

Accessibility

Crash Course

What is accessibility?



Digital accessibility is the ability of a website, mobile application or electronic document to be **easily navigated** and **understood** by a wide range of users, **including** those users who have **visual**, **auditory**, **motor** or **cognitive** disabilities.

How?



Multiple sensory channels (sound and sight) allow for **alternative means** of navigation and interactivity beyond the typical point-and-click interface.

- Keyboard based control
- Voice-based navigation





The combination of multisensory approach allows **all users** to access the same information.

Why?



There is value in making apps and websites accessible.

- Ensure that all your users have a decent experience and are able to easy access information/use features.
- **Q** Better search results
- Reduced maintenance (better to start since the beginning)
- Increases audience reach
- III If working for the government, it's a must

Learning Objectives



- Identify official resources about accessibility
- List ways in which we can start incorporating it to our projects
- Identify tools for web and mobile
- Evaluate websites using ChromeVox

WCAG



The **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines** are published by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

They are recommendations for making content more accessible for all users in all devices.

At a glance

Quick reference





How can I start?

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Check out this article

Seven easy-to-implement guidelines to design a more accessible web

and discuss in groups the seven principles:

 Come up with an application for each

Chrome Extensions



Chrome Vox



ChromeVox Classic Extension

Offered by: chrome.google.com

★★★★★ 898 | **Developer Tools** | **2** 100,000+ users

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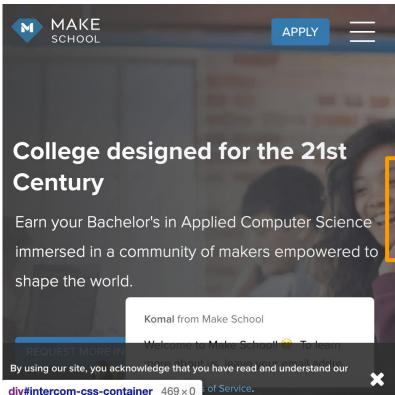
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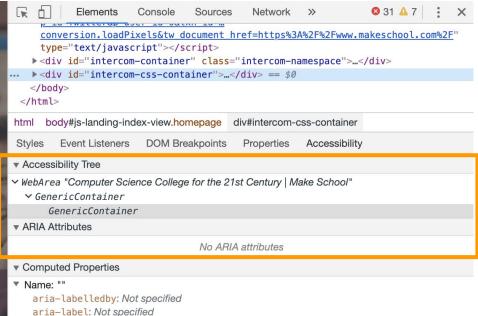


axe-coconut - Web Accessibility Testing

Offered by: Deque Systems

★★★★ 10 | Accessibility | ♣ 4,000+ users





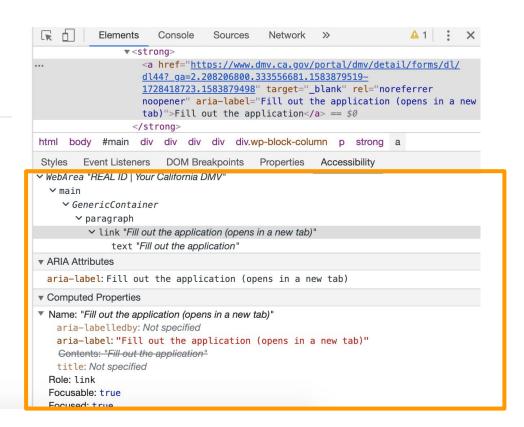
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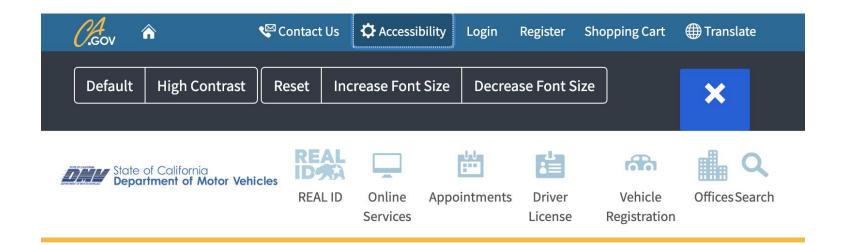
Need a REAL ID? Here's how!



Fill out the application







DMV Service Options



Demo

Using ChromeVox

Watch <u>this video</u> of Adriana trying to apply for an ID in the DMV website.

- How easy was it to get where she needed to be?
- What are some challenges navigating this way?
- What were the most common mistakes?



Your turn

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Install ChromeVox

Use <u>make.sc</u> to get info for new applicants. Notice if it's an easy task.

Ctrl + Cmd + AA
To enable/disable

What about native mobile?



iOS provides built-in accessibility features, accessibility APIs, and developer tools.

- VoiceOver screen reader for blind and low vision users
- Switch Control
- Playback of closed captioned or audio described video
- Text to Speech
- Accessibility Inspector

Accessibility by Apple

A tutorial to get started





Evaluating your work

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Use ChromeVox to evaluate your capstone site.

- Are you using ARIA attributes?
- Is it easy to navigate?

It's ok if it's not great at the moment, but from now on keep accessibility in mind and do this type of evaluation.

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