(Accessibility) Ready, set, go!

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Most important thing

Use an "Accessibility Ready" document!

- It'll help the design system team
- It'll help the users of the design system

Hello there!

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We'll focus on

- Web, not mobile apps
- Components of a DS, not the surrounding bits
- Development, not Design



- 1. Short presentation: overview, trimmed version (you are here)
- 2. Biscussion: dig at the full version



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Context

- Design System team of a11y-mature devs
- Doing good work already, but ad hoc
- Docs for consumers not great

A good "Accessibility Ready" document

- helpful (improve, support)
- wide status (practical, pragmatic)



• plain language (clear, easy, digestible)

(Slightly) aspirational

- Not just what they do now
- Achievable, but takes work
- This was the team's idea





Discussion at the end, but: any small questions about good or aspirational?



Why Accessibility Ready as a "wide status"?

- Ensure high level of accessibility
- But/and allow for releasing fairly timeously
- But/and allow for improvements (now or later)

§ "Accessibility Ready" Status

(The team call it "WCAG 2.2 AA+" (***)

1. Minimum requirements for a component to be released as "Accessibility Ready"

2. Additional internal requirements for a component to meet our standards



Note: Consumers only see "Accessibility Ready".

Updates maintain or improve the accessibility.

Discussion at the end, but: any small questions about minimum, additional, or wide status?



1. Minimum requirements

Automated tests all pass

Manual tests all pass, across our Supported Assistive Technology

All WCAG 2.2 Level AA Success Criteria are met

No High Severity usability issues exist



Clear and concise documentation is present

An Accessibility Specialist has confirmed

- all WCAG 2.2 Level AA Success Criteria met
- no High Severity usability issues



2. Additional internal requirements

The following Level AAA SC are met:

- 1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced) (7:1)
- 2.4.13 Focus Appearance (2px, 3:1)
- 2.5.5 Target Size (Enhanced) (44px)



Any Medium or Low Severity usability issues are resolved or prioritised

(Things found in the Accessibility Specialist's mini-audit)



Discussion at the end, but: any small questions about minimum and additional for now?



Why "short"? (a.k.a. "More info on another page —")

- Just enough detail
- Good RUX () and FTUX
- Short enough that people read it (and use it!)

Supported AssistiveTechnology

Desktop screen readers



- JAWS on Windows
- NVDA on Windows
- VoiceOver on macOS

Mobile screen readers | | | | |





- VoiceOver on iOS
- TalkBack on Android

Contrast themes on Windows



Supported Assistive Technology



Desktop screen readers



- 1. JAWS (current-2) with Chrome on Windows
- 2. NVDA with Firefox on Windows
- 3. VoiceOver with Safari on macOS



Mobile screen readers





- 1. VoiceOver with Safari on iOS
- 2. TalkBack on Android (any version)



Note: install TalkBack on Samsung devices

Testing goals for a component

- Test well and thoroughly, but not exhaustively
- Don't find the same errors repeatedly
- Anecdata implies most problems are basic

Discussion in a moment, but: any small questions about Supported AT for now?



Under construction

- How's "Accessibility Ready" working out?
- Who's driving it? (classic consultant problem)



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