Accessibility Testing: Training for Libraries Staff

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Objectives



Why we developed a process for accessibility testing



What we learned in our process to create training materials



Value of sharing results

A little back story

UW IT Accessible Technologies Services tests products for campus-wide distribution.

UW IT Accessible Technology Services Vendor Testing:

- In-house testing lead by Hadi Rangin
- 2-3 student employees
- Enterprise level product testing
- UW Libraries collaboration

Why we developed a process for accessibility testing

UW IT ATS has limited time and resources for testing

50-60: Big Ten and ASERL vendors with third-party accessibility evaluations.

UW Libraries subscribes to over 650 databases

We have staff members that want to improve accessibility for our patrons

What we learned in our process to create training materials

3-day intensive boot camp training

Rethink how we currently test

Testing process needs to remain flexible

Need to share in a way that promotes change

Value of Sharing Results

Library community gains a greater awareness about accessibility

Vendors gain a greater awareness about the accessibility of their products

Testing results hold us accountable

Sharing results creates opportunities

- UW Libraries e-resource testing
- ASERL/BTAA e-resource testing
- E-Resource testing google drive (andy4@uw.edu)



Thank You