

# Accessibility Workshop

A silhouette of a tree on a hill against a starry night sky. The tree is on the right side of the image, and the hill is a dark silhouette at the bottom. The sky is a deep blue with many small white stars.

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# Course Overview

- What is Accessibility?
- Why Accessibility?
- Accessibility in Word and PowerPoint
- Accessibility in PDFs
- Accessible Web Experiences
- Incorporating Accessibility into Your UX Process

# Hello World

- Your name?
- Your day to day work?
- Your experience with web development?
- What you most want to learn?

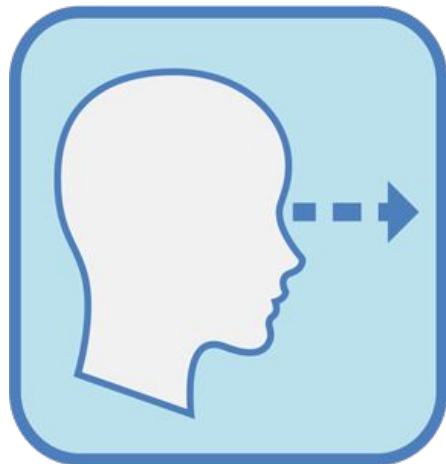


Source: [Cordelia Dillon, Twitter](#)

# **What is Accessibility?**

- The web should work for all people
- With accessibility, we remove barriers
- Take into account disabilities

# Accessibility Categories



Seeing

- [Visual Impairments](#)
- Colorblindness



Hearing

- [Hearing Impairments](#)






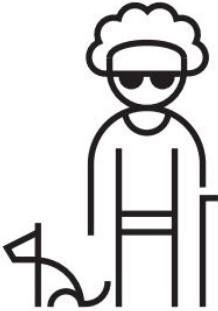


Interacting

- [Traumatic injury](#)
- Diseases
- Tremors



Learning

- [Memory Loss](#)
- Comprehension
- Attention

	Permanent	Temporary	Situational
Touch	 <p>One arm</p>	 <p>Arm injury</p>	 <p>New parent</p>
See	 <p>Blind</p>	 <p>Cataract</p>	 <p>Distracted driver</p>

## Hear



Deaf



Ear infection



Bartender

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## Speak



Non-verbal



Laryngitis



Heavy accent



**What are some examples  
of accessibility features?**

# Standardization

# Section 508

*“Agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to access available to others.” - 1998*

# WCAG 2.0

Perceivable

Operable

Understandable

Robust

# Perceivable

- Text alternatives
- Captions for multimedia
- Content that can be presented in different ways
- Easy for users to see and hear content

# Operable

- Make all functionality available from keyboard
- Enough time to read
- Don't cause seizures
- Navigate and find content

# Understandable

- Readable and understandable
- Make content appear and operate predictably
- Help users avoid and correct mistakes

# **Robust**

- Maximize compatibility with current and future user tools



# Why Accessibility

- Mobile Web Design
- Usability
- SEO
- It's the right thing to do

**UX**

**User Interface  
Design**

**Accessibility**

**Usability**





Who should be  
involved?

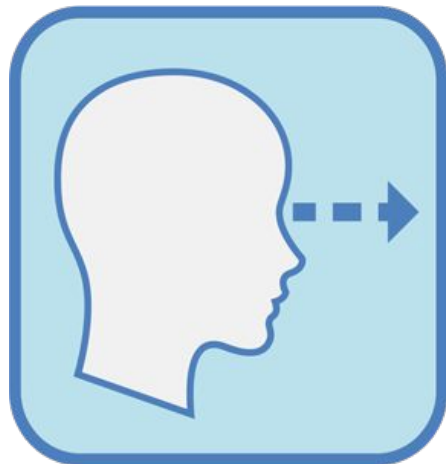
# Activity

Write down one of your favorite websites to use on the card.

Write down 3 reasons why you like it.

# **Interacting with Computers with Disabilities**

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# Interactions

- Screen readers/VoiceOver Utilities
- Assume that you can't use a mouse (or a trackpad)
- Buttons, Links, and Forms

# User Activity

In your group of 4, assign the following roles:

1. Person 1
2. Person 2
3. Person 3
4. Recorder

# User Activity

Person 1 - Complete the form

Person 2 - Complete the form with just the keyboard

Person 3 - Complete the form zoomed to 200%

Person 4 - Write down times

# Expectations

- Screen Magnifier - always zoomed in
- How do we let someone know that there is something out of their view?
- Self Advancing Fields

# Content

- Include what people want and need
- How do we know what people need?



**REQUIRED FIELDS ARE INDICATED IN RED**

**FIRST NAME**

**LAST NAME**

**TELEPHONE**

**\* REQUIRED FIELD**

**FIRST NAME**

**LAST NAME**

**\* TELEPHONE**



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COLOR:



SIZE:


XS S M L XL


LIGHT GREEN





# Memory Issues

- Forms - Labels












### Birthday

To sign up, you must be 18 or older. Other people won't see your birthday.

Month 

Day 

Year 

☒ I'd like to receive coupons, promotions, surveys, and updates via email about Airbnb and its partners.

By signing up, I agree to Airbnb's [Terms of Service](#), [Nondiscrimination Policy](#), [Payments Terms of Service](#), [Privacy Policy](#), [Guest Refund Policy](#), and [Host Guarantee Terms](#).

Sign up

Already have an Airbnb account?

Log in

# Microsoft Word

# MS Word Guidelines

- Add headings in Order (like an outline)
- Alt text for images
- Descriptive Links
- Contrast between colors

# Create A Document

- Add a header
- Three Heading 2
- One Image
- Two Links

# **Exporting as an Accessible PDF**

# Video

- Captions
- Transcripts

# Video Transcripts

#1. Identify the speaker

( Cat )

Meow is what I say all day.

# Video Transcripts

#2. Identify sound effects

( Perry )

Thank you, Detroit!

[ audience cheers ]



# Video Transcripts

#3. Describe music

[ Men at Work singing “Land Down Under” ]

# Video Transcripts

#4. Describe lyrics if essential for understanding

♪ He just smiled and gave me a  
vegemite sandwich ♪

# Video Transcripts

#5. Use ellipses for pauses

( Cat )

Meow... it's what I say all day.

# Video Transcripts

#6. Italicize foreign words and phrases

( Cat )

*Bonjour*, human.

# Video Transcripts

#7. Capitalize for emphasis

( Randy )

NO ONE messes with Randy!

# Video Transcripts

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# PowerPoint

# PowerPoint Best Practices

1. Slide Layouts
2. Alternative Text for Images
3. Display Text for Links
4. Use Accessibility Checker



# HTML

# Features of Accessible Pages

- HTML headings
- Accessible with keyboard
- Accessible images
- Accessible forms
- Accessible tables
- Effective use of color
- Meaningful link text

<http://www.washington.edu/accessibility/web/>



iPhone Guidelines: 44px wide

Microsoft Guidelines: 34px wide

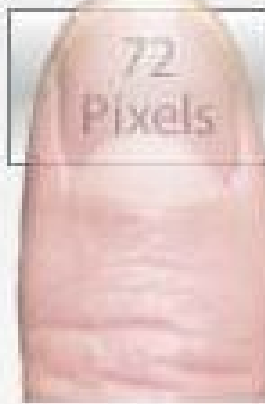
Nokia Guidelines: 28px wide

## Fitts's Law

The time it takes to reach a target is longer if the target is smaller.



Index



Thumb

# HTML5

The latest version of HTML

- W3C Candidate Recommendation, Dec. 2012

Uses consistent semantic tagging for easy readability by people, computers, and devices

Improves interactivity and support for a wide range of mobile devices

Includes just about everything from HTML4



# Semantic HTML

Aims to better differentiate content from one another for indexing, searchability, collaboration, and accessibility.

New elements come from an analysis of over ONE BILLION web pages.

```
<div class="header">
```

```
<header>
```

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<div id="footer">
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```
<footer>
```

For more info on the study:

<https://developers.google.com/webmasters/state-of-the-web/>

# Semantic HTML

**<header>** represents a group of introductory content

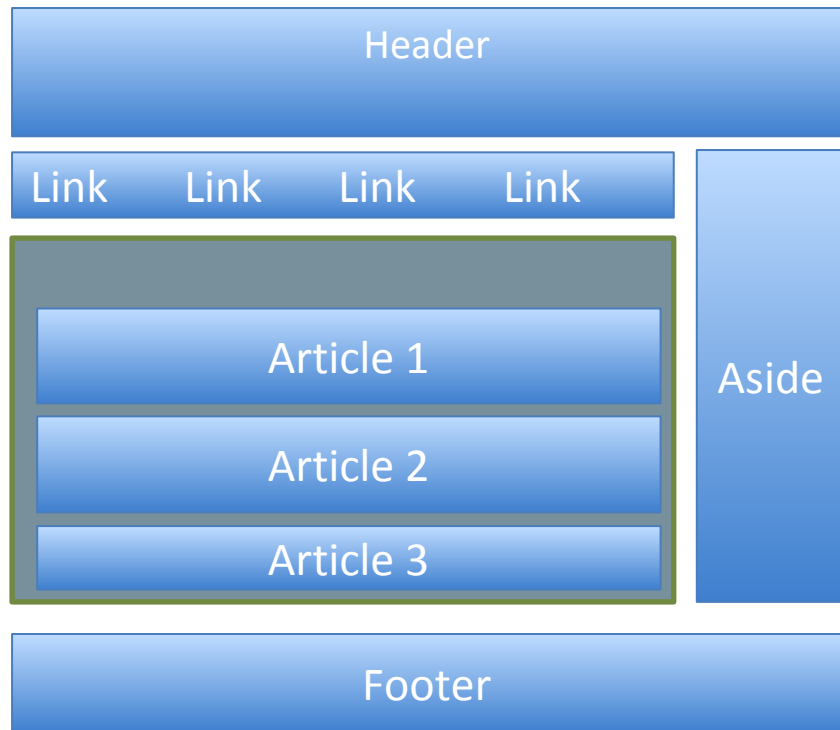
**<nav>** contains links to other pages or resources

**<section>** indicates a generic section of the document

**<article>** indicates a self-contained composition within a document (article, blog entry, forum post, etc.)

**<aside>** contains tangentially related content like sidebars, pull quotes, etc.

**<footer>** contains information about the section (citations, copyright, etc.)



# Semantic Tables

**<caption>** adds a caption to a table

**<thead>** groups table head elements

**<tbody>** groups table body elements

**<tfoot>** groups table footer elements

<caption>2017 Data</caption>

	<thead>	
	<tbody>	
<tfoot>		

# Outlining HTML

A mechanism for producing outline summaries of web pages based on how they are marked up.

The HTML5 spec describes how outlining should be used to increase accessibility.

- Search engines.
- Screen readers.
- Other automated processes.



# Outlining Best Practices

- Use <section> to define sections of the parent element.
  - <section>, <nav>, <aside>, and <article> create the outline.
- Every parent element and every section element should have a title (h1-h6) to avoid “untitled” sections.

```
<body>
<h1>Snowtooth Mountain</h1>
<section>
  <p>Snowtooth is the best mountain that doesn't exist.
</p>
</section>
<section>
  <p>We are better at these than other mountains.</p>
</section>
</body>
```

1. Snowtooth Mountain
  1. *Untitled Section*
  2. *Untitled Section*

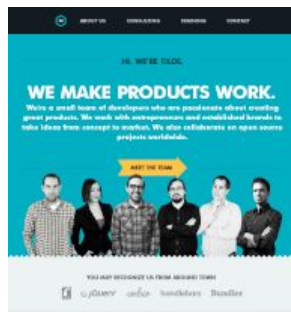
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</p>
</section>
<section>
  <h1>Ski Lessons</h1>
  <p>We are better at these than other mountains.</p>
</section>
</body>
```

1. Snowtooth Mountain
  1. About the Mountain
  2. Ski Lessons

# Responsive Design

The practice of creating flexible websites that deliver user-friendly experiences on any device.



# Responsive Design

## Key Components of a Responsive Site

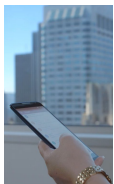
A Flexible Grid.



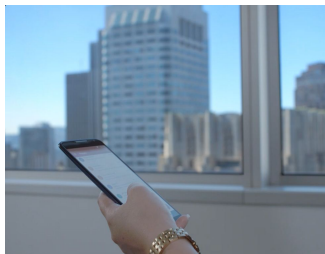
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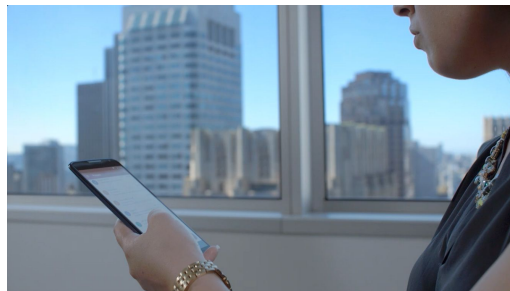
Flexible Content.



phone-sm.jpg



phone-md.jpg



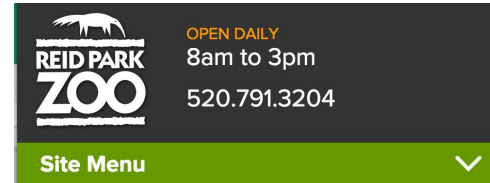
phone-lg.jpg

# Responsive Design

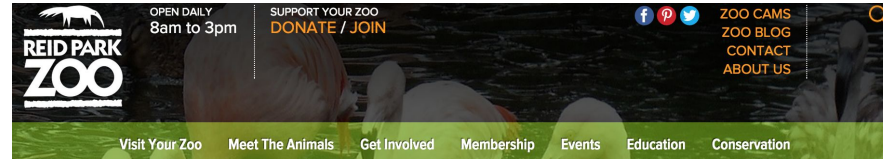
## Key Components of a Responsive Site

### Media Queries.

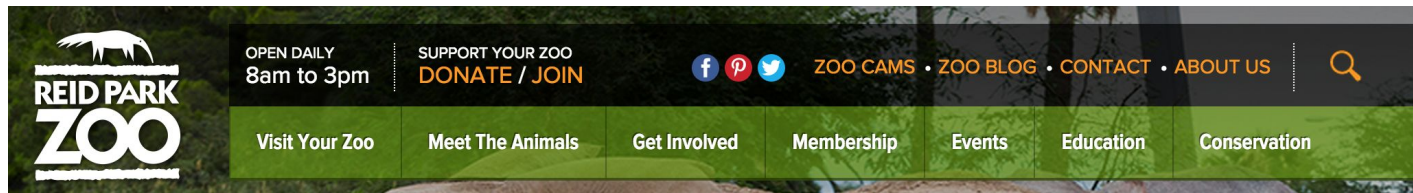
@media only screen(max-width: 600px)



@media only screen(min-width: 601px)

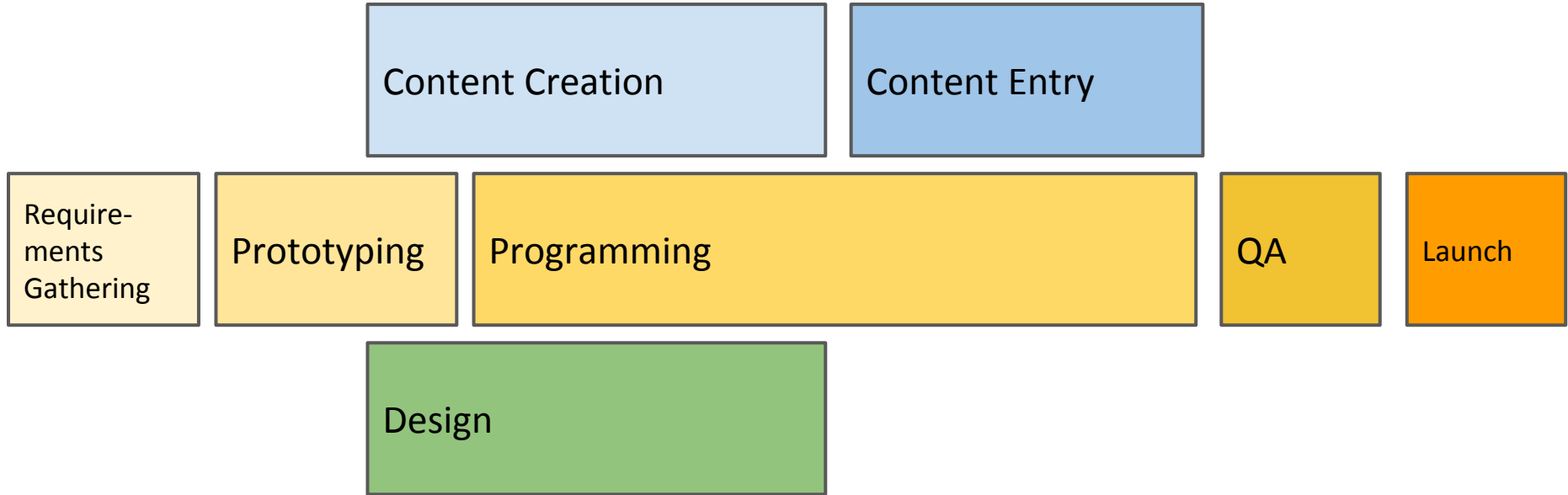


@media only screen(min-width: 800px)



# UX Process

# UX Design Process





# Requirements Gathering

Gather Analytics Data

Conduct User Research

Competitive Review

# Requirements Gathering

- Assessment of the tasks
  - Understand all of the details
  - Analyze the audience
  - Write Use Cases
- Order Use cases by most frequent for a mobile user
- Do your best to make every use case successful in no more than 3 clicks (page depth no deeper than 3 pages)

# Activity: Functional Requirements

- Think about the functional requirements for your app
  - What problem does it solve?
  - What will it do?
  - What type of app will you be creating?

# Thinking about the User

- Who is your audience?
- Who is your population? Teens, men, women, parents, hipsters?

## User Context

- Where is the user?
- Why is the user accessing your mobile site?
- What is the user looking for?
- What can you offer to help solve the user's problem?
- Where will the user be when accessing your site?

# User Stories

- Not requirements, specifications or designs
- The work needed to create user stories should be substantial if you're thorough
- Craft user stories based on people's needs - everyone else can create solutions that address the needs in the user story

# User Stories

**As a Type Q customer, I need to be able to register for Program J in both desktop and mobile contexts, so that I remain certified.**

## Why is this good?

It includes:

- The customer is identified as a specific type.
- The category is also detailed.

It doesn't include:

- Detailed requirements
- Specs
- Design Details

# User Stories

A persona should include:

- Social and demographic characteristics.
- Needs, desires, goals
- Habits (consumer habits, behavior)
- Expertise
- Accessibility info

# How to Build Personas

- Interview anyone who has info.
- Look for patterns
- Create scenarios for users
- Analytics
- Think about motivations



# Activity: Personas

Define 3 personas for your app.

Write 3 user stories for each persona.

# Wireframing

Allows you to test what works before expensive coding

Correct Mistakes

Avoid wrong assumptions

Increases Team Communication

# Activity: Wireframing

- Create a sketch wireframe for a few screens of the application
- Use sticky notes, paper, etc.
- Keep accessibility features in mind

# Usability Testing

- Define Goals
- Choose the Test
- Create User Tasks
- Write a Research Plan
- Conduct the Test
- Draft Up a Quick Report

# Usability Testing

Write a couple of usability tests for the app

# Accessibility Testing

- Keyboard
- Outline
- aXe Developer Tools
- Test with People

Resource Name	Resource Link
Section 508	<a href="http://www.section508.gov">www.section508.gov</a>
WCAG	<a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag">https://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag</a>
UW Accessibility	<a href="http://www.washington.edu/accessibility/web/">http://www.washington.edu/accessibility/web/</a>
W3 Accessible Videos	<a href="https://www.w3.org/2008/06/video-notes">https://www.w3.org/2008/06/video-notes</a>
Google Web Accessibility	<a href="https://developers.google.com/web/fundamentals/accessibility/">https://developers.google.com/web/fundamentals/accessibility/</a>
Microsoft Inclusive Design	<a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/design/inclusive">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/design/inclusive</a>
PDF Accessibility	<a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/converting">http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/converting</a>
A11Y Project	<a href="http://a11yproject.com/resources.html">http://a11yproject.com/resources.html</a>

Tool Name	Tool Link
aXe Browser Extension (Chrome Web Extension)	<a href="https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/axe/lhdoppojpmngadmnindnejefpokejbdd?hl=en-US">https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/axe/lhdoppojpmngadmnindnejefpokejbdd?hl=en-US</a>
Color Contrast Checker	<a href="http://leaverou.github.io/contrast-ratio/">http://leaverou.github.io/contrast-ratio/</a>
Accessibility Testing API	<a href="https://tenon.io/">https://tenon.io/</a>
ChromeVox	<a href="http://www.chromevox.com/">http://www.chromevox.com/</a>
Wave Accessibility Extension for Firefox	<a href="https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/wave-accessibility-tool/">https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/wave-accessibility-tool/</a>



Checklist Name	Checklist Link
508 Accessibility Checklist	<a href="http://webaim.org/standards/508/508checklist.pdf">http://webaim.org/standards/508/508checklist.pdf</a>
Vox Accessibility Checklist	<a href="http://accessibility.voxmedia.com/">http://accessibility.voxmedia.com/</a>
WCAG Checklist	<a href="http://webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist">http://webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist</a>
HHS Checklists	<a href="https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/making-files-accessible/checklist/">https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/making-files-accessible/checklist/</a>