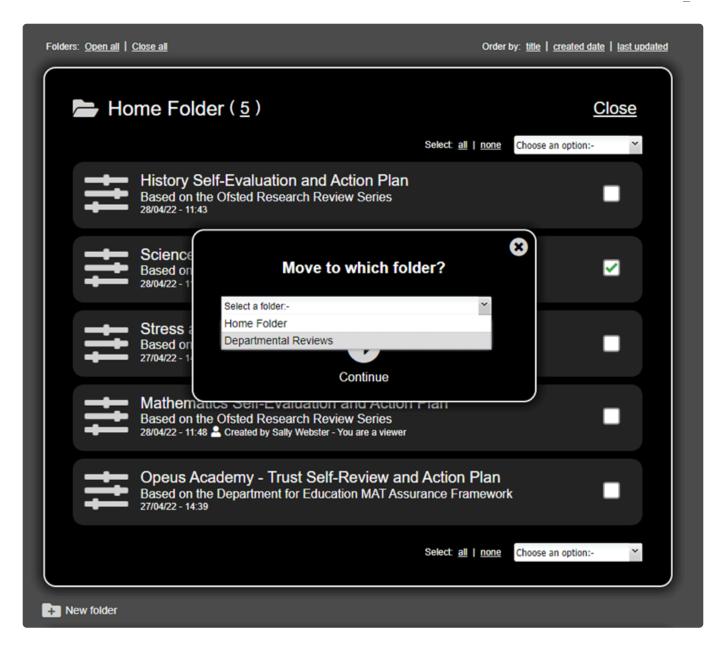
Move an abacus to a folder

You can move an abacus from one folder to another on the Home screen.

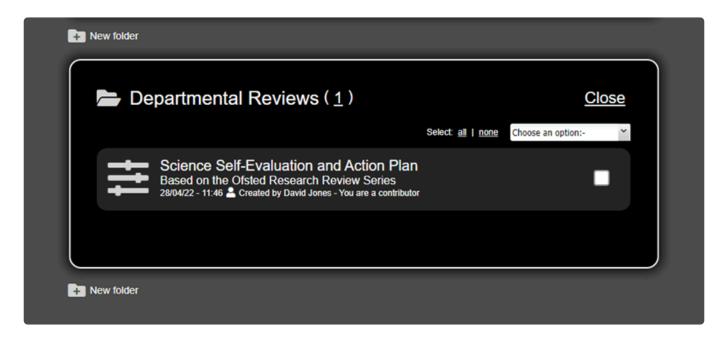
Firstly, expand the folder by selecting open. To select the abacus you wish to move, tick the box to the right of its name. You can select multiple abacuses in a folder by ticking each individually, or click Select all. Then click the Choose an option drop down menu and select Move to another folder.



A pop up box will appear with a drop down list of all your folder. Choose the appropriate one and click continue.

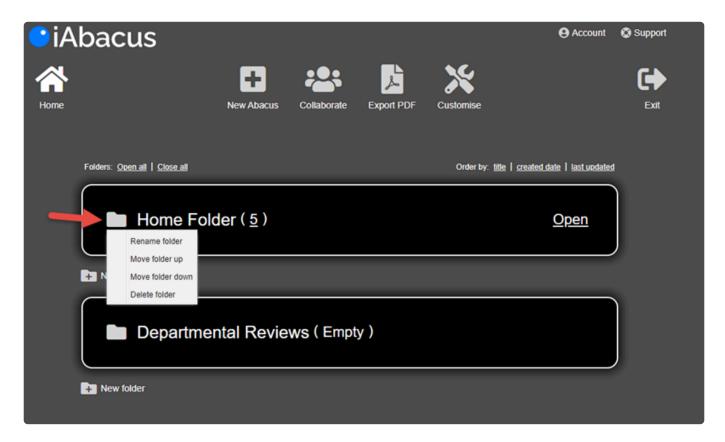


The abacus will be moved to the selected folder.

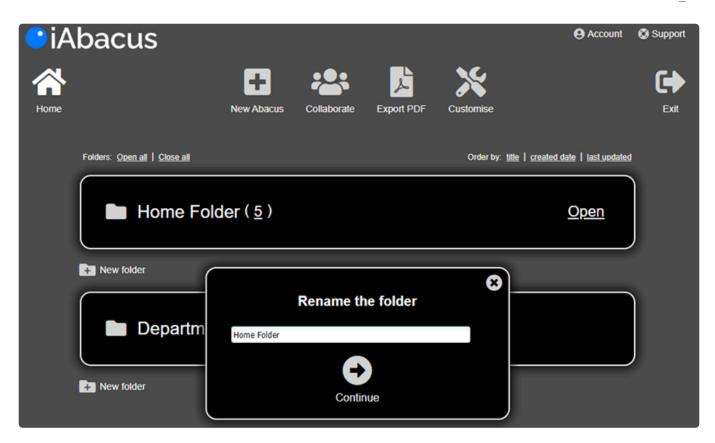


Rename a folder

When you create your first abacus, it will automatically go into a folder titled Home Folder. You can change the name of this folder, or any other folder you create, simply by clicking on the name of the folder on the Home screen and scrolling to Rename folder.



A pop up box will appear that lets you amend the name.



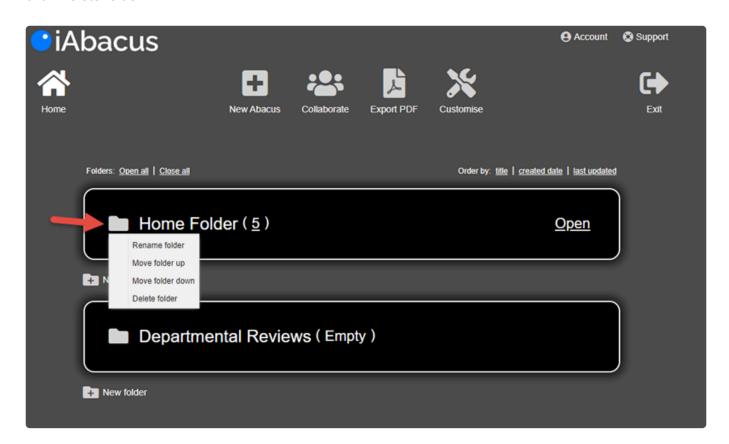
Once you have made your changes, click Continue.



You must click the Continue button in order to save your changes. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box, your changes will not save.

Delete a folder

To delete a folder, simply click on the name of the folder from the Home screen. In the drop down menu, click Delete folder.



As a safety feature, you can only delete empty folders. If there are abacuses in the folder, you will need to delete these first before you can delete the folder itself.

Additional Abacus Functionality

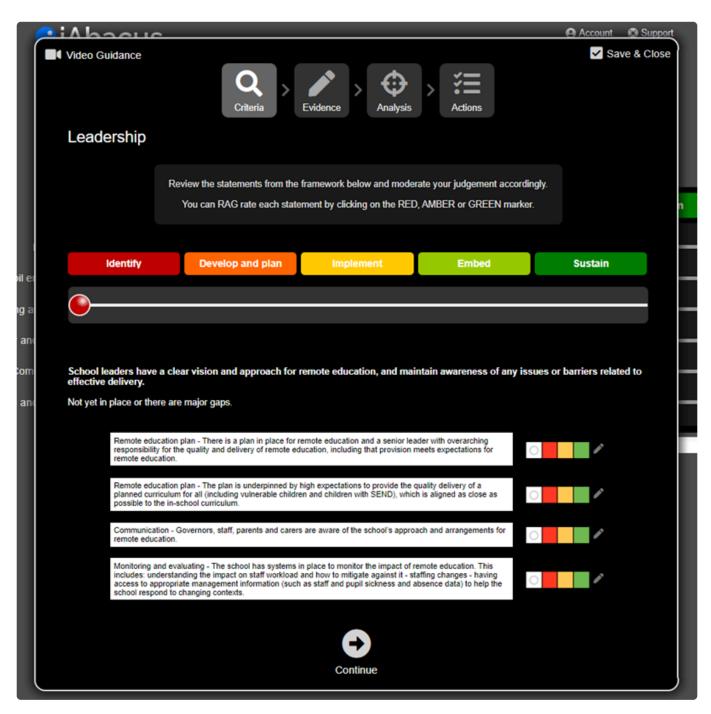
iAbacus comes with additional functionality which will be helpful for some users.

We are always interested in hearing from you about particular challenges or needs you have that iAbacus may be able to address. If you have a specific need, please get in touch – we may already have built in functionality that will do what you need.

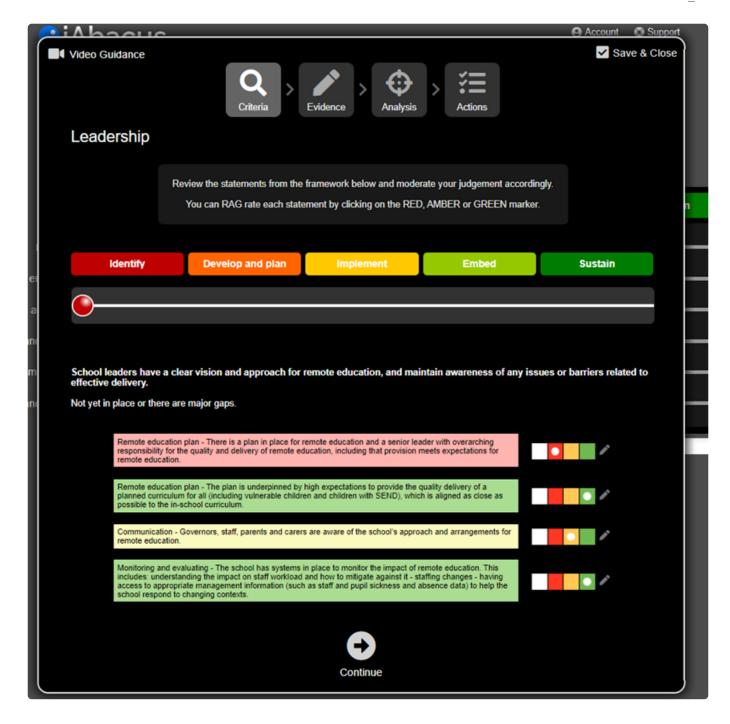
Using RAG rated criteria

iAbacus gives the option of adding statements to the Review Criteria screen that users can then rate Red, Amber, or Green (RAG). This could be useful if there are specific 'sub criteria' that you wish each user to consider. This functionality may already be set up on a template or you can add statements to rate yourself in the customise option see 13.14 Add Rag Rated Statements

When you go to the Review Criteria step, you will see the statements at the bottom of the pop up box.



You can RAG rate each statement by clicking on the coloured box.



By clicking the pen icon next to each statement you can add additional notes/evidence for the statement and add an attachment/link if required.



The rag rated statements will appear on your pdf reports along with any additional notes you may have added.



Choosing suggested helping and hindering factors

Your template may have suggested helping and hindering factors assigned to it. They may be standard on your template or you can add them to the abacus yourself in the customise option see 13.13 Add Suggested helping and hindering factors

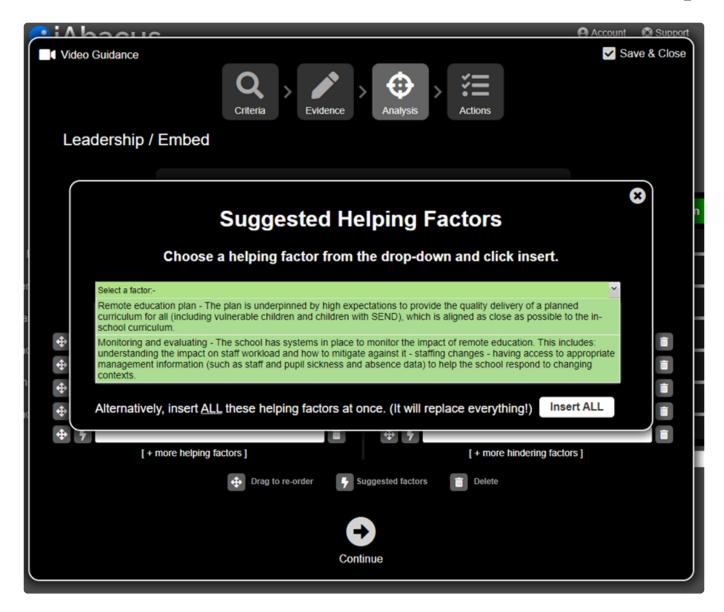
If suggested factors are assigned to your abacus, then you will see a 'lightning bolt' icon on the analyse factors page



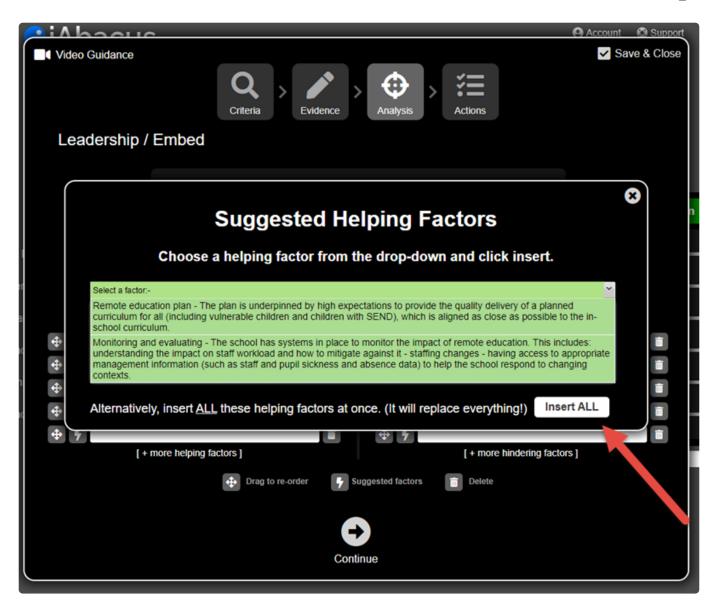
Clicking this icon will bring up suggested helping and hindering factors which have been added in the customise option which can be inserted. It will also contain any RAG rated statements which have been rated in the review criteria section. (see 12.1 Using RAG rated criteria). Green rated statements will appear in the helping factors list, red and amber rated statements in the hindering factors list.

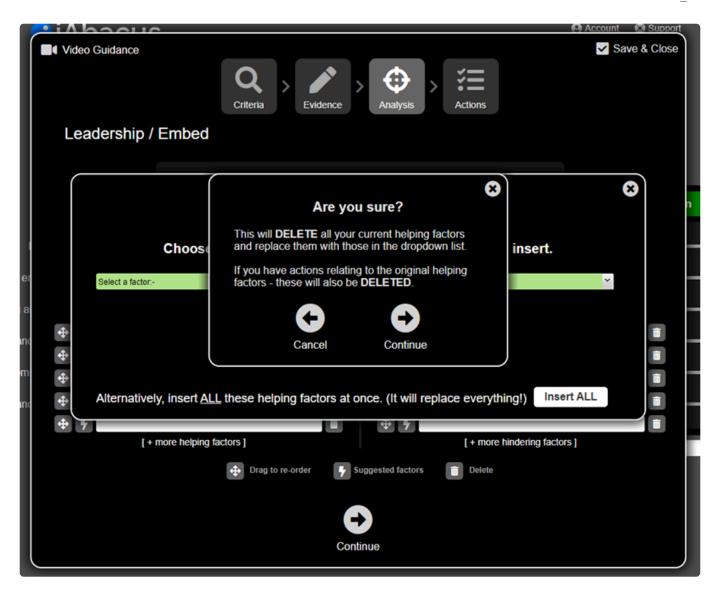


You can choose a helping factor from the drop down list and click insert to automatically insert it.



Alternatively, you can insert all of the suggested helping factors at once. This will, however, replace all helping factors which you currently have and will lose any of your action plans which have been assigned to that factor. A warning message will be displayed advising you of this though.

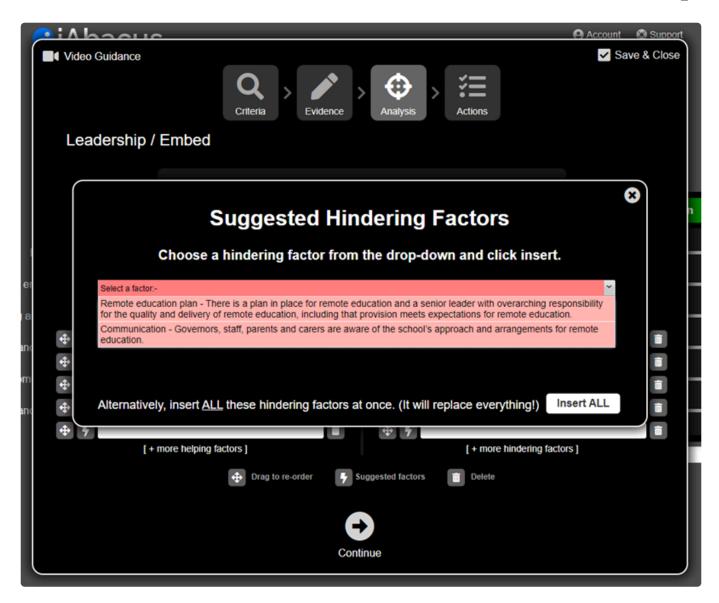




All of the suggested helping factors will be automatically inserted.



The process can be repeated for hindering factors, just select the lightning bolt icon for a hindering factor to insert them using the same steps as above.



Auto Collaboration

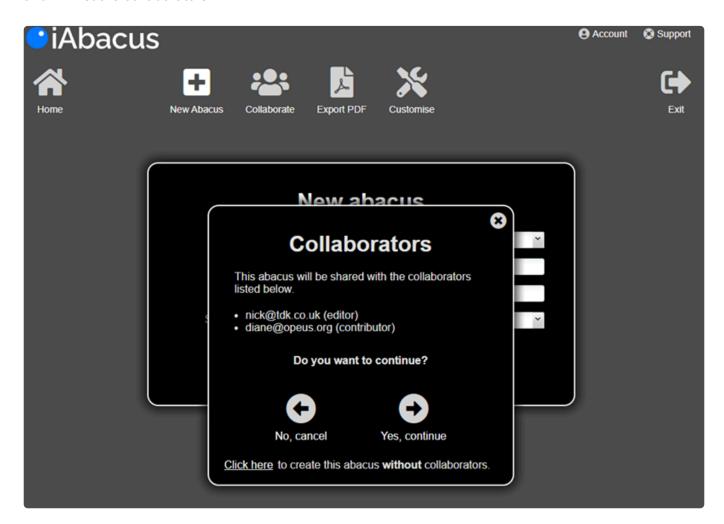
When staff select a specific template you (and others) may want to be invited as a collaborator automatically whenever an abacus from that template is created. This can be done using auto collaboration.

We do need to set this up behind the scenes so just contact us and let us know:

- 1) What template you want it applied to
- 2) Who the abacus should be shared with
- 3) What type of collaborator you want them to be (editor, contributor or viewer).

If you have multiple folders on your home screen you can also let us know what folder you would like the abacuses to be put in so you can manage them more easily.

When staff then select the template from the create abacus list they will be advised that it will be shared and will list the collaborators.

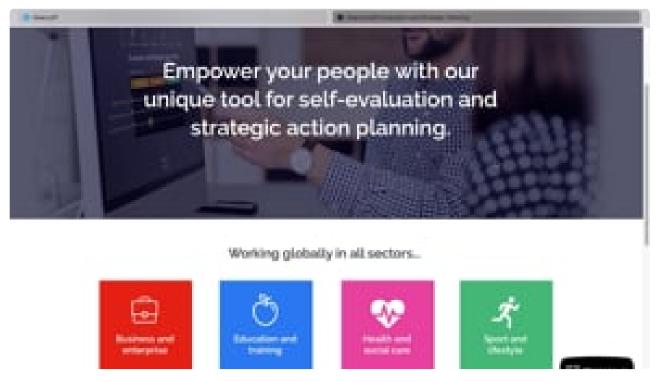


Managing iAbacus Templates

Users can manage their own templates across their licence code.

This feature is made available to specific users so you have to ask our admin team to add this feature for any administrators in your organisation who want to manage templates.

The video below shows how this feature works.



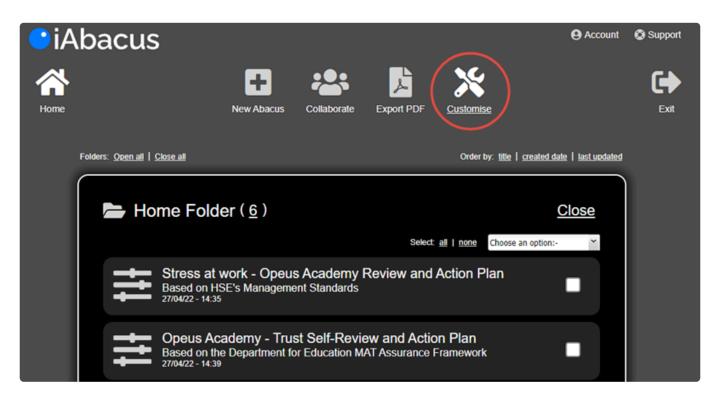
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Create and Customise an Abacus Template

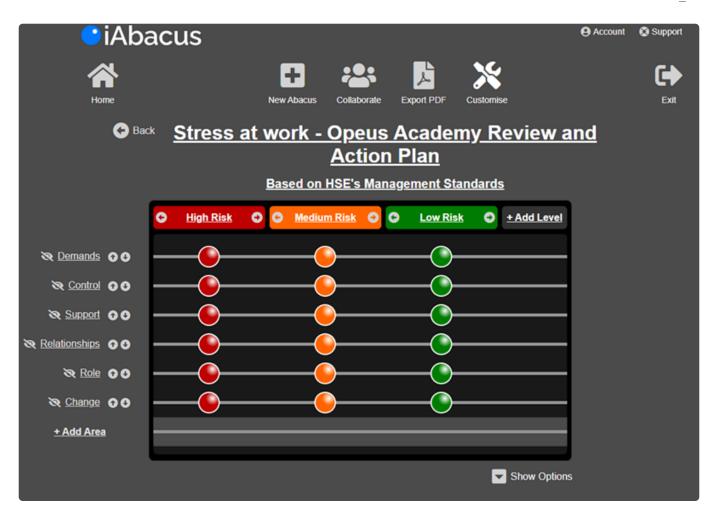
Most of the elements of an abacus can be changed by clicking on the <u>Customise</u> button at the top of the screen. There are two ways to access this:

Click on <u>Customise</u> on the home screen, then click on the abacus you want to amend.

Click on the abacus you want to amend, then click on the customise button.



Once you have clicked the <u>Customise</u> button, any text that is underlined is able to be changed by clicking on it.



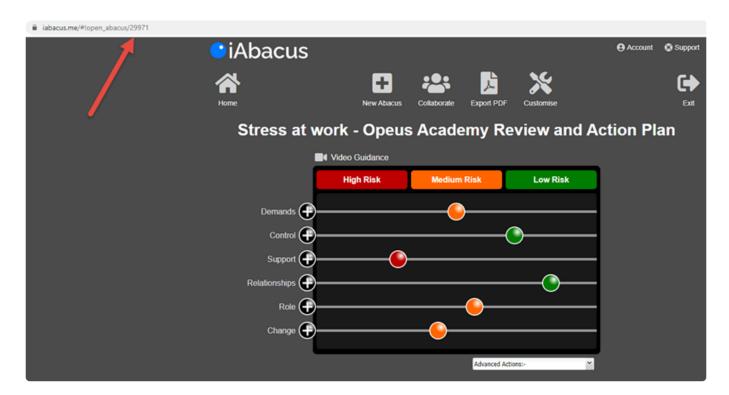
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to return to the abacus.

Converting an abacus to a template

You may have created an abacus which you would like to make available as a template to all users on your licence code.

You just need to let us know the id of the abacus which you would like converting and we can do this for you so that it appears in your new abacus template list.

The id is either a 4 or 5 digit number in the web address bar as shown in the screenshot below.





Only the structure of the abacus can be converted to a template, any evidence, factors and actions you have added will not be transferred to the template.

Choose your starting template (blank or existing template)

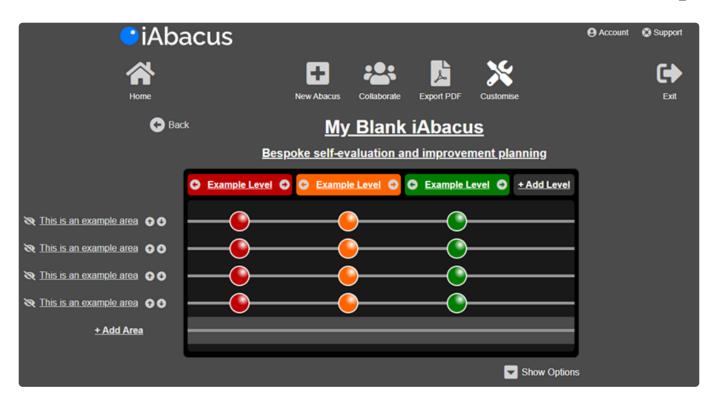
iAbacus comes prepopulated with templates that you can amend to suite your needs, using the Customise button at the top of the screen (see sections 13.3 to 13.14 below).

However you also have the option of creating your own abacus from scratch. To do this, click on the New Abacus button at the top of the screen.

In the pop up box, the first option in the drop down menu to the right of Template is Blank. Choose this option, title your abacus and assign it to a folder. Then click the arrow.



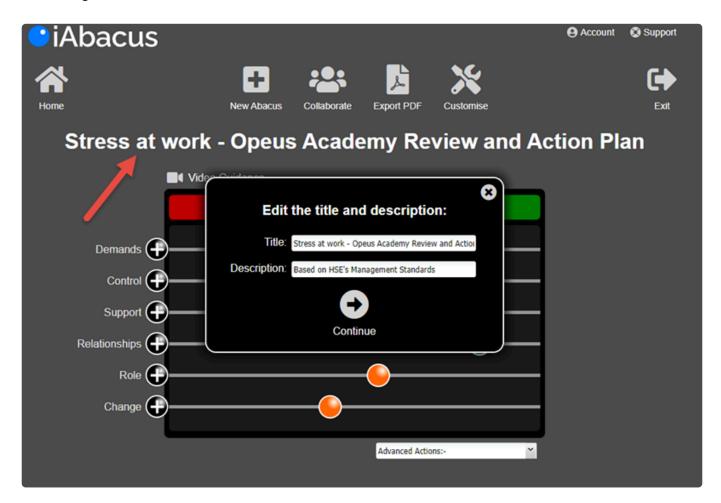
Your blank abacus will appear. To amend all elements of your abacus, click the Customise button at the top of the screen.



Title and description: edit text

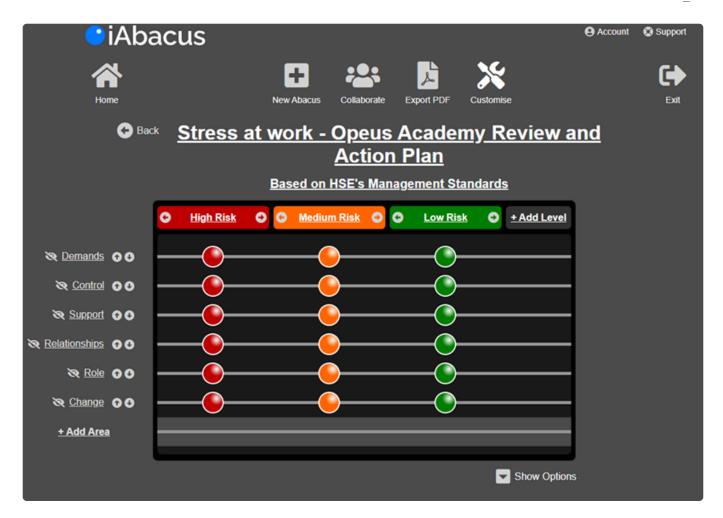
There are two ways to change the title of an abacus and the accompanying description.

1) If you just need to change the title or description then you can click the title of the abacus to open up the editing box.

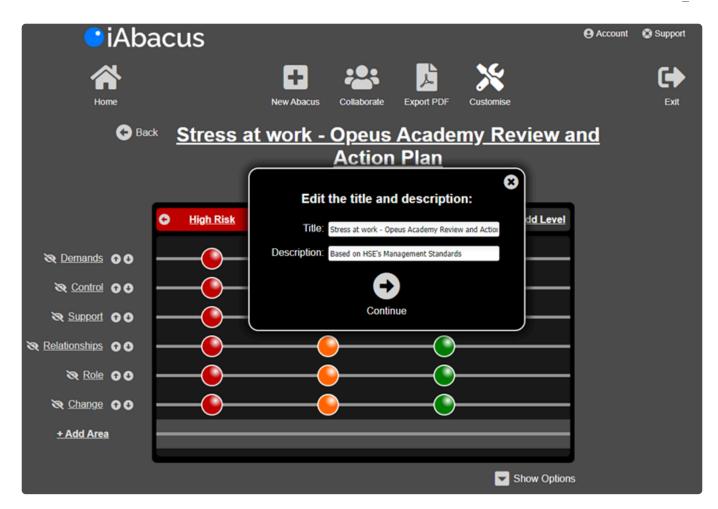


2) If you are going to customise more aspects of an abacus then you can change the title and description using the customise abacus feature.

First click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



Click on either the title or the description. This will bring up a pop up box that lets you change the text.

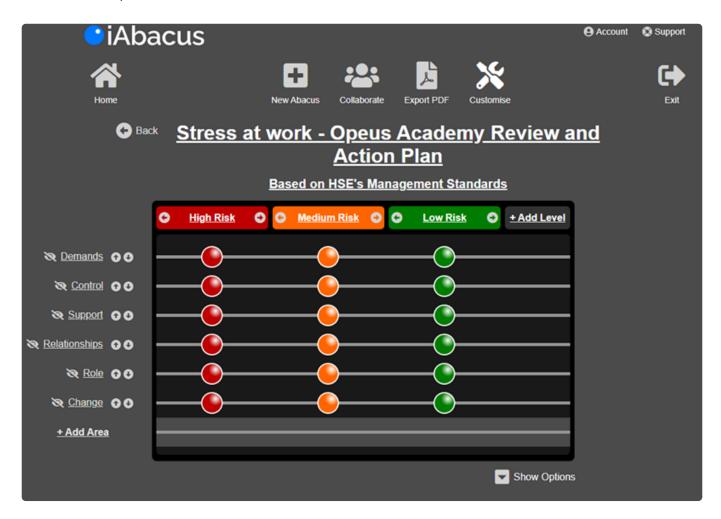


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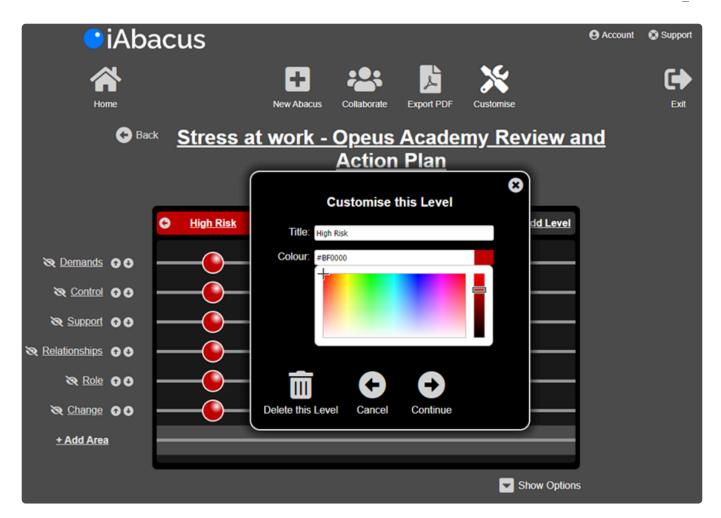
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to return to the abacus.

Levels across the top: edit text and colour

To change the text and colour of the levels across the top of your abacus, first click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



Click on the level you want to change. This will bring up a pop up box that lets you change the text and the colour.

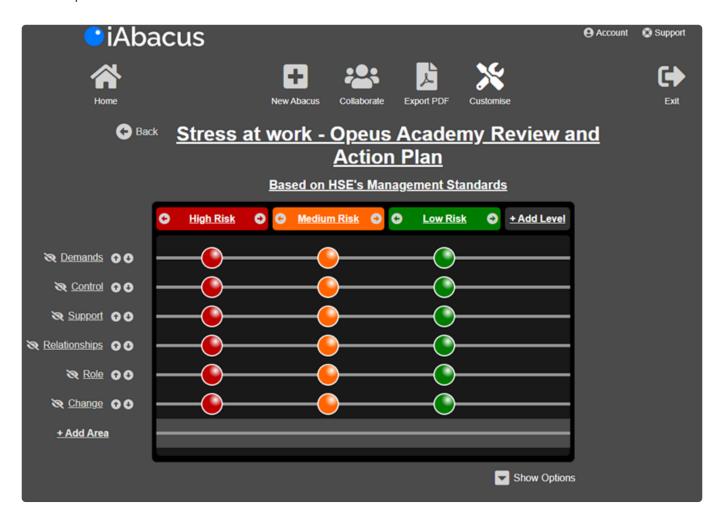


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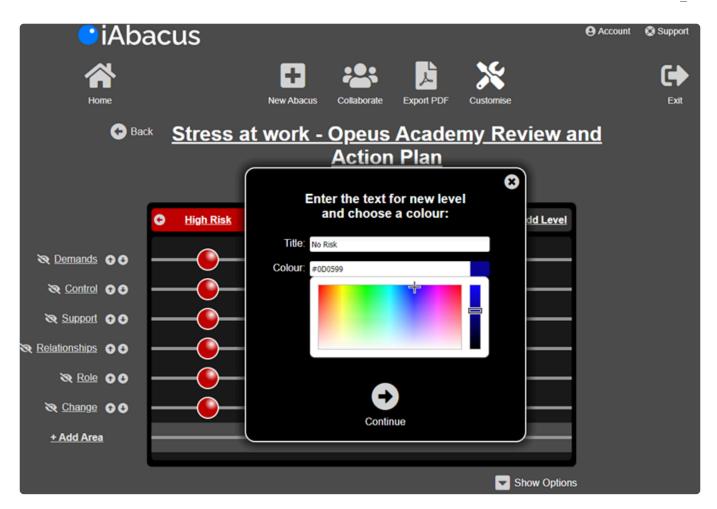
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to see the changes.

Levels across the top: add or delete

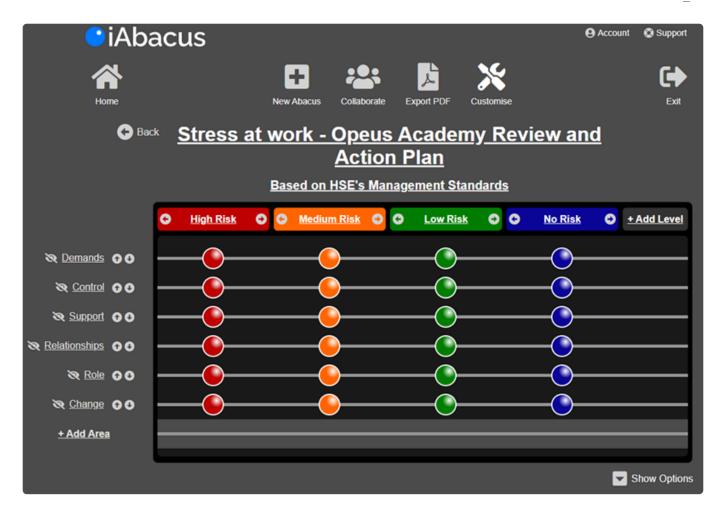
It may be that you want a three, four, or ten point scale across the top of your abacus on which to measure progress. You can do this by adding and deleting the levels. First click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



To add levels, simply click the Add level button to the right of the list. This will bring up a box that lets you add a name for the level and choose a colour.



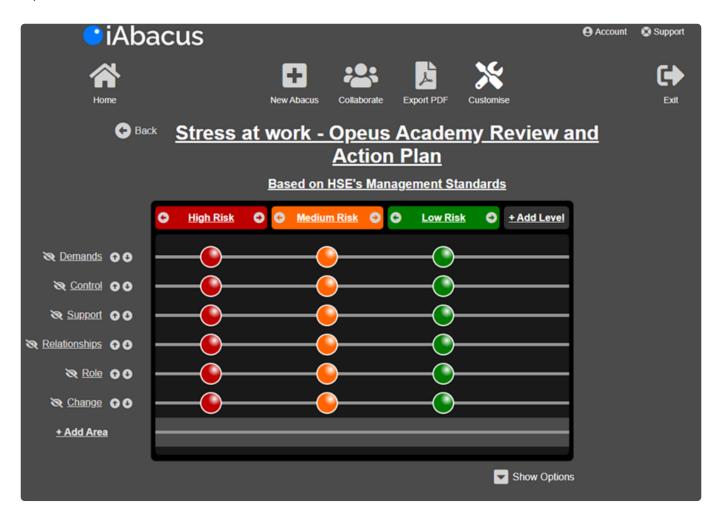
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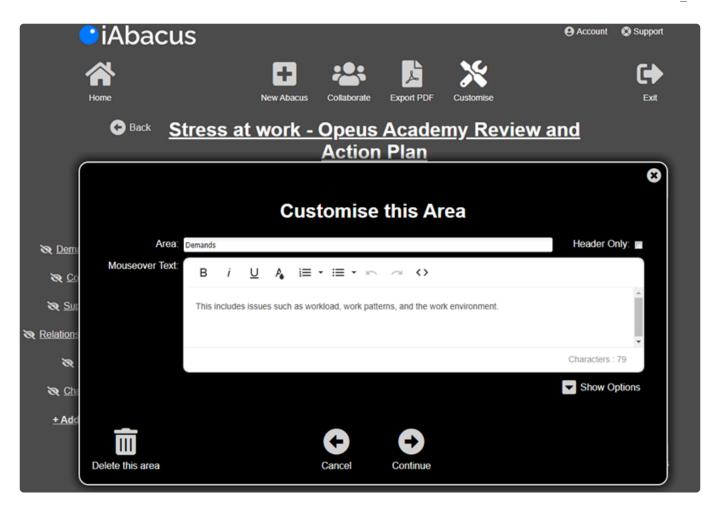
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to see the changes.

Areas to review: edit text

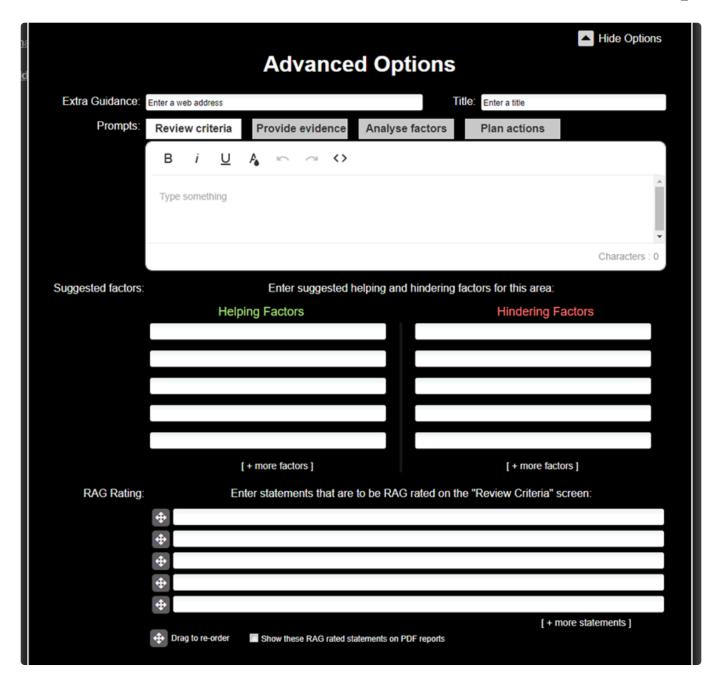
To edit the text associated with the areas you are evaluating, first click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



Click on the area you want to edit. This will bring up a pop up box that lets you amend and add text associated with that area.



By clicking on the show options button you will see the advanced options for customising the area.





You can change:

- · Title of the area
- Mouseover text appears when you hover the cursor over the title of the area
- A web link: that appears next to the title of the area, for extra guidance
- Prompts that appear on the Review, Evidence, Analyse and Plan pages, as additional instructions
- Suggested helping and hindering factors this will be available on the Analyse page
- Statements that can be RAG rated this will appear on the Review page
- "Common Criteria" If the criteria for all of your beads in the area is the same, by typing the criteria in this box the criteria will be the same across all of your beads. This helps to save time when creating a custom abacus.
- "Default Evidence" Any evidence added to this box will always show as evidence when a bead is dragged onto the abacus.

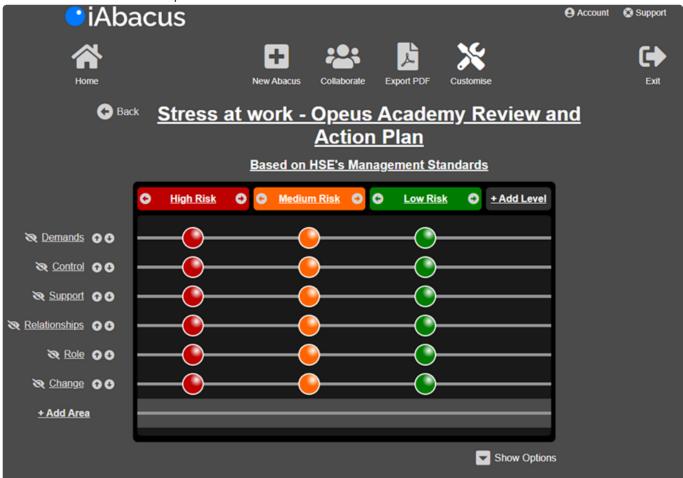


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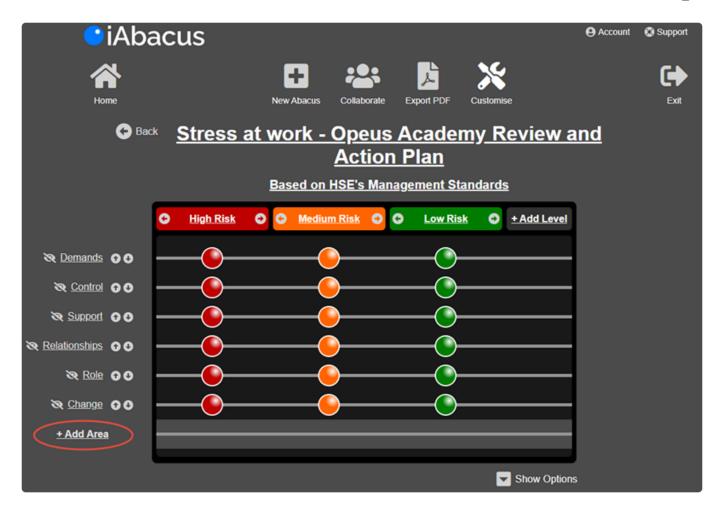
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to see the changes.

Areas to review: add, delete and re-order

To add, delete or re-order the areas for review listed on the left of your abacus, first click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



To add an area, go to the bottom of the list and click on the + Add area button. In the pop up box, type a name for your area and click Continue.





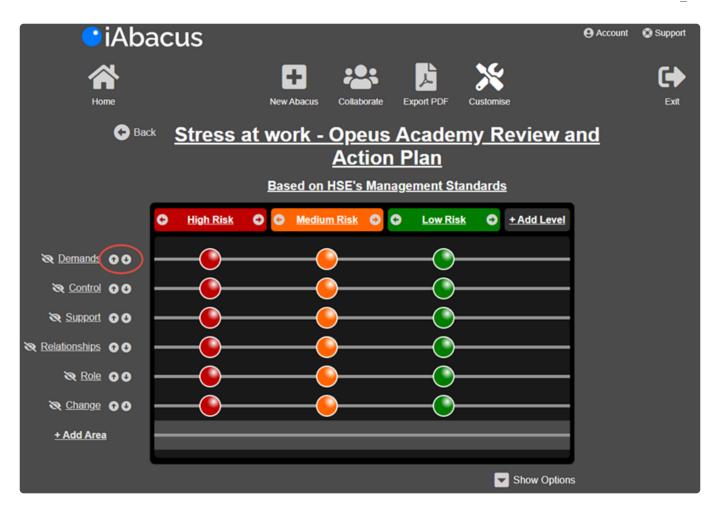
You must click the Continue button in order to save your changes. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box, your changes will not save.

To delete an area completely, click on the name of the area. In the pop up box that appears, scroll to the bottom and click on Delete.



This will delete all the pages associated with that area: Review, Evidence, Analyse and Plan.

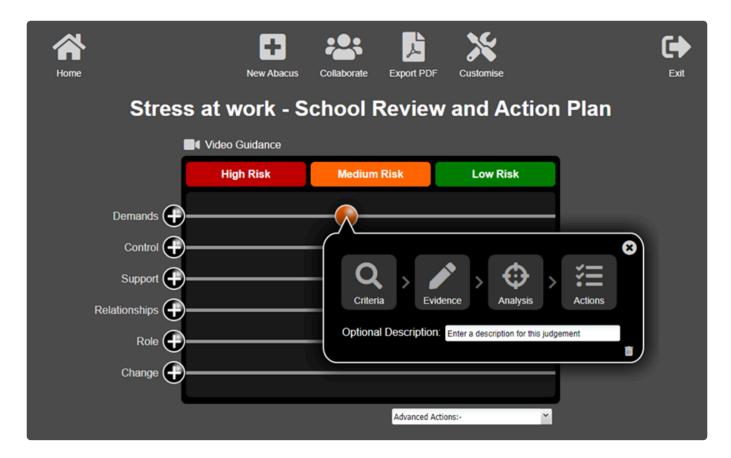
You may want to list the areas in order of importance. To re-order the areas, click on the arrows to the right of area titles. This will move them up or down the list, one place at a time.



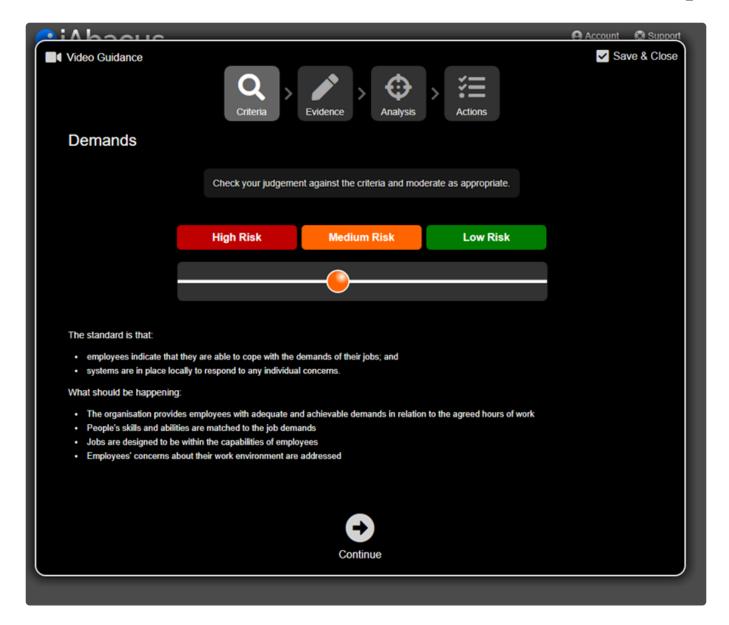
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to see the changes.

Review criteria: edit text

When you click on a bead you are given a number of options; the first is Review Criteria.



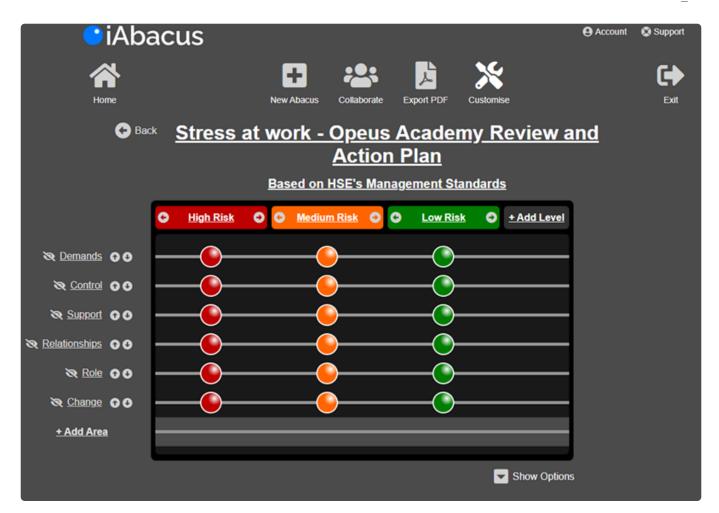
If you are using a template, once you click the Review Criteria button, you will see standards, or descriptors, related to that level.



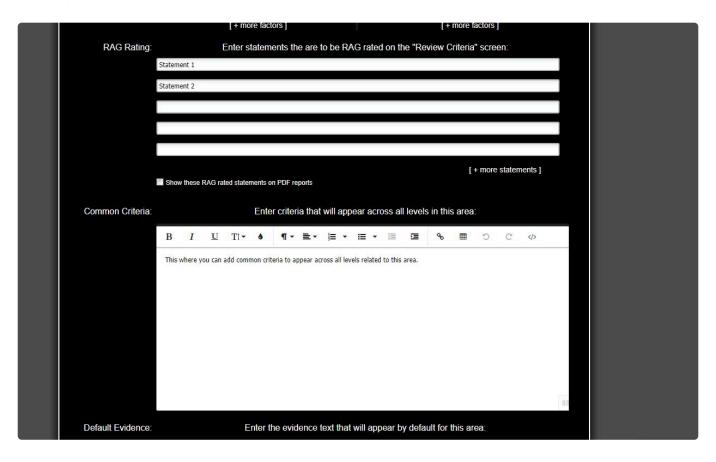
On some templates, the standards, or descriptors, are the same for each level. On other templates, the descriptors are different for each level, ie there are different descriptors for good than for outstanding.

There are two ways to amend, add or delete text on the Review Criteria page, depending on whether you want common or bespoke criteria for each level.

1) Use this method if you wish to apply the same standards, or descriptors, to each bead level across an area of review. Once you have opened the abacus, click on the Customise button at the top. Click on the area you wish to edit.



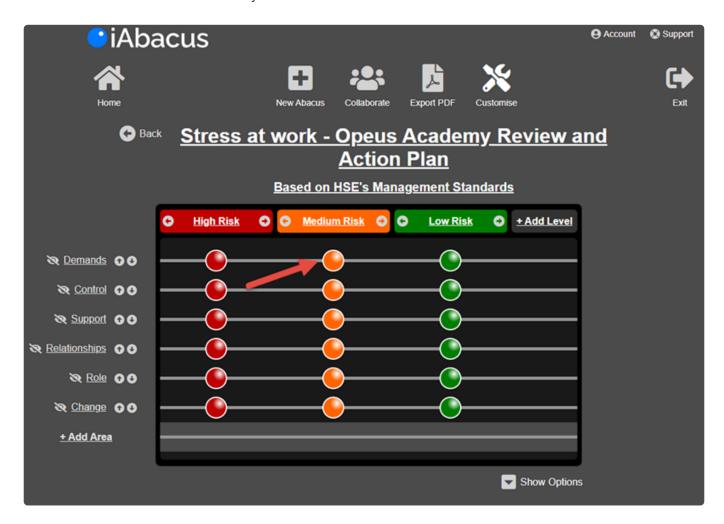
In the pop up box, scroll down to Common Criteria. Text in this box will appear in the Review Criteria for each bead level. The icons immediately above the text let you apply basic formatting as well as link to web pages.



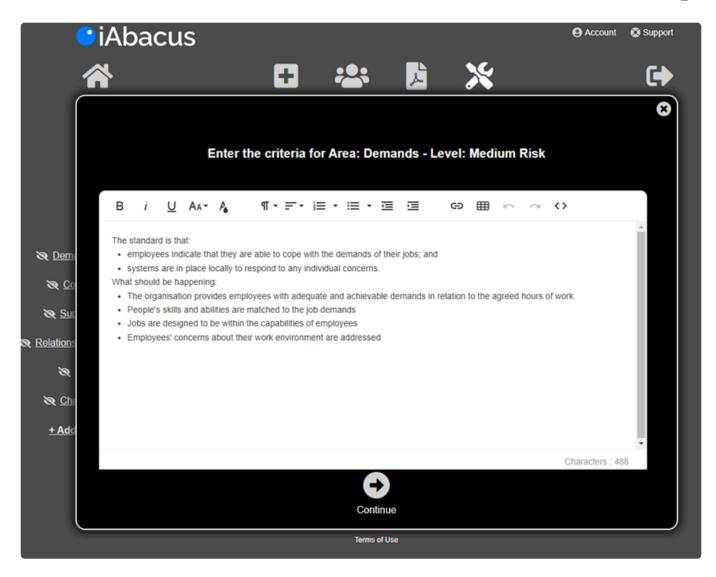


Remember to scroll to the bottom of the pop up box and click Continue to save your edits. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box your text will not save.

2) Use this method if you wish to enter different criteria, or descriptors, for each bead level across an area of review. Once you have opened the abacus, click on the Customise button at the top. Then click on the abacus bead whose criteria you wish to edit.



This will open a pop up box that lets you edit the text. The icons immediately above the text let you apply basic formatting as well as link to web pages.



Remember to scroll to the bottom of the pop up box and click Continue to save your edits. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box your text will not save.

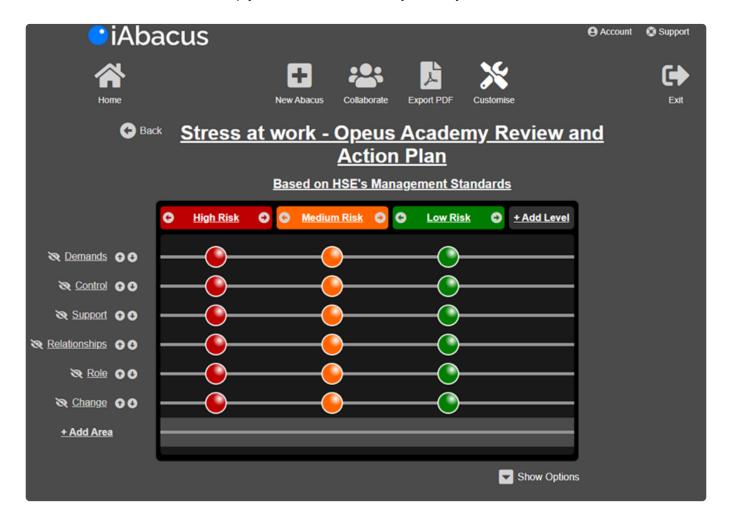
Review, evidence, analyse and plan steps: disable or enable

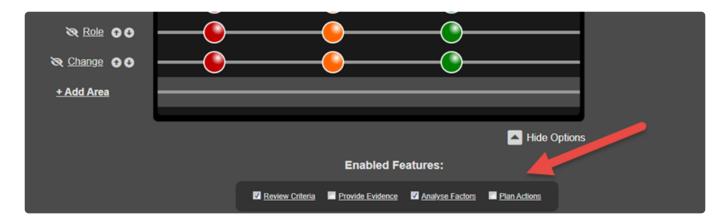
The full iAbacus model includes five stages:

- · Slide a bead to make a judgement
- · Review relevant criteria or standards and amend the judgment if needed
- Provide evidence to support the judgement
- · Analyse helping and hindering factors
- Develop an implement an action plan to mitigate the hindering and utilise the helping factors

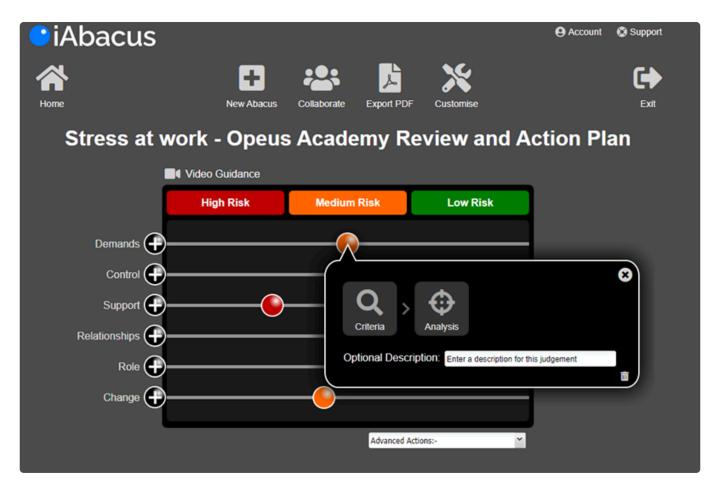
However there may be times when you do not need to use all of the steps. In these cases you may wish to disable, or turn off, some or all of the steps.

To do this, click on the Customise button at the top of the page. Underneath the beads you will see show options. Click on this and you will see Enabled Features, and the titles for each of the steps underlined with a tick box next to them. Simply remove the tick for any boxes you do not wish to use.





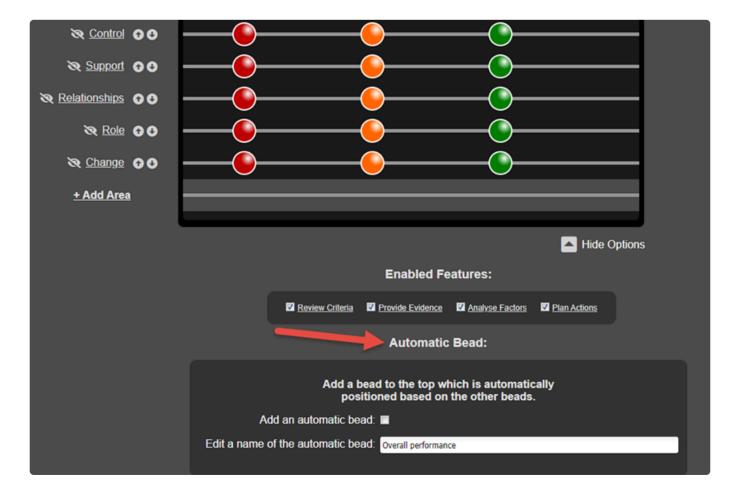
Once you have made your changes to your abacus, click on the back button to see the changes.



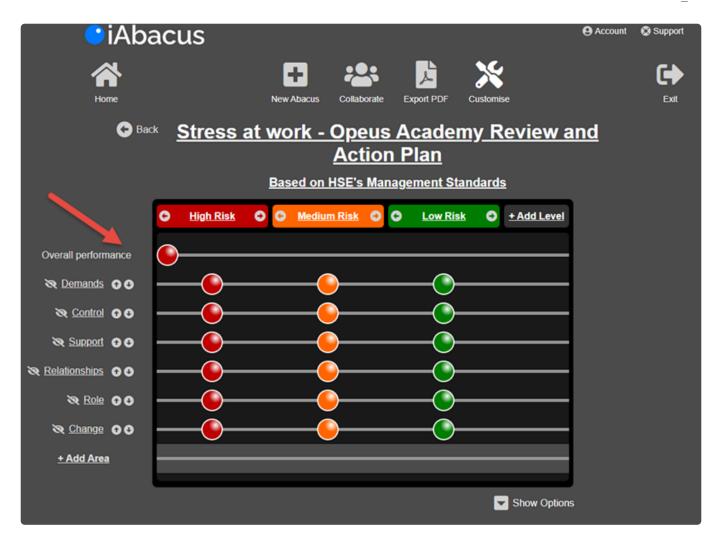
Add overall performance bead

You have the option of adding a bead to the top of your abacus that gives a measure of overall performance. This is automatically calculated, using the average of all the other beads.

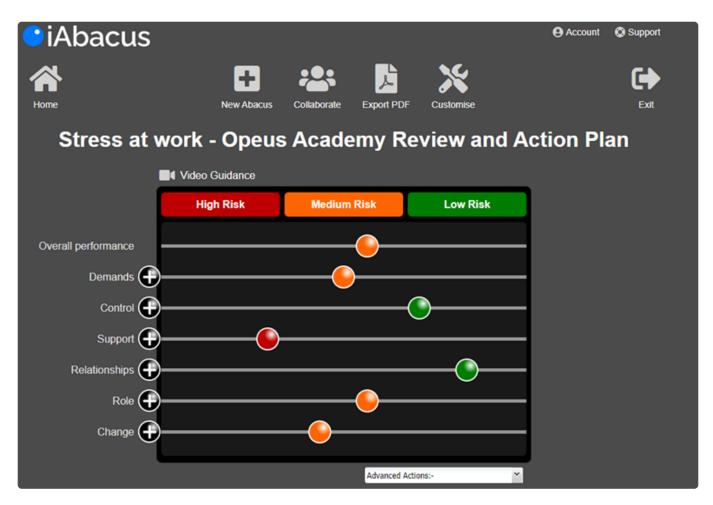
To add a bead for overall performance, click the Customise button at the top of the screen At the bottom of the abacus click the show options button and scroll down to the automatic bead setting.



Tick the box to the right of Add an Automatic Bead. The default name of the bead is Overall Performance but you can change this by editing the text in the box.



Once you have made your changes, click the back button. You will see the overall bead at the top. This is a weighted average based on the position of the other beads on the abacus.

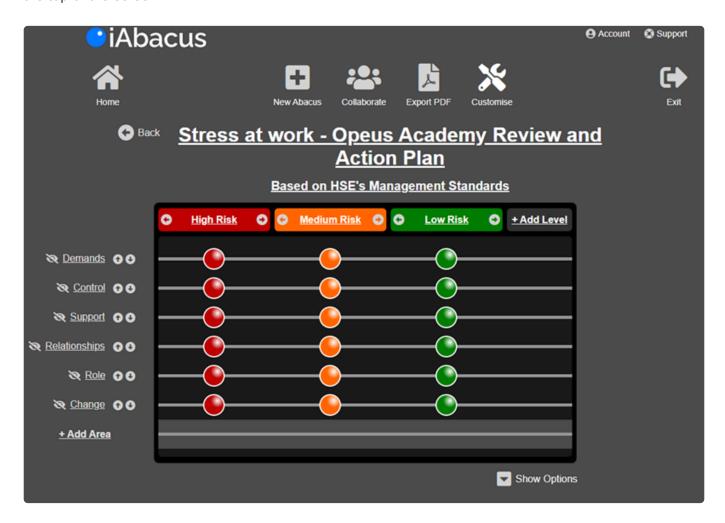


Add links to web guidance and videos for area under review

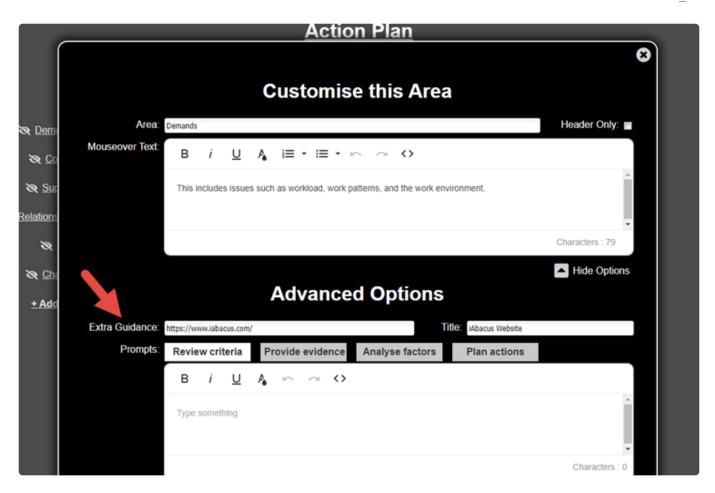
iAbacus lets you add links to websites and videos that provide further information or guidance for users. Use the method below to add web links or scroll down to read the method for adding video links. (Please note that some websites will not work because not all sites allow permission to be opened in iframe)

1. Web links

To add a web link to additional guidance related to the area for review, click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



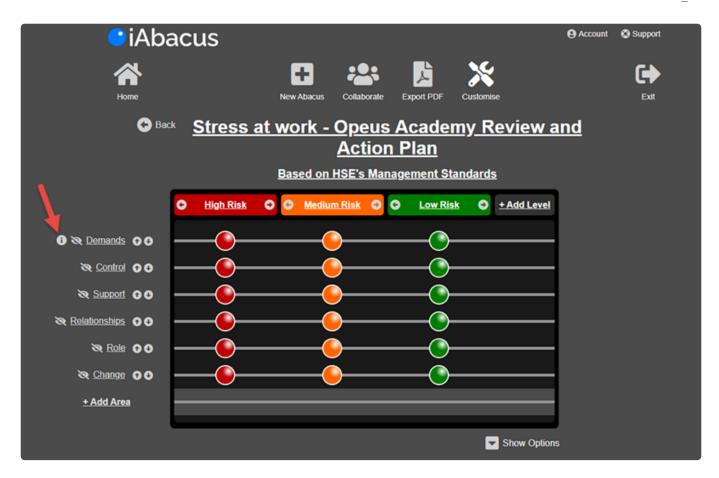
Click on the area for which you want to add a web link. In the pop up box, click show options — you will see a section titled Extra Guidance. Type the web address in the box to the right (ensure you include the https:// for the link to work). You can also include a name for the web page in the box to the right.



You must click the Continue button in order to save your changes. If you click the X at the top right of the pop up box, your changes will not save.

Once you have made your changes and clicked Continue, click on the back button to see the changes.

The web link will appear as an icon to the left of the name of the area on the abacus.



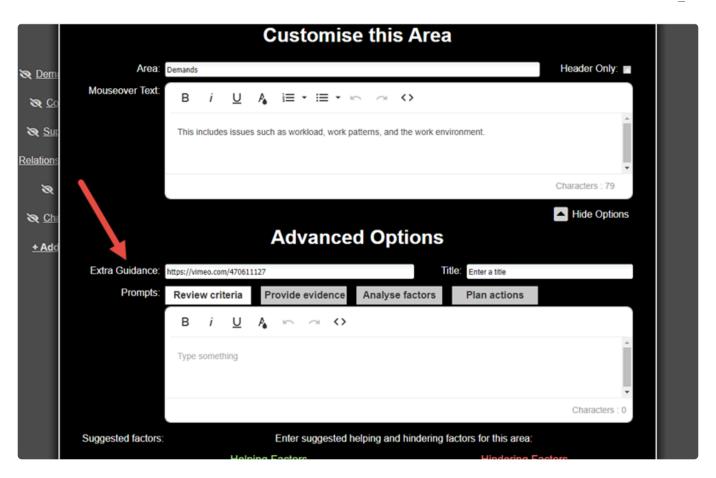
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Links to Videos

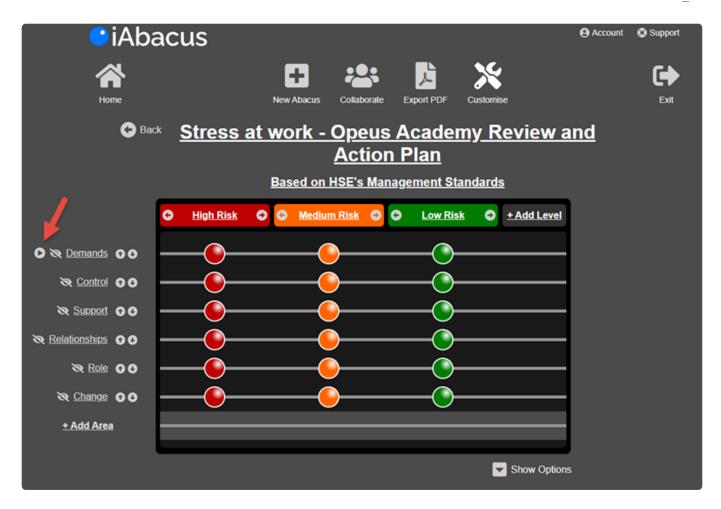
You can also link to a video file from a webpage such as YouTube or Vimeo. The video will play within a pop up window inside iAbacus.

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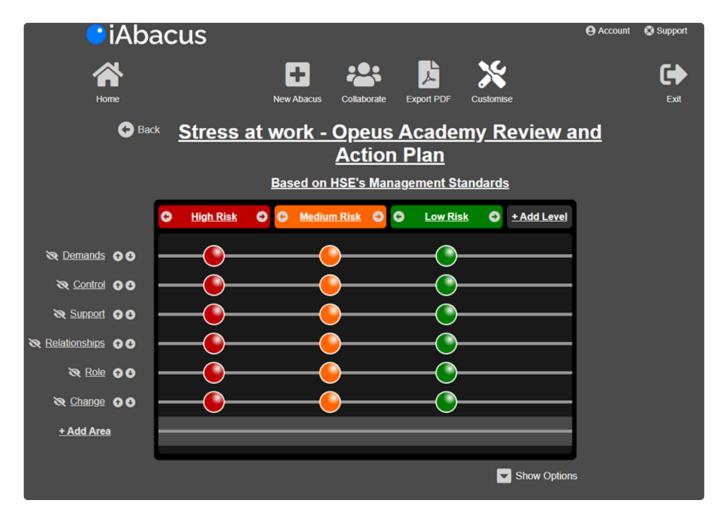
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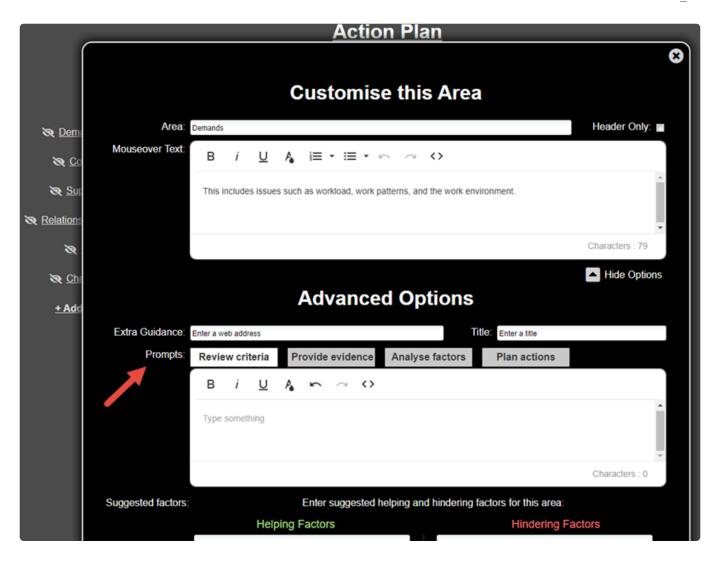
Add prompts and guidance

You have the option of adding prompts and written guidance for each of the steps: Review Criteria, Provide Evidence, Analyse Factors, Action Plan.

To do this, click on the Customise button at the top of the screen.



Click on the area for which you wish to add prompts and guidance. In the pop up box click show options and you will see a section titled Prompts, with the steps listed horizontally. Click on a step, and then add the prompts and guidance for that step. You can use the format icons at the top of the white box to add basic formatting to the text. Do this for each of the required steps (review criteria, provide evidence, analyse factors and plan actions).

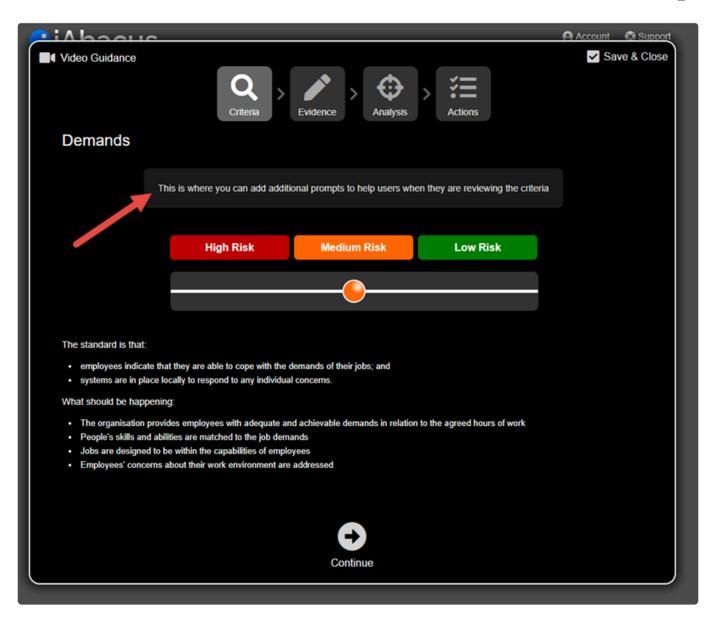




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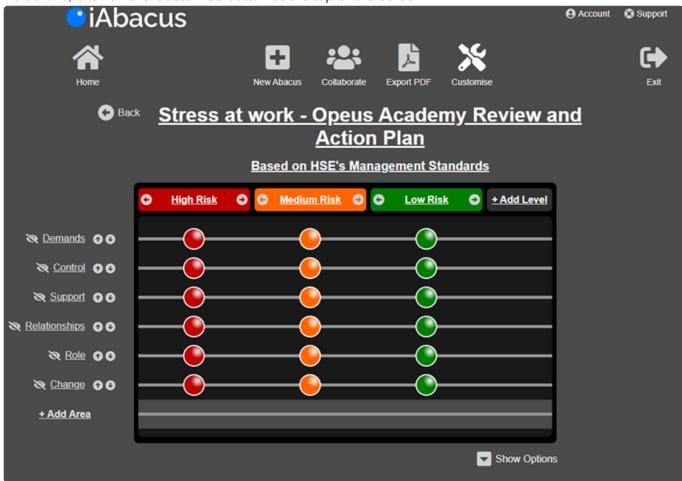
The prompts will appear on each of the pop up boxes as users go through the steps.



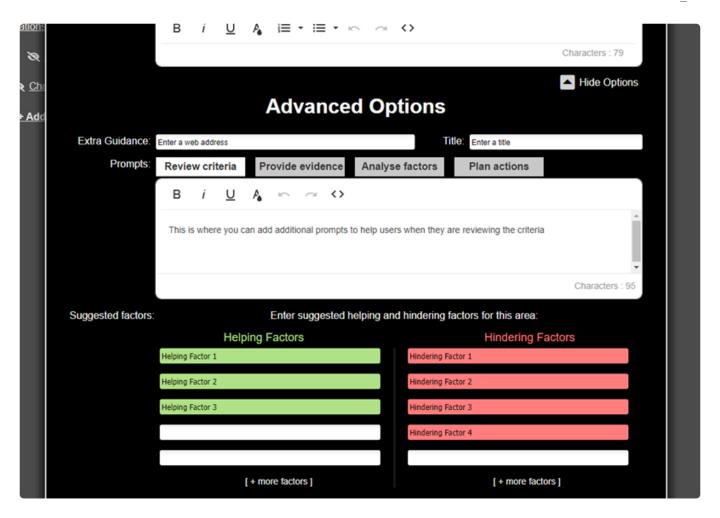
Add suggested helping and hindering factors

You have the option of adding suggested helping and hindering factors, to act as prompts for users.

To do this, click on the Customise button at the top of the screen



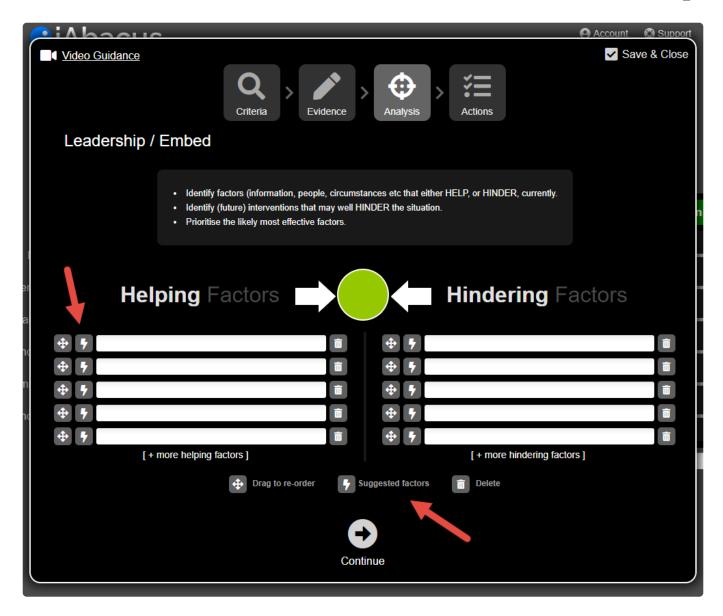
Click on the area for which you wish to add suggested helping and hindering factors. In the pop up box – click shown options and you will see a section titled Suggested Factors. Add helping factors into the green boxes and hindering factors into the red boxes.

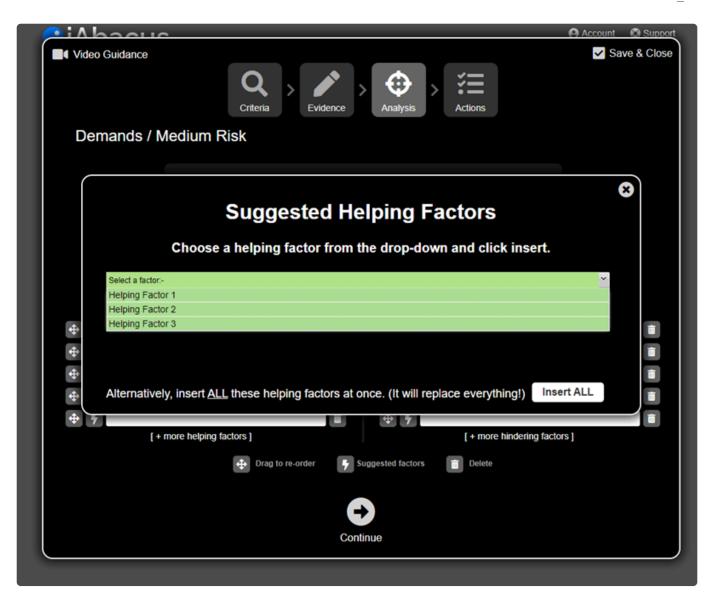


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When users go to the Analyse Factors step, they can access the suggested factors by clicking on the lighting bolt to the left of the free text box. The icons at the bottom of the pop up box clarify this.

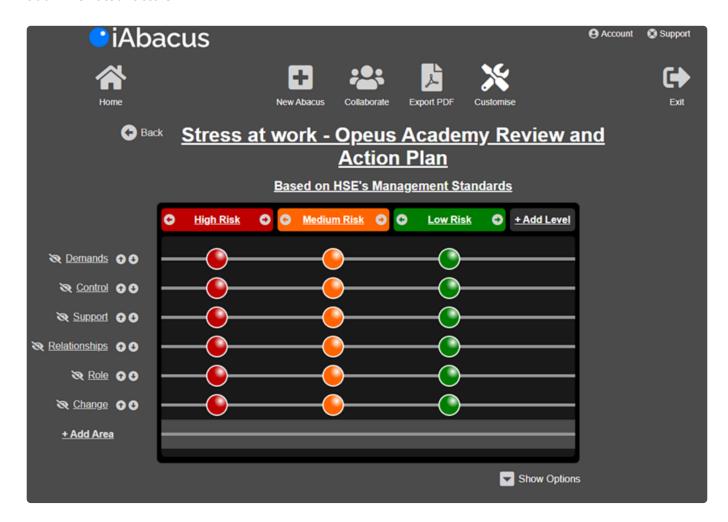




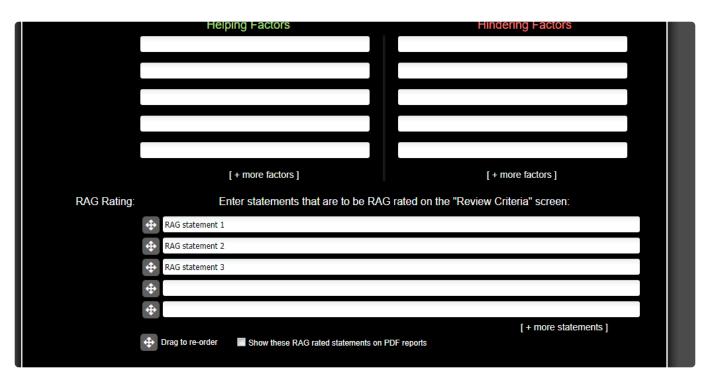
Add RAG rated statements

You have the option of adding statements to the Review Criteria screen that users can then rate Red, Amber, or Green (RAG).

To do this, click on the Customise button at the top of the screen. Click on the area for which you wish to add RAG rated factors.



In the pop up box click show options and scroll down to a section titled RAG rating, and add the statements to be RAG rated into the text boxes. If you would like to show the RAG statements on your pdf report then select the tick box. You can also change the order of the statements using the drag to re order buttons.

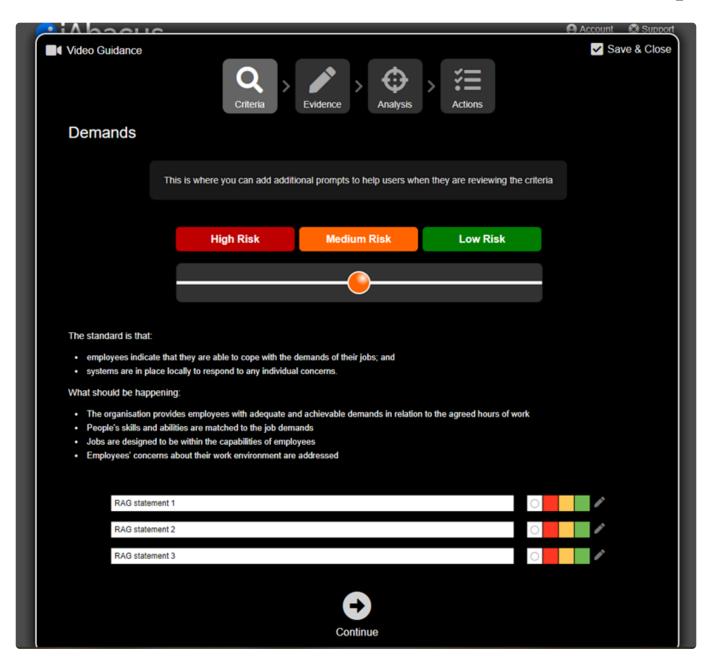




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When users go to the Review Criteria step, they will see the statements at the bottom of the pop up box. They RAG rate each statement by clicking on the coloured box.



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