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Accessibility Overview

• Section 508
  – Part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
  – Amended in 1998
  – Required Federal IT to be accessible starting June 2001
  – There is a refresh coming (we hope)
Accessibility Overview

• Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0
  – Internationally accepted guidelines
  – Just accepted by International Organization for Standardization as a standard

WCAG 2.0

• Four Basic Principles of Accessibility
  – Perceivable - Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.
  – Operable - User interface components and navigation must be operable.
  – Understandable - Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.
  – Robust - Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.
• 12 Guidelines
• 61 Success Criteria
What is Disability?

People with disabilities are first PEOPLE

What is Disability? …but is a disability strictly a personal characteristic of the body?
What is Disability?
...or do we create disabling environments?

Disabling Environments

- **Buildings** without elevators (disabling for wheelchair users)
- **Desks and water fountains** with no room underneath (disabling for wheelchair users)
- **Microwaves and other appliances** with only touch screens (disabling for blind people)
- **Theaters, concerts, speeches, sports, and other live events** without interpretation or captions (disabling for deaf people)
Digital Technology can be an accessibility barrier...

But it is also one of the best solutions ever invented.

How can a Blind Person Read a Newspaper?
How can a Person with Very Little Mobility Go Shopping?

Our Responsibility

As Digital Content Providers is to ensure that our content is available to EVERYONE
Our Responsibility

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Testing for Accessibility

With 61 Success Criteria, how on Earth do we test for accessibility?

- System Wide “Enterprise” Testing and Monitoring
- Local browser based page by page testing
Accessibility is like a Cookie Recipe

WEB ACCESSIBILITY TESTING RECIPE
Web development process

Accessible web development
Accessibility Testing is NOT Icing

Cost to Fix Accessibility Defects

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Web Development Process Phase
Practical Accessibility Testing

The Right Mix
High Tech
High Touch

The Right Mix
Accessibility Testing Methods

High Touch
High Tech
Enterprise Accessibility Testing Tools

Automatic Testing

• Use of a desktop or web-based application, IDE plugin or browser plugin to look for potential accessibility problems
• May or may not involve the use of spiders to crawl multiple pages
• May or may not involve the ability to schedule repeat tests and/or automate reports
Benefits of Automated Tools

• Ability to scan large volumes of code – on a single page, site wide and anything in between
• Ability to automatically generate reports
• Ability to catch errors which do not need humans to review
• Configurable to include / exclude specific guidelines and checking methods

Issues with automated tools

• Passing items which should fail
• Failing items which should pass
• Difficulties with content dependent on user interaction with forms
Issues with automated tools (con’t)

• Difficulties with pages that utilize JavaScript to render content
• Questionable checking rules “failing” a document for items which have no real-world impact on access.
• The tools test markup, but not non-text formats
• Tools often test only the markup itself without assessing DOM structure

Issues with automated tools (con’t)

• Security restrictions may not allow the automated tool to access the site
• Security restrictions may disallow installation of the automated tool on the client system
• Many accessibility compliance requirements are things which cannot definitively be tested for via automatic means
WorldSpace Sync by Deque • Enterprise tools are designed to have you set up scans for an entire organization.
• You enter the starting URL(s), tell it the depth to crawl and test.
• And the Accessibility Standard you want to have tested – WCAG 2.0 AA, maybe you only need to test to single level A, perhaps you still want the old 508 standard.
• And tell how frequently you want to have it run, just this once, or are you ready for monthly or weekly scans?
• Learn more about enterprise level accessibility testing at http://www.deque.com/worldspace-sync-manager

Manual testing techniques:
• Code-level review of the generated HTML/CSS markup
• Browser / Hardware Manipulation
• Assistive Technology Testing
Benefits of Manual Testing

• High level of accuracy
• Errors are not just flagged but repairs can be suggested

Issues with manual testing

• Outcome reliant on skillset and experience of reviewer
• Very time intensive
• Increased code complexity = increased likelihood of mistakes
Issues with manual testing (con’t)

• Code inspection limited mostly to markup
• Some issues should be tested by machine
• Some issues cannot be found by automatic no manual means

High TechTouch Testing

www.verybestbaking.com

Wave
  • wave.webaim.org

Jim Thatcher’s Favelet’s
  • jimthatcher.com/favelets

Web Developer (Firefox Extension)
  • addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/60

Accessibility Evaluator
  • addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/accessibility-evaluation-tool/

Juicy Studio Accessibility Toolbar
  • addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/juicy-studio-accessibility-too

Headings Map
  • addons.mozilla.org/en-us/firefox/addon/headingsmap/

FireEyes
  • www.deque.com/deque-fireeyes
Smoke Test

Does this page have OBVIOUS Accessibility Issues?
WAVE

• Go to http://wave.webaim.org/
• Type in URL to test
• Press “WAVE this page” button
Meaningful Alt

Images & Jim Thatcher’s Favelets

• Install Jim Thatcher’s Favelet’s in Firefox
  – jimthatcher.com/favelets/
• Find “Images” menu on JT Favelets and select “Active Images”
Web Developer Toolbar

- Install Web Developer Toolbar in Firefox
- Open Firefox and Select “Replace Images with ALT Attributes”
- Check Home Page with Images Replaced by ALT
FAE & Color Contrast

- Install Functional Accessibility Evaluator (FAE) in FireFox at addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/accessibility-evaluation-toolbox/
- Select “Color Contrast” from Style (on FAE toolbar)

FAE Color Contrast Issues
Meaningful Link Text

FAE & Link Text

Accessibility Evaluator in FireFox
Select “Links” from Navigation (on FAE toolbar)
FAE & Link Text

Heading Structure
Headings Map

- Install Heading Map plugin in Firefox
  - addons.mozilla.org/en-us/firefox/addon/headingsmap
- Select “Headings Map” from the Tools menu
ARIA Landmarks

Juicy Studios Accessibility Toolbar

- Install Juicy Studios Accessibility Toolbar plugin in Firefox
  - addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/juicy-studio-accessibility-too

Welcome to Juicy Studio
- Site Navigation
Demonstration of FireEyes Accessibility Testing Tool

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The Right Mix
Accessibility Testing Methods

Shoestring Testing Plan

1. Home Page
   - Smoke Test

2. Representative Pages
   - Page by Page Testing Tool(s)
   - Expert Functionality Testing
     - No Eyes – Screenreader
     - No Ears – No Sound
     - No Hands – Keyboard Only
1. Comprehensive Testing
   - High Tech
     • Enterprise Accessibility Scans

2. Representative Pages
   - High TouchTech
     • Page by Page Testing Tools
   - High Touch
     • Expert Functionality Testing
       - Screenreader
       - No Sound
       - Keyboard Only

3. Key User Paths
   - High Touch
     • Hands-on Accessibility Testing

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No Sight
No Sound
No Mouse

No Problem

Equal Access for All
Resources

Enterprise:
• Accenture Digital Diagnostics Engine (ADDE) - http://www.accenture.com/us-en
• Worldspace from Deque Systems – http://worldspace.deque.com

Resources

Local to your computer
Wave
• wave.webaim.org
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Juicy Studio Accessibility Toolbar
• addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/juicy-studio-accessibility-too
Headings Map
• addons.mozilla.org/en-us/firefox/addon/headingsmap/
FireEyes
• www.deque.com/deque-fireeyes
Questions?

• Thank you for coming today
• Are there any questions?

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