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Abstract

This Techniques for WCAG 2.0 document provides guidance for web content authors and evaluators on meeting [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0 \[WCAG20\]](#) success criteria. It is part of a series of documents published by the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) to support WCAG 2.0. For an introduction to WCAG, supporting technical documents, and educational material, see [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) Overview](#).

Techniques are informative—that means they are not required. The basis for determining conformance to WCAG 2.0 is the success criteria from the [WCAG 2.0 standard](#)—not the techniques. For important information about techniques, please see the [Understanding Techniques for WCAG Success Criteria](#) section of Understanding WCAG 2.0.

Techniques for WCAG 2.0 is not intended to be used as a stand-alone document. Instead, it is expected that content authors will usually use [How to Meet WCAG 2.0: A customizable quick reference](#) to read the WCAG success criteria, and follow links from there to specific topics in Understanding WCAG 2.0 and to specific techniques.

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This is a Working Group Note “Techniques for WCAG 2.0”. These techniques are produced by the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Working Group](#) to provide guidance about how to conform to the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0 Recommendation](#). Techniques are referenced from [Understanding WCAG 2.0](#) and [How to Meet WCAG 2.0](#). Please note that the contents of this document are informative (they provide guidance), and not normative (they do not set requirements for conforming to WCAG 2.0).

WCAG 2.0 Techniques was [previously published on 11 December 2008](#) as a Working Group Note and updated 14 October 2010, 3 January 2012, 5 September 2013, 3 March 2014, 8 April 2014, and 16 September 2014. This new version updates the support information provided for WCAG 2.0. Note that WCAG 2.0 itself remains unchanged, only the informative support materials have been updated. Primary changes include clarifications based on input from the public and translators. In addition to changes visible in the diff-marked version, the following broader changes were

made:

- HTML Technique H87 has been removed and replaced by a new [G204: Not interfering with the user agent's reflow of text as the viewing window is narrowed](#);
- HTML Technique H92 has been removed and replaced by a new [G205: Including a text cue for colored form control labels](#);
- CSS Technique C26 has been removed and replaced by a new [G206: 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](#);
- HTML Technique H27 has been removed because it was determined to be a duplicate of [H53: Using the body of the object element](#) (HTML) .
- Failure Technique F76 has been removed because it was determined to be too unclear to define an absolute failure condition.

The changes are highlighted in the [diff-marked version](#).

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Materials from the public to assist in documenting techniques are particularly welcomed. Please use the [Techniques Submission Form](#) to submit techniques.

This document has been produced as part of the W3C [Web Accessibility Initiative](#) (WAI). The goals of the WCAG Working Group are discussed in the [WCAG Working Group charter](#). The WCAG Working Group is part of the [WAI Technical Activity](#).

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