



Website Accessibility Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do all images have proper ALT tags? The tag should describe what the image says or represents. Decorative images should have a blank alt="" tag. Tags such as alt="dark blue corner image" are NOT helpful. General rule: Close your eyes and imagine a friend is reading the site to you. What would you want them to say?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Have you provided a method for users to skip repetitive navigation links? A simple anchor link at the top of the page will fulfill this requirement. If desired, this link can be hidden from with a CSS style of "position: absolute; top: -1000px".</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do all form elements have associated label tags? This helps visitors using screen reader programs.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the site have proper color balance and contrast? Users with vision impairments may have trouble reading low-contrast text. User's who're color-blind may experience similar problems. Visit http://colorfilter.wickline.org/ to check your site for compliance.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is all text on the site re-sizable? Specifying font sizes using ems or percentages allows the end user to increase the font size if they choose. For this reason, avoid specifying font sizes as pxs or pts.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is color used to refer to site elements? "Click the green button" is confusing to a user who may not be able to see the button or distinguish its color.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Are all multimedia elements properly transcribed and/or closed captioned? Audio and video files may not be accessible in their native form. Closed Captioning and audio transcripts provide the content to those who cannot see or hear it.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Have you properly defined tabindex attributes? Users with motor-skill impairments often navigate a site via the keyboard instead of a mouse. Adding tabindex attributes to major elements of the site will make the site easier to use.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the site still readable if style sheets are turned off? You can use the Website Accessibility Toolbar to easily check this.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Are all links descriptive and different? Some screen readers will create and read a list of all the page's hyperlinks. Lots of "click here" and "read more" links are not helpful when not in context with the original text. Use "read more about <subject>" instead.</p>
	<p>Using a free online service such as Watchfire WebXACT can help you easily locate compliance issues.</p>