

Objectives

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By the end of the webinar, participants will:

- Understand online accessibility issues
- Know about accessibility tools for checking websites and content
- Have a starting point for creating accessible content



Libraries Are Friendly Places



The Physical Presence







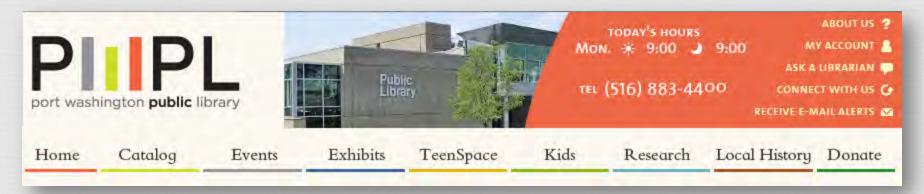






The Library's Virtual Front Door

- Communication, promotion
- Current information, services, resources





Our Users



- Who is the library for?
 - Everyone, not just the ones with good vision, hearing, & mobility!



The Library's Virtual Presence: Is it User Friendly?





Poll - Where Are You Now?

How far along are efforts to make site accessible?

- Not sure; I'm not involved in website development
- Just starting to think about it
- We have a plan, but haven't started implementing yet
- We are currently implementing
- We are done and fully compliant!

Acronyms and Terms



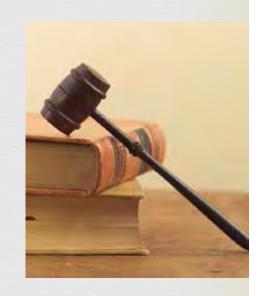
- Organizations
 - WebAIM (Web Accessibility in Mind)
 - W3C (World Wide Web Consortium)
 - NCDAE (National Center on Disability and Access to Education)
- WAI (Web Accessibility Initiative)
- WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines)
- Section 508 (law)

What is Section 508?

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Federally-funded organizations must comply with the law

 Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L.105-220), August 7, 1998.



www.section508.gov/index.cfm?fuseAction=1998Amend

In a Nutshell

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When seeking information or services from a Federal department or agency, people with disabilities must have access and use of information that is comparable to that of people without disabilities



But We Aren't a Federal Agency

Many public agencies, including libraries, are choosing to be as accessible as possible to all users.

It's the right thing to do. In the United States:

- 6.4 million people have a visual disability
- 10.3 million people have a hearing disability
- 19.5 million people have a ambulatory disability.
- 13.8 million people have a cognitive disability.

Any way you look at it, millions of people in the United States have at least one disability that Section 508 is meant to address.

2010 Disability Status Report: United StatesErickson, W., et al. (2012) http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/gladnetcollect/558/

Consider the User Experience (Walk a Mile in Their Shoes)





Conditions that make access to web content difficult

- Low vision or blindness
- Hearing loss or deafness
- Mobility issues
- Other issues







Accessibility: Technologies + Practices

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Technologies

- Screen readers
- Video captions
- Text-to-voice
- Assistive devices
- A keyboard

Practices

- Good web design practices
- Good document design
- Administrative policies
- Commitment
- Staff training

Elements of Accessibility

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- ✓ Many elements are the same for webpages, documents and other files.
- ✓ Learn the basic concepts; apply across all content
- ✓ Make accessibility a natural part of the workflow
- ✓ Accessibility doesn't happen by chance build it in to all online content

Required Page Elements: Alt Text

Text equivalents for images and non-text objects



High school students learning

about health information

health or

Required Page Elements: Hyperlinks

Hyperlinks (meaningful text displayed)



Table Formatting



- Need row and column headers
- No blank cells
- Logical order when navigating based on table content (left to right, top to bottom)
- In documents, use the Insert Table function rather than copying and pasting

Table Issues



This table was created for visual effect:



Note the visual reading path →



Reading Order



The screen reader will read left to right, down and across. The user will hear or feel via Braille: "Basement UP! Toilets Flush Must"

Creating Accessible Tables, WebAIM http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/

Required Page Elements: A Few More

- Video needs to be synchronized with equivalent alternative (captioning)
- Audio needs a written equivalent (transcript)

NLM Director's Comments Podcasts







MedlinePlus proudly presents a weekly audio update by Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Director of the National Library of Medicine, highlighting health news and accompanying information from MedlinePlus.

TITLE	DATE	AUDIO	TEXT VERSION
NIH MedlinePlus Magazine Spring 2013	June 03 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript
Under-the-Tongue Allergy Drops?	May 28 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript
Early Stroke Increases Mortality Risk	May 20 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript
Internet Search Provides Early Warning of Drug Interaction	May 13 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript
ABIM: Avoid these Medical Tests	May 06 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript
Lessons from Boston's Emergency Medical Response	April 29 2013	(1)) Listen	Transcript

Design Good Forms

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Make sure users can complete and submit forms. Form elements (text field, checkbox or dropdown list) all have labels, and the label is associated to the correct form element using the <label> tag.

Library/Department Information				
Institution:				
Library/Dept.:				
Address:				
Address 2:				
City/Town:				
State:	select state			

More Considerations



- Repetitive navigation links
 - Need ability to skip or ignore
- Decorative objects (borders)
 - Need coding for screen readers to ignore
- Use of COLOR to convey meaning
 - Avoid using color alone; state what it means

APPLICANT INFORMATION						
Name:						
Current address:						
City:	State:	ZIP Code:				
Phone:	Date of birth:	SSN:				
Own Rent (Please circle)	Monthly payment or rent:	How long?				

More Best Practices

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- Avoid flickering, strobing or flashing images
- Offer ability to skip navigation
- Alert users of timed responses
- Use client-side image maps with alt text



Testing for Accessibility



- Web Tools
 - WAVE
 - FANGS
- Word and PowerPoint
 - Built-in checkers in Microsoft Office software
- PDF files
 - Accessibility tool in Adobe Acrobat Pro
- And many more

WAVE:

Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool



Wave Online Tool

Works in any browser
 http://wave.webaim.org/



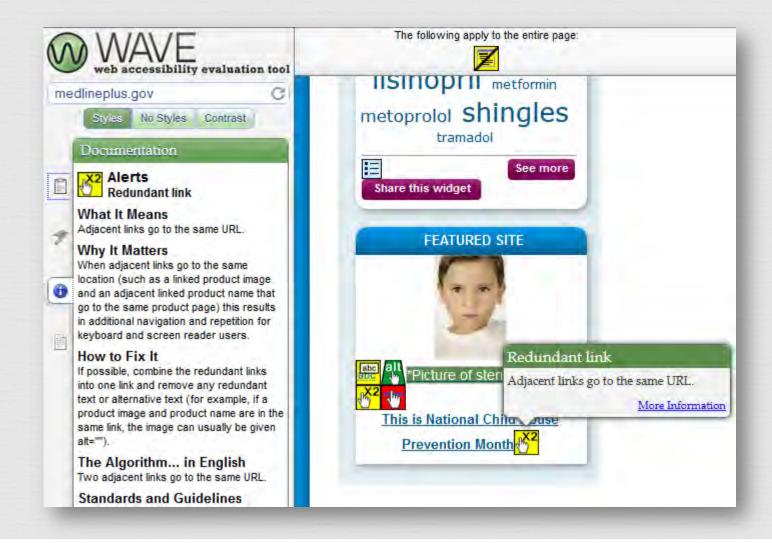
Wave Toolbar



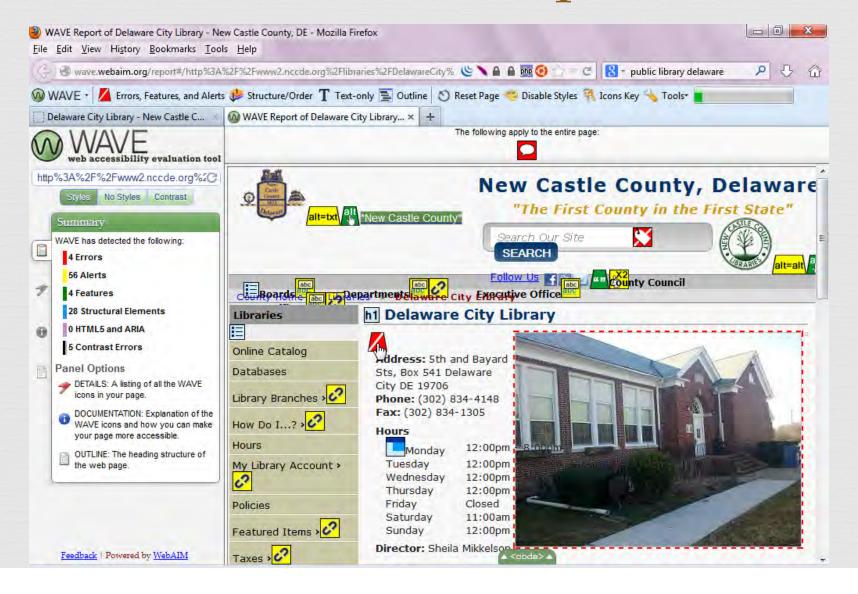
Firefox add-on
 http://wave.webaim.org/toolbar/

WAVE

Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool



WAVE Example



Form Labels

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Accessible Forms

 When done correctly, you can see these HTML labels for Name and Email fields when you turn on the WAVE tool:



Wave Toolbar Example



What is the Difference?

Wave Toolbar

- Evaluation works on local machine only
- Evaluates the rendered version, locally displayed styles and dynamically generated content from scripts
- Can check intranet, password protected, dynamically generated, or sensitive pages

Wave at WebAim

Request goes through WebAIM server





- Firefox add-on
- Provides three options:
 - Text of a webpage just as a screen reader would read it
 - List of headers
 - List of links

Sample Library Web Page



Clermont County Public Library

Catalog | About Us | Research & Homework | Services | BooksMusicMovies | Downloads |

Library Calendar								
June 2013								
S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S		
						1		
2	3	4	<u>5</u>	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	<u>15</u>		
16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	21	<u>22</u>		
23	24	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	28	<u>29</u>		
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Calendar View

Ouick Links

List of Programs & Events

Summer Reading Program

Educator information about our summer reading program.

CIVIL WAR SITES OF CLERMONT COUNTY

Civil War Presentation

Join us at the New Richmond Branch on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. as Historic New Richmond presents information about Civil War

Make a Japanese

Lunch Box

sites in Clermont County. There will also be a question and answer session.

Sign Up Now! Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by visiting the branch, calling 553-0570, or registering online. For attendees ages 10-adult, children are welcome to attend this lecture, with their adult caregiver.

Books about Ohio during the Civil War.

Find It Here

Search catalog

Google site searc

Search site

Stay Connected



Library Meeting Room If you'd like to use a CCPL meeting room, please read our Meeting Room Policy and Meeting Room Rules, Fill out our Meeting Room Use Application (PDF).

BENTO BOX TAKEOUT

FANGS Output Example



Fangs output for: Clermont County Public Library

Reload

Preferences



Screen reader output | Headings list | Links list

Screen reader output

Page has five frames, twenty-four headings and eighty-seven links Clermont County Public Library dash Internet Explorer

Heading level one

Link Clermont County Public Library alt plus one List of two items List end List of seven items bullet Link Mobile vertical bar bullet Link Catalog vertical bar bullet Link About Us vertical bar bullet Link Research and Homework vertical bar bullet Link Services vertical bar bullet Link BooksMusicMovies vertical bar bullet Link Downloads vertical bar List end

Heading level one

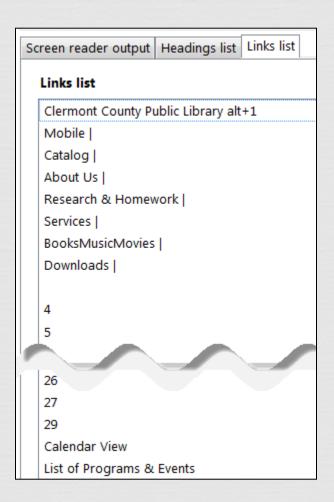
Library Calendar Table with one column and nine rows Table with three columns and one row June two thousand thirteen Link Graphic slash arrowright.gif Table end S M T W T F S one two three Link four Link

More FANGS View Options

Headings

Screen reader output | Headings list | Links list **Headings list** Clermont County Public Library: 1 Library Calendar: 1 Summer Reading Program: 1 Ouick Links: 1 Of Special Interest: 1 Answers: 1 Get Involved: 1 Find It Here: 1 Stay Connected: 1 Library Meeting Room: 2 Board of Trustees Meeting: 2 Civil War Presentation: 1 Make a Japanese Lunch Box: 1 Book Buddies Program: 1 Guess the Photo Contest for Teens: 1 Gnome Away from Home: 1 Summer Reading Coming Soon!: 1

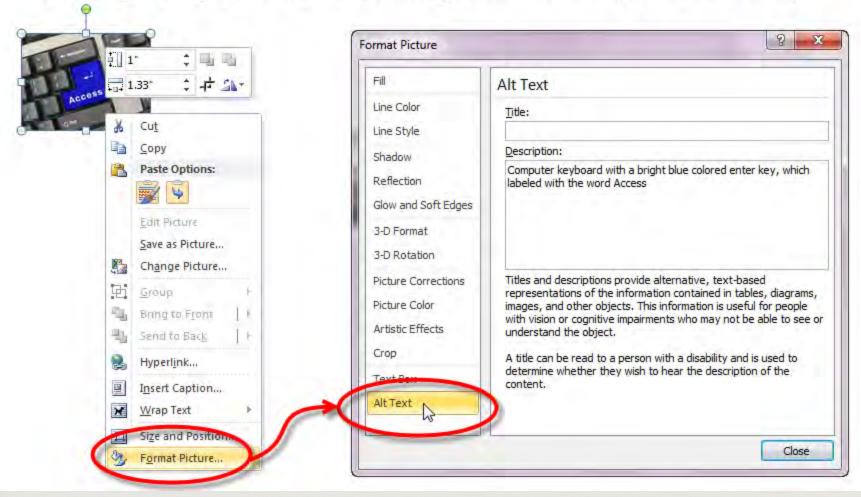
Links



Tips for Microsoft Word and PowerPoint

- Use built-in formatting structures, such as headers, layouts, and bullets. Screen readers rely on formatting.
- Images need alt text
- Hyperlinks need to be meaningful
- Almost always better to start fresh than to remediate

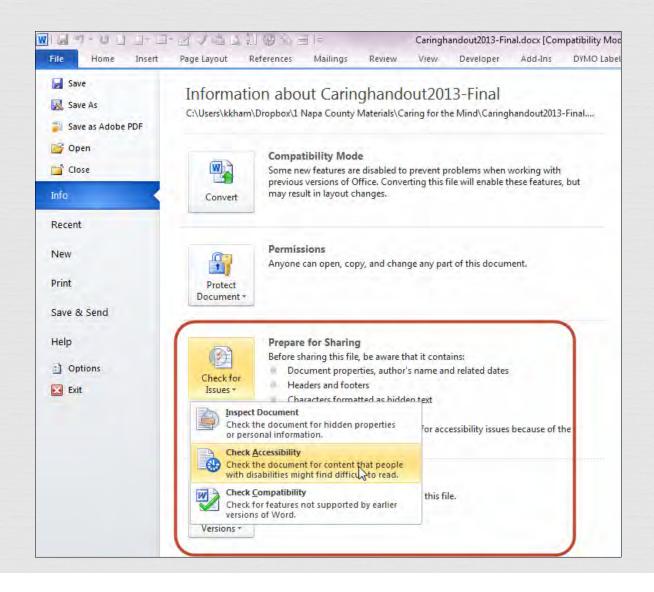
Right click the image, then Format Picture. Then click Alt Text and type in a short description. Use the shortest description possible to convey the meaning of the image.



Microsoft Accessibility Checkers

- Office 2007 or later
- Files must be created as .docx or .pptx to use checker
- File menu > Check for Issues > Accessibility
- Inspection Results points to problems and gives suggestions for fixing

Microsoft Word



Errors and Warnings



MedlinePlus

www.medlineplus.gov

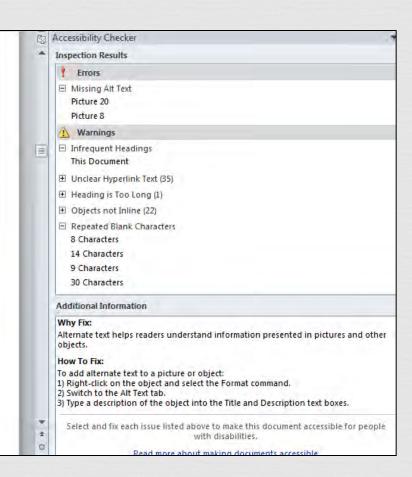
- > Contains about 50 different health topic pages on mental health and behavior topics
- Topics include ADD, coping with disasters, OCD, panic disorder, bipolar, schizophrenia, phobias, post-traumatic stress disorder, teen and child mental health, depression
- Drug information from AHFS Consumer Medical Information from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists
- Directories: You may look up care providers by specialty in Docfinder

MedlinePlus Search Tips:

- Start with the health topics
- For basic information, you can use the medical encyclopedia
- Find providers and hospitals/facilities in the directories
- Find support groups in organizations section
- Learn more about drug information
- Learn about supplements

Tips for Advanced Searching with the Search Box

- ✓ For phrase searching, use quotes
 - "Asperger's Syndrome"
- ✓ Can search a specific site

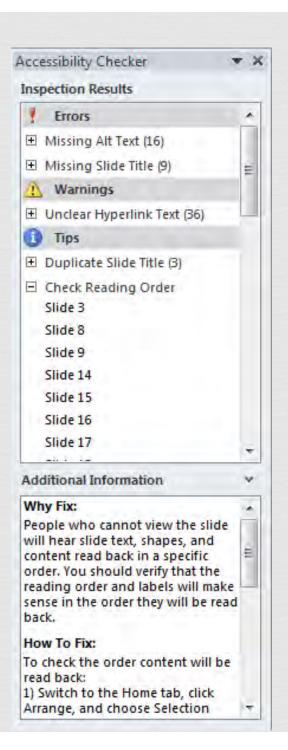


Techniques Unique to PowerPoint

- Start building slides using outline view
- Each slide needs a title (which can be hidden from view if necessary)
- Reading order is important
- Avoid using text boxes screen readers can't "see" the content. Use the layout and content boxes instead

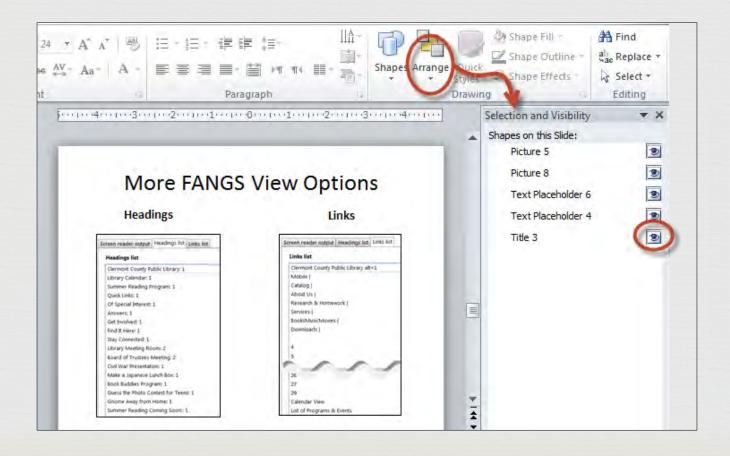
PowerPoint

- Errors are mostly missing alt text and slide titles
- Warnings hyperlinks
- Duplicate titles
- Reading order



Reading Order Oddity





508ers New Best Friends

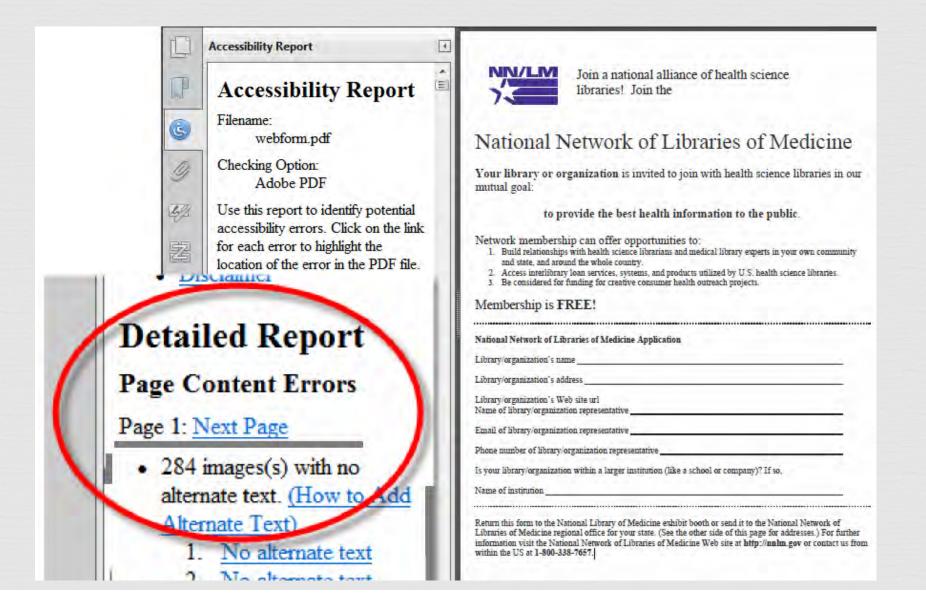
Shortcuts can be added to Quick Access toolbar:

- ✓ Right click in Quick Access toolbar
- ✓ Choose Customize Quick Access Toolbar
- ✓ Under "Choose Commands From" look at dropdown, then choose "Commands Not in the Ribbon"
- ✓ Add Accessibility Checker, Alt Text and Selection Pane (PowerPoint) for one-click access to these important tools

PDF Files

- Most complicated
- No guarantee that compliant document will retain compliancy when saved as PDF
- Structured docs work best
- Requires Acrobat Pro

PDF Files Can Cause Headaches!



A Drop in the Bucket

Type in the chat box your most pressing training needs:

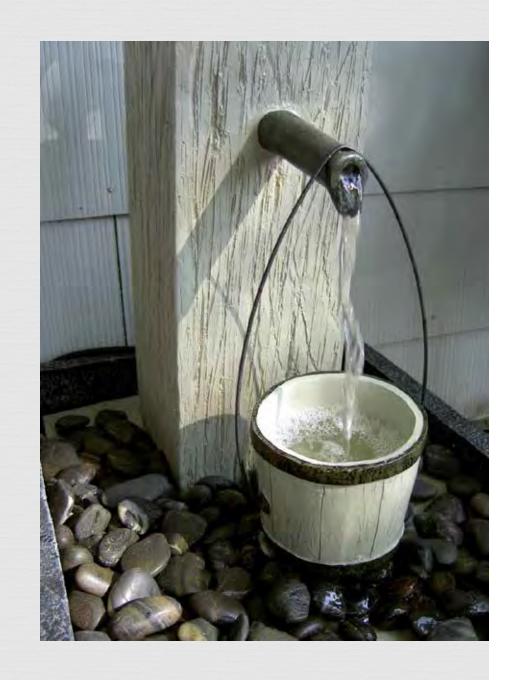
Web accessibility?

Word?

Powerpoint?

PDFs?

Other?





Form and Function

We can have our cake and eat it too

- Commitment
- Planning, budgeting
- Good design, implementation
- Testing, evaluation

Workarounds?



- Is text equivalent sufficient? NO
 - No one wants to read pages of text.
 - Images and other objects can convey meaning and be more interesting for all users
 - Plan for equivalent experience to extent possible

Summary



- Just because it passes the test...
- Build accessibility techniques into the workflow
- Find solutions, not workarounds
- Improving accessibility improves usability for all users.
- It's the right thing to do

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