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Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Mapping of WCAG 2.0 Sufficient Techniques to Security Issues*

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WCAG 2.0 S Category	rufficient Techniques Technique	Security 1 2	•	5	6	7	8
General							—
Techniques	G1: Adding a link at the top of each page that goes directly to the main content area						
	G4: Allowing the content to be paused and restarted from where it was paused			•	•		
	G5: Allowing users to complete an activity without any time limit				•		
	G8: Providing a movie with extended audio descriptions	•	•				
	G9: Creating captions for live synchronized media						
	G10: Creating components using a technology that supports the accessibility API features of the platforms on which the user agents will be run to expose the names and roles, allow us	0		•			
	G11: Creating content that blinks for less than 5 seconds						
	G13: Describing what will happen before a change to a form control that causes a change of context to occur is made						
	G14: Ensuring that information conveyed by color differences is also available in text	•					
	G15: Using a tool to ensure that content does not violate the general flash threshold or red flash threshold						
	G17: Ensuring that a contrast ratio of at least 7:1 exists between text (and images of text) and background behind the text						
	G18: Ensuring that a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 exists between text (and images of text) and background behind the text						
	G19: Ensuring that no component of the content flashes more than three times in any 1-second period						
	G21: Ensuring that users are not trapped in content			•			
	G53: Identifying the purpose of a link using link text combined with the text of the enclosing sentence	•					
	G54: Including a sign language interpreter in the video stream						
	G55: Linking to definitions						
	G56: Mixing audio files so that non-speech sounds are at least 20 decibels lower than the speech audio content						
	G57: Ordering the content in a meaningful sequence	_					
	G58: Placing a link to the alternative for time-based media immediately next to the non-text content	•					
	G59: Placing the interactive elements in an order that follows sequences and relationships within the content						
	G60: Playing a sound that turns off automatically within three seconds						
	G61: Presenting repeated components in the same relative order each time they appear						
	G62: Providing a glossary	•					
	G63: Providing a site map						
	G64: Providing a Table of Contents						
	G65: Providing a breadcrumb trail	_					
	G68: Providing a descriptive label that describes the purpose of live audio-only and live video-only content	•					
	G69: Providing an alternative for time based media	•					
	G70: Providing a function to search an online dictionary	•					
	G71: Providing a help link on every Web page	_					
	G73: Providing a long description in another location with a link to it that is immediately adjacent to the non-text content	•					
	G74: Providing a long description in text near the non-text content, with a reference to the location of the long description in the short description	•		_			
	G75: Providing a mechanism to postpone any updating of content			•			
	G76: Providing a mechanism to request an update of the content instead of updating automatically			•			
	G78: Providing a second, user-selectable, audio track that includes audio descriptions		•				
	G79: Providing a spoken version of the text		•				
	G80: Providing a submit button to initiate a change of context						

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	G81: Providing a synchronized video of the sign language interpreter that can be displayed in a different viewport or overlaid on the image by the player	•
	G82: Providing a text alternative that identifies the purpose of the non-text content	•
	G83: Providing text descriptions to identify required fields that were not completed	•
	G84: Providing a text description when the user provides information that is not in the list of allowed values	•
	G85: Providing a text description when user input falls outside the required format or values	•
	G86: Providing a text summary that requires reading ability less advanced than the upper secondary education level	•
	G87: Providing closed captions	•
	G88: Providing descriptive titles for Web pages	•
	G89: Providing expected data format and example	•
	G90: Providing keyboard-triggered event handlers	•
	G91: Providing link text that describes the purpose of a link	•
	G92: Providing long description for non-text content that serves the same purpose and presents the same information	•
	G93: Providing open (always visible) captions	•
	G94: Providing short text alternative for non-text content that serves the same purpose and presents the same information as the non-text content	•
	G95: Providing short text alternatives that provide a brief description of the non-text content	•
	G96: Providing textual identification of items that otherwise rely only on sensory information to be understood	•
	G97: Providing the abbreviation immediately following the expanded form	•
	G98: Providing the ability for the user to review and correct answers before submitting	
	G99: Providing the ability to recover deleted information	•
	G100: Providing the accepted name or a descriptive name of the non-text content	•
	G101: Providing the definition of a word or phrase used in an unusual or restricted way	
	G102: Providing the expansion or explanation of an abbreviation	•
	G103: Providing visual illustrations, pictures, and symbols to help explain ideas, events, and processes	•
	G105: Saving data so that it can be used after a user re-authenticates	• •
	G107: Using "activate" rather than "focus" as a trigger for changes of context	
	G108: Using markup features to expose the name and role, allow user-settable properties to be directly set, and provide notification of changes	•
	G110: Using an instant client-side redirect	
	G111: Using color and pattern	
	G112: Using inline definitions	
	G115: Using semantic elements to mark up structure	
	G117: Using text to convey information that is conveyed by variations in presentation of text	•
	G120: Providing the pronunciation immediately following the word	•
	G121: Linking to pronunciations	
	G122: Including a text cue whenever color cues are used	•
	G123: Adding a link at the beginning of a block of repeated content to go to the end of the block	
	G124: Adding links at the top of the page to each area of the content	
	G125: Providing links to navigate to related Web pages	
	G126: Providing a list of links to all other Web pages	
	G127: Identifying a Web page's relationship to a larger collection of Web pages	
	G128: Indicating current location within navigation bars	
	G130: Providing descriptive headings	
	G131: Providing descriptive labels	•
	G133: Providing a checkbox on the first page of a multipart form that allows users to ask for longer session time limit or no session time limit	•
	G134: Validating Web pages	•
	G135: Using the accessibility API features of a technology to expose names and roles, to allow user-settable properties to be directly set, and to provide notification of changes	•

G136: Providing a link at the beginning of a nonconforming Web page that points to a conforming alternate version

G140: Separating information and structure from presentation to enable different presentations

G138: Using semantic markup whenever color cues are used G139: Creating a mechanism that allows users to jump to errors

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G141: Organizing a page using headings				
G142: Using a technology that has commonly-available user agents that support zoom				
G143: Providing a text alternative that describes the purpose of the CAPTCHA	•			
G144: Ensuring that the Web Page contains another CAPTCHA serving the same purpose using a different modality	•	•		
G145: Ensuring that a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 exists between text (and images of text) and background behind the text				
G146: Using liquid layout				
G148: Not specifying background color, not specifying text color, and not using technology features that change those defaults				
G149: Using user interface components that are highlighted by the user agent when they receive focus				
G150: Providing text based alternatives for live audio-only content	•	•		
G151: Providing a link to a text transcript of a prepared statement or script if the script is followed	•	•		
G152: Setting animated gif images to stop blinking after n cycles (within 5 seconds)				
G153: Making the text easier to read				
G155: Providing a checkbox in addition to a submit button	•			
G156: Using a technology that has commonly-available user agents that can change the foreground and background of blocks of text				
G157: Incorporating a live audio captioning service into a Web page		•		
G158: Providing an alternative for time-based media for audio-only content		•		
G159: Providing an alternative for time-based media for video-only content		•		
G160: Providing sign language versions of information, ideas, and processes that must be understood in order to use the content		•		
G161: Providing a search function to help users find content				
G162: Positioning labels to maximize predictability of relationships	•			
G163: Using standard diacritical marks that can be turned off	•			
G164: Providing a stated period of time after submission of the form when the order can be updated or canceled by the user	•			
G165: Using the default focus indicator for the platform so that high visibility default focus indicators will carry over				
G166: Providing audio that describes the important video content and describing it as such		•		
G167: Using an adjacent button to label the purpose of a field	•			
G168: Requesting confirmation to continue with selected action	•			
G169: Aligning text on only one side				
G170: Providing a control near the beginning of the Web page that turns off sounds that play automatically				
G171: Playing sounds only on user request				
G172: Providing a mechanism to remove full justification of text			•	
G173: Providing a version of a movie with audio descriptions	•	•		
G174: Providing a control with a sufficient contrast ratio that allows users to switch to a presentation that uses sufficient contrast			•	
G175: Providing a multi color selection tool on the page for foreground and background colors			•	
G176: Keeping the flashing area small enough				
G177: Providing suggested correction text	•			
G178: Providing controls on the Web page that allow users to incrementally change the size of all text on the page up to 200 percent			•	
G179: Ensuring that there is no loss of content or functionality when the text resizes and text containers do not resize				
G180: Providing the user with a means to set the time limit to 10 times the default time limit			•	
G181: Encoding user data as hidden or encrypted data in a re-authorization page			•	
G182: Ensuring that additional visual cues are available when text color differences are used to convey information				
G183: Using a contrast ratio of 3:1 with surrounding text and providing additional visual cues on focus for links or controls where color alone is used to identify them				
G184: Providing text instructions at the beginning of a form or set of fields that describes the necessary input	•			
G185: Linking to all of the pages on the site from the home page				
G186: Using a control in the Web page that stops moving, blinking, or auto-updating content			•	
G187: Using a technology to include blinking content that can be turned off via the user agent				
G188: Providing a button on the page to increase line spaces and paragraph spaces			•	
G189: Providing a control near the beginning of the Web page that changes the link text			•	
G190: Providing a link adjacent to or associated with a non-conforming object that links to a conforming alternate version				
G191: Providing a link, button, or other mechanism that reloads the page without any blinking content			•	

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	G192: Fully conforming to specifications	•
	G193: Providing help by an assistant in the Web page	
	G194: Providing spell checking and suggestions for text input	
	G195: Using an author-supplied, highly visible focus indicator	
	G196: Using a text alternative on one item within a group of images that describes all items in the group	
	G197: Using labels, names, and text alternatives consistently for content that has the same functionality	
	G198: Providing a way for the user to turn the time limit off	•
	G199: Providing success feedback when data is submitted successfully	
HTML and	•	
XHTML		
Techniques	H2: Combining adjacent image and text links for the same resource	
	H4: Creating a logical tab order through links, form controls, and objects	
	H24: Providing text alternatives for the area elements of image maps	
	H25: Providing a title using the title element	
	H27: Providing text and non-text alternatives for object	
	H28: Providing definitions for abbreviations by using the abbr and acronym elements	
	H30: Providing link text that describes the purpose of a link for anchor elements	
	H32: Providing submit buttons	

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H33: Supplementing link text with the title attribute
H34: Using a Unicode right-to-left mark (RLM) or left-to-right mark (LRM) to mix text direction inline
H35: Providing text alternatives on applet elements
H36: Using alt attributes on images used as submit buttons
H37: Using alt attributes on img elements
H39: Using caption elements to associate data table captions with data tables
H40: Using definition lists

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H42: Using h1-h6 to identify headings
H43: Using id and headers attributes to associate data cells with header cells in data tables
H44: Using label elements to associate text labels with form controls
H45: Using longdesc
H46: Using noembed with embed
H48: Using ol, ul and dl for lists

H49: Using semantic markup to mark emphasized or special text	
H50: Using structural elements to group links	
H51: Using table markup to present tabular information	
H53: Using the body of the object element	•
H54: Using the dfn element to identify the defining instance of a word	

H56: Using the dir attribute on an inline element to resolve problems with nested directional runs	
H57: Using language attributes on the html element	
H58: Using language attributes to identify changes in the human language	
H59: Using the link element and navigation tools	
H60: Using the link element to link to a glossary	
H62: Using the ruby element	•
H63: Using the scope attribute to associate header cells and data cells in data tables	

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164: Using the title attribute of the frame and iframe elements
H65: Using the title attribute to identify form controls when the label element cannot be used
167: Using null alt text and no title attribute on img elements for images that AT should ignore
169: Providing heading elements at the beginning of each section of content

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H70: Using frame elements to group blocks of repeated material	
H71: Providing a description for groups of form controls using fieldset and legend elements	

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	H73: Using the summary attribute of the table element to give an overview of data tables H74: Ensuring that opening and closing tags are used according to specification H75: Ensuring that Web pages are well-formed H76: Using meta refresh to create an instant client-side redirect H77: Identifying the purpose of a link using link text combined with its enclosing list item H78: Identifying the purpose of a link using link text combined with its enclosing paragraph H79: Identifying the purpose of a link using link text combined with its enclosing table cell and associated table headings H80: Identifying the purpose of a link using link text combined with the preceding heading element H81: Identifying the purpose of a link in a nested list using link text combined with the parent list item under which the list is nested H83: Using the target attribute to open a new window on user request and indicating this in link text H84: Using a button with a select element to perform an action H85: Using OPTGROUP to group OPTION elements inside a SELECT H86: Providing text alternatives for ASCII art, emoticons, and leetspeak H87: Not interfering with the user agent's reflow of text as the viewing window is narrowed H88: Using HTML according to spec H99: Using the title attribute to provide context-sensitive help H90: Indicating required form controls H91: Using HTML form controls and links	•	•	•
CSS Techniques	C6: Positioning content based on structural markup C7: Using CSS to hide a portion of the link text C8: Using CSS letter-spacing to control spacing within a word C9: Using CSS to include decorative images C12: Using percent for font sizes C13: Using named font sizes C14: Using named font sizes C15: Using cSS to change the presentation of a user interface component when it receives focus C17: Scaling form elements which contain text C18: Using CSS to change the presentation of a user interface component when it receives focus C17: Scaling form elements which contain text C18: Using CSS margin and padding rules instead of spacer images for layout design C19: Specifying alignment either to the left OR right in CSS C20: Using relative measurements to set column widths so that lines can average 80 characters or less when the browser is resized C21: Specifying line spacing in CSS C22: Using CSS to control visual presentation of text C23: Specifying text and background colors of secondary content such as banners, features and navigation in CSS while not specifying text and background colors of the main content C24: Using percentage values in CSS for container sizes C25: Specifying borders and layout in CSS to delineate areas of a Web page while not specifying text and text-background colors C26: Providing options within the content to switch to a layout that does not require the user to scroll horizontally to read a line of text C27: Making the DOM order match the visual order C28: Specifying the size of text containers using em units C29: Using a style switcher to provide a conforming alternate version C30: Using CSS to replace text with images of text and providing user interface controls to switch	•	•	
Client-side Scripting Techniques	SCR1: Allowing the user to extend the default time limit SCR2: Using redundant keyboard and mouse event handlers SCR14: Using scripts to make nonessential alerts optional SCR16: Providing a script that warns the user a time limit is about to expire SCR18: Providing client-side validation and alert		•	•

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	SCR19: Using an onchange event on a select element without causing a change of context		
	SCR20: Using both keyboard and other device-specific functions		•
	SCR21: Using functions of the Document Object Model (DOM) to add content to a page	•	•
	SCR22: Using scripts to control blinking and stop it in five seconds or less		•
	SCR24: Using progressive enhancement to open new windows on user request		
	SCR26: Inserting dynamic content into the Document Object Model immediately following its trigger element		•
	SCR27: Reordering page sections using the Document Object Model		•
	SCR28: Using an expandable and collapsible menu to bypass block of content		•
	SCR29: Adding keyboard-accessible actions to static HTML elements		
	SCR30: Using scripts to change the link text	•	•
	SCR31: Using script to change the background color or border of the element with focus		•
	SCR32: Providing client-side validation and adding error text via the DOM		•
	SCR33: Using script to scroll content, and providing a mechanism to pause it		• •
	SCR34: Calculating size and position in a way that scales with text size		
	SCR35: Making actions keyboard accessible by using the onclick event of anchors and buttons SCR36: Providing a mechanism to allow users to display moving, scrolling, or auto-updating text in a static window or area		
	SCR30: Providing a mechanism to allow users to display moving, scrolling, or auto-updating text in a static window or area SCR37: Creating Custom Dialogs in a Device Independent Way	•	•
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Scripting	•		
Technique	s SVR1: Implementing automatic redirects on the server side instead of on the client side		
	SVR2: Using .htaccess to ensure that the only way to access non-conforming content is from conforming content		
	SVR3: Using HTTP referer to ensure that the only way to access non-conforming content is from conforming content		
	SVR4: Allowing users to provide preferences for the display of conforming alternate versions		
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Technique	s SM1: Adding extended audio description in SMIL 1.0 SM2: Adding extended audio description in SMIL 2.0	•	•
	SM6: Providing audio description in SMIL 1.0		•
	SM7: Providing audio description in SMIL 2.0	·	•
	SM11: Providing audio description in SMIL 2.0 SM11: Providing captions through synchronized text streams in SMIL 1.0	•	•
	SM12: Providing captions through synchronized text streams in SMIL 2.0	•	•
	SM13: Providing sign language interpretation through synchronized video streams in SMIL 1.0	_	-
	SM14: Providing sign language interpretation through synchronized video streams in SMIL 2.0		
Plain Text			
Technique	s T1: Using standard text formatting conventions for paragraphs		
	T2: Using standard text formatting conventions for lists		
	T3: Using standard text formatting conventions for headings		
ARIA			
Technique			
	ARIA2: Identifying required fields with the "required" property		
	ARIA3: Identifying valid range information with the "valuemin" and "valuemax" properties		
	ARIA4: Using Accessible Rich Internet Applications to programmatically identify form fields as required		