



Accessibility Checklist

Basics:

- Provide descriptors, alternate text (“ALT tags”) for all images. The ALT tag should be more descriptive than “picture,” describing to the user what the picture is showing.
- Specify a title for the page and headers for the different sections of the page.
- All documents on your website should be in a screen reader accessible format. For example, if the document is a pdf with text, the pdf should not be a flattened scanned image unless it is scanned using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software.
- Make sure color is not used as the only means of conveying information (example: required fields are marked in red).
- Instructions do not rely upon sound, shape, size, or visual location (example: “A beeping sound indicates you may continue” or “Instructions are in the right-hand column”).
- Make sure the same images/icons are used consistently throughout the system for controls, status indicators, and other UI elements.
- Make sure the text and background color have enough contrast.
- Use HTML tables only for tabular data, not for layout.
- The basic HTML structure should be the same on every page. Example: first the header, then the navigation menus, then filter options, then the content, then the footer.
- Semantic markup is used to designate headings (<h1>), lists (, , and <dl>), emphasized or special text (, <code>, <abbr>, <blockquote>, for example), etc. Semantic markup is used appropriately.
- Provide audio descriptions, transcripts, and captioning for video or transcripts for audio.
- The page is readable and functional when the text size is doubled.