Screen reader demonstration session, Daniel Gervais

**Invited guest: Daniel Gervais**

This week, we will immerse ourselves in the experience of Daniel Gervais as he navigates websites and digital material, allowing us to reflect on the barriers encountered by users with visual disabilities and effectively understand the impact of accessibility defects.

# Agenda

* Introduction of Daniel Gervais and information on how he uses of screen readers.
* JAWS and NVDA screen readers demonstration on websites
* Daniel will demo 2 versions of 2 pages that visually look the same but coded differently <https://toufics.github.io/CST8914-lab3/> (I invite you to look at the code before the demo)
* Daniel to navigate a website of your choice!
* Ask questions to Daniel, open discussions and concluding remarks.

# About our guest, Daniel Gervais

Daniel Gervais started working at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in 2009 as an Administrative Assistant. Being legally blind but having some residual tunnel vision, he used screen magnifying software to help with his daily tasks. In 2011, due to some unforeseen circumstances, Daniel left the agency as he began losing the rest of his sight.

Returning to CFIA in 2014, and now being completely blind, he returned to his earlier role. With the help of screen reader software, he soon discovered that many of the tools that were used by administrative assistants were not accessible.

In 2015, Daniel changed roles and began working in the Web and Form Services team to aid in testing forms and various web content to decide their accessibility using screen readers. Recently in 2023, Daniel made another huge leap and began working for Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), where he now uses all the skills, he learned at CFIA to aid in improving the accessibility within his new department and help to raise awareness on the importance of an accessible workplace.