

# Learn you some Accessibility for Great Good



The power of the Web is in its universality.





Access by everyone regardless of disability is an essential aspect.

*Tim Berners-Lee* (inventor of the World Wide Web)

The Web is fundamentally designed to work for all people, whatever their hardware, software, language, location, or ability. When the Web meets this goal, it is accessible to people with a diverse range of hearing, movement, sight, and cognitive ability.

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# What Accessibility needs can people have?

type	permanent	temporary	situational
 auditory	deaf	ear infection	on a loud train
 cognitive	learning difficulties	hangover	external stimulus
 physical	missing a limb	broken arm	carrying a baby
 speech	mute	sore throat	eating
 visual	blind	eye infection	sunny day

A photograph of a wooden ramp leading up to a porch of a house with light-colored horizontal siding. The ramp is made of wooden planks and has a wooden handrail on the left side. A person is standing on the porch at the top of the ramp. The background shows a green lawn and some bushes.

# Accessibility is good for everyone (and it is good for business)

- There are 13.3 million disabled people in the UK.
- 7% of children are disabled
- 18% of working age adults are disabled
- 44% of pension age adults are disabled

Source: [Family Resources Survey 2015/16](#)

Accessibility is not exclusionary.

A faded, light-colored illustration of the character Mulan from Disney's 1998 animated film 'Mulan'. She is shown from the chest up, holding a thick wooden staff horizontally across her chest. She has a determined, slightly stern expression. The background is a solid light yellow.

Let's get down to business

# How we should "do" accessibility

1. Follow a process (we have a spreadsheet based on WCAG AA scoring)
2. Start it early (don't try and layer it on after code has been created)
3. Repeat it often (each PR should be reviewed for accessibility)

# Terms

- A11Y Short for Accessibility (there are 11 letters between the A and Y)
- WCAG Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
- ARIA Accessible Rich Internet Applications
- A-AAA A scoring system, A is the easiest to achieve AAA is the hardest



# Common things to look out for

- Contrast
- Being able to navigate with a keyboard
- That copy is understandable without thought
- Things can be zoomed to 200%

# ARIA

Adds some semantic labels to interactive elements.

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<p role="alert">I am an alert</p>
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<h1 role="presentation">A nice visual header</h1>
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# Tooling

- [WAVE Chrome Plugin](#)
- VoiceOver (on OS X)



Questions

# Extra Reading

- [WCAG Checklist](#)
- [How people with disabilities use the web](#)
- [Microsoft's Inclusive Design Guide](#)
- [Great list of A11Y resources](#)