

CODING FOR ADA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

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Content Best Practices
HTML Head:
Language: Ensure there is a language attribute designated in the <html> tag.
Title: Ensure there is a <title> set.
Charset: Ensure the charset is set to UTF-8 in the <meta> tag.
Page Structure:
Ensure headings are using valid HTML heading elements: <h1>, <h2>, etc.
Ensure paragraphs are using the <p> tag to allow screen readers to differentiate between headings and paragraphs.
Ensure that the reading order of content is logical.
Ensure a font size of 14px or larger on desktop versions and 16px or larger on mobile.
Ensure a line height of 4px or more than the font size.
Increase spacing between paragraphs.
Increase margins on mobile view
Avoid large blocks of center aligned copy.
Buttons: Ensure buttons are a minimum width and height of 44px.
Data Tables: Ensure valid HTML markup for table structures is used: <table>, <tbody>, <tr>, <th> for the header row and cells with correlating data (tabular data use) <i>and</i> <table>, <tbody>, <tr>, <td> for content rows and cells. (tabular data use). Do not use role="presentation" for data tables.
Lists: Ensure list items are structured using valid HTML list markup: or with .
Visual Elements:
Animation: Ensure elements blink or flash no more than three times per second.
Animation: Ensure decorative animations cycle no more than three times.
Color: Ensure text and images of text provide sufficient contrast.
Color: Ensure color is not the sole means of communicating information.
Hide Images: Use role="presentation" on image tags to be ignored by screen readers.
Hide Table Structure: Use role="presentation" on layout tables that contain content to be read by screen readers. Only add to the <table> tag. Do not add to tables of data.
Images: Provide alternative text for images using the alt attribute in the tag.
Images: Ensure text is used instead of images of text when technology allows it unless essential.
Links: Avoid using "click here" as copy for links. Use link copy with context.