

# Lab 2 - Exploration of Vision Impairments

## Step 1

The image shows a web browser window displaying a registration page for CAO 2025. The page features a background image of a smiling woman with long brown hair, wearing a green sweater, sitting at a desk with books. A large yellow semi-transparent overlay covers the top half of the page. The text "CAO 2025 points are live – explore now" is prominently displayed in white. Below this text is a yellow button labeled "CAO 2025". At the top of the page, a banner reads "Registration deadline is noon on Fri 3 Oct, Register now →".

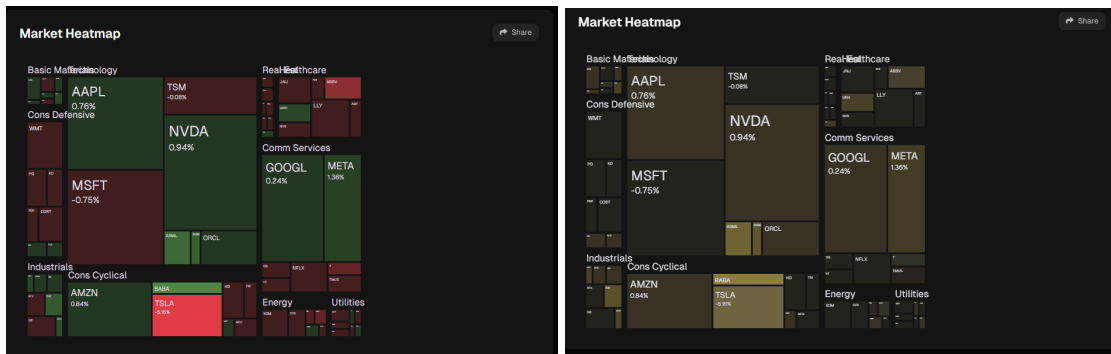
On the right side of the browser window, there is a sidebar for accessibility emulation settings. The settings are organized into several sections:

- Forces CSS prefers-color-scheme media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media type:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Forces CSS forced-colors media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media feature forced-colors:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Forces CSS prefers-contrast media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media feature prefers-contrast:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Forces CSS prefers-reduced-motion media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media feature prefers-reduced-motion:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Forces CSS prefers-reduced-transparency media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media feature prefers-reduced-transparency:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Forces CSS color-gamut media feature:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate CSS media feature color-gamut:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Emulate vision deficiencies:** A dropdown menu set to "Protanopia (no red)".
- Emulate OS text scale:** A dropdown menu set to "No emulation".
- Disable AVIF image format:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Disable WebP image format:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.

At the bottom of the sidebar, there are tabs for "Console" and "Issues".

## Step 2

### Deuteranopia (Red–Green color blindness)



#### What looks different compared to full-color view?

The different colors scheme like - green becomes yellow and red becomes black

#### Which information is harder (or impossible) to get at a glance?

That's really hard to see red squares you can even skip them if you will scroll fast

#### Which features are still usable?

Still usable only green(yellow) squares, text and numbers information

#### Where is color alone doing all the communication?

The yellow boxes still show enough information

### Evaluate the Usability

#### How quickly can you tell which stocks are “up” vs “down”?

By looking on yellow boxes(green) they are still showing which one are growing the black ones are going down, but it's very hard so tell how strong they are going down because of black color

#### Imagine you had to decide investment at a glance: how does the experience compare to someone with normal vision?

That's actually really hard to see fast. You have to check numbers before you go (anyway you will do that with normal vision but why do you need red and green then?) because that's really hard to see which one of black boxes go dipper down

### Redesign Challenge

#### Suggest at least two design changes that would make this heatmap more accessible without losing clarity for color-sighted users.

Add color blind mode or make it more accessible

I think they can change the color red(black) color to purple that will make black boxes look like blue boxes and that will be much easier to see.



## Low Acuity (Blurriness, like cataracts)

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[28pt] It is a way I have of driving off the spleen and regulating the circulation.

[24pt] Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul...

[20pt] Then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can.

[16pt] This is my substitute for pistol and ball. With a philosophical flourish Cato throws himself upon his sword...

[14pt] There is nothing surprising in this. If they but knew it, almost all men in their degree cherish the ocean.

[12pt] Thus begins my voyage to the great deep.

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### Which is the smallest font size readable under normal conditions?

For me font sizes remain readable from the [36]px to [5]px

### Which becomes illegible under blur emulation?

For me font sizes remain readable from the [36]px to [12]px

### Which font was most difficult, and why?

Condiment - was the most difficult to read with other fonts I could see up to 5px but with that font I can read only 8px. But with blurred vision I could read up to 12px but with Condiment I hardly can read 20px

### What font properties helped readability?

Courier New - With that font that much easier to read smaller text especially when you have blurred vision

## **Low Contrast (Glaucoma-like) — Dickens Contrast Page**

- **Which paragraph is comfortably readable (normal vision)?**

1st paragraph the most readable because of black font and white background

- **Which paragraph first feels difficult?**

3rd paragraph start being a bit difficult to read

- **Under low-contrast emulation, which becomes unreadable first?**

3rd one completely unreadable

- **Did your readability threshold shift?**

Yes

- **How did reduced contrast affect skimming vs reading carefully?**

If you are skimming you can't read 2nd paragraph but if you are reading careful you can read 2nd paragraph

- **Do borders or highlights help when contrast is poor?**

Yes, back ground helps a lot especially black and navy if you use them they can help to read all the lines when contrast is poor

- **How did yellow highlighting behave under blur vs low contrast?**

When blurred vision you can read (bit difficult because of blur) all 6 paragraphs, with low contrast it changes nothing still you can read only 2 paragraphs

**Pick your top 2 issues across all impairments:**

### **1. Most surprising challenge noticed:**

For me most surprised was low contrast challenge, I couldn't imagine that people can have that kind of problems

### **2. Which impairment made the site hardest to use (& why):**

The low contrast can make website completely unreadable