## Colors

Using the best colors for your site



#### **Color Conventions**

- Color names (blue, red, yellow, etc.) work, but should be avoided
- Hexadecimal is common convention
  - > #0000FF, #FF0000, #FFFF00
- rgb > (0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0)

#0000FF

#FF0000

#FFFF00

rgb(0,0,1)

rgba(0, 0, 1, .5)



# Accessibility

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Appropriate use of color is critical to web accessibility

 Many more people are visually impaired or color blind than are legally blind



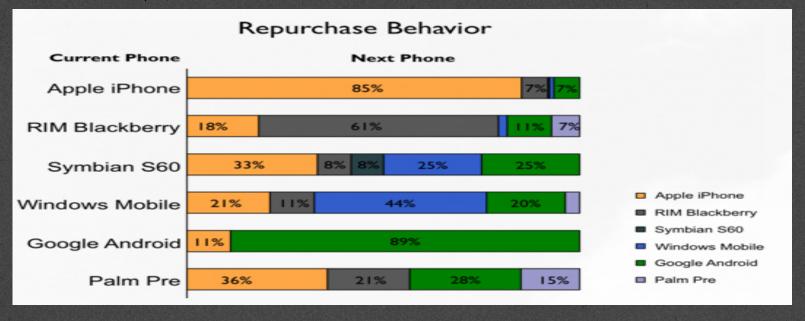
#### What is color contrast?

- You intuitively know when something has poor contrast
- There are tools that quantify the contrast between text and its background
- http://wave.webaim.org/
- http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/

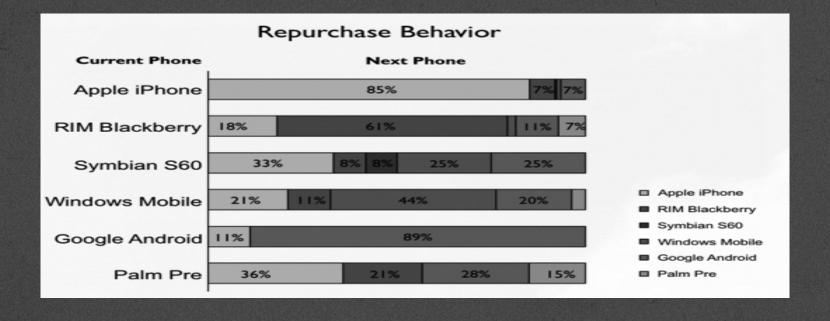


### Don't use color alone to convey meaning

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## Test in gray scale ...





#### Review

- Use web safe colors and use an accepted convention
- Test your site using a contrast checker
- Avoid using color to convey meaning



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