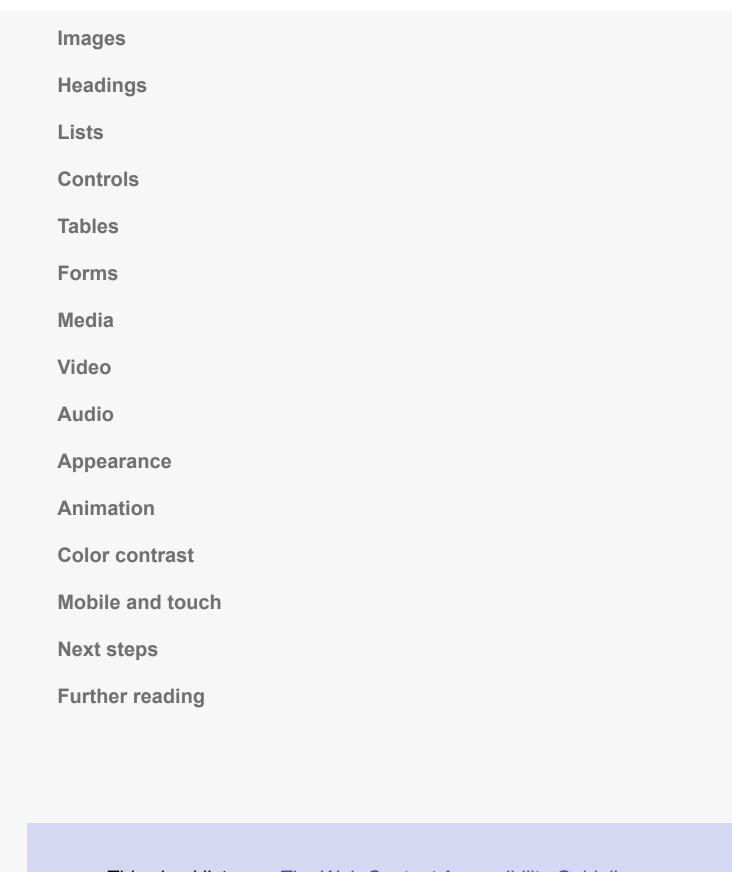
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This checklist uses <u>The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines</u> (WCAG) as a reference point. The WCAG is a shared standard for web content accessibility for individuals, organizations, and governments.

There are three levels of accessibility compliance in the WCAG, which reflect the priority of support:

A: Essential

If this isn't met, assistive technology may not be able to read, understand, or fully operate the page or view.

AA: Ideal Support

Required for <u>multiple government and public body websites</u>. The A11Y Project strives for AA compliance.

AAA: Specialized Support

This is typically reserved for parts of websites and web apps that serve a specialized audience.

This checklist targets many, but not all level A and AA concerns. Note that the different levels of WCAG support do not necessarily indicate an increased level of difficulty to implement.

Success criteria

Each item on this checklist has a corresponding WCAG "success criterion."

Success criterion are the specific, testable rules that power the WCAG, described by a reference number and short title. For example, the rule about text resizing is called <u>1.4.4 Resize text</u>.

Some accessibility issues may have multiple success criterion apply to them. We have identified the one most relevant for each checklist item.

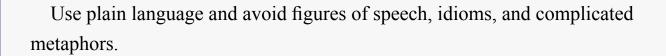
Does this checklist guarantee my site is accessible?

No. However, addressing the issues called out in this checklist will help improve the experience for everyone who uses your site.

The issues this checklist prompts you to check for covers a wide range of disability conditions. There is no such thing as "perfect accessibility" or a site being "100% accessible." You should be wary of companies and services that make such promises. If you need professional accessibility help, use professional accessibility services.

Content

Content is the most important part of your site.



Make sure that button, a, and label element content is unique and descriptive.

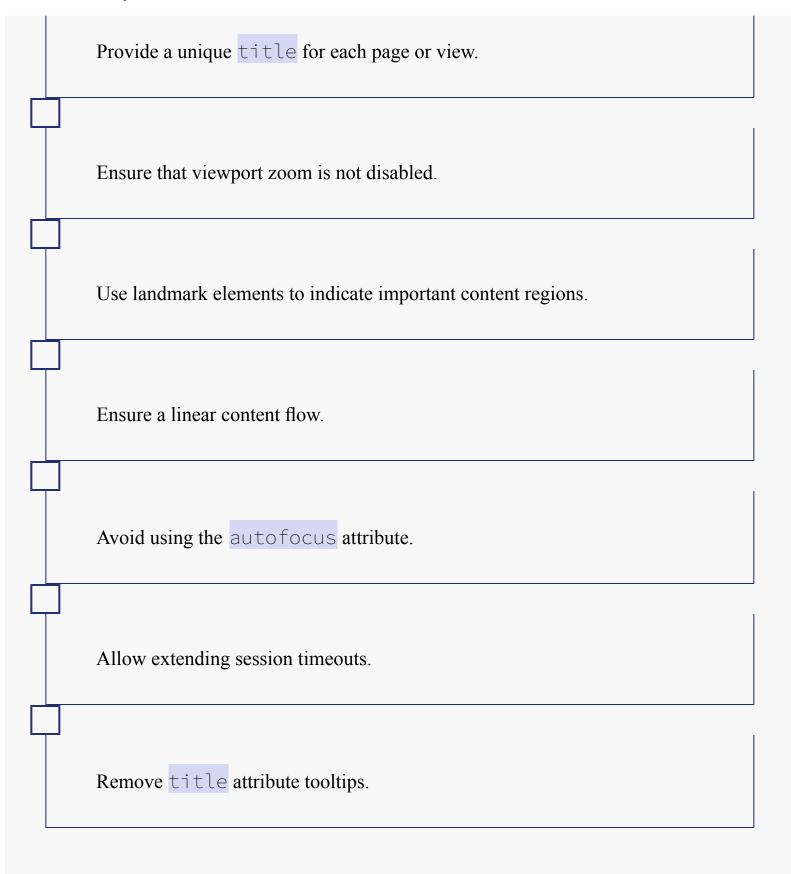
Use left-aligned text for left-to-right (LTR) languages, and right-aligned text for right-to-left (RTL) languages.

Global code

Global code is code that affects your entire website or web app.

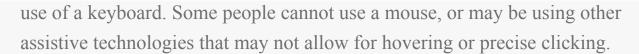
Validate your HTML.

Use a lang attribute on the html element.



Keyboard

It is important that your interface and content can be operated, and navigated by



Make sure there is a visible focus style for interactive elements that are navigated to via keyboard input.

Check to see that keyboard focus order matches the visual layout.

Remove invisible focusable elements.

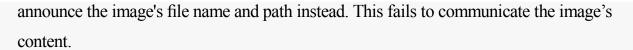
Images

Images are a very common part of most websites. Help make sure they can be enjoyed by all.

Make sure that all img elements have an alt attribute.

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alt attributes (alt text) give a description of an image for people who may not be able to view them. When an alt attribute isn't present on an image, a screen reader may



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Make sure that decorative images use null alt (empty) attribute values.

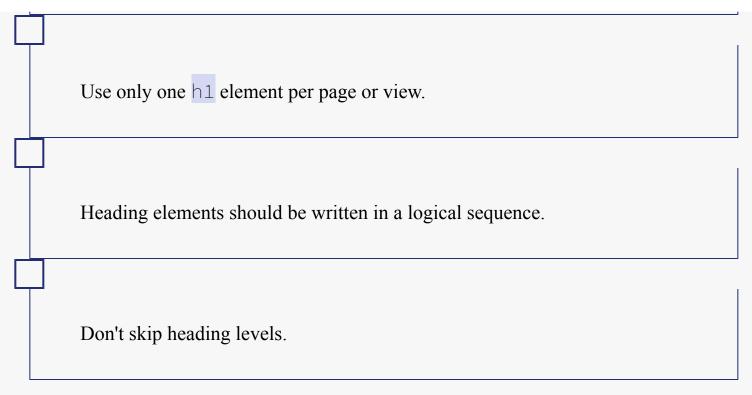
Provide a text alternative for complex images such as charts, graphs, and maps.

For images containing text, make sure the alt description includes the image's text.

Headings

Heading elements (h1, h2, h3, etc.) help break up the content of the page into related "chunks" of information. They are incredibly important for helping people who use assistive technology to understand the meaning of a page or view.

Use heading elements to introduce content.



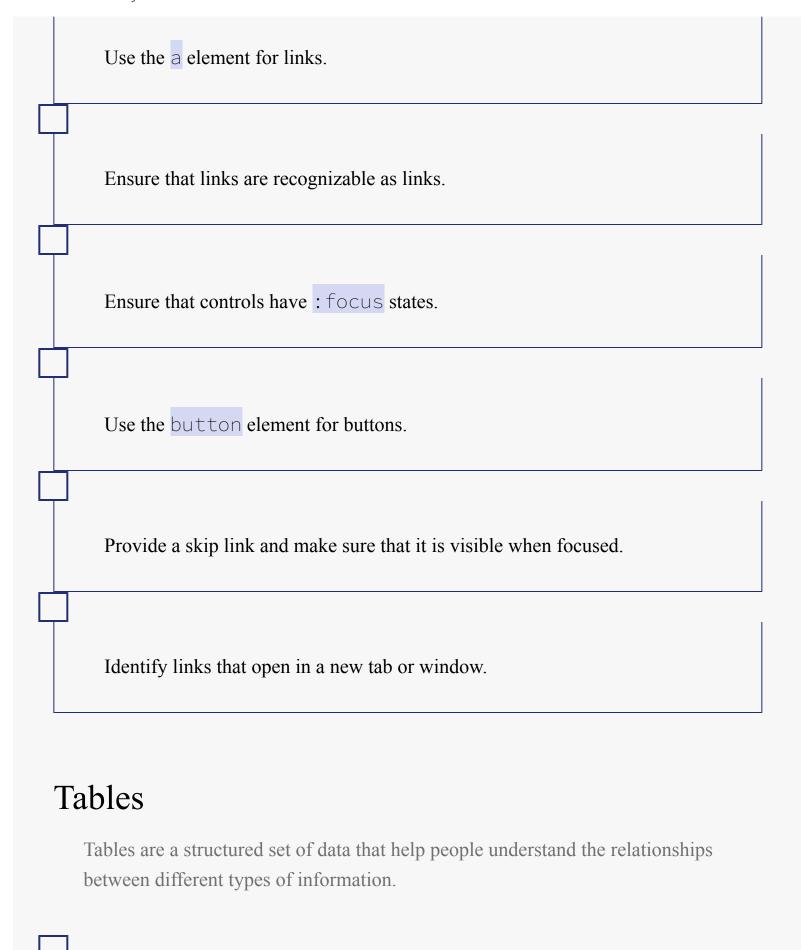
Lists

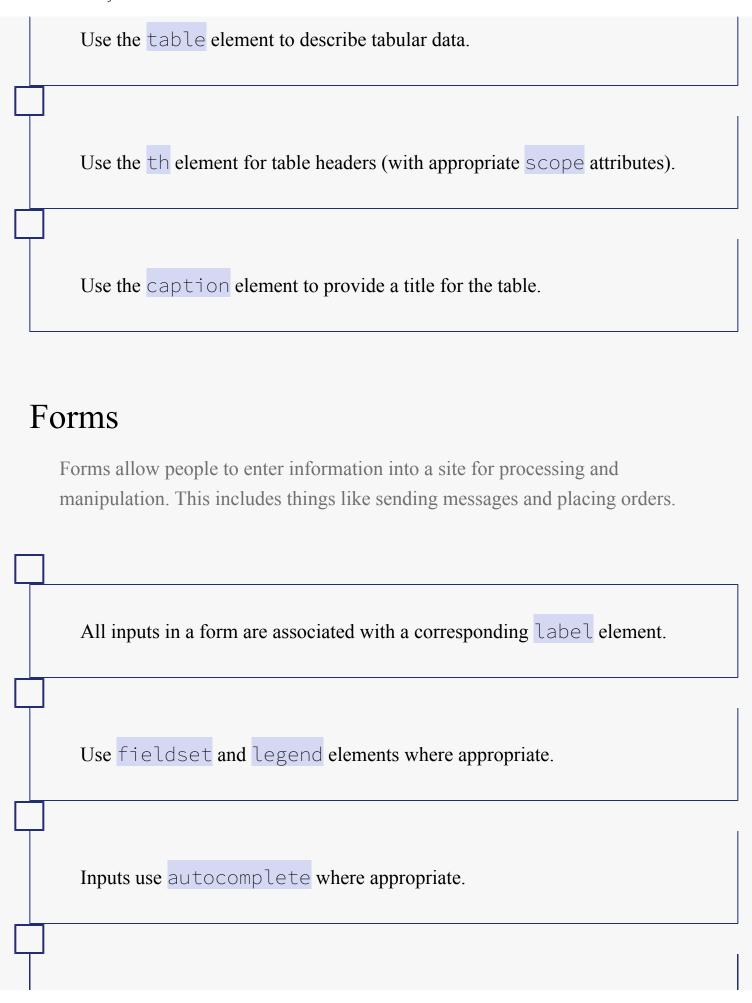
Lists elements let people know a collection of items are related and if they are sequential, and how many items are present in the list grouping.

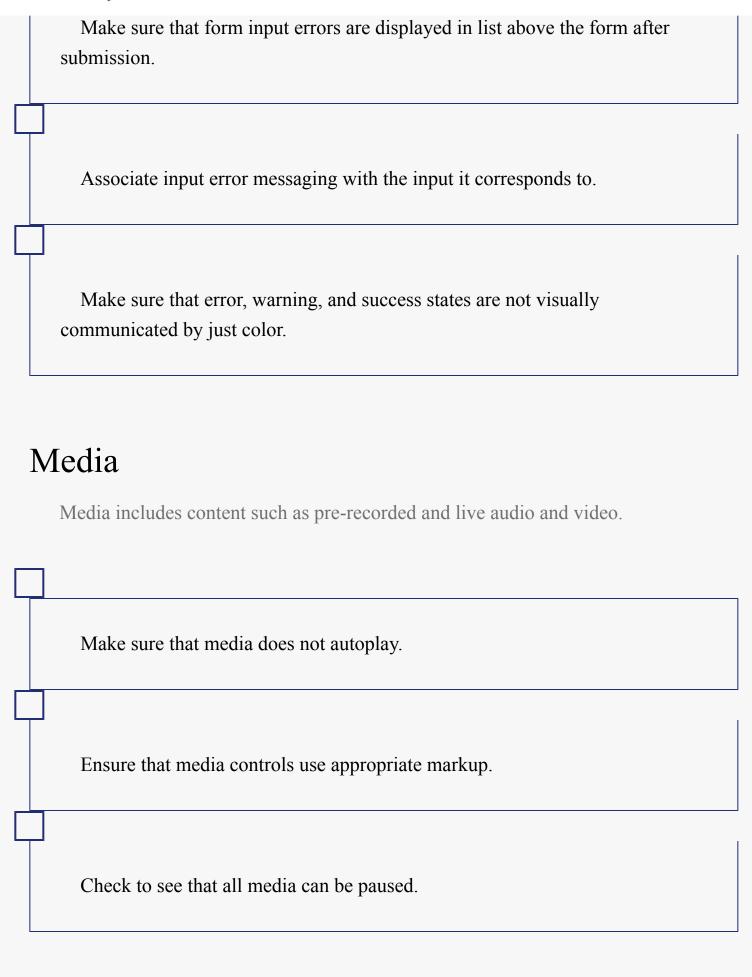
Use list elements (ol, ul, and dl elements) for list content.

Controls

Controls are interactive elements such as links and buttons that let a person navigate to a destination or perform an action.







Video
Video-specific checks.
Confirm the presence of captions.
Remove seizure triggers.
Audio Audio-specific checks.
Confirm that transcripts are available.
Appearance How your website app content looks in any given situation.
Check your content in specialized browsing modes.

Ensure animations are subtle and do not flash too much.

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Check the contrast of borders for input elements (text input, radio buttons,



Next steps

Remember to periodically check your site to ensure it is still accessible. The A11Y Project also strongly encourages you to verify your testing by <u>hiring a professional tester</u>.

Further reading

TetraLogical has a good in-depth, yet still <u>high-level explanation of the WCAG</u>. Check it out if you want to learn more about its history and principles.



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