Web Accessibility Training



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Resources online at:

webaim.org/presentations/2021/olemiss

Outline

Day 1

- Overview of WCAG 2
- Brief overview of law
- WAVE
- User experience
 - Deaf & hard of hearing
 - Low vision
 - Colorblind
 - Blind (& other screen reader users)

Day 2

- User experience, contd.
 - Photosensitive epilepsy
 - Motor disabilities
 - Cognitive and learning disabilities
- Rules of ARIA use
- Advanced forms
- JavaScript
- ARIA roles, states, and properties

Is your web content currently accessible?

WCAG 2

- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
- Versions 1.0 (1999), 2.0 (2008), and 2.1 (2018)
- Foundation of most accessibility laws worldwide
- Principles based
 - Perceivable
 - Operable
 - Understandable
 - Robust

Principle 1 - Perceivable

Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.

Guideline 1.1 – Text Alternatives

Provide text alternatives for any non-text content so that it can be changed into other forms people need, such as large print, braille, speech, symbols or simpler language.

Show techniques and failures for 1.1

1.1.1 Non-text Content — Level A

All non-text content that is presented to the user has a text alternative that serves the equivalent purpose, except for the situations listed below. > Show full description

1.1.1 Understanding 1.1.1

> Show techniques and failures for 1.1.1

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Guideline 1.2 - Time-based Media

Provide alternatives for time-based media.

1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) — Level A

For prerecorded audio-only and prerecorded video-only media, the following are true, except when the audio or video is a media alternative for text and is clearly labeled as such: > Show full description

1.2.1 Understanding 1.2.1



WCAG 2 Checklist

Principle 1: Perceivable

Web content is made available to the senses - sight, hearing, and/or touch

Guideline 1.1 Text Alternatives

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Success Criteria	Recommendations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	☐ All images, form image buttons, and image map hot spots have appropriate, equivalent alternative text.
	☐ Images that do not convey content, are decorative, or contain content that is already conveyed in text are given null alt text (alt="") or implemented as CSS backgrounds. All linked images have descriptive alternative text.
	 Equivalent alternatives to complex images are provided in context or on a separate linked page.
	☐ Form buttons have a descriptive value.
	☐ Form inputs have associated text labels.
	☐ Embedded multimedia is identified via accessible text.
	☐ Frames and iframes are appropriately titled.

Guideline 1.2 Time-based Media

Provide alternatives for time-based media

NOTE: If the audio or video is designated as an alternative to web content (e.g., an audio or sign language version of a web page, for example), then the web content itself serves as the alternative.

Success Criteria	Recommendations
1.2.1 Prerecorded Audio-only and Video-only (Level A)	 □ A descriptive text transcript that includes relevant auditory content is provided for non-live audio-only (audio podcasts, MP3 files, etc.). □ A descriptive text transcript or audio description is provided for non-live video-only (e.g., video that has no audio track), unless the video is decorative.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)	☐ Synchronized captions are provided for non-live video (YouTube videos, etc.).

webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist

Section 508

- Applies to federal government
- Agencies may require compliance for recipients of federal funds
- To meet 508, meet WCAG 2.0 A/AA
- VPAT 2 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

Americans with Disabilities Act

- Pre-dates the web
- 3 Important sections Employment, State and local governments, Public and commercial facilities
- Does not define technical standards for web accessibility
- Lawsuits, complaints, and DOJ settlements require WCAG 2.0 or 2.1 A/AA

Legal Requirements – WCAG 2.1

- European Union EN 301 549
 - New websites: September 2019
 - All websites: September 2020
- California GC § 11546.7
 - State agencies and entities
 - WCAG 2.0 "or a subsequent version"
 - July 2019

Accessibility > Compliance



web accessibility evaluation tool

wave.webaim.org

User experience

Auditory Disabilities



Captioning Methods

- Type, then sync
- Stenographer or "Shadow Speaker"
- Al voice recognition





Audio Description

Typically a narrator that describes visual content. Sometimes called "Descriptive Video Service" (DVS).

Avoid expensive audio descriptions by ensuring important visual content is presented audibly.



Descriptive Transcript

- Called "Alternative for Time-based Media" in WCAG
- Text that presents all important audio and visual information
- Not synchronized
- Does not have to be text-only

WCAG Requirements

Level A

- Captions
- Transcript for audio-only or video-only content
- Audio description OR transcript (if needed)

Level AA

- Audio description (if needed)
- Live audio Captions

Level AAA

- Descriptive transcript
- Sign language
- Live audio Transcript

Our recommendation

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Level AAA

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Deaf-blind

- Content accessible to users who are deaf and to users who are blind will generally be accessible to users who are deaf-blind.
- Descriptive transcripts provide media accessibility.



What are additional benefits of captions and transcripts?

Visual Disabilities

Assistive Technology

"Assistive technology promotes greater independence by enabling people to perform tasks that they were formerly unable to accomplish, or had great difficulty accomplishing."

Wikipedia

Do you use a form of assistive technology?



Low Vision

Browser Zoom

- Browser controls
 - Larger: Ctrl/command & +
 - Smaller: Ctrl/command & -
 - Reset : Ctrl/command & 0
- Zoomed content will trigger responsive breakpoints
 - Responsive design supports users with low vision who zoom page content

Quick Reference: Testing Web Content for Accessibility



Test with W WAVE

- Run a report at <u>wave.webaim.org</u>. For very complex or non-public pages, use the WAVE Chrome or Firefox extension (<u>wave.webaim.org/extension</u>).
 - o Watch the overview video on the WAVE homepage.
- Error icons flag known issues. Other icons identify potential problems or features. Click an icon to highlight the corresponding element and learn more using the Reference panel.
- Use the **Details** panel to review page issues. Click an icon to find it in the page. Uncheck icons to hide them.
- Turn off Styles to simplify the page view and to check the reading and navigation order.
- Click the **Code** button at the bottom of the page to see the page code with WAVE icons.

Images

- Ensure alternative text (shown in green) conveys the equivalent **content** and/or **function** of the image.
- Look for ways to replace images of text with true text.
- Content conveyed via CSS images must have a text alternative.

Headings and Regions/Landmarks

- Use the Structure panel in the sidebar to review.
- The main heading should usually be an <h1>.
- Ensure the headings and regions/landmarks reflect the page structure.
- Look for skipped heading levels (e.g., <h2> to <h4>).

Contrast

· Select the Contrast panel.

Check keyboard accessibility

- The first time testing with Mac, press Control + F7 to enable full keyboard accessibility.
- In Safari, select Preferences > Advanced >
 Accessibility > Press Tab to highlight each item...
- Navigate the page using only the keyboard:
- Tab: Navigate interactive elements (links, form controls, etc.)
- o Shift + Tab: Navigate backwards.
- o Enter: Activate links or buttons, submit most forms.
- Spacebar: Activate checkboxes and buttons, expand a select menu, or scroll the window.
- Arrow keys: Navigate radio buttons, select/dropdown menus, sliders, tab panels, tree menus, etc.
- · Look for mouse-only interaction (e.g., rollover menus).
- Confirm every focusable element has a keyboard focus indicator/outline with at least 3:1 contrast.
- Ensure any "skip" links work correctly and are visible to sighted keyboard users.
- · Make sure the navigation order is logical and intuitive.
- Test dialog and pop-ups. Can you navigate and close the dialog? Does focus return to a logical place?
- o Modal dialogs must maintain focus until dismissed.
- o Non-modal dialogs must close when focus is lost.
- o Esc should also close all dialogs and menus.

Test content scaling

· In Chrome, press Ctrl/cmd and:

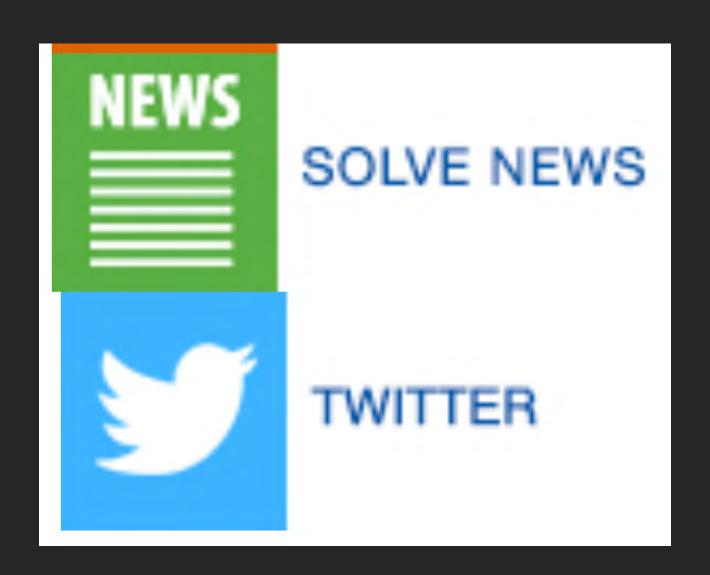
Browser Zoom on nasa.gov



WCAG Zoom Requirements

- 1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)
 - "Except for captions and images of text, text can be resized without assistive technology up to 200% without loss of content or functionality."
 - Zoom to 200% is supported.
- 1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA WCAG 2.1)
 - "Content can be presented without loss of information or functionality..."
 and without horizontal scrolling (except when necessary) at 400% zoom
 with viewport width at 1280 pixels.
- Consider text sizing
 - Perhaps to 130%-150%
 - Test in Firefox

Images of Text



Use click to trigger hover interactions



WCAG 2.1 – Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA)

Content that appears on hover and focus must be:

- "Dismissible...without moving pointer hover or keyboard focus": Esc key dismisses
- "Hoverable": Doesn't disappear when moving the pointer to the new content
- "Persistent": Visible until you move mouse away or dismiss it

Present messaging close to form controls



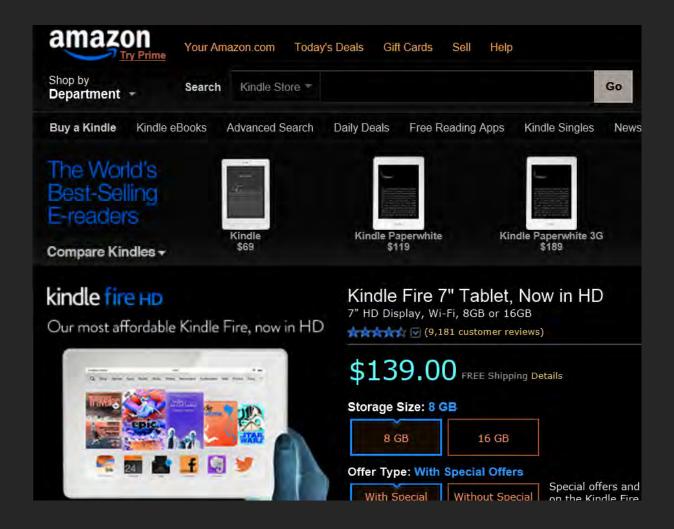
Evaluate page zoom

Ctrl/command & +, -, 0

Provide Sufficient Contrast

WebAIM contrast article

Inverted and High Contrast



WCAG Contrast Formula

$$(L1 + 0.05) / (L2 + 0.05)$$
 where
$$L = 0.2126 * R + 0.7152 * G + 0.0722 * B$$
 where
$$R, G, \text{ and } B =$$

$$R_{sRGB} <= 0.03928 \text{ then } R = R_{sRGB}/12.92$$
 else
$$R = ((R_{sRGB} + 0.055)/1.055) ^ 2.4$$
 where
$$R_{sRGB} <= R_{8bit}/255$$

21.1

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Level AA Contrast Examples

4.5:1

3:1 – "Large" text

Gray (#767676) on White

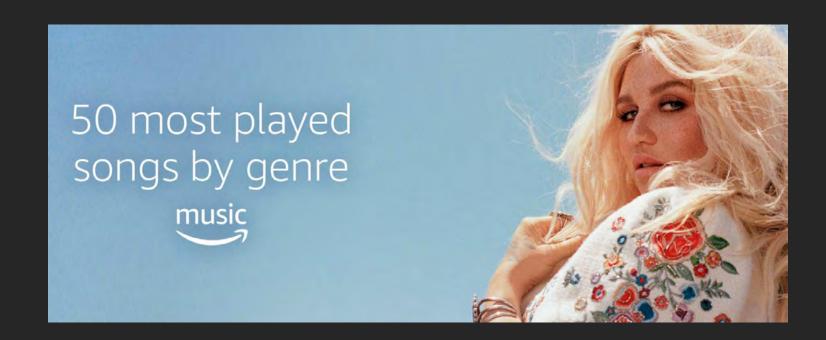
≥18pt (24px)

Purple (#CC21CC) on White

Red (#E30000) on Yellow (#FFFF00)

BOLD: \geq 14pt (18.67px)

"Images of text"



WebAIM Contrast Checker

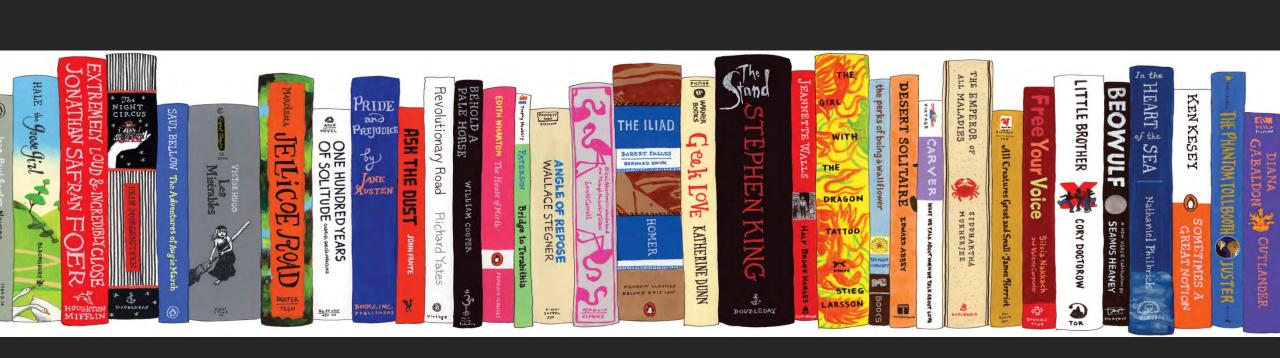
webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/





Exceptions

"Pure Decoration"

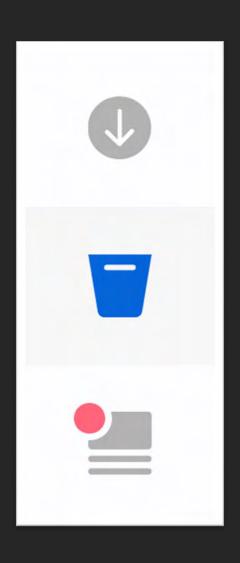


"Inactive"

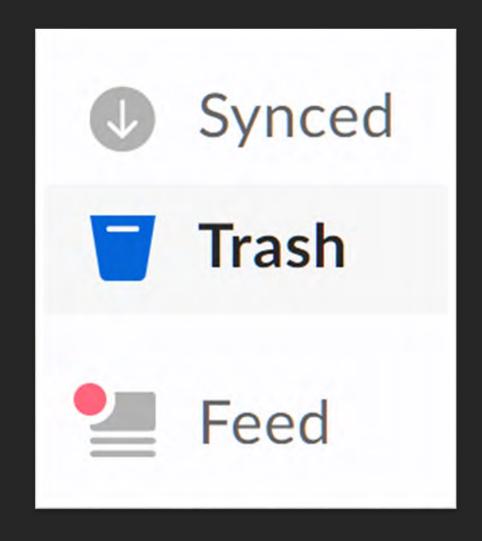
"Logotypes"



WCAG 2.1 – 3:1 Contrast of "Graphical Objects"



"...required to understand"



"Against adjacent color(s)"



Add a border



3:1 Contrast of UI "Boundaries"



WCAG 2.1 – 3:1 contrast of keyboard focus indicators

Q

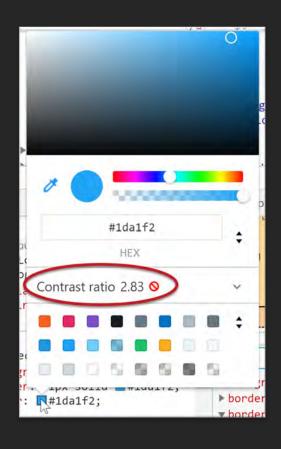
Follow your interests.

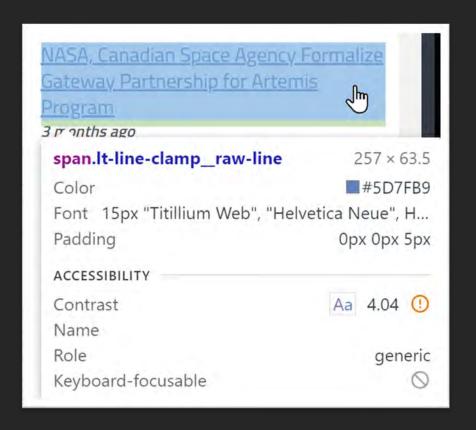
WCAG 2.1 – 3:1 contrast of UI "States"



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Chrome Developer Tools





Evaluating contrast with Chrome DevTools

Evaluate contrast

- 1. WAVE contrast tab Automatically-detected text
- 2. ColorZilla Images
- 3. Chrome DevTools States, non-solid backgrounds

Color Blindness



WCAG 1.4.1 – Use of Color

The green mushrooms listed here are okay to eat. The red mushrooms are poisonous.

- Amanita
- Chanterelle
- Porcini
- Shiitake
- Tylopilus

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- 1. Ensure sufficient contrast
- 2. Do not rely on color alone

Requirements for non-underlined links

- A 3:1 contrast ratio between link text and non-link text
- Link must present a non-color cue (typically underline) on mouse hover AND keyboard focus
 - Not possible in most electronic documents (e.g., Word and PowerPoint)

webaim.org/resources/linkcontrastchecker

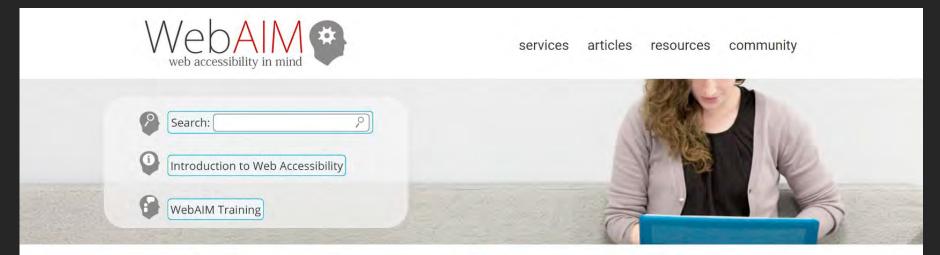
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and link becomes underlined on hover/focus.

Screen Reader Users

- Not all screen reader users are completely blind.
- Most have low vision.
 - 45% of respondents to our low-vision survey use a screen reader.
- Some users have a reading or cognitive disability.
- Focus on structure and semantics.

Structure & Semantics



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Expanding the potential of the web for people with disabilities by empowering individuals and organizations to create accessible content.

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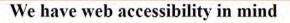
Main Navigation

- Services
- Articles
- Resources
- Community



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Navigation

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Screen readers for testing

Desktop

- Windows
 - NVDA (free)
 - JAWS (\$1000+)
 - JAWS + IE is still common
- Mac
 - VoiceOver

Mobile

- iOS
 - VoiceOver
 - 69% of mobile
- Android
 - Talkback

WebAIM tutorials for JAWS, NVDA, and VoiceOver, and VoiceOver on mobile

Screen Reader Demo

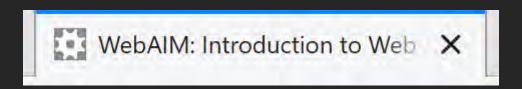
Screen reader testing

- Don't try to be an "expert"
 - 10 shortcuts to get started, 20 is about all you need
 - Screen readers read things differently and can misbehave
- Verbosity settings impact the amount and types of content that are read
- Focus on document structure, navigation, forms, and dynamic content

Headings

- The most common method for finding information on a page
 - 69% of WebAIM screen reader user survey respondents
- Headings should describe a section of content
 - Should never be empty
- Usually one <h1> per page
- Do not skip heading levels (e.g., <h2> to <h4>)
 - Can skip backward (e.g., <h4> to <h2>)

Page Title



<title>WebAIM: Introduction to
Web Accessibility</title>

- Often the first thing read
- Should usually match, or be similar to, the first-level heading
- Must be descriptive
- Should be succinct

HTML Regions

- <header>
- <nav>
- <main>
- <aside>
- <footer>

Screen reader users can navigate by region

ARIA Accessible Rich Internet Applications

ARIA expands the vocabulary of HTML

Rule #1 of ARIA Use

"If you can use a native HTML element or attribute...then do so."

Notes on Using ARIA in HTML

Rule #1, simplified

If you can use HTML, then do so.

Rule #1, paraphrased

Don't use ARIA

ARIA Landmarks

- <header> role="banner"
- <nav> role="navigation"
- <main> role="main"
- <aside> role="complementary"
- <footer> role="contentinfo"
- ??? role="search"

Regions/Landmarks

- We recommend HTML regions (Rule #1)
 - -<header role="banner"> is unnecessary
- "Region" / "Landmark" are generally synonymous
- All content in the page should be within a region
- More doesn't always mean better

Evaluate title, headings, and regions/landmarks

WAVE "Structure" tab

Lists

- Numbers/
 for ordered or hierarchical lists
- Bullets/<u1> for unordered or parallel lists
- <dl> for definition/description lists
 - Name/value pairs in HTML5 (e.g., FAQ)

EASY SHORTBREAD

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 cups flour

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F.

- 2. Cream butter and sugar.
- 3. Gradually stir flour into the creamed mixture until blended.
- 4. Pat the dough in the bottom of an ungreased 9x13 baking pan.
- 5. Bake at 300 F for 30 to 40 minutes, until just lightly browned.
- 6. Remove from oven and pierce all over with a fork.

Baking Terms

Softened butter

Butter left at room temperature for approximately 20 minutes.

Cream butter and sugar

Mix butter and sugar together until it is light and fluffy.





Forms

Use the Correct Input Type

Select from the following to make group reservations.

- ☐ School Group
- Other Group

☐ Tour Operator

HTML5 Input Types

- <input type="date|email|
 range|color"> and many
 others.
- The browser can (or, in some cases, hopefully will) provide a natively accessible control/interface.
- Mobile devices often present custom keyboards
 - e.g., @ key for type="email".



e.g., WebAIM contrast checker

Form Labels

First Name:

```
<label for="fname">First Name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"...>
```

Text boxes, text areas, select menus, checkboxes, radio buttons, and HTML5 input types.

Implicit Form Labels

```
<label>First Name:
<input type="text"></label>
```

<fieldset> and <legend>

```
Choose a shipping method:
Overnight
Two day
Ground
```

Evaluate forms and labels

Tables

Data tables

Class Schedule

Class Name	Course Number	Location
Advanced Website Development	BIS 5650	B105
Database Management	BIS 3330	B220

Data tables

```
<caption>Class Schedule</caption>
Class Name
Course Number
Location
Advanced Website Development
BIS 5650
B105
```

Structure for screen readers

Class Schedule

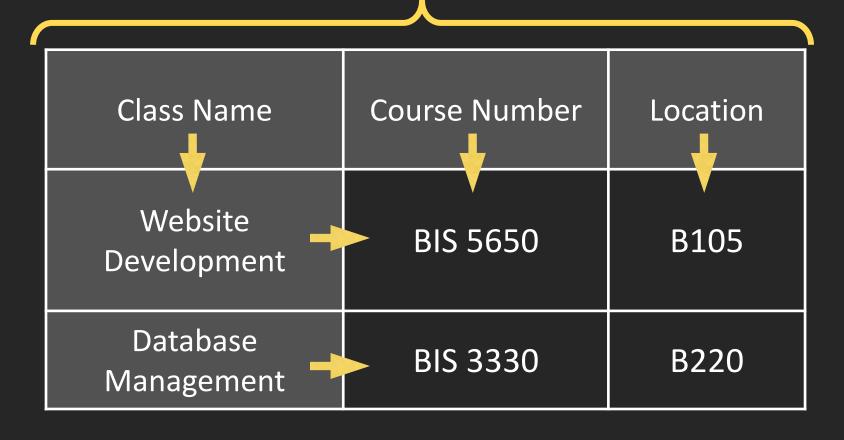


Table example

Fall Semester				
Class Name	Course Number	Location		
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Winter Semester				
Class Name	Course Number	Location		
Advanced Website Development	BIS 5650	B105		
Database Management	BIS 3330	B220		

Fall Semester						
Class Name	Cou	rse Number		er	Location	
Advanced Website Development		SIS	565	50		B105
Database Management		SIS	3330			B220
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Database Management	• [BIS	333	30		B220

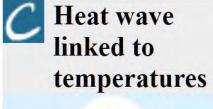
Fall Semester

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Winter Semester

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Database Management	BIS 3330	B220

Layout Tables





After three years of effort city scientists now agree that the primary cause of the 2003 heatwave was hot air from our





Mayor: These kinds of crimes need more creative, effective punishments. For example, we could require compulsory

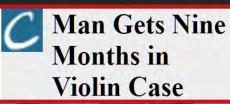




Brain donations:
huge drop off in
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of 'Slow Traffic,
Safe Streets' policy
MORE D

Incorrect reading order









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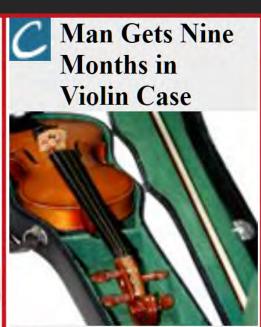


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Simplify table structure



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Language

"Most people today can hardly conceive of life without the internet. Some have argued that no other single invention has been more revolutionary since Gutenberg's printing press in the 1400s. Now, at the click of a mouse, the world can be "at your fingertips"—that is, if you can use a mouse... and see the screen... and hear the audio—in other words, if you don't have a disability of any kind."



Language of Page (Level A)

```
<html lang="en">
```

Language of Parts (Level AA)

```
<option>Japanese
vs.
<option lang="ja">日本語</option>
```

Evaluate language

Spanish - lang="es"

Alternative Text

Alternative Text

- Read by screen readers
- Alternative to images if they are disabled or not supported
- Used by search engines

What is equivalent alternative text?

CONTENT and **FUNCTION**

VERY RARELY Description

Alternative Text

Should...

- be equivalent.
- be succinct.
- NOT be redundant.
- NOT use the phrases "image of ..." or "graphic of ..." to describe the image.



Can be presented two ways

In the alt attribute of the img element.

```
<img alt="I am alt text">
```

• In the context or surroundings of the image itself.





Empty vs. Missing alt attribute

- Empty alt (alt="") definitively states:
 - The image is decorative, or
 - Alternative text is nearby
- Missing alt is ambiguous
 - Screen readers will probably treat it the same as alt="".
- Modern content tools (e.g., WordPress and Word) should have a way to identify decorative images.

Images that are the only thing within a link must **ALWAYS** have alternative text

... and image map hot-spots and image buttons too.

Image Link Minivans Text Link

```
<a href="minivans.html">
<img src="minivans.jpg" alt="Minivans"></a>
<br><a href="minivans.html">Minivans</a>
```

Download the Employment Application &

```
<a href="app.pdf">Download the
Employment Application
<img src="acrobat.png" alt="???"></a>
```

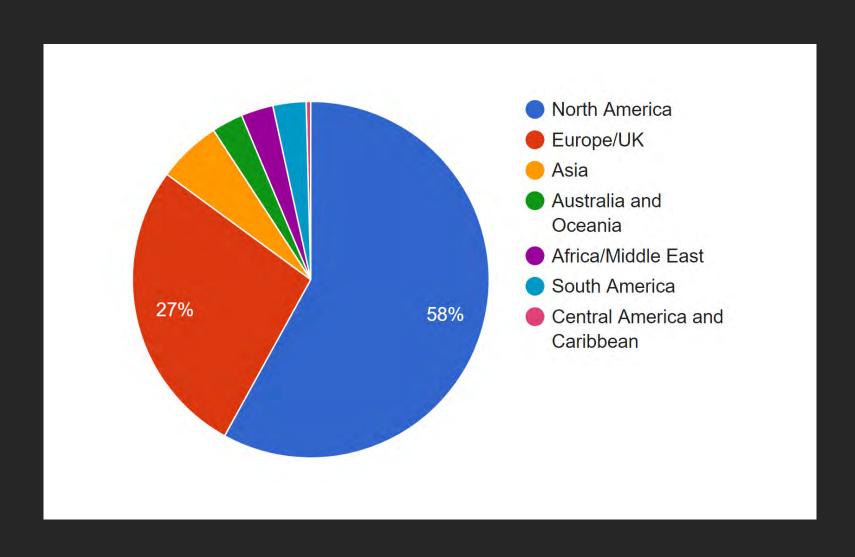
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Employment Application
<img src="acrobat.png" alt="PDF"></a>
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alt="students studying under a tree"???

Complex Images



Complex Images

- Provide the alternative in context OR
- Provide a link to a page that contains the longer description
- Avoid longdesc—support is poor, and it has been dropped from HTML.
- The main image should still have some alt text!

London's Rail & Tube services

Key to lines and symbols

Bakerloo
Central
Circle
District
Hammersmith & City
Jubilee
Metropolitan
Northern
Piccadilly
Victoria
Waterloo & City
DLR
London Overground
London Trams
TfL Rail
Emirates Air Line cable car

chittern kaitways

Gatwick Express

Great Northern

Great Western Railway

Greater Anglia
 Heathrow Expression

Heathrow Express
Southern

Southeastern high speed

South Western Railway
Thameslink

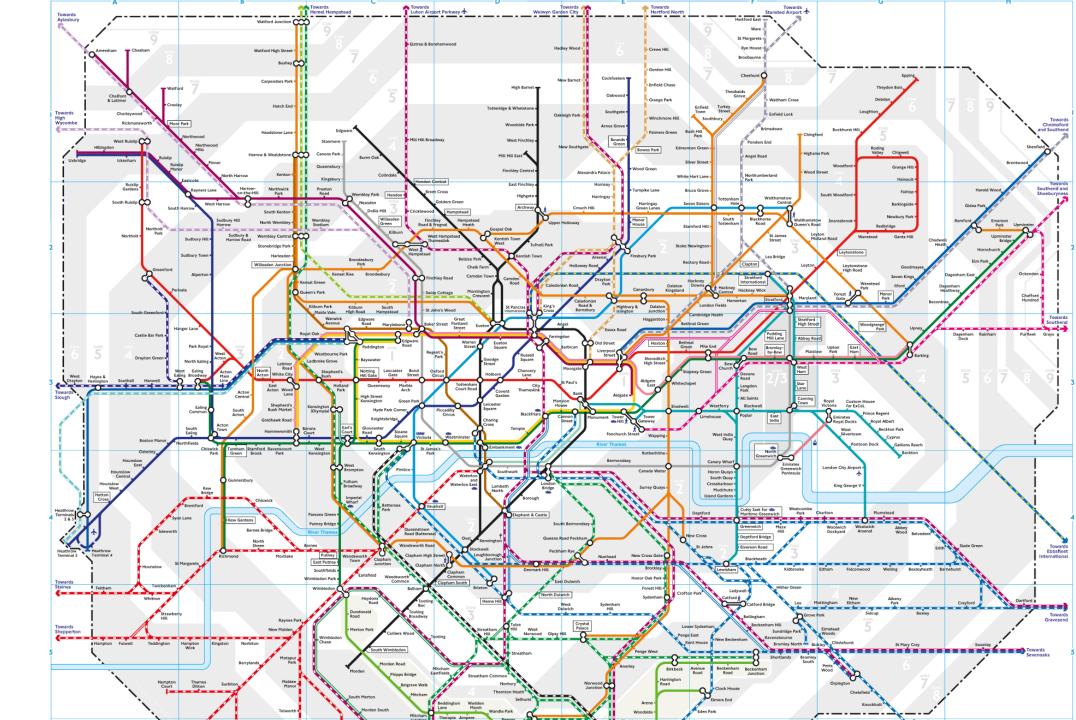
West Midlands Trains

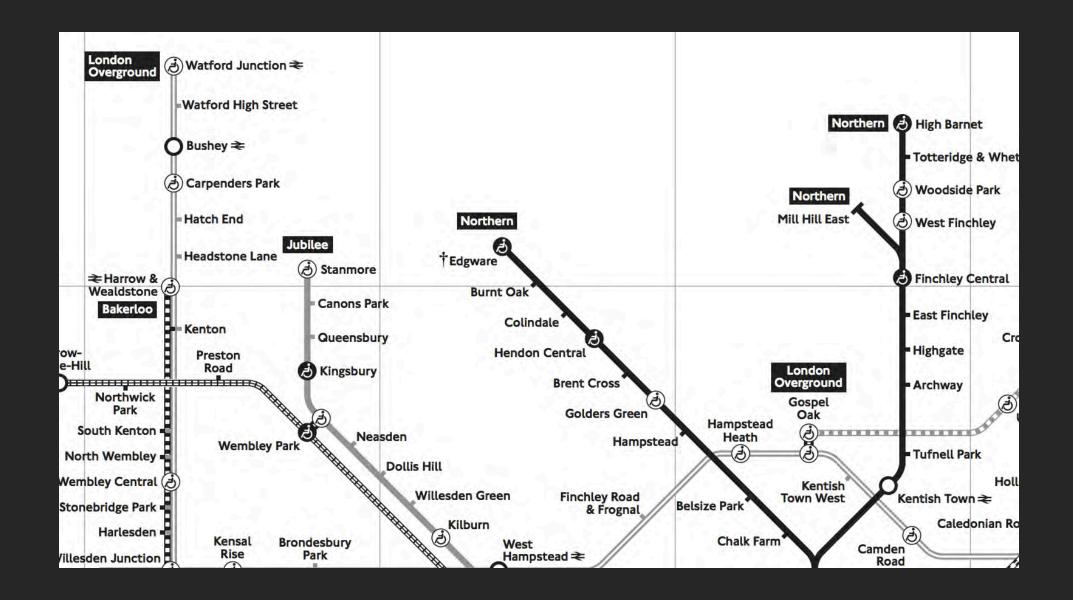
London Trams fare zone
ratford Station in both fare zones

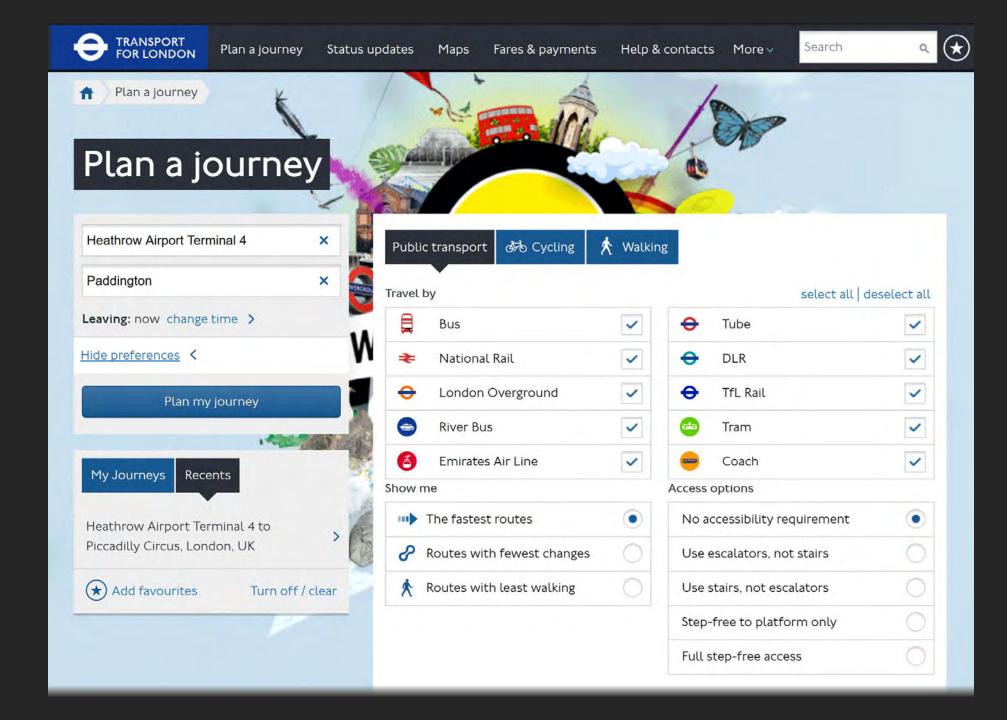
Interchange stations
Street level transfer between stations

Airport Riverboat

Riverboat services Victoria Coach Station

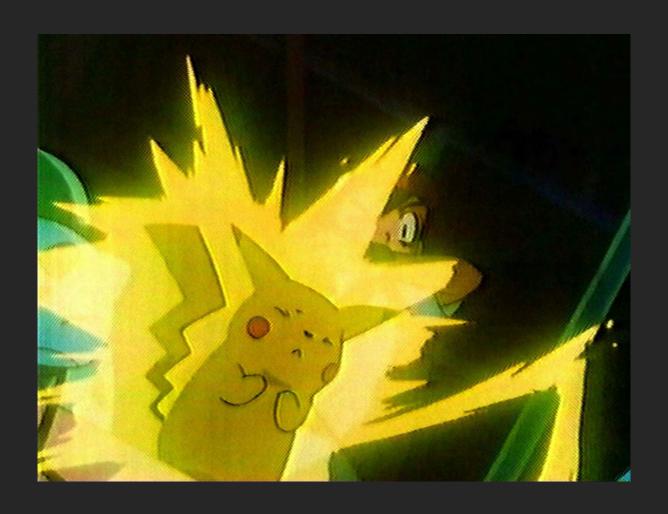






Evaluate alternative text

Photosensitive Epilepsy



Caution with flashing/strobing content

- 3 times per second or greater
- Size, brightness, and red threshold
- Annoying rule

Cognitive/Learning Disabilities

- Largest disability group. Larger than all the others put together.
- Because users vary greatly, we will focus on general recommendations.

Accessible content is more "Understandable"

- Captions
- Contrast
- Color use
- Headings
- Page title
- Lists

- Descriptive links
- Predictable forms with clear labels
- Simple tables
- Alternative text (possibly)
- Alternatives to complex images/maps

Make Content "Understandable"

- Be careful with movement and other distractions
- Focus on important content
- Be consistent
- Plain language
 - "readable to users with a lower secondary reading level" (WCAG AAA)
 - Write for your audience

There must be a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide...

- Moving, blinking, or scrolling information that:
 - 1. starts automatically,
 - 2. lasts more than five seconds,
 - 3. and is presented in parallel with other content.
- Common failures:
 - Carousels
 - Auto-playing media
 - Animating ads

Legible Text

- Small text negatively impacts readability
 - WCAG has no text size guidelines
- Avoid long line lengths
 - Consider line height/spacing
- Choose legible fonts
 - Web fonts and embedded fonts are OK

WCAG 2.1 - Text Spacing (Level AA)

"No loss of content or functionality occurs" when the user increases spacing between:

- Paragraphs: 2 × font size
- Lines: 1.5 × font size
- Words: 16% font size
- Letters: 12% font size

Evaluate text spacing

Add text spacing bookmarklet

Avoid CSS height

I am some text in a div that has a pixel height



Avoid CSS height

I am some text in a div that has a pixel height



Use CSS min-height

I am some text in a div that has a pixel min-height



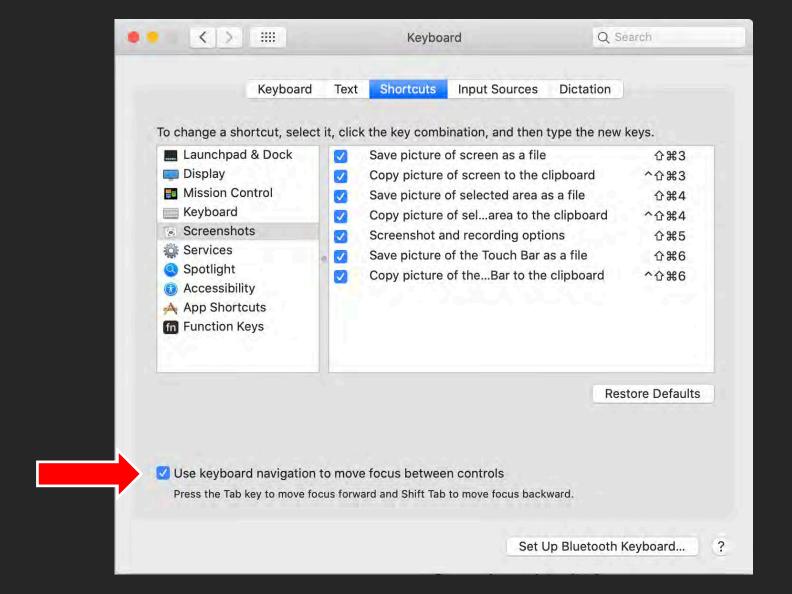
Motor disabilities

- Content and functionality should be accessible to mouse users and keyboard users
- Lack of fine motor control
- Repetition and fatigue
- Control over timing or moving elements

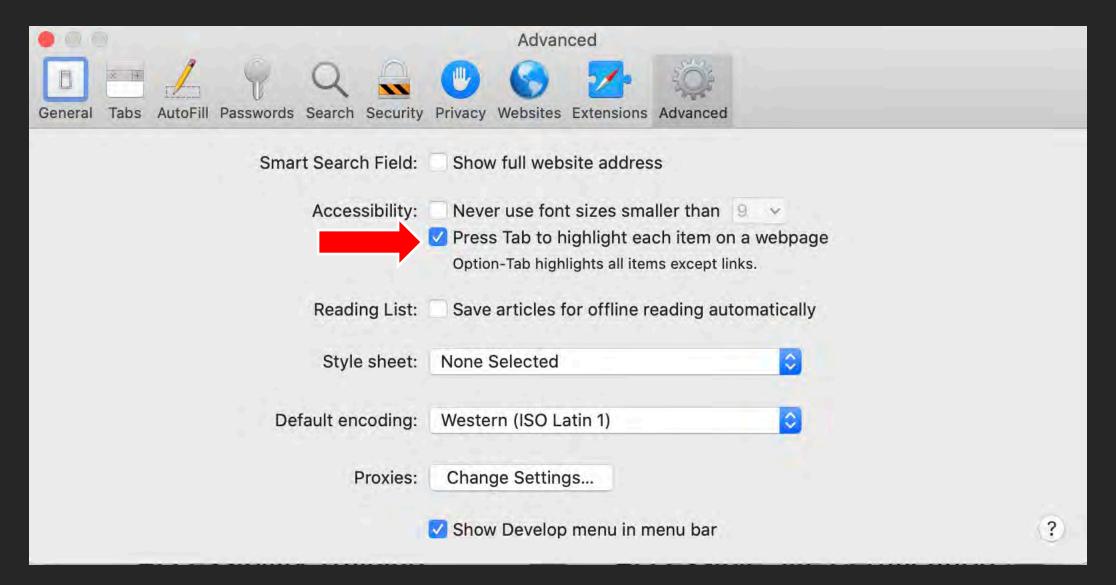
Standard keystrokes

- Navigate links, form controls, etc.: Tab, Shift + Tab
- Link: Enter
- Button: Enter **or** Spacebar
- Checkbox: Spacebar
- Radio buttons: \uparrow/\downarrow and \leftarrow/\rightarrow
- Select menu: \uparrow/\downarrow , Letters, Spacebar to expand
- Close: Esc
- Spacebar: Scrolls the page unless focused on a control
- Other widgets: use standard keyboard interaction patterns

Some tweaking required on Mac



Safari Keyboard Settings

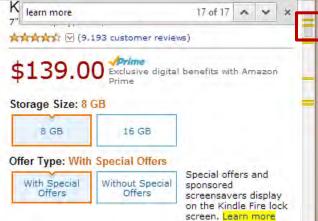


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- √Prime In addition to Free Two-Day Shipping,
 Prime members can stream tens of thousands
 of Prime Instant Video titles at no additional
 cost, over half of which can be downloaded to
 the latest generation of Kindle Fire tablets.

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Meaningful link text

- Click here
- Click here to log in
- Click here to log in
- Log in

Other principles

- Ensure links & buttons have descriptive text (or alternative text). They must never be empty.
- Ensure adequate spacing between clickable elements
- Make sure clickable items look clickable (and vice versa)



!= Touch Only

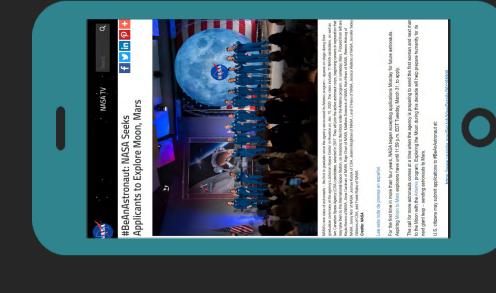
Evaluate keyboard accessibility

- Navigate the site using only the keyboard (Tab, Shift + Tab, Enter, Space, arrow keys, Esc). Is all functionality available?
- Is navigation order logical?
- Is a visible keyboard focus indicator/outline present?
- How about responsive layouts?

WCAG 2.1 - Mobile

1.3.4 (AA) – Don't lock orientation





2.1.4 (A) – Disable or remap single key shortcuts

Keyboard **Keyboard shortcuts off** shortcuts:

Learn more

Keyboard shortcuts on

New to 2.1 – Guideline 2.5 Input Modalities

- 2.5.1 (A) Don't rely on multipoint or path-based gestures (e.g., swipe to navigate)
 - WCAG 2.2 proposes "dragging" functionality have single click/touch alternative
- 2.5.2 (A) Pointer functionality can be canceled (e.g., no down-event to trigger)
- 2.5.3 (A) "Label in Name"
- 2.5.4 (A) Don't rely on device motion (e.g., shake, tilt, or pan)
- -2.5.5 (AAA) $\ge 44 \times 44$ -pixel clickable targets
- 2.5.6 (AAA) Don't restrict input type (e.g., touch-only)

WCAG 2 "Label" and "Name"

WCAG requires an accessible "label" (2.4.6, 3.3.2) and "name" (1.1.1)

- The Label is visually presented
- The Name is presented to assistive technology
 - Also called "accessible name"
 - May be visually hidden

What is the WCAG "Label"?



What is the WCAG "Name"?



"Label" and "Name" are often the same

Code	Label	Name
Log in	<u>Log in</u>	"Log in"
<pre><label>First Name: <input type="text"/> </label></pre>	First Name:	"First Name:"
<button>Activate </button>	Activate	"Activate"

2.5.3 – Label in Name (Level A)

"For user interface components with labels that include text or images of text, the name contains the text presented."

Label not in Name – Fails 2.5.3



Label in Name – Passes 2.5.3



```
<a href="page2.php"...>
     <img alt="Next Page"...>
     </a>
```

Better solution



Two principles of accessible names

- 1. An element can only have one accessible name.
- 2. To be sure of the name, you must test with a screen reader or inspect the HTML.

Hiding Content

- Hide from everyone:
 - -display:none
 - -visibility:hidden
 - HTML hidden attribute
- Ensure hidden elements are not navigable
 - Hide them with display:none or ensure they become visible when they receive focus
- Avoid 0 pixels, same color as background, etc.

Visually Hiding Content

Position off-screen left with CSS for screen readers

```
.sr-only {
    position:absolute;
    left:-10000px;
    top:auto;
    width:1px;
    height:1px;
    overflow:hidden;
}
```

Hidden < label >

```
<label class="sr-only" for="s">
        Search Terms</label>
        <input type="text" id="s">
```

Do not remove the keyboard focus indicators from links

```
Avoid
a {outline:0;}
or
a {outline:none;}
```

WCAG AA Failure

"Skip" links

```
<a href="#maincontent">Skip to main content</a>
...
<main id="maincontent">...
```

WCAG 2.4.1 (Level A): A mechanism is available to bypass blocks of content that are repeated on multiple Web pages.

Hidden "Skip" links

```
a#skip {
  position:absolute;
  left:-10000px;
  top:auto;
  width:1px;
  height:1px;
  overflow:hidden;
a#skip:focus {
  position:static;
  width:auto;
  height:auto;
```

Don't use display: none on the link

Rule #1 of ARIA Use

If you can use HTML, then do so.

Rule #2

Do not change native semantics, unless you really have to.

ARIA does not change functionality; it only changes the roles/properties presented to screen reader users

Rule #3

All interactive ARIA controls must be usable with the keyboard.

Design Patterns

WAI ARIA Authoring Practices

Rule #4

Do not use role="presentation" or aria-hidden="true" on visible, focusable elements.

Rule #5

All interactive elements must have an accessible name

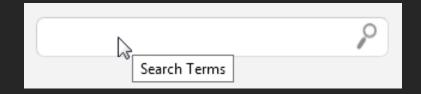
Accessible Name Computation

Form < label>

First Name:

```
<label for="fname">First Name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"...>
```

title attribute (if no <label>)

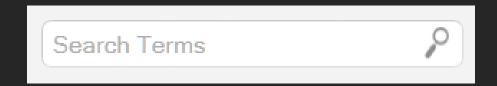


<input title="Search Terms"...>

title attribute

- Advisory information only
- Should be read for:
 - Form controls missing labels
 - Frames and iframes (iframe title is optional)
 - -<abbr>/<acronym>...usually
 - Typically best to avoid <abbr> and <acronym>
- May or may not be read in other places (links, images, etc.)
- Not accessible to keyboard users, touch screen users, etc.

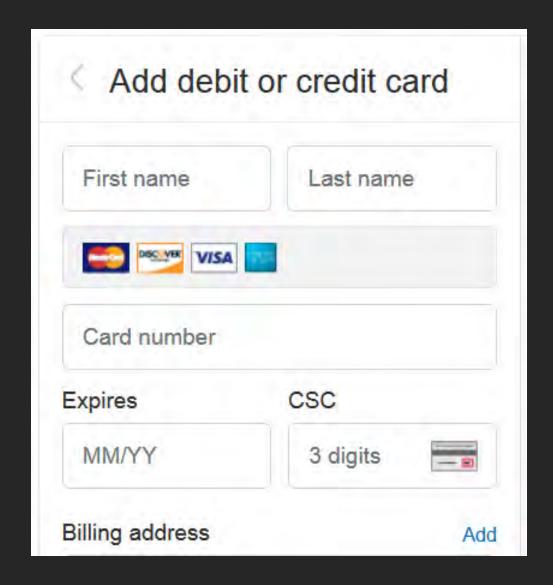
placeholder attribute (if no title or < label>)

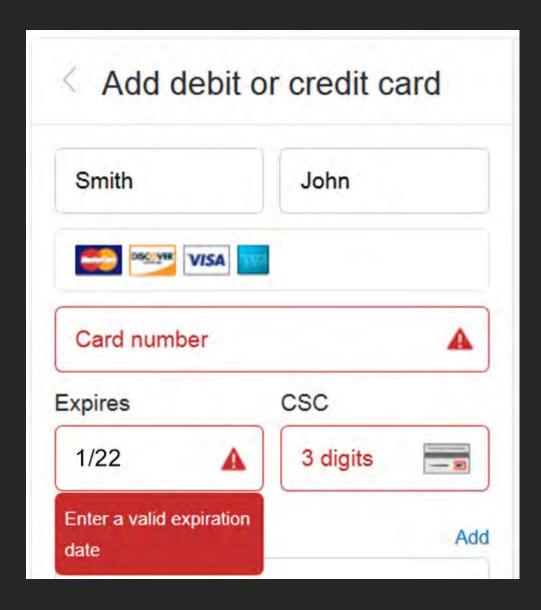


<input placeholder="Search Terms"...>

Placeholder is read by a screen reader (accessible name), but is not a suitable "label"

name@example.com password confirm password first name last name birthday





<label> First Name:

```
<label for="fname">First name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname">
```

1:1 relationship between <label> and a form control.

First Name: aria-labelledby

```
<span id="fnamelabel">First name:</span>
<input type="text"
aria-labelledby="fnamelabel">
```

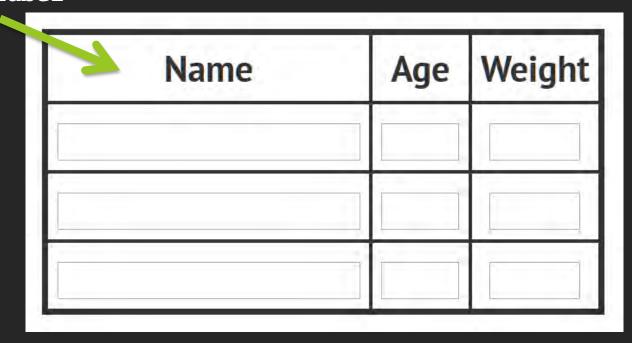


```
<label for="fname" id="fnamelabel">
First name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"
aria-labelledby="fnamelabel">
```

Unnecessary markup (Rule #1 of ARIA), but label will only be read once.

One label for multiple controls

id="namelabel"



<input type="text" name="name1"
aria-labelledby="namelabel">

Multiple labels for multiple controls

id="officenum"

di" Name	Office Number	Phone
Cyndi		
Jared		
Jonatha	n	

<input type="text" name="office1"
aria-labelledby="cyndi officenum">

Form values as labels for other inputs

Name	Office Number	Phone
Cyndi		
Jared		
Jonathan		

<input type="text" name="office1"
aria-labelledby="name1 officenum">

aria-label



<input aria-label="Search Terms"...>

ARIA labels override default accessible names

```
First Name:

WCAG Label

Accessible Name

<label for="fname">First Name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"...

aria-label="Your Name">
```

...and not just in forms

```
Ship to

Jonathan Whiting

Shipping: Standard Domestic - $4.95 USD
```

```
<a... aria-label="Change shipping method">Standard Domestic - $4.95 USD</a>
```

Also applies to alternative text, button text, etc.

 cannot have an accessible name

Download the Employment Application &

```
<a href="app.pdf">Download the Employment Application
<span class="PDFlink" aria-label="PDF"></span>
</a>
```

Neither can <div>, , <i>, etc.

Three possible solutions

Download the Employment Application 🖆

- 1. Download the Employment
 Application
 (PDF)
- 2. Download the Employment
 Application<span class="PDFlink" role="img"
 aria-label="PDF">
- 3. Download the Employment Application

CSS generated content



```
<i class="pdf"></i></i>
```

```
.pdf::after {
  font-family: FontAwesome;
  content: "\f1c1";
}
```

CSS generated content will be read in modern screen readers that understand the generated content.

CSS generated content



```
<i class="pdf" role="img" aria-label="PDF"></i>
```

or

<button aria-label="PDF"><i class="pdf"></i></button>

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)

- 1.
- 3. <svg role="img" aria-label="Sales increased 10%
 from 2010 to 2015">
 ...</svg>

Use role="presentation" if the SVG is decorative (or alt="" for).

aria-describedby

Username:

Must be 8-15 characters

```
<label for="user">Username:</label>
<input type="text" id="user"
aria-describedby="usernamedetails">
op id="usernamedetails">Must be 8-15 characters
```

Evaluate accessible name and description with Chrome DevTools

ARIA and HTML labels and descriptions

- Are read as a stream of text. Users cannot easily navigate or explore the referenced content
 - Semantics (lists, links, etc.) are removed from referenced content.
- aria-label is not automatically translated (e.g., Google Translate)

Username:

Must:

- be at least 14 characters in length
- contain at least 4 vowels
- contain one medieval rune of alien origin

Username:

Must meet these requirements

Hidden ARIA and HTML labels and descriptions

- <label> hidden with CSS display: none or hidden will not be read by screen readers.
- Elements hidden with display: none or hidden, but referenced by aria-labelledby or aria-describedby WILL be read.

```
<label for="user">Username:</label>
<input type="text" id="user"
aria-describedby="usernameerror">
This username is already
taken. Please try again.
```

aria-required

Username:*

```
<label for="username">Username:</label>*
<input type="text" id="username"
aria-required="true">
```

A screen reader indicates the field is required... and that's all.

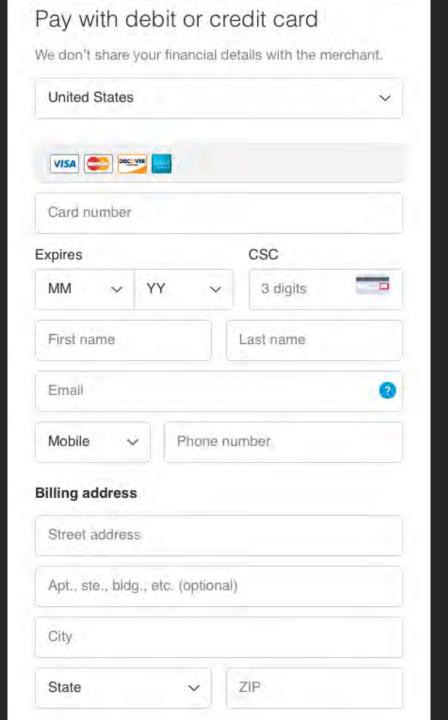
HTML required

```
Username:*

Please fill out this field.
```

```
<label for="username">Username:</label>*
<input type="text" id="username" required>
```

Semantics are the same, but validation messaging is provided



aria-invalid

Password:



```
<label for="password">Password:</label>
<input type="password" id="password"
aria-invalid="true"...>
```

A screen reader indicates the field is invalid or broken... and that's all.

Use ARIA attributes to control styling:

```
[aria-invalid=true] {
  border: 2px solid red;
  background-image: url("error.png");
}
```

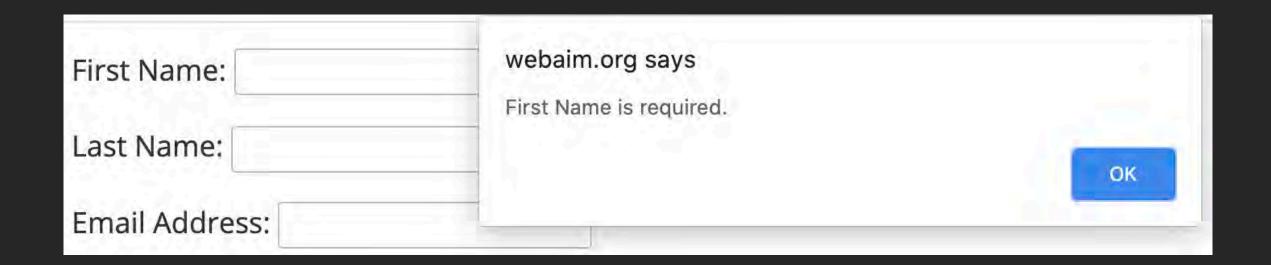
Form Validation and Error Recovery

- Avoid
 - Collecting unnecessary information
 - Forcing users to provide formatting unless necessary
- Identify
 - Let the users know there is an error
 - Direct users to errors
 - Describe the error
- Suggest
 - How to fix it
- Prevent
 - Important changes (e.g., Financial) are reversible/checked/confirmed
- WCAG 4.1.3 requires "status messages" to be accessible.

Form Validation Types

- Alert, then focus
- Errors at the top
- Inline errors

Alert, then focus

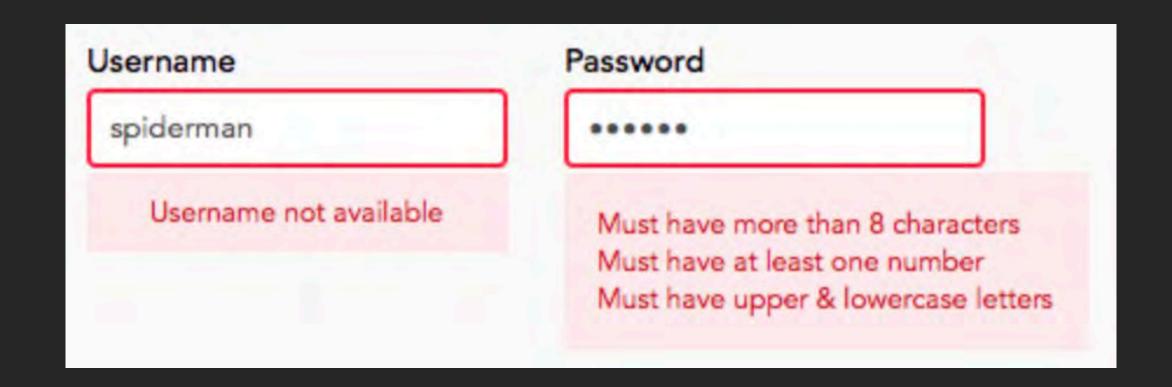


Errors at the top

There was a problem with the form.

- Please enter Your Name.
- Please enter Your E-mail Address.

Inline Errors



Evaluate form error feedback

Use links/buttons appropriately

- Links open a new page or jump to another location within the existing page
- Buttons submit form data or perform an in-page function

Ensure Interactive Elements are Links or Form Controls

Tabindex of 1 or greater

- tabindex="1+" **defines an explicit tab order**
- Never use positive tabindex values!
- If the default tab order is not logical, fix your source code order.

Tabindex of 0 or -1

- tabindex="0" allows things besides links and form controls to receive keyboard focus.
- tabindex="-1" allows things besides links and form controls to receive programmatic focus (by scripting, links, etc.)

Check for Enter (13) and Space (32) key presses

```
if(event.keyCode==13 || event.keyCode==32)
{
    doStuff();
}
```

```
function allyClick(event) {
    if(event.type === 'click'){
        return true;
    else if(event.type === 'keypress'){
        var code = event.charCode || event.keyCode;
        if(code === 32)
            event.preventDefault(); // don't scroll the page
        if((code === 32) || (code === 13)) {
            return true;
    else{
        return false;
$('#fake-button').on('click keypress', function(event){
 if(a11yClick(event) === true){
    // do magic javascript stuff
```

Just Use A Button

```
<a href="#" onclick="submitForm()">
    Search</a>
```

Just Use A Button

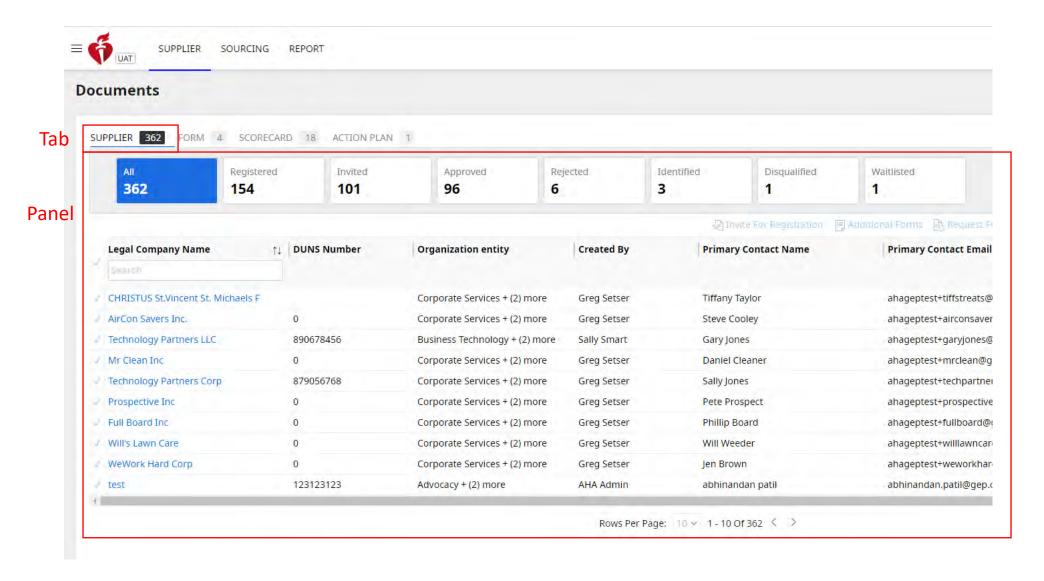
```
<button onclick="submitForm()">
    Search</button>
```

tabindex="-1"

- Allows non-focusable elements to receive programmatic focus (by scripting, links, etc.)
- Necessary for focusing dialog boxes, error messages, etc.
- Also used to manage keyboard focus in some widgets (e.g., a tree menu or tab panel)
- WARNING: This removes the element from the default tab order.

Tab Panels

The behavior of the Tab Panels on the AHA Workspace are the correct implementation for tabs



Additional resources:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOAsU9SUooA
- https://www.w3.org/wiki/TabPanel

role="dialog" w/aria-labelledby

tabindex="-1" then set focus to dialog (or focus a control or element inside the dialog)

Button with

aria-haspopup="dialog"



Maintains keyboard focus if modal



Returns focus when dismissed Closes with ESC key

Dialog focus management

• Currently requires scripted focus detection and re-focus, or tabindex="-1" and aria-hidden

• Future:

```
<div inert>
    page content
</div>
<dialog modal>
    dialog content
</dialog>
```

ARIA Roles

Avoid duplicating default roles:

```
<button role="button">
```

- ARIA roles override HTML native roles, but do NOT change functionality.
- Be very careful! You can destroy accessibility by adding one attribute.

```
<input type="checkbox" role="radio">
```

ARIA states and properties

- Elements can have more than one aria- attribute.
- ARIA states and properties should not override HTML properties if there's a conflict.
- Be very careful!



Differentiating regions/landmarks

Generic regions/landmarks

Generic regions must have an accessible name.

More ARIA

<button aria-expanded="false">Details</button>
 webaim.org/presentations/2021/examples/disclosure.htm

<button aria-pressed="true">Toggle Highlights</button>
 webaim.org/presentations/2021/examples/ariapressed.htm

<a aria-current="page | step | location | date | time | true">

Windows screen reader modes

- Reading / Virtual Cursor / Document
- Forms / Application

The current mode determines whether the screen reader or the browser handles most keyboard commands

Some ARIA roles (tree, slider, grid, tabpanel, menu, etc.) trigger forms/application mode.

You must ensure the user is aware and that the proper keyboard interactions are implemented.

Test with AND without a Windows screen reader.

Navigation menus are not application menus!

Navigation tabs (links) are not application tabs!

Data tables are not grids!

etc.

These trigger application mode and thus disable standard keyboard navigation.

Live Regions / Alerts

```
aria-live=assertive - read now
aria-live=polite - read at a pause
aria-live=off - read when the user encounters it
aria-busy
aria-atomic - read the entire region (true) or only what has changed (false)
aria-relevant - If aria-atomic=false, read additions, removals, text, or all
aria-controls
```

Special live regions: alert (important), status (not important), timer (always changing), marquee (same as aria-live="polite"), and log (updates added to the bottom)

Live Regions / Alerts

- Element must be present in the DOM when the page loads, then updated dynamically.
- Some highly dynamic content updates simply cannot be made accessible using ARIA
- Often best to have one messaging element, rather than multiple live regions
- Give users control over content updates

Single Page Applications

- Ensure good document structure
 - Use structural elements (<main> or role="region")
- Update page titles to reflect content/state
- Test keyboard navigation
- Ensure only visible elements are navigable
- Set focus () when necessary
 - \$('main').attr("tabIndex", -1).focus();
- Use live regions for messaging, if necessary

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