Using Accessibility Tools

I used NVDA for the screen reader and used it on a couple of sites. The first site was my email campaign, then I used it on canvas, and the last site I used was YouTube. I do not have screenshots for the screen reader since it only plays back audio. The pros of using NVDA is if you have difficulty reading then this will just read the text that you hover over to you. It is free to download, and it is an open-source software which makes it easy to use for accessibility. It was easy to install, and it has over 50 languages that you can choose from. One con that stuck out to me is that you have to hover over the text that you want read to you. I think people who are blind would have difficulty with this. Unless there is a feature that I missed when using this software. Another con is that I had to look up how to turn off the software because it does not explain how to itself.

Another tool that I used was the Silktide chrome extension. I used it on the same three websites that I used the screen reader for. I think this extension is way easier to use and it has a lot more functions than the previous software. There are a bunch of different features that you can use to test out a website's accessibility. For example, it has a tool that lets you scan a website, and it tells you if the website has any accessibility issues like whether the website has a color contrast or in the case with my email campaign a text contrast that will make it a bit difficult for others to see/read. I tried this on YouTube, and it had way more accessibility issues than my website. I also tried using the screen reader tool on YouTube, but it crashed the site after a certain point. The screen reader tool also highlights what is being read to you which I thought was neat. There are different features that lets you simulate different conditions like color blindness or blurry vision which can help you design a website that tailors more towards accessibility. It was pretty cool to see

these features and mess around with them on different sites.









