## Web Accessibility Training



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## Resources online at:

webaim.org/presentations/2022/palci

## 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
- Main track: Advanced principles
  - Rules of ARIA use
  - Advanced forms
  - JavaScript
  - ARIA roles, states, and properties
- Breakout option: Word & Acrobat Pro

Is your web content accessible?

## WCAG 2

- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
- Versions 1.0 (1999), 2.0 (2008), and 2.1 (2018)
- WCAG 2.2 in the works
- 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**

Provide text alternatives for any non-text content

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)	<ul> <li>□ A descriptive text transcript that includes relevant auditory content is provided for non-live audio-only (audio podcasts, MP3 files, etc.).</li> <li>□ 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>
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)	☐ Synchronized captions are provided for non-live video (YouTube videos, etc.).

webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist

## Legal requirements

- Section 508
  - US federal agencies
  - WCAG 2.0
- Americans with Disabilities Act
  - 3 Important sections employment, state/local government, public & commercial facilities
  - No technical accessibility standard
  - Complaints reference WCAG 2.0 or 2.1

- EN 301 549
  - EU public sector
  - WCAG 2.1
- Canada
  - By province (e.g., AODA)
  - Most laws public & private-sector
  - Primarily WCAG 2.0
- Other laws reference (or do not exceed) WCAG 2

## VPAT – Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
<b>2.4.2 Page Titled:</b> Web pages have titles that describe topic or purpose.	Supported	
2.4.3 Focus Order: If a Web page can be navigated sequentially and the navigation sequences affect meaning or operation, focusable components receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability.	Supported With Exceptions	On invoking 'Generate a description for me' button in the Alt Text pane, keyboard focus falls on 'Close' button instead of moving to Description edit field.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context): The purpose of each link can be determined from the link text alone or from the link text together with its programmatically determined link context, except where the purpose of the link would be ambiguous to users in general.	Supported	
<b>2.4.5 Multiple Ways:</b> More than one	Supported	



web accessibility evaluation tool

wave.webaim.org

## User experience

## **Auditory Disabilities**



## Captioning Methods

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





## Other multimedia considerations

## **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

#### ARP194 Battle of Ushant



After Britain and France went to war in the spring of 1778, America became a sideshow to the main event. Britain and France had been traditional enemies for centuries. Part of it was the whole Catholic-Protestant rift that had divided Europe. Part of it was conflicting claims over each other's countries. King George III still held the title of King of France, a claim that dated back more than 400 years. Although the British Channel kept the two kingdoms separated, there was a continuing rivalry between the two countries that simply would not end.

In the prior decades most of the fighting had been fought over colonies around the world. Britain and France traded colonies in wars back and forth. North America was only one pawn in that larger game of chess.

In the hundred years prior to this war, Britain and France had faced off in at least five major wars, totaling 39 years of fighting. These were a continuation of centuries more fighting between the two kingdoms.

In the Seven Years War, the British Navy had dominated the French at sea. That was a big reason why France lost North America. In the intervening years, France focused on rebuilding her navy to compete with the British. France,

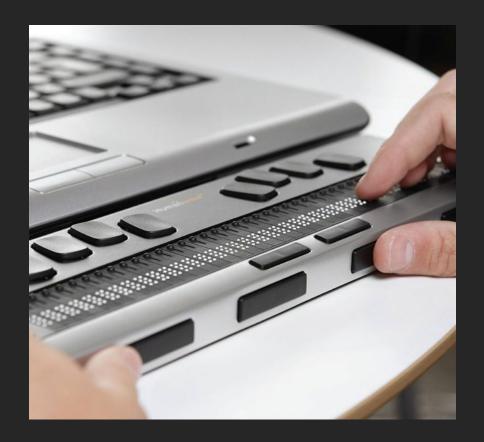
which had three times the population of Britain, thought that



- Called "Alternative for Timebased Media" in WCAG
- Text-based presentation of important audio and visual information
  - Does not have to be text-only
- Not synchronized

## Deaf-blind

- Content accessible to blind users will generally be accessible to users who are deaf-blind
  - With the exception of media
- Descriptive transcripts provide media accessibility



## 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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- Live audio Captions
- Descriptive transcript

#### Level AAA

- Sign language
- Live audio Transcript

## What are additional benefits of captions and transcripts?

## Visual Disabilities

## 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 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.

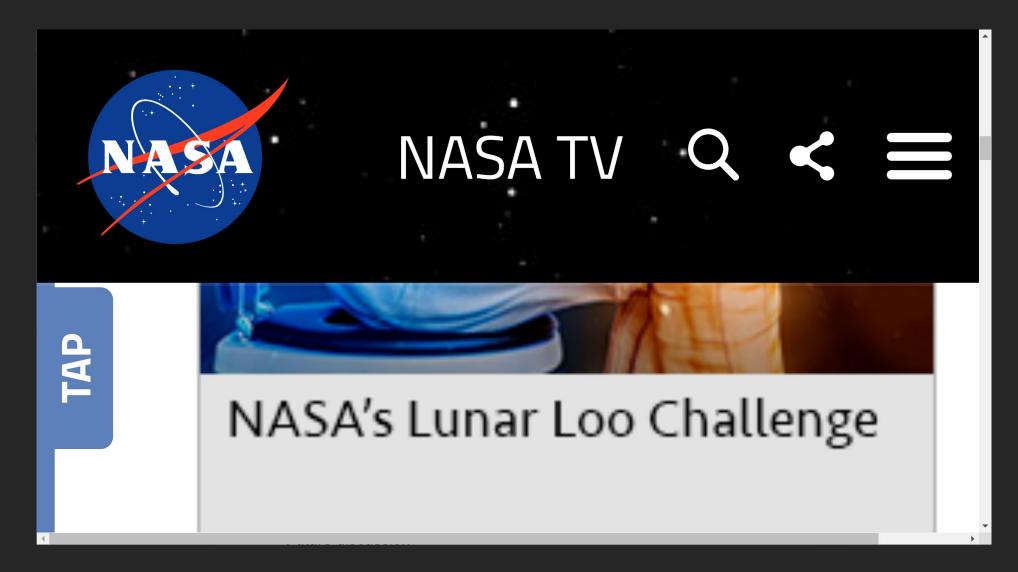
#### Check keyboard accessibility

- The first time testing with Mac, press **Control** + **F7** to enable full keyboard accessibility.
- Navigate the page using only the keyboard:
- Tab: Navigate interactive elements (links, form controls, etc.)
- **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

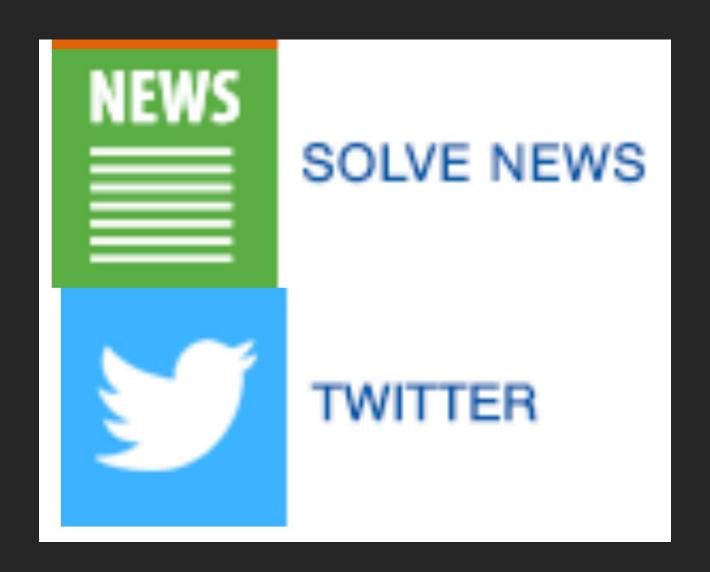
### 1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)

- "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.

## Images of Text



## Evaluate page zoom

- Ctrl/command & +, -, 0
- Zoom to 200%
- Resize to 1280px and Zoom to 400%
  - —Any horizontal scrolling?
- Test the mobile menu

## Mouse 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

Or use mouse click and Enter/Spacebar to trigger interactions.

## **Provide Sufficient Contrast**

WebAIM contrast article

## WCAG Contrast Formula

```
(L1 + 0.05) / (L2 + 0.05)
                  where
L = 0.2126 * R + 0.7152 * G + 0.0722 * B
                  where
               R, G, and B =
 R_{sRGB} \le 0.03928 then R = R_{sRGB}/12.92
  else R = ((R_{sRGB} + 0.055)/1.055) ^ 2.4
                  where
            R_{sRGB} < = R_{shit}/255
```

# 21.1

# 21-1

## 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"

50 most played songs by genre music



#### WebAIM Contrast Checker

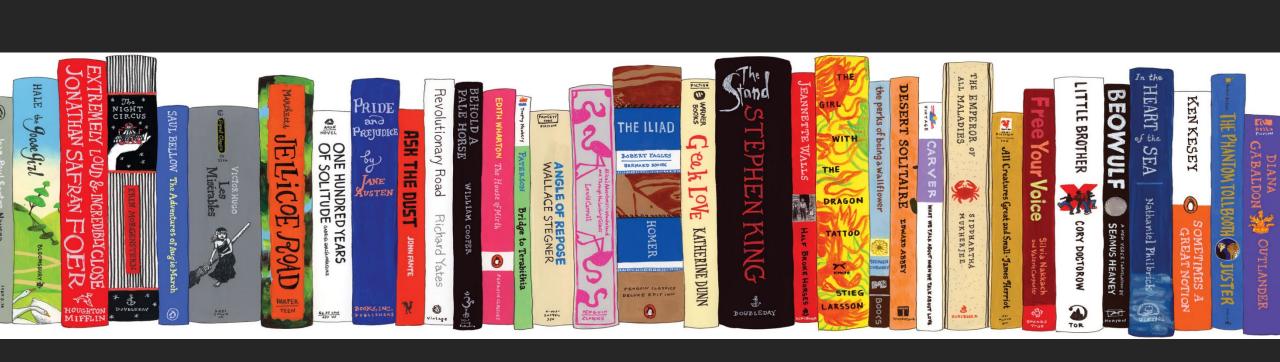
webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/





# Exceptions

#### "Pure Decoration"



# "Inactive"

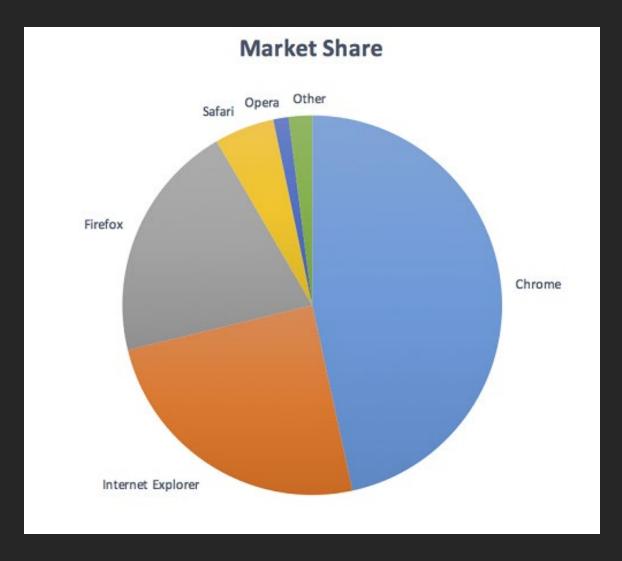
### "Logotypes"

50 most played songs by genre

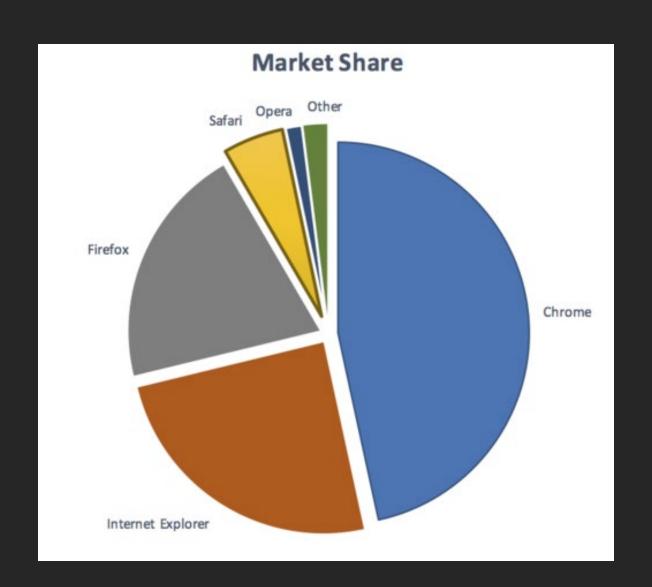




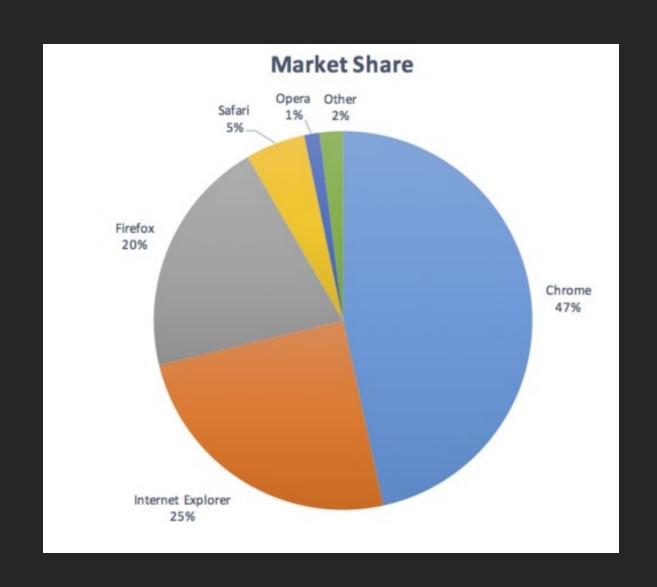
# WCAG 2.1 – 3:1 Contrast of "Graphical Objects"



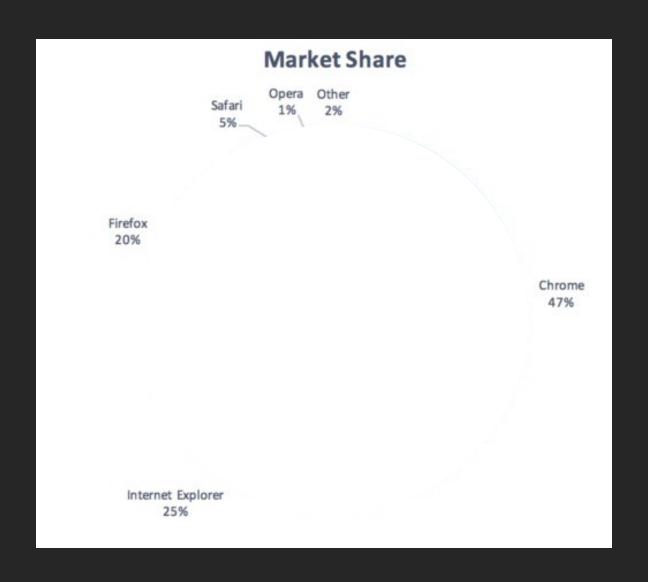
### "Against Adjacent color(s)"



# "...required to understand"



# "...required to understand"



#### 3:1 Contrast of UI "Boundaries"

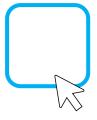


# WCAG 2.1 – 3:1 contrast of keyboard focus indicators

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Follow your interests.

### You must test contrast of different states

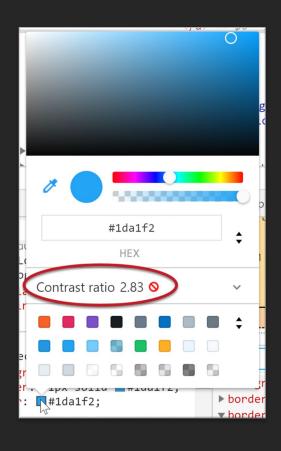


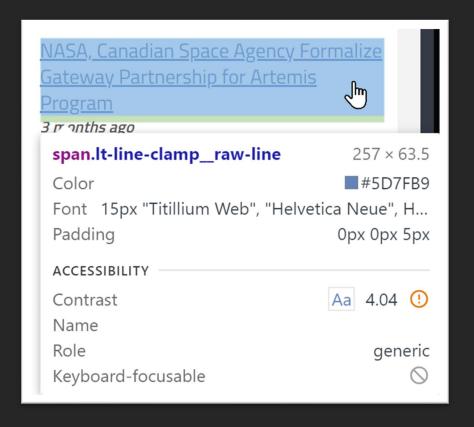
I have read and agree to the <u>Terms of Use</u>



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#### Chrome Developer Tools





**Evaluating contrast with Chrome DevTools** 

#### **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

# Icons (with alternative text)

- Amanita
- Chanterelle
- Porcini
- Shiitake
- Tylopilus

# Separate lists

#### Edible

- Chanterelle
- Porcini
- Shiitake

#### Poisonous

- Amanita
- Tylopilus

#### Bold or Italicized text?

- Amanita
- Chanterelle
- Porcini
- Shiitake
- Tylopilus

- 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.

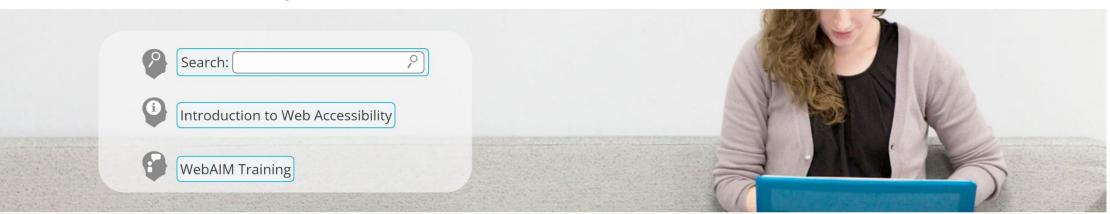
#### Evaluate contrast

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

#### 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





#### We have web accessibility in mind

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

#### **Accessibility Training**



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

#### StrategicA11y



The Strategic Web Accessibility Workshop helps participants optimize their organization's accessibility.

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Newsletter

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**Twitter** 



Articles

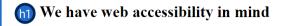
Projects

Community

Search:

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  - WebAIM Blog

  - · E-mail Discussion List
  - Twitter

Header

Main

# Structure & Semantics

#### Recommended screen readers for testing

#### Desktop

- Windows
  - <u>JAWS</u> 54%, \$1000+
  - NVDA 31%, Free
- VoiceOver for Mac 7%

#### Mobile

- VoiceOver for iOS 72%
- Talkback for Android 25%

Use WebAIM tutorials to learn commands and practice common tasks

#### Screen reader testing

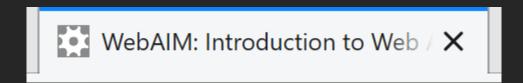
- Don't try to be an "expert"
  - 10 shortcuts to get started, 20 is about all you'll ever need
- Screen readers read things differently and can misbehave
- Verbosity settings impact the amount and types of content that are read
- Focus on document structure, navigation, forms, and dynamic content

# Screen Reader Demo

# 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, paraphrased

If you can use HTML, 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

#### Lists

- for numbers, sequence, or hierarchy
- <l>

   <l>

   <lu><lu>
   <lu>
   <lu>
  - Can you reorder the items in the list?
- dl> for "name/value pairs"
  - E.g., FAQ or glossary

# EASY SHORTBREAD

#### **Ingredients**

- l 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.

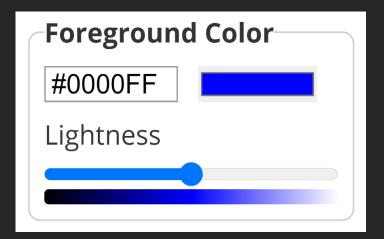




# Forms

### HTML Input Types

- Use the correct input type
  - checkbox (multiselect)
  - radio (single select)
- Native inputs have better accessibility than custom inputs
  - E.g., color and range
- Mobile devices may present custom keyboards
  - e.g., phone keypad for type="tel"





#### Form Labels

First Name:

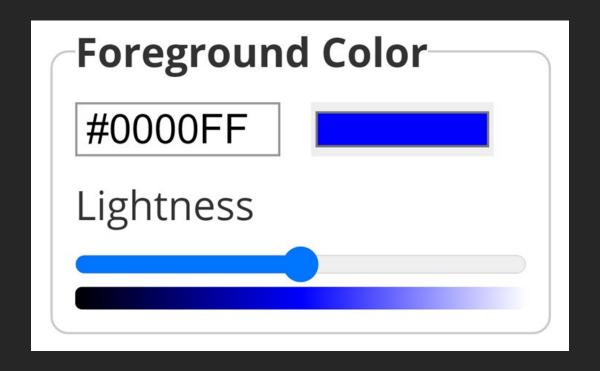
```
<label for="fname">First Name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"...>
```

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>



# **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

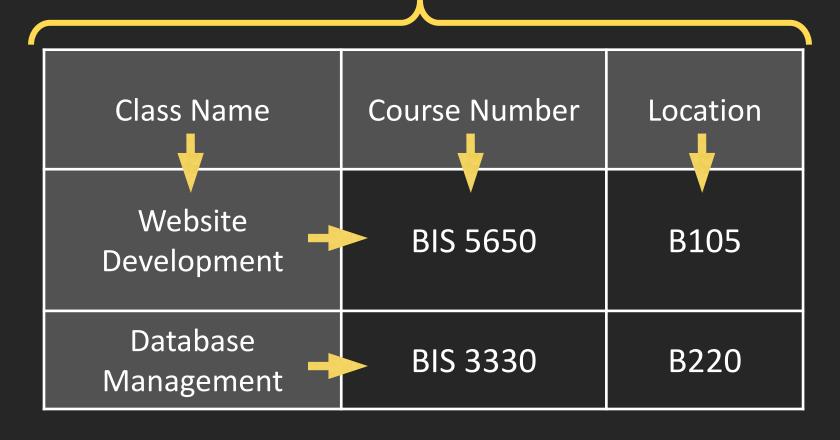


Table example

Fall Semester					
Class Name	Course	Jumber	Loca	ijon	
Advanced Website Development	BIS 5650		B105		
Database Management	BIS 3330		B220		

#### Fall Semester

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

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		

Fall Semester					
Class Name	Cou	rse Number		er	Location
Advanced Website Development		SIS	5650		B105
Database Management	l	SIS	3330		B220
Winter S		en	en ester		
Class Name	Cou	rse	Numb	er	Location
Advanced Website Development		IS	5650		B105
Database Management	E	BIS	3330		B220

#### Fall Semester

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Advanced Website Development	BIS 5650	B105
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#### Winter Semester

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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>
```

WebAIM language article

# 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

- Must
  - Be equivalent
- Should
  - be succinct
- Should not
  - be redundant
  - start with "image of ..." or "graphic of ..."





alt="WebAIM - Web Accessibility in Mind"

# Text alternatives 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.



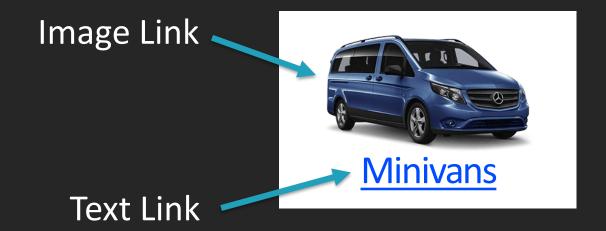


# Empty vs. Missing alt attribute

- Empty alt (alt="") definitively states:
  - The image is decorative, or
  - Alternative text is nearby
- Missing alt is ambiguous
  - Screen readers may or may not treat it the same as alt=""
- 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.

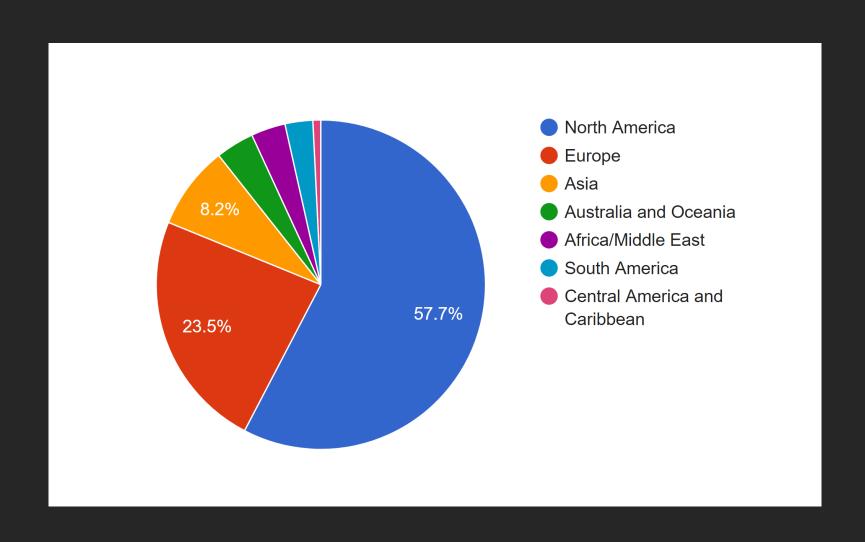


```
<a href="minivans.html">
  <img src="minivans.jpg" alt="Minivans"></a>
  <br>
  <a href="minivans.html">Minivans</a>
```



alt="students studying under a tree"???

# **Complex Images**



# Complex Images

- Give the image succinct alternative text and...
  - Provide the description 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.

#### 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 Express

Heathrow Express
Southern

Southeastern high speed

South Western Railway
Thameslink

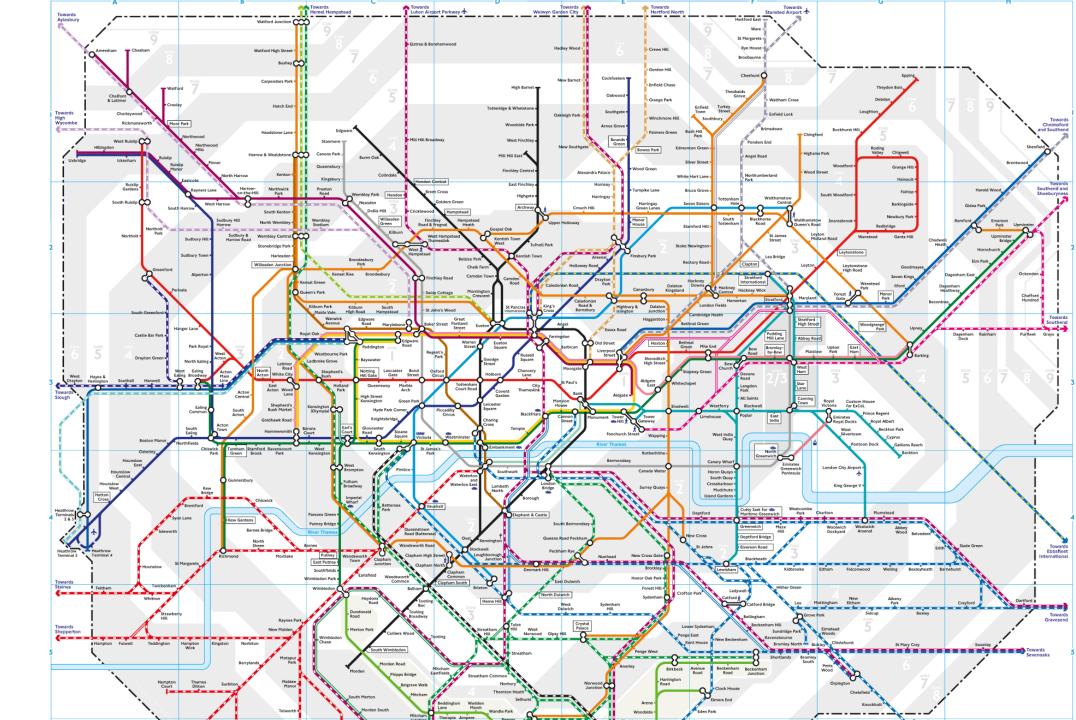
West Midlands Trains

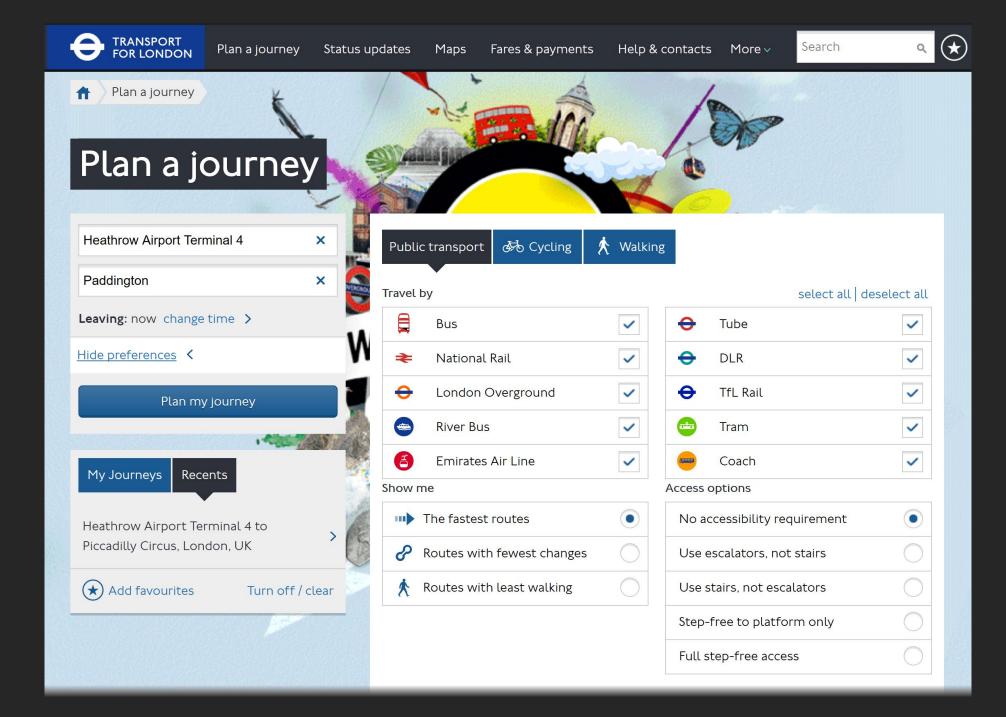
London Trams fare zone
ratford Station in both fare zones

Interchange stations
Street level transfer between stations

Airport Riverboat

Riverboat services Victoria Coach Station

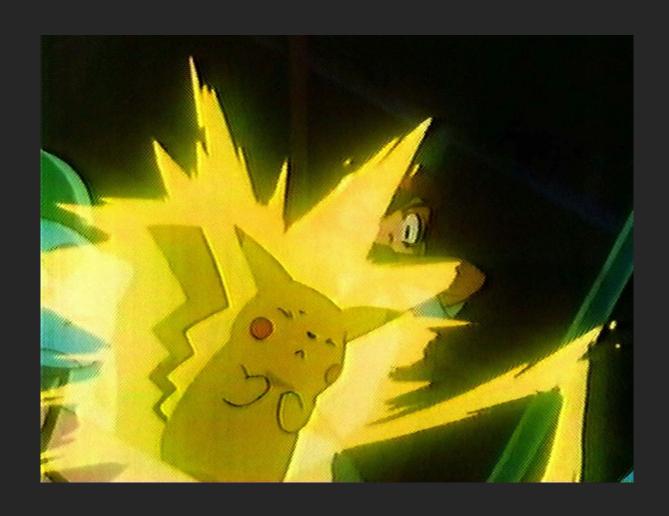




# Evaluate alternative text

- Use WAVE
- Search for images that do not have WAVE icons

# 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' needs vary greatly, we will focus on general recommendations
- Most of the earlier principles can make content more understandable
  - Captions, contrast, color, headings, lists, simple tables, etc.

### Make Content "Understandable"

- Be consistent
- Use plain language
  - "readable to users with a lower secondary reading level" (WCAG AAA)
  - Write for your audience
- Be careful with movement and other distractions

# 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 requirements
- Avoid long line lengths
  - Consider line height/spacing
- Choose legible fonts
  - Web fonts and embedded fonts are OK

# Typefaces and Fonts

C vs O

e vs o

e vs o

I vs I vs I
I vs I vs 1

Each new typeface introduces additional cognitive overhead.

# WCAG 2.1 - 1.4.12 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



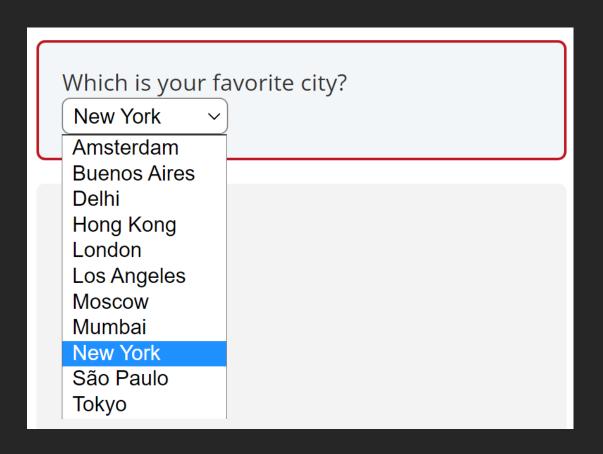
### Motor disabilities

- 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

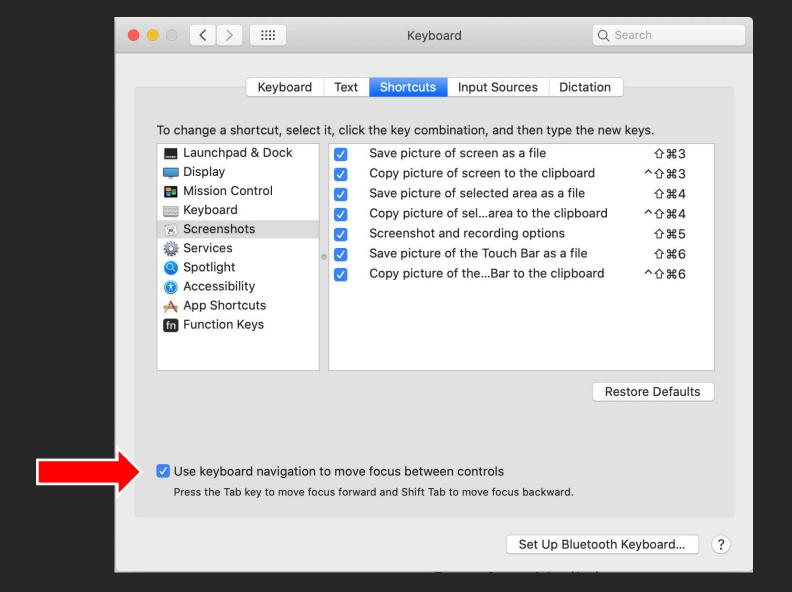
- Navigate links, form controls, etc.: Tab, Shift + Tab
- Link: Enter
- Button: Enter or Spacebar
- Checkbox: Spacebar
- Navigate options in one "tab stop":  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  or  $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ 
  - E.g., radio buttons, slider, select menu
- Close: Esc
- Spacebar: Scrolls the page unless focused on a control
- Other widgets: use standard patterns

# Example - < select > menu

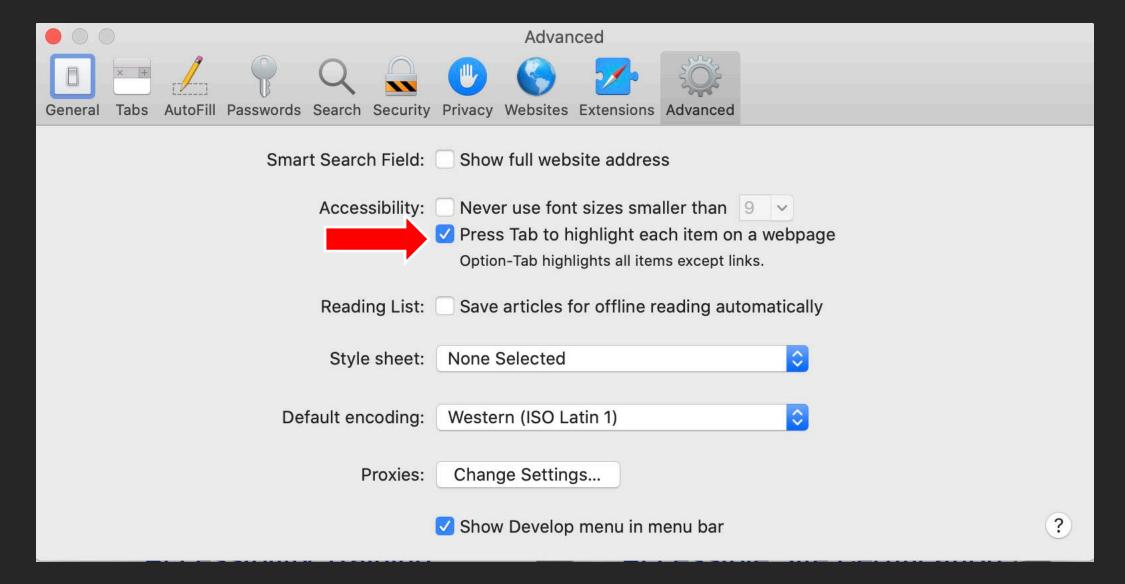


- Tab: Navigate in/out
- Space: Expand
- Arrow keys or Letters: Choose an option
- Enter: Select and collapse
- Esc: Collapse
- Tab: Move to the next element

# Some tweaking required on Mac



# Safari Keyboard Settings



# Disable or remap single key shortcuts

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# Meaningful link text

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

# Do not remove the keyboard focus indicators from links

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

WCAG AA Failure

# **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

# Hidden < label >

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

# "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

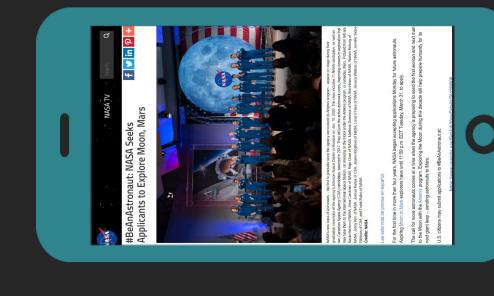


# != Touch Only

#### WCAG 2.1 - Mobile

### 1.3.4 (AA) – Don't lock orientation





#### 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
  - WCAG 2.2 proposes 24×24 px. target or "target offset" (AA)
- 2.5.6 (AAA) Don't restrict input type (e.g., 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 "Label" and "Name"

WCAG requires a "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"?



#### 3 principles of accessible names

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

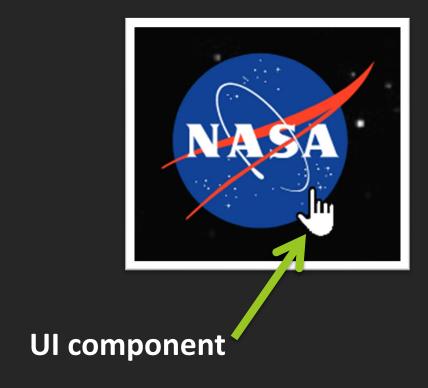
### "Label" and "Name" are often the same

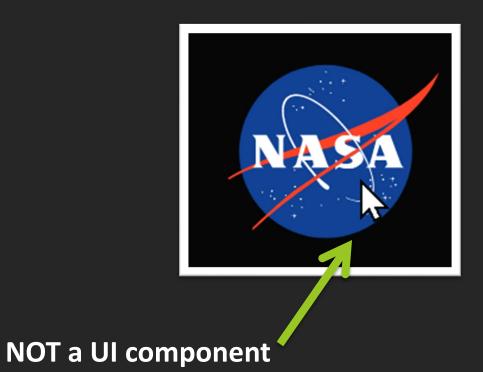
Code	Label	Name
<a href="">Log in</a>	<u>Log in</u>	"Log in"
<pre><label>First Name:     <input type="text"/>      </label></pre>	First Name:	"First Name:"
<button>Activate </button>	Activate	"Activate"

#### 2.5.3 – Label in Name (Level A)

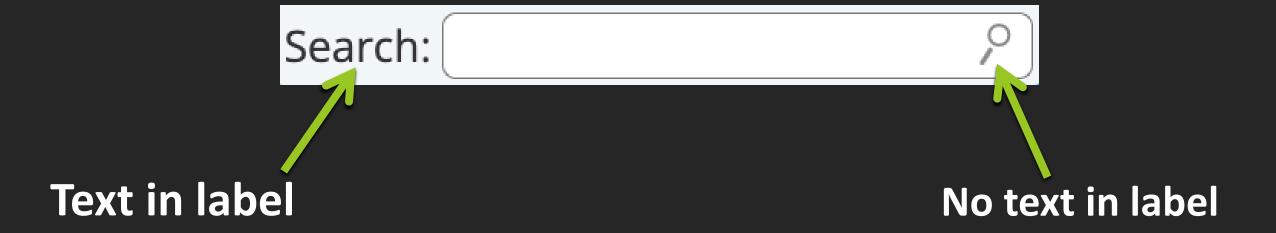
"For user interface components with labels that include text or images of text, the name contains the text presented."

## "User interface components"





### "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



#### Better solution



### 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

ARIA Authoring Practices Guide (APG)

#### 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

# What if you have more than one candidate for the accessible name?

- 1. If the control has an <u>aria-label</u> or an <u>aria-labelledby</u> attribute the ausing the algorithm defined in <u>Accessible Name and Description: Compute</u>
- 2. Otherwise use the associated label element(s) accessible name(s) if
  concatenate by DOM order, delimited by spaces.
- 3. If the accessible name is still empty, then: use the control's title attribu
- 4. Otherwise use the control's placeholder attribute.
- 5. If none of the above yield a usable text string there is no accessible nan

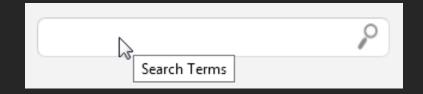
**Accessible Name Computation** 

#### Form < label>

First Name:

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

#### title attribute (if no <label>)

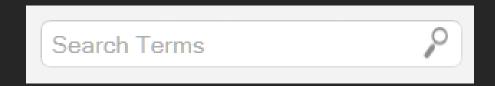


<input title="Search Terms"...>

#### 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.

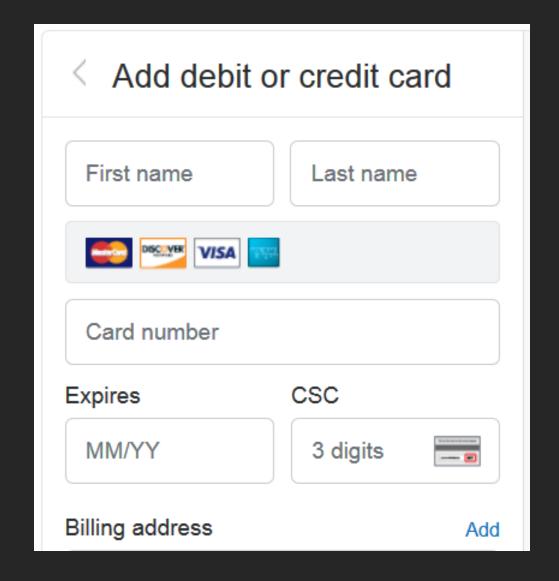
#### placeholder attribute (if no title or <label>)

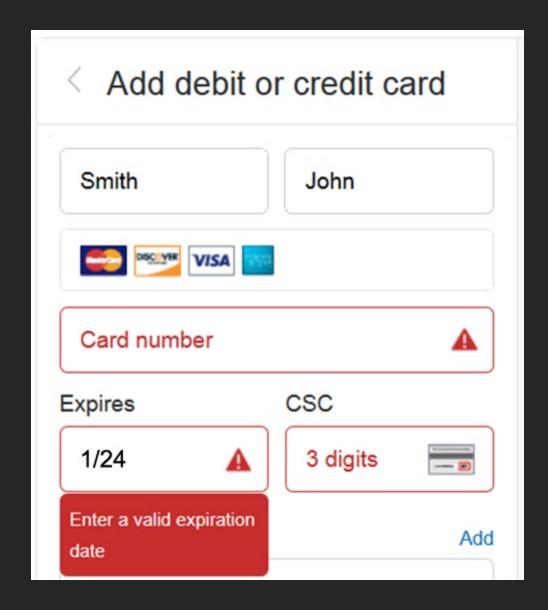


<input placeholder="Search Terms"...>

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">
```

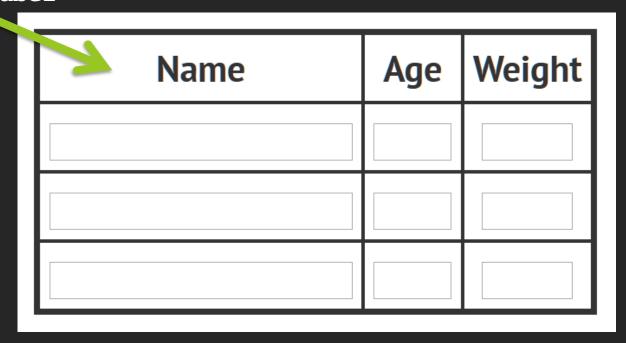


```
<label for="fname" id="fnamelabel">
First name:</label>
<input type="text" id="fname"
aria-labelledby="fnamelabel">
```

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"

Name Office Number Phone
Cyndi
Jared
Jonathan

<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

```
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.

#### <span> 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. <a class="PDFlink">Download the Employment
   Application<span class="sr-only">
   (PDF) </span></a>
- 2. <a class="PDFlink">Download the Employment
   Application<span class="PDFlink" role="img"
   aria-label="(PDF)"></a>
- 3. <a class="PDFlink" aria-label="Download the Employment Application (PDF)">Download the Employment Application</a>

## CSS generated content



```
<i class="pdf"></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. <img src="chart.svg" alt="Sales increased 10% from 2010 to 2015">
- 3. <svg role="img" aria-label="Sales increased 10%
   from 2010 to 2015">
   ...</svg>

Use role="presentation" and aria-hidden="true" if the SVG is decorative (or alt="" for <img>).

## 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

- 1. Use "Inspect Mode Tooltip" (top-left corner) to inspect the form field.
- 2. Open accessibility tab
- 3. Review "Accessibility Tree" and "ARIA Attributes"
- 4. Using "Computed Properties", find the accessible name and description

# 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

#### Pay with debit or credit card We don't share your financial details with the merchant. United States VISA DISCOVER Card number CSC Expires 3 digits MM YY First name Last name Email Mobile Phone number $\vee$ Billing address Street address Apt., ste., bldg., etc. (optional) City State ZIP $\vee$

#### 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");
}
```

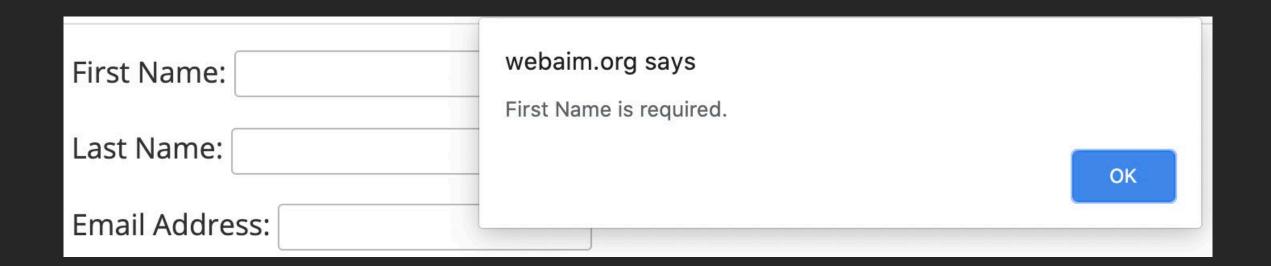
## Form Validation and Error Recovery

- 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
- SC 4.1.3 (WCAG 2.1) requires accessible "status messages"

# Form Validation Types

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

# Alert, then focus

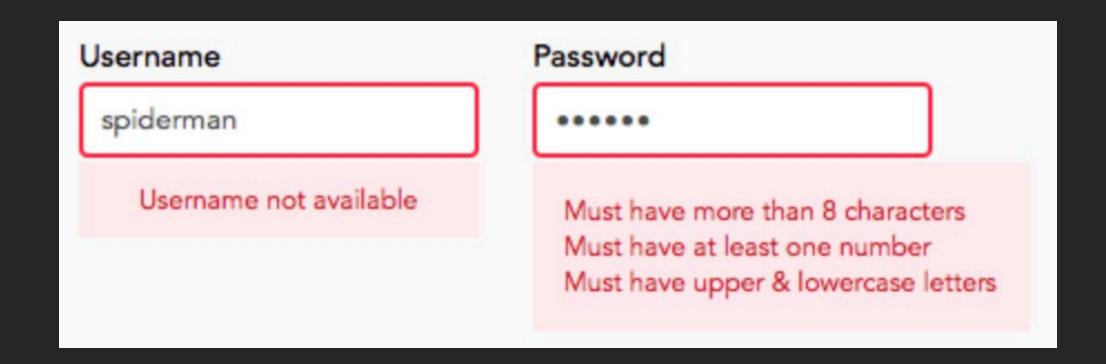


# Errors at the top

There was a problem with the form.

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

#### Inline Errors



# 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

#### 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.

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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