

Apply accessibility tools to one of the previous Project Assignments in this course and summarize your findings in 2-3 paragraphs. (Include a separate text file for this in your submission.)

I applied accessibility tools to the Module 2 Assignment. First, I downloaded and installed the popular screen reader, JAWS. After going through a quick tutorial, I was able to use it on this assignment. With the screen reader, I was able to listen to audio which directed my ability to fill out the form. I went through the first header and each question along with the submit button and copyright at the end. The placeholders and aria-labels made it easy to know where I was and what I needed to do to proceed.

It was interesting that the screen reader would repeat whatever I typed out as my answer. It also let me know whether or not the checkbox was checked. Concerning the dropdown box, it let me know there were options to pick from but not what the options were. I had to physically click on the box and then pick an option for it to read what it was, which may cause some issues for those who actually need the screen reader. It seems like it would be more convenient for the screen reader to go through the options and then let the person choose.

I did not get to experiment with the screen reader concerning links or images since I do not have either of those items on my website. I feel like the screen reader was useful and easy to use but it got annoying very quickly. I feel like having a more personable voice would be better. Lastly, I understand why placeholders and aria-labels are essential to those using a screen reader. I feel like it would be extremely difficult to navigate websites without these elements.