

# Web Accessibility Training



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# Minimizing Risk

- Ensure your content is accessible
- Have a policy and implementation plan in place
  - Samples at [ncdae.org/goals](https://ncdae.org/goals)
- Address automatically detectable errors

# Auditory Disabilities



# 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

- Transcript
- Sign language
- Live audio – Transcript

# Our recommendation

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- Sign language
- Live audio – Transcript

What are additional benefits of captions and transcripts?

# Deaf-blind

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





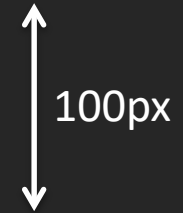
Low Vision

# Browser Zoom

- Browser controls
  - Larger: Ctrl/command & +
  - Smaller: Ctrl/command & -
  - Reset : Ctrl/command & 0
- Responsive design supports users with low vision who zoom page content
- Zoomed content will trigger responsive breakpoints
- Some users may adjust only text sizes
  - Test in Firefox

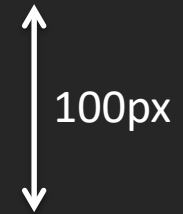
# Avoid CSS height

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



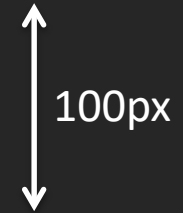
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height



# CSS min-height

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



# 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%

# 200% Zoom on CNN.com

The screenshot shows the CNN.com homepage with a red 'NEWS ALERT' banner at the top. The main headline is 'Supreme Court deals major blow to unions' with a 'BREAKING NEWS' tag. To the right, there are sections for 'Today in politics' and 'Top stories'. The 'Today in politics' section features an analysis of a 28-year-old Latina, former NAACP president, and a gay father. The 'Top stories' section includes details of a meeting between Trump and Putin, and other news items like 'Officer charged in Antwon Rose shooting' and 'Restaurant owner who kicked out Sanders quits city business group'. A cookie consent banner is visible at the bottom.

**NEWS ALERT**  
Sen. Mark Warner speaks with reporters after touring Virginia immigrant housing facility. Watch now

**CNN** U.S. | World | Politics | Money | Opinion | Health | Entertainment | Tech | Style | Travel | Sports | Video | VR Live TV U.S. Edition +

## Supreme Court deals major blow to unions

**BREAKING NEWS**

### Ruling could shake public sector unions' financial structure and undermine their future stability

READ: Supreme Court decision on public sector unions

Analysis: Does the Supreme Court have a double standard on religion?

Toobin: This is Muslim ban dressed in a tutu

Opinion: Justice Kennedy reminds Trump he is not above the law

#### Today in politics

**ANALYSIS**

### 28-year-old Latina, former NAACP president and a gay father all won last night

See Ocasio-Cortez's react to results

A year ago, she was a bartender. Now she's heading to Congress

Judge says government does better job of tracking 'personal property' than kids

Judge orders reunification of families and an end to most separations at the border

Attorney General Jeff Sessions jokes about separating families

#### Top stories

**BREAKING NEWS**

### Details of Trump and Putin meeting are set

Officer charged in Antwon Rose shooting

Restaurant owner who kicked out Sanders quits city business group

Secret Service to protect Sarah Sanders

'This Is Us' actor responds to trolls who made fun of him

Virginia mom shoots man who flew halfway across globe to confront teen he met online

Elaine Chao to protesters: Leave my husband alone

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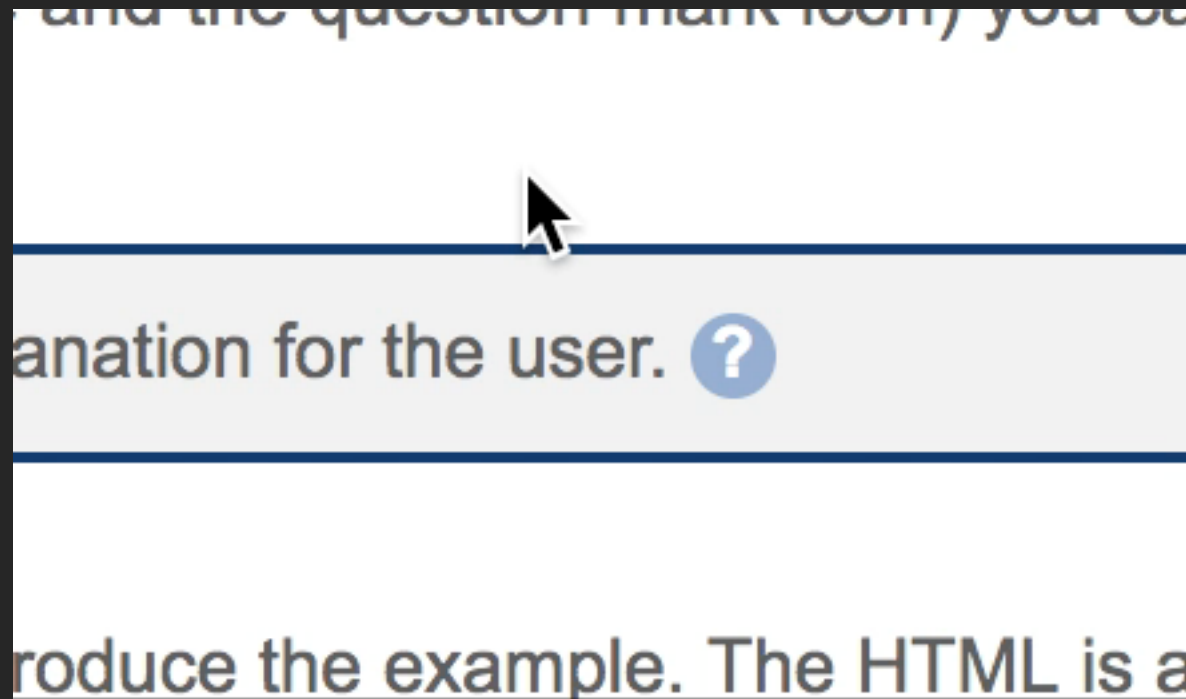
[More information](#) [I accept](#)

# Practice Browser Zoom

[www.pitt.edu](http://www.pitt.edu)



# 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

**first name**



Please enter your first name.

**where do you live?**



Please choose your country.

**birthday**

  19 

Your year of birth does not appear valid.

# WCAG 2.1: Non-text Contrast

- Level AA
- 3:1 contrast of:
  - User Interface Components
    - Including states (focus indicators, hover states, etc.)
  - Graphical Objects

# UI “Boundaries”

I have read and agree to the [Terms of Use](#)

# UI “Boundaries”

First Name

... except when “determined by user agent”

# UI “States”

I have read and agree to the [Terms of Use](#)



**Follow your interests.**

common

sense

is

vital

when

considering

color

contrast



pass

pass

pass

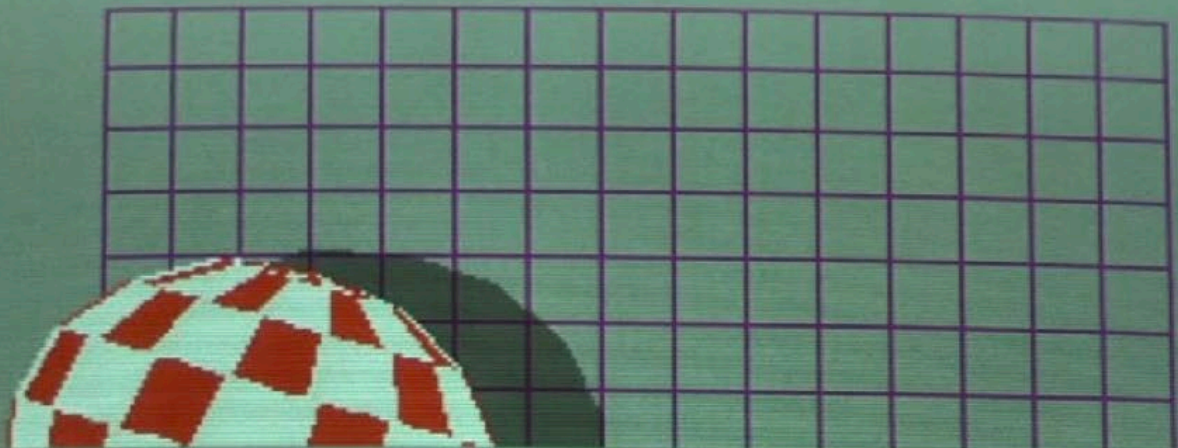
pass

fail

fail

fail

fail



Workbench release. 823336 free memory

DEMONS

- Juggler
- Boing
- Boxes
- Lines
- Dots

RAM DISK



Clock Vg AM

An analog clock face with a white dial, black numbers, and a black hand.

Prefs Utilities devs

- Shell
- EXTRAS
- Empty

I

AM

TEXT

I

AM

TEXT

5.25:1

4:1

I

AM

TEXT

I

AM

TEXT

4.5:1

4.5:1

I

AM

TEXT

I

AM

TEXT

2.79:1

4.65:1



# Color Blindness



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

I have read, and I consent and agree to PayPal's [User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) (including PayPal processing and disclosing my personal data). I understand I can change my communication preferences at any time.

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# WebAIM Link Contrast Checker

[webaim.org/resources/linkcontrastchecker/](https://webaim.org/resources/linkcontrastchecker/)



# Blindness

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## We have web accessibility in mind

*Our mission is to empower organizations to make their web content accessible to people with disabilities.*

### [Accessibility Training](#)

Whether here in Utah or on-site at your organization, WebAIM can provide comprehensive training to fit your needs.

### [Accessible Site Certification](#)

As a respected third party accessibility expert, WebAIM can evaluate and certify your site to established web accessibility guidelines.

### [Technical Assistance](#)

Need assistance implementing accessibility? WebAIM's expert staff can provide the assistance you need.

### [Evaluation and Reporting](#)

We can provide reports to help you know how accessible your site is and how to make it better.

### Community

[WebAIM Blog](#)

[Newsletter](#)

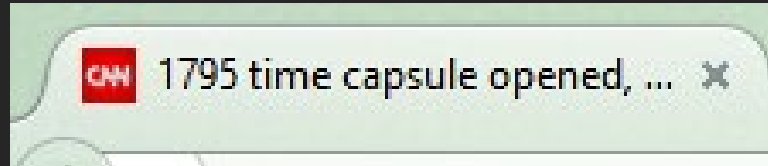
[E-mail Discussion List](#)

[Twitter](#)

# Headings

- The most common method for finding information on a page
  - 67% of WebAIM survey respondents
- Headings should describe a section of content.
  - Should never be empty
- Usually one `<h1>` per page.
- In isolation, document headings serve as a table of contents.
- Do not skip heading levels (e.g., `<h2>` to `<h4>`).
  - Can skip backward (e.g., `<h4>` to `<h2>`).

# Page Title



- `<title>1795 time capsule opened, ...</title>`
- Often the first thing read
- Should be succinct and descriptive
- Put the most useful information first
- Should usually match or be similar to the `<h1>`

ARIA

Accessible Rich Internet Applications

# First Rule of ARIA Use

If you can use a native HTML element or attribute with the semantics and behaviour you require **already built in**, instead of re-purposing an element and adding an ARIA role, state or property to make it accessible, **then do so**.

[Notes on Using ARIA in HTML \(w3.org/TR/aria-in-html/\)](https://www.w3.org/TR/aria-in-html/)

# First Rule, Simplified

If you can use HTML, then do so.

# HTML Regions

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

# Region – ARIA Landmark Alignment

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



# Regions/Landmarks

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

Alternative Text

## 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.



```
<a href="minivans.html">  
    <br>  
    Minivans  
</a>
```



```
<a href="minivans.html">  
    <br>  
    Minivans  
</a>
```

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



Text Link

```
<a href="minivans.html">  
</a>  
<br>  
<a href="minivans.html">Minivans</a>
```

## Download the Employment Application

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```
<a href="app.pdf">Download the  
Employment Application  
</a>
```



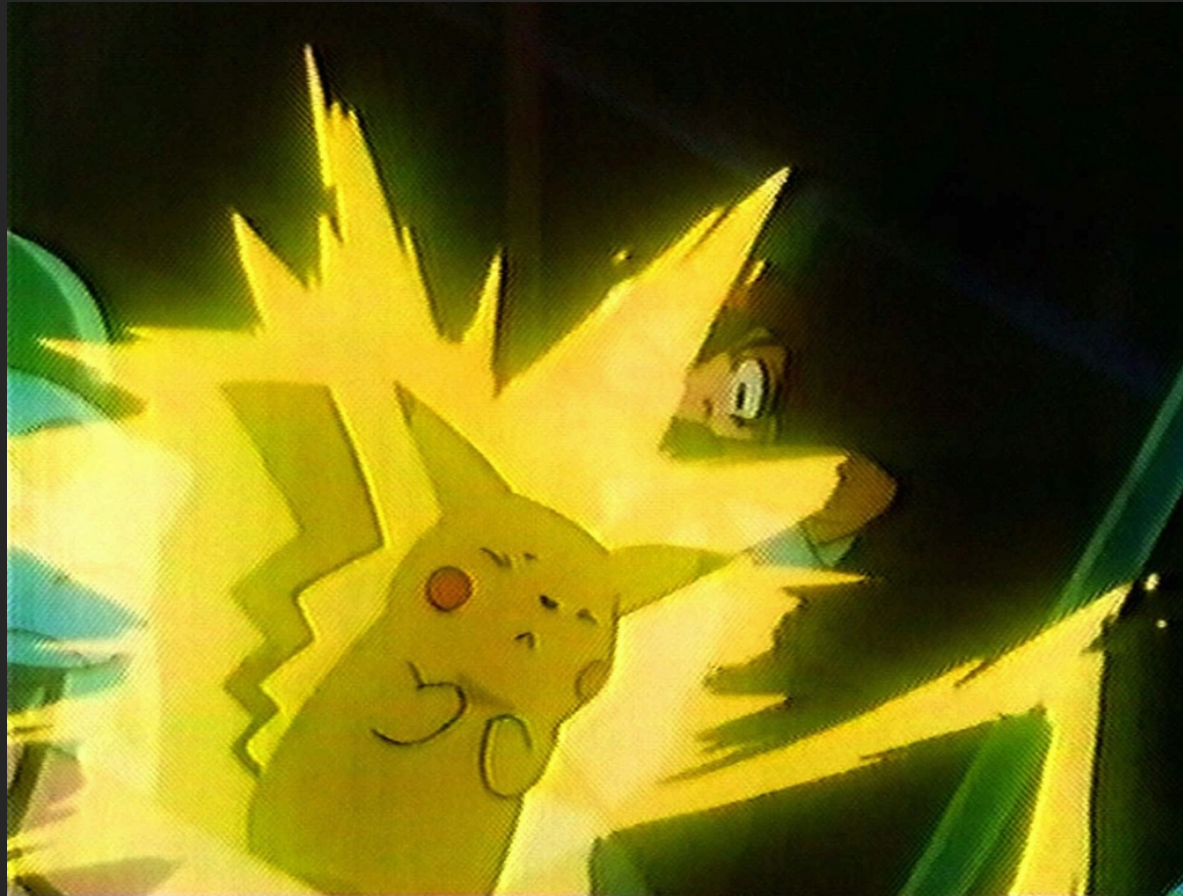
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```
<a href="app.pdf">Download the  
Employment Application
```

```
</a>
```

# Photosensitive Epilepsy





WALT DISNEY Studios Motion Pictures

**INCREDIBLES 2** contains a  
sequence of flashing lights  
which may affect  
customers who are  
susceptible to  
photosensitive epilepsy or  
other photosensitivities



# Be careful with flashing/strobing content

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

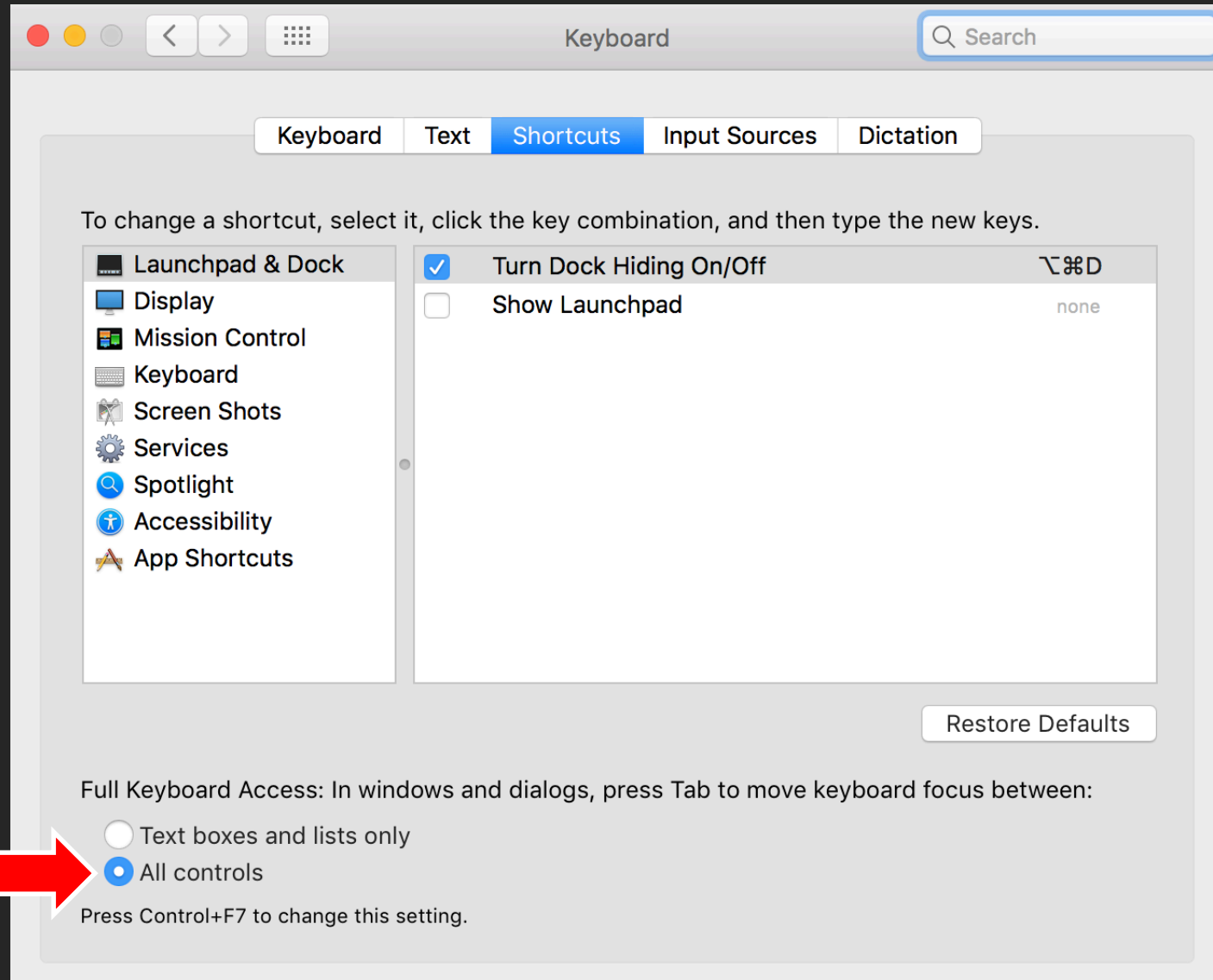
# Motor disabilities

- 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: ↑/↓ and ←/→
- Select menu: ↑/↓, Letters, Spacebar to expand
- Other widgets: use standard keyboard interaction patterns

# Some tweaking required on Mac



## 2.5.3 – Label in Name (A)

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

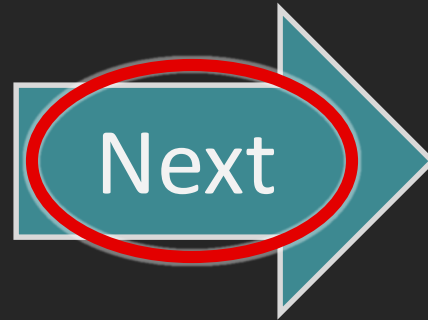


## 2.5.3 Label in Name (A)

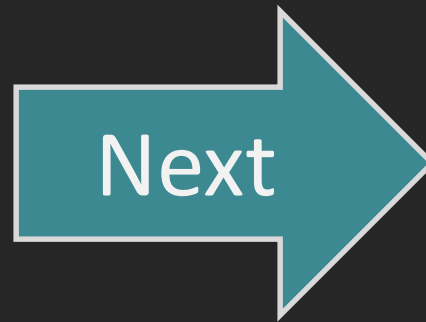
WCAG requires an accessible “label” (2.4.6, 3.3.2) and “name” (1.1.1)

- 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”?



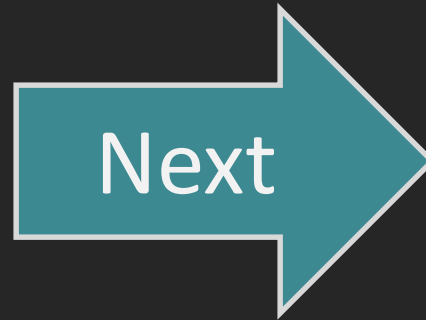
```
<a href="page2.php"...>  
  <img alt="Continue"...>  
</a>
```

# “Label” is not in “Name” – Fails 2.5.3



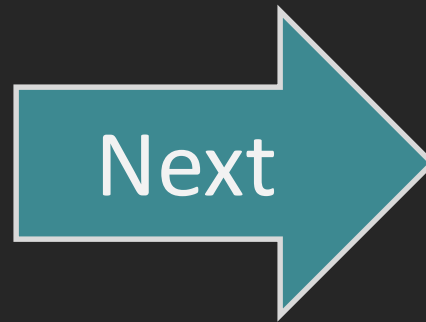
```
<a href="page2.php"...>  
  <img alt="Continue"...>  
</a>
```

# “Label” is in “Name” – Passes 2.5.3



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

# Better solution



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

# Other principles

- Ensure adequate spacing between clickable elements
- Make sure clickable items look clickable  
(and vice versa)
- Don't use the `accesskey` attribute
- Be careful with inactive/disabled controls

# 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;  
}
```

Can also use CSS clip and/or clip-path

Do not remove the keyboard focus indicators from links

Avoid

```
a {outline:0;}
```

or

```
a {outline:none;}
```

WCAG AA Failure

# Enhance the default focus indicators

```
a:focus {  
    outline:1px solid #f068bb;  
    background-color:#ff0;  
    text-decoration:underline;  
}
```

Non-underlined links must become underlined on hover **and** focus.

Ensure 3:1 contrast.

```
a:hover {...}
```



```
a:hover, a:focus {...}
```

# :focus-within

## Hover and :focus-within row highlighting

| Heading 1          | Heading 2   | Heading 3   | Heading 4   |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Content 1 a</u> | Content 2 a | Content 3 a | Content 4 a |
| <u>Content 1 b</u> | Content 2 b | Content 3 b | Content 4 b |
| <u>Content 1 c</u> | Content 2 c | Content 3 c | Content 4 c |

```
tr:focus-within,  
tr:hover {  
  background: rgba(lightBlue, .4);  
}
```

<http://www.scotthara.me/blog/2017/05/14/focus-within.html>

# "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

# The Secret to Everlasting Happiness



Please finish reading this text – it will give you the secret to everlasting happiness. The secret is simple, all you need to do is to stop worrying about the key to everlasting happiness and enjoy the moment.

## Session Expired

Please re-login to renew your session.

OK

## WCAG Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)

- For any moving, blinking or scrolling information that (1) starts automatically, (2) lasts more than five seconds, and (3) is presented in parallel with other content, there is a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it...; and
- For any auto-updating information that (1) starts automatically and (2) is presented in parallel with other content, there is a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it or to control the frequency of the update.

# Use lists appropriately

- `<ol>` for ordered, hierarchical lists
- `<ul>` for unordered, bulleted lists
- `<dl>` for definition/description list (name/value pairs in HTML5)
  - FAQ

# Frame Title

```
<frame title="navigation">  
<frame title="main content">
```

```
<iframe title="advertisement">
```

```
<iframe src="http://youtube.com/abcd"  
  title="Intro to Web Accessibility  
  video">
```

iframe title is optional

# Fonts & Text

- Absolute (px, pt, etc.) or relative sizes (% , em, etc.)
- Font faces
  - Web fonts and embedded fonts are OK
  - Choose good, legible fonts
- Be careful with ALL CAPS
  - Use CSS `text-transform: uppercase`
- Consider special characters and verbosity
  - \$.99 vs \$99
  - Minus symbol for negative numbers
  - Aural CSS – great idea, but no current support

# WCAG 2.1 - Text Spacing (Level AA)

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

- Paragraphs:  $2 \times$  font size
- Lines:  $1.5 \times$  font size
- Words:  $0.16 \times$  font size
- Letters:  $0.12 \times$  font size

# Text Spacing Applied

## Earlier guidelines [\[edit\]](#)

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- Guideline 2: Don't rely on colour alone
- Guideline 3: Use markup and style sheets, and do so properly
- Guideline 4: Clarify natural language usage
- Guideline 5: Create tables that transform gracefully
- Guideline 6: Ensure that pages featuring new technologies transform gracefully
- Guideline 7: Ensure user control of time sensitive content changes
- Guideline 8: Ensure direct accessibility of embedded user interfaces
- Guideline 9: Design for device independence

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# Language of Page

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

# Language of Page

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.

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# Language of Parts

```
<div lang="fr">
```

Tables

# Data tables

## Class Schedule

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

# Data tables

```
<table>
<caption>Class Schedule</caption>
<tr>
  <th scope="col">Class Name</th>
  <th scope="col">Course Number</th>
  <th scope="col">Location</th>
</tr>
<tr>
  <th scope="row">Advanced Website Development</th>
  <td>BIS 5650</td>
  <td>B105</td>
</tr>
...
```

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|------------------------------|---------------|----------|
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| Winter Semester              |               |          |
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The diagram illustrates the relationship between course offerings in the Fall and Winter semesters. In the Fall semester, 'Advanced Website Development' is offered as BIS 5650 in B105, and 'Database Management' is offered as BIS 3330 in B220. In the Winter semester, 'Advanced Website Development' is again offered as BIS 5650 in B105, while 'Database Management' is offered as BIS 3330 in B220. Yellow arrows indicate that the course numbers BIS 5650 and BIS 3330 are repeated in the Winter semester. Additionally, a yellow arrow points from the 'Database Management' class name in the Winter semester to its course number, BIS 3330.

## Fall Semester

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## headers and id

```
<th colspan="3" id="fall">Fall Semester</th>
```

...

```
<th id="cnum1" headers="fall">Course  
Number</th>
```


...

```
<th id="advweb1" headers="fall cnum1">Advanced  
Website Development</th>
```

...

```
<td headers="fall cnum1 advweb1">BIS 5650</td>
```

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



# Avoid headers and id if possible

- It is a lot of work
- It can almost always be avoided
- It is often implemented incorrectly
- Screen reader support is not as strong
- Headers are often repeated

# Tables

- Use data table markup only for data tables
- Use `<table role="presentation">` on layout tables
- Avoid empty `<th>`
- `<thead>`, `<tfoot>`, and `<tbody>` can be used, but don't provide any accessibility benefits.
- Abbreviated table header  
`<th abbr="First Name">First Name <button>Sort ascending</button></th>`
- Do not use `table summary`
- Use `<table>`, not `<div>`, for data tables.

Forms



# Use the Correct Input Type

Select from the following to make group reservations.

**School Group**

**Tour Operator**

**Other Group**

# HTML5 Input Types

- `<input type="date | time | search | url | number | range | color | email | tel">`
- The browser can (or, more accurately, hopefully will) provide a natively accessible control/interface
- New form attributes - required, pattern, autocomplete, placeholder, autofocus, etc.

# 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>
```

**NEVER** combine explicit and implicit

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

# <fieldset> and <legend>

Choose a shipping method:

Overnight

Two day

Ground

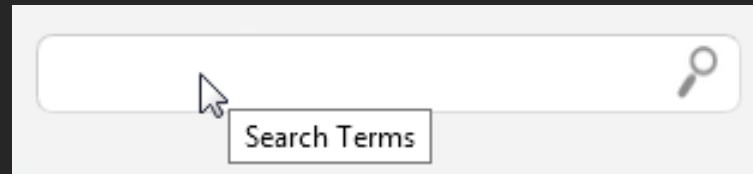
```
<fieldset>  
  <legend>Choose a shipping method:</legend>  
  <input id="overnight" type="radio"...>  
  <label for="overnight">Overnight</label>  
  ...  
</fieldset>
```

# Hidden <label>



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

# Title Attribute



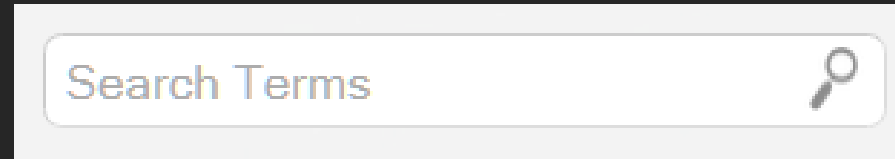
```
<input title="Search Terms"...>
```



# Title Attribute

- Advisory information only
- Should be read for:
  - Form elements missing labels
  - Frames and iframes
  - `<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



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

- Placeholder is usually read by a screen reader, but is not a suitable label.
- If `placeholder` duplicates a hidden `<label>`, they must match exactly, or both will be read.

name@example.com



password

confirm password

first name

last name

birthday

< Add debit or credit card

First name

Last name



Card number

Expires

CSC

MM/YY

3 digits



Billing address

Add

< Add debit or credit card

Smith

John



Card number



Expires

1/20



Enter a valid expiration date

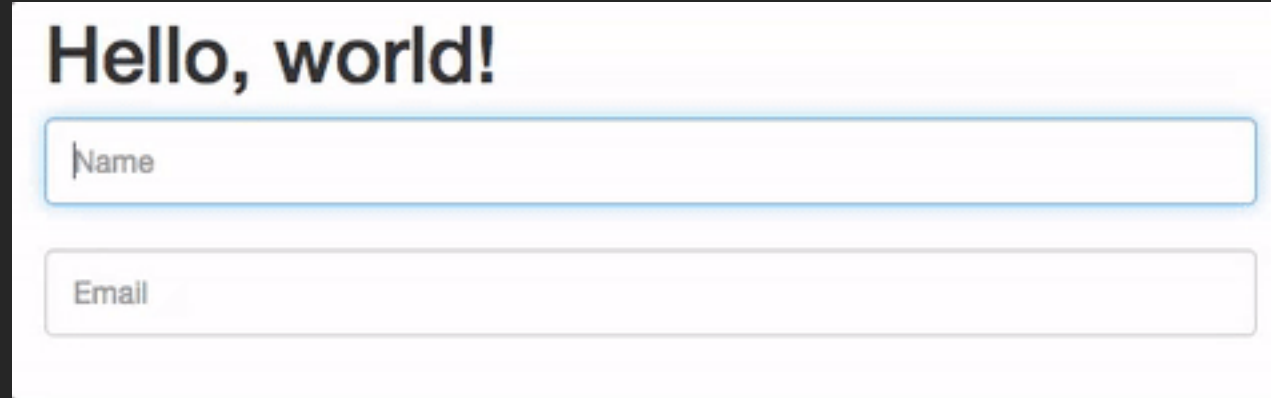
CSC

3 digits



Add

# Floating labels



Hello, world!

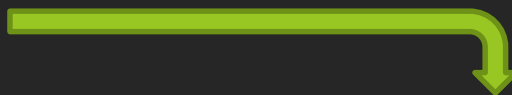
  

Potential issues:

- Size
- Contrast
- Confusion

## Limitations with <label>

- 1:1 relationship between <label> and a form control.
- A <label> cannot apply to more than one form control.
  - A form control cannot have more than one <label>.

`<label>`   
First Name:

```
<label for="fname">First name:</label>
```

```
<input type="text" id="fname">
```



First Name:

 `aria-labelledby`

```
<span id="fname1abel1">First name:</span>
```

```
<input type="text"  
aria-labelledby="fname1abel1">
```



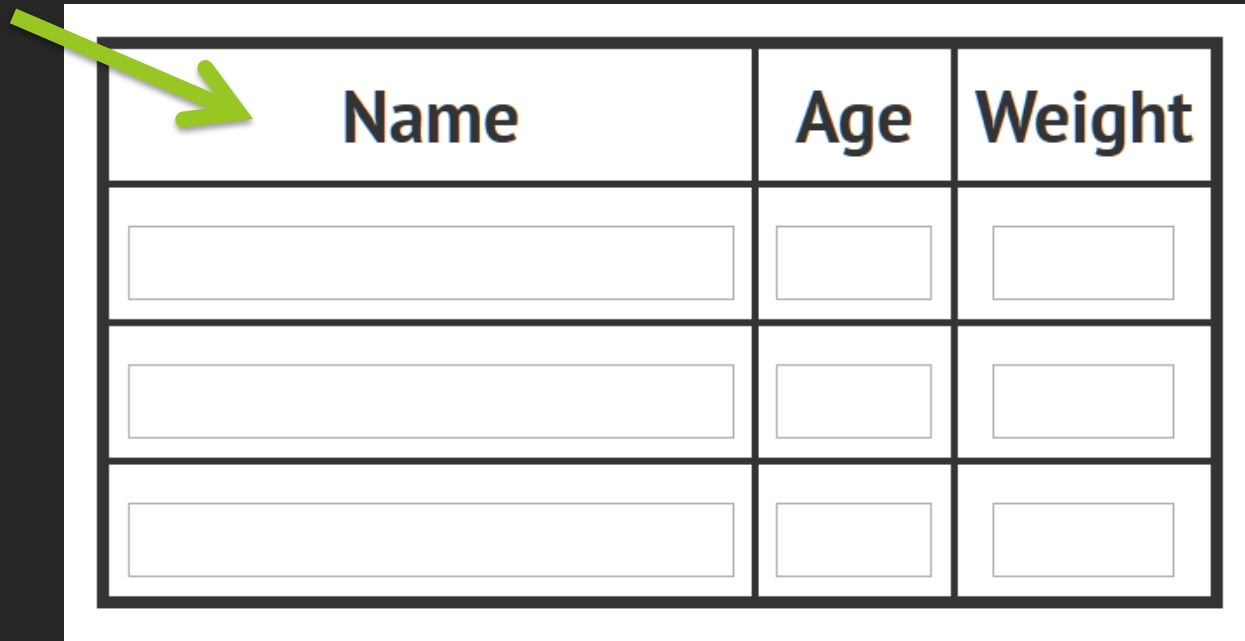
```
<label for="fname" id="fnamelabel">  
First name:</label>
```

```
<input type="text" id="fname"  
aria-labelledby="fnamelabel">
```

Unnecessary markup (Rule #1 of ARIA), but does not cause any problems.

# One label for multiple controls

`id="name1label"`



| Name                 | Age                  | Weight               |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

```
<input type="text" name="name1"  
aria-labelledby="name1label">
```

# Multiple labels for one control

`id="officenum"`

`id="cyndi"`

| Name     | Office Number        | Phone                |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cyndi    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Jared    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Jonathan | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

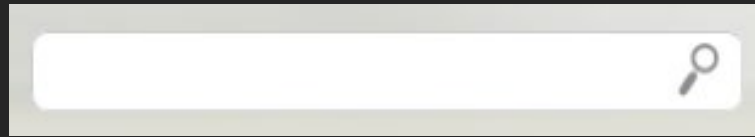
```
<input type="text" name="office1"
aria-labelledby="cyndi officenum">
```

# Form values as labels for other inputs

| Name                                  | Office Number        | Phone                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text" value="Cyndi"/>    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="text" value="Jared"/>    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="text" value="Jonathan"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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

# aria-label attribute



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

# ARIA *Labels* override default Accessible *Names*

WCAG Label → First Name:

Accessible Name


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

# ARIA *Labels* override default Accessible *Names*

WCAG Label  First Name:

Accessible Name

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





# CSS Generated Content

[Download the Employment Application](#) 

```
<a class="PDFlink">Download the Employment  
Application</a>
```

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

Generated content may or may not be read.

# Icon Fonts or Background Images/Sprites

[Download the Employment Application](#) 

```
<a class="PDFlink">Download the Employment  
Application<span class="sr-only"> (PDF)</span></a>
```

```
<a class="PDFlink" aria-label="Download the  
Employment Application (PDF)">Download the  
Employment Application</a>
```

# aria-describedby

Username:

*Must be 8-15 characters*

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

# ARIA and HTML labels and descriptions

- Elements must be “labelable”
  - Link, form control, table, etc. NOT `<div>`, `<span>`, `<p>`, etc.
  - Or have an appropriate ARIA role
- 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.
- Should be succinct.

# Hidden ARIA and HTML labels and descriptions

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

```
<label for="user">Username:</label>
<input type="text" id="user"
aria-describedby="usernameerror">
<p id="usernameerror"
style="display:none">This username is already
taken. Please try again.</p>
```

# 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: \*

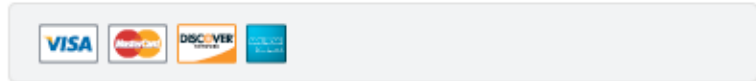
 Please fill out this field.

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

Semantics are the same, but validation messaging is provided

we don't share your financial details with the merchant.

United States ▼



Card number

Expires

MM ▼ YY ▼

CSC

3 digits 

First name

Last name

Email ?

Mobile ▼

Phone number

**Billing address**

Street address

Apt., ste., bldg., etc. (optional)

City

State ▼

ZIP

Ship to my billing address



PayPal is the safer,  
easier way to pay

No matter where you shop, we keep your  
financial information secure.



# 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");  
}
```

# Autocomplete attribute

First Name:

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

# WCAG 2.1 – Identify Input Purpose (Level AA)

The purpose of each input field collecting information about the user can be programmatically determined when:

- The input field serves a purpose identified in the Input Purposes for User Interface Components section; and
- The content is implemented using technologies with support for identifying the expected meaning for form input data.

Currently requires appropriate `autocomplete` attribute values for inputs that collect user information.

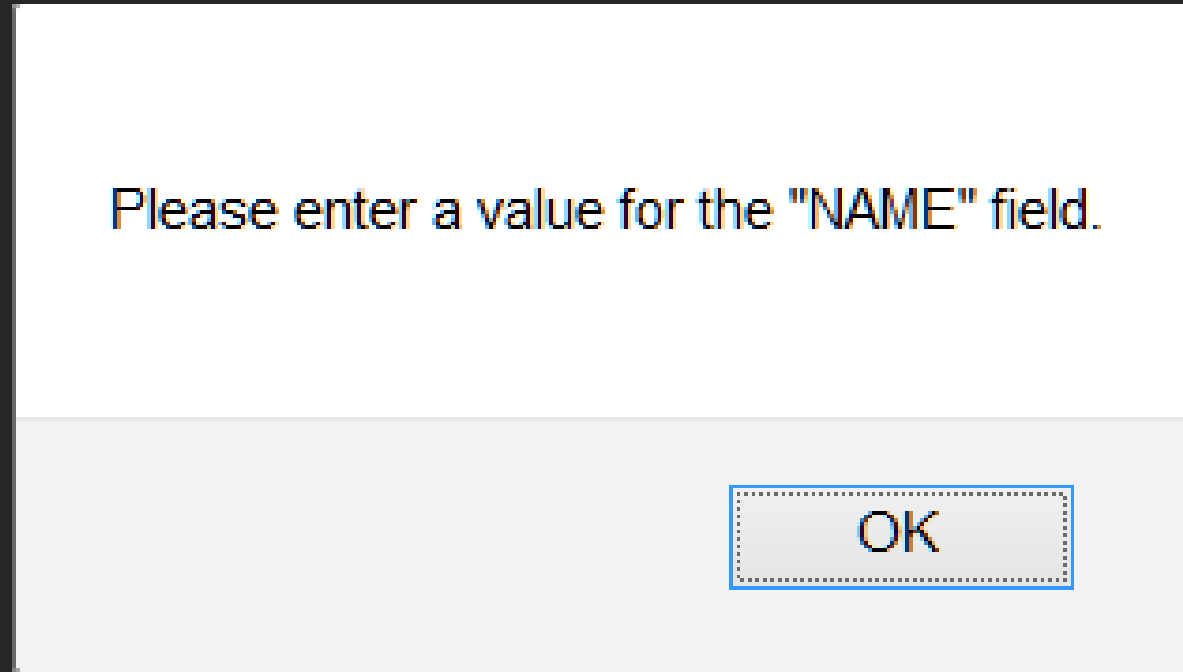
# Form Validation and Error Recovery

- 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

# 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

|Password

Please enter at least 8 characters.

Please enter at least 1 number or symbol (!@#\$%^).



Evaluating accessibility

Accessibility is about people

Only **people** can evaluate  
true accessibility



WAVE

**web accessibility evaluation tool**

[wave.webaim.org](http://wave.webaim.org)

# Use a checklist

## Things **Rick Astley** Will **NEVER** Do

- Give you up
- Let you down
- Run around
- Desert you
- Make you cry
- Say goodbye
- Tell a lie
- Hurt you
- All of the above



# Use a checklist

- WCAG 2 - [webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist/](https://webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist/)
- Customized

## Principle 1: Perceivable

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

### Guideline 1.1 Text Alternatives

Provide text alternatives for any non-text content

| Success Criteria                                    | Recommendations   |
|---|---|
| <a href="#">1.1.1 Non-text Content</a><br>(Level A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All images, form image buttons, and image map hot spots have appropriate, equivalent alternative text.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent alternatives to complex images are provided in context or on a separate linked page.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Form buttons have a descriptive value.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Form inputs have associated text labels.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Embedded multimedia is identified via accessible text.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Frames and iframes are appropriately titled.</li> </ul> |

### 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   |
|--|---|
| <a href="#">1.2.1 Prerecorded Audio-only and Video-only</a><br>(Level A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A descriptive text transcript that includes relevant auditory content is provided for non-live audio-only (audio podcasts, MP3 files, etc.).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</li> </ul> |
| <a href="#">1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</a><br>(Level A)                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized captions are provided for non-live video (YouTube videos, etc.).</li> </ul>  |

# Screen reader testing



# Common screen readers

- Windows
  - JAWS
    - JAWS + IE is still common
  - NVDA
  - Narrator: Uncommon but growing
- Mac and iOS – VoiceOver
  - 75% of mobile
- Android
  - Talkback (mostly)
- ChromeVox: Very uncommon

# Use a screen reader

- Focus on navigation, forms, document structure, and dynamic content
- WebAIM tutorials for [JAWS](#), [NVDA](#), and [VoiceOver](#)
- Try testing without the mouse or monitor
- Don't worry about pronunciation
- Sometimes it's the screen reader's fault

# Screen reader shortcuts

| Command           | JAWS/NVDA           | VoiceOver             |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| “Special” key     | Insert              | control + option = VO |
| Read all          | Insert + down arrow | VO + A                |
| Read one line     | Down arrow          | VO + Arrow            |
| Stop reading      | Ctrl                | Control               |
| Links/Form fields | Tab                 | tab                   |
| Headings          | H, 1-6              | VO + command + H      |
| Forms             | F                   | VO + command + J      |
| Tables            | T                   | VO + command + T      |
| “Rotor”           |                     | VO + U + Arrow keys   |
| Landmarks         | R (JAWS), D (NVDA)  | Rotor                 |

Do not conduct accessibility testing with users with disabilities

Wait... what?

Conduct user testing  
and include users with disabilities

# Thank You!

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