Web Accessibility: 10-Step Guide



Nearly one billion people (more than 15 percent of the world's population) have some type of disability. Staying inclusive within your business practices is critical to reach as many people as possible. Your website plays a major role here.

FOLLOW THE POUR PRINCIPLES & MAKE YOUR WEBSITE:

- Perceivable.
- Operable.
- Understandable.
- Robust.

10 TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR WEB SPACE AND ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY

1. Select the Right CMS

Decide on a content management system (CMS) that checks all the boxes related to website functionality, content creation, user management, and development and maintenance.

2. Add Alt-Text

Generating unique and powerful alt-text will allow users who cannot view the imagery to be able to interpret the feeling and emotion behind it. It's also important for screen readers when reading the description aloud to users who cannot visually interpret the image.

3. Use Both Words and Images

Add text when you intend to use a color cue. You must make your message clear by not only using colors or visuals but words as well.

4. Use Proper Headings

Utilize different text sizes for headings, subheadings, and sections to emphasize to your reader the order of importance, and always arrange your headings (H1, H2, H3, etc.) with a logical structure so they make sense to the reader.

5. Choose Easy-to-Read Fonts

Opt for easy-to-read fonts that readers don't have to strain their eyes in order to read.

6. Ensure Proper Color Contrast

Nearly **84 percent** of home pages in 2022 had low-contrast text. Pay close attention to the color of both the background and the text itself.



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7. Be Keyboard-Friendly

Make sure your website is functional for users who aren't using a traditional desktop and mouse. This will require a code setup and rounds of testing.

8. Don't Neglect Mobile Users

Mobile accounts for over half of web traffic, so you have to be aware of those who are viewing your content on smartphones, tablets, or similar devices.

9. Include Captions and Transcripts

Viewers with hearing impairments and/or disabilities that may impede their ability to view certain photo or video content rely heavily on descriptive captions and video transcripts.

10. Test!

This is your trial-and-error period. Test your website to ensure it meets accessibility standards through a tool like <u>accessiBe</u>.



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Put our team of content strategists, designers, and developers to work!

Contact us today, and we'll get you on the road to making your website an allencompassing user experience.

