

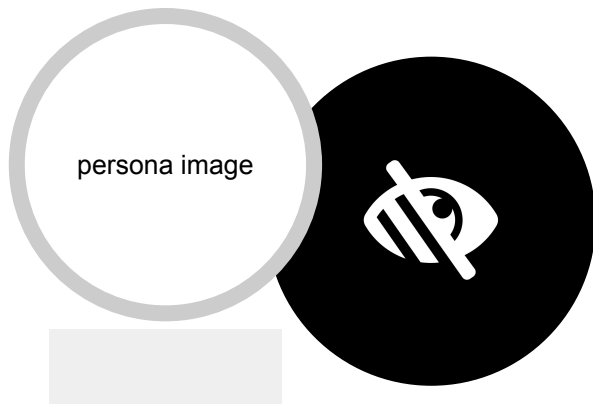
Barriers to using the Web

- Cannot see. Cannot understand the visual information.
- Cannot use the Web without the text-to-speech feature (or braille output) of a screen reader.
- Cannot use fingers or major pointing devices like a mouse to click or tap on items.

Visual Disabilities (Blindness)

Solutions

- Use “real” text that is formatted and styled to fit your design, rather than an image of text.
- Provide alternative text for images and icons.
- Provide alternative formats such as audio descriptions for video content.
- Mark up heading structures and landmarks appropriately.
- Make all functionality operable through a keyboard.
- The link text and button label alone should convey the purpose of the link and button.
- Provide labels to identify all form controls by using the `<label>` element.
- Make the data table structure as simple as possible and use the `<th>` element for table header cells.
- Use WAI-ARIA attributes and make sure a screen reader user is aware of dynamic context changes.
- Do not start playing any sounds automatically when the page is loaded.



Visual Disabilities (Low Vision)

Barriers to using the Web

- Cannot see well enough.
 - Cannot see clearly (Blurred vision, Double vision)
 - Glare sensitivity
 - Flickering eyesight
 - Peripheral vision loss
 - Central vision loss
 - Wandering eye (Shaky vision)
- People with low vision might need screen readers depending on the severity.

Solutions

- Allow users to enlarge content on the screen.
- Follow familiar user interface design patterns.
- Provide adequate contrast between foreground text and its background color combinations.
- Make sure the information is transmitted correctly even if the color is changed to the opposite color by the user agent's function.
- Allow users to use a custom style sheet.
- Layout content in chunks to better facilitate flow of information.
- Do not change content with accidental triggers such as a mouseover or keyboard focus.
- Match the reading order with the visual layout.



Color-Blindness

/ Grayscale Print

Barriers to using the Web

- Difficulty distinguishing between certain kinds of colors.
 - Protanopia / Protanomaly (Low or insensitivity to the color red)
 - Deuteranopia / Deuteranomaly (Low or insensitivity to the color green)
 - Tritanopia / Tritanomaly (Low or insensitivity to the color blue)
 - Monochromacy
- When printing a web page in grayscale, color-dependent content cannot be identified correctly.
- When opening a web page with a monochrome e-reader, color-dependent content cannot be identified correctly.

Solutions

- Do not rely on color alone to communicate information.
 - Add an underline to the link (especially one in a sentence).
 - Express the visual hierarchy of text using non-color elements such as font size and thickness.
 - In figures (graphs, etc.), shapes other than colors should also be used as clues for visual identification.
- Make content understandable / usable even when displaying it in grayscale.



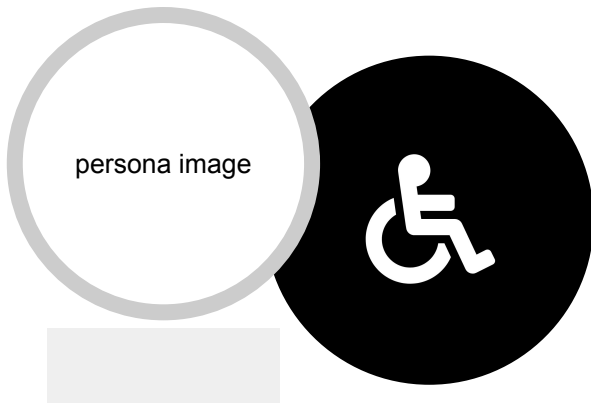
Barriers to using the Web

- Hard of hearing or total loss of hearing.
- Can't make sound in a public place (transportation, library, etc.)
including situations where the battery of Bluetooth headphones is dead,
forgot to bring headphones, etc.
- Users whose native language is not the language used for the content
cannot hear the audio correctly.

Solutions

- Provide transcripts for audio content.
- Provide captions (subtitles) for video content with audio.

Motor Disabilities

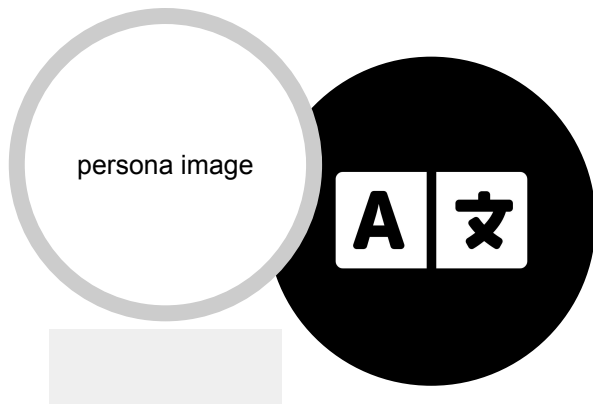


Barriers to using the Web

- Cannot use fingers or major pointing devices like a mouse to click or tap on items. Need to rely on the following means:
 - Adaptive / Customizable keyboards
 - Mouth stick
 - Various switch devices (or buttons)
 - Speech recognition software
 - Eye-controlled input devices
 - etc.
- Difficult to freely change the device orientation.

Solutions

- Make all functionality operable through a keyboard.
- Make all keyboard-accessible components have a visible focus indicator.
- Make links, buttons, etc. large enough to be able to click / tap / execute without the need to perform precise pointing operations.
- Describe the labels of links and buttons clearly. Write in text and mark up appropriately.
- Make sure that the page functions properly when the device is used in either "portrait" or "landscape" mode.



Barriers to using the Web

- Difficult to recognize or memorize information.
- Easily distracted by sights and sounds in their environment.
- Difficult to read text (such as Dyslexia).

Cognitive / Learning Disabilities

Solutions

- Follow familiar user interface design patterns.
- Use plain language when presenting text-based information.
- Present headings to make it easier to understand the overview of their content.
- Use visual elements (images, figures, icons, symbols, etc.) to make content understandable without reading.
- Allows users a way to adjust the time or turn off the time limit if the content provides a time limit.
- Movement or blinking in the content should be limited within 5 seconds or allowed to be stopped by the user.
- Do not use flashes that flash 3 times or more per second in content expression.
- Use legible fonts.
- Make the font size and line spacing large enough to improve readability.



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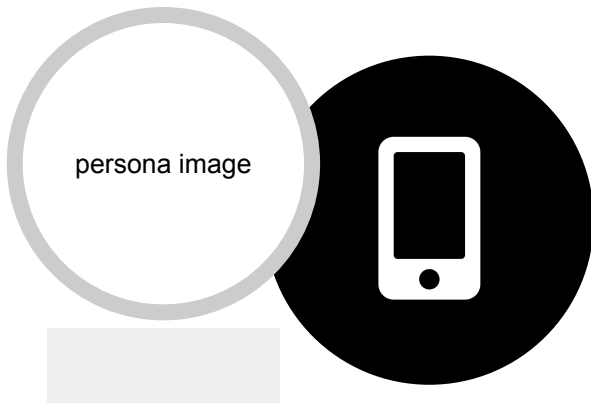
- Difficult to use fingers or major pointing devices like a mouse precisely to click or tap on small items.
- Hard to read small and light text (Presbyopia).
- Hard of Hearing.
- Difficult to recognize information and hard to remember things.
- Tend to judge based on assumptions.

Aging

Solutions

- Make links, buttons, etc. large enough to be able to click / tap / execute without the need to perform precise pointing operations.
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Mobile



Barriers to using the Web

- The field of view for obtaining information is narrow due to the small screen.
- Size of text tends to be small and difficult to read.
- When used outside, the content is difficult to see due to the glare of natural light.
- Since it is tapped on with a finger, precise pointing is difficult compared to using a mouse.
- Typing is more troublesome than using a hardware keyboard.
- Mouse-based interactions (such as mouseovers) are not available.

Solutions

- Clarify content priorities from a user experience (UX) perspective and structure information based on those priorities.
- Make the font size and line spacing large enough to improve readability.
- Allow users to enlarge content on the screen.
- Provide adequate contrast between foreground text and its background color combinations.
- Make links, buttons, etc. large enough to be able to tap without the need to perform precise pointing operations.
- Minimize the frequency of text input (typing).
- Do not implement mouseover-dependent interactions.