



## HTML Accessibility Review ✓

### Introduction to Accessibility

- **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines:** The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) provide a set of guidelines to make web content more accessible to people with disabilities. The four principles of WCAG are Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, and Robust.

### Assistive Technology for Accessibility

- **Screen readers:** Software programs that read the content of a computer screen out loud, allowing visually impaired users to access the web.
- **Large text or braille keyboards:** Used by people with visual impairments to access the web.
- **Screen magnifiers:** Software programs that enlarge the content of a computer screen, allowing users with low vision to access the web.
- **Alternative pointing devices:** Used by people with mobility impairments to access the web, including trackballs, and touchpads.
- **Voice recognition:** Used by people with mobility impairments to access the web. It allows users to control their computer using voice commands.

### Accessibility Auditing Tools

- **Common Accessibility Tools:** Google Lighthouse, Wave, IBM Equal Accessibility Checker, and others are common accessibility tools used to audit the accessibility of a website.

### Accessibility Best Practices

- **Proper heading level structure:** You should use proper heading levels to create a logical structure for your website, making it easier for users using assistive technologies to understand the content of your website.
- **Accessibility and Tables:** When using tables, you should use the `<th>` element to define header cells. This helps people using assistive technologies understand the structure of the table. You should also use the `<caption>` element to provide a caption (or title) of a table, so users, especially those who use assistive technologies, can provide more context by announcing the caption content. You should place the `<caption>` element immediately after the opening tag of the table, so that screen readers and other assistive technologies can provide more context by announcing the caption content.
- **Importance for inputs to have an associated label:** You should use the `<label>` element to provide a label for form inputs, so that people using assistive technologies understand the purpose of the input.



assistive technologies understand the content of the image.

- **Importance of good link text:** You should use descriptive link text to help users using assistive technologies understand the purpose of the link.
- **Best practices for making audio and video content accessible:** You should provide content to make it accessible to people with hearing impairments. You should also provide audio content accessible to people with visual impairments.
- **tabindex attribute:** Used to make elements focusable and define the relative order of elements on the keyboard. It is important to never use the `tabindex` attribute with a value greater than -1. For more information, review the prior lecture video on keyboard accessibility.

```
<p tabindex="-1">Sorry, there was an error with your submission.</p>
```

- **accesskey attribute:** Used to define a keyboard shortcut for an element. This can help users navigate the website more easily.

```
<button accesskey="s">Save</button>
```

```
<button accesskey="c">Cancel</button>
```

```
<a href="index.html" accesskey="h">Home</a>
```

## WAI-ARIA, Roles, and Attributes

- **WAI-ARIA:** It stands for Web Accessibility Initiative - Accessible Rich Internet Applications. It provides additional information to assistive technologies to improve accessibility. It provides additional information to assistive technologies to understand the content.
- **ARIA roles:** A set of predefined roles that can be added to HTML elements to define their purpose and functionality. Examples include `role="tab"`.

There are six main categories of ARIA roles:

- **Document structure roles:** These roles define the overall structure of the web page. They help assistive technologies understand the relationships between different sections and help users navigate the page.
- **Widget roles:** These roles define the purpose and functionality of interactive elements.
- **Landmark roles:** These roles classify and label the primary sections of a web page. They help users navigate to important sections of a page.
- **Live region roles:** These roles define elements with content that will change dynamically. They help assistive technologies announce changes to users with visual disabilities.
- **Window roles:** These roles define sub-windows, like pop up modal dialogues. These roles help users understand the context of the content.
- **Abstract roles:** These roles help organize the document. They're only meant to be used by assistive technologies. You should know that they exist but you shouldn't use them on your websites or web applications.



which helps people using assistive technology (such as screen readers) understand the visual label for an element is an image or symbol rather than text. `aria-label` attribute while `aria-labelledby` allows you to reference existing text on the page

```
<button aria-label="Search">
  <i class="fas fa-search"></i>
</button>
```

```
<input type="text" aria-labelledby="search-btn">
<button type="button" id="search-btn">Search</button>
```

- `aria-hidden` attribute: Used to hide an element from assistive technologies such as screen readers. It is used to hide decorative images that do not provide any meaningful content.

```
<button>
  <i class="fa-solid fa-gear" aria-hidden="true"></i>
  <span class="label">Settings</span>
</button>
```

- `aria-expanded` attribute: Used to convey the state of a toggle (or disclosure) feature.

```
<button aria-expanded="true">Menu</button>
```

- `aria-live` attribute: Used to indicate that an element's content is important enough to be announced immediately to screen reader users. This can include status messages returned from a search, or an error message displayed after an unsuccessful form submission.

```
<div aria-live="assertive">
  <p>Your session will expire in 30 seconds.</p>
</div>
```

```
<div aria-live="polite">
  <p>File successfully uploaded</p>
</div>
```



These attributes can be used to indicate the state of an element and help people using the website.

- **aria-haspopup** attribute: This state is used to indicate that an interactive element can only use the **aria-haspopup** attribute when the pop-up has one of the following **dialog**. The value of **aria-haspopup** must be either one of these roles or **true**, \

```
<button id="menubutton" aria-haspopup="menu" aria-controls="filemenu">
<ul id="filemenu" role="menu" aria-labelledby="menubutton" hidden>
  <li role="menuitem" tabindex="-1">Open</li>
  <li role="menuitem" tabindex="-1">New</li>
  <li role="menuitem" tabindex="-1">Save</li>
  <li role="menuitem" tabindex="-1">Delete</li>
</ul>
```

- **aria-checked** attribute: This attribute is used to indicate whether an element is in creating custom checkboxes, radio buttons, switches, and listboxes.

```
<div role="checkbox" aria-checked="true" tabindex="0">Checkbox</div>
```

- **aria-disabled** attribute: This state is used to indicate that an element is disabled screen readers.

```
<div role="button" tabindex="-1" aria-disabled="true">Edit</div>
```

- **aria-selected** attribute: This state is used to indicate that an element is selected. tabbed interface, a listbox, or a grid.

```
<div role="tablist">
  <button role="tab" aria-selected="true">Tab 1</button>
  <button role="tab" aria-selected="false">Tab 2</button>
  <button role="tab" aria-selected="false">Tab 3</button>
</div>
```

- **aria-controls** attribute: Used to associate an element with another element that technologies understand the relationship between the elements.



```
<button role="tab" id="tab1" aria-controls="section1" aria-selected="true">
  Tab 1
</button>
<button role="tab" id="tab2" aria-controls="section2" aria-selected="false">
  Tab 2
</button>
<button role="tab" id="tab3" aria-controls="section3" aria-selected="false">
  Tab 3
</button>
</div>
```

- **aria-describedby** attribute: Used to provide additional information about an element that contains the information. This gives people using screen readers immediate access to the element. Common usage would include associating formatting instructions to a text input or an invalid form submission.

```
<form>
  <label for="password">Password:</label>
  <input type="password" id="password" aria-describedby="password-help">
  <p id="password-help">Your password must be at least 8 characters long.</p>
</form>
```

## Assignment

Review the HTML Accessibility topics and concepts.

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