



### Disability

Disability happens when the environment does not match someone's ability

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### Accessibility

Accessibility happens when the environment is right for someone's ability

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# Accessibility for web & apps

Making things for everyone

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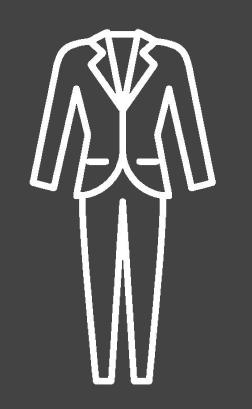
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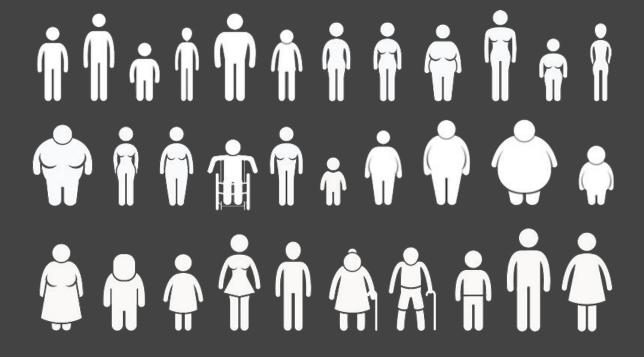
# impairment poor environment disability

Jamie Knight & Lion, Senior Accessibility Specialist, BBC #NeurodiverCity 2016

# impairment enabling environment accessability



Available in one size



Different is normal

### 24% recognised disability

1/3 temporary impairment

ALL at some time (includes you!)



Vision



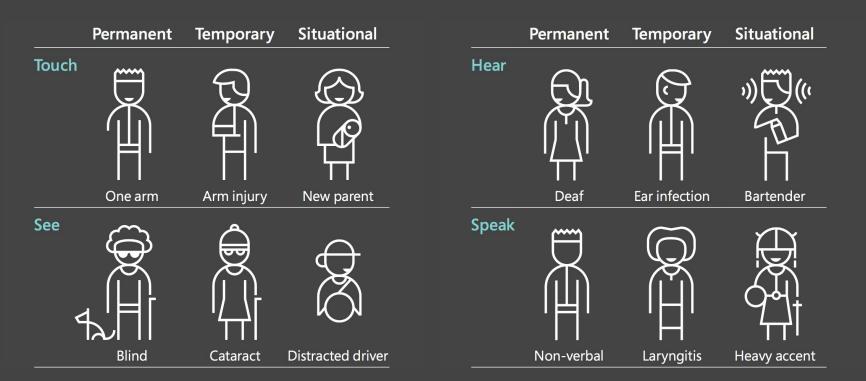
Hearing



Motor control



Cognitive



Microsoft: Inclusive Design https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/design/practice









### An Alphabet of Accessibility Issues by Anne Gibson

https://the-pastry-box-project.net/anne-gibson/2014-july-31

https://theinterconnected.net/kirabug/an-alphabet-of-accessibility-update/



Making things for everyone should include everyone



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### Cognitive very diverse



Receiving

Perception Affordance

>> Processing



Acting

Filter Decide Plan Do

Jamie Knight & Lion, Senior Accessibility Specialist, BBC Cognitive Accessibility 103, 2017

### **Cognitive** very diverse



#### Experience:

- Visit https://svenskagruppspel.se/djur-quiz/ or https://www.rekhta.org/games/urdu-crossword/
- Try to complete a quiz or crossword



1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2P4Ed6G3gw



#### 2. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7sCqRzvBS8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7sCqRzvBS8</a>

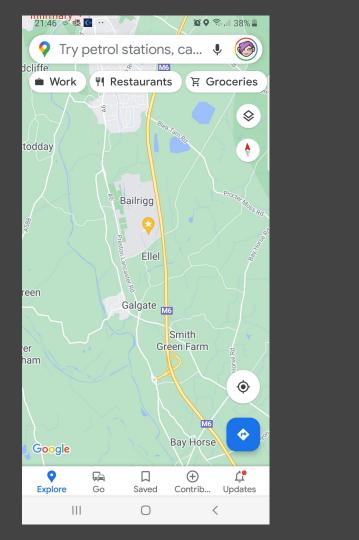
### Cognitive very diverse

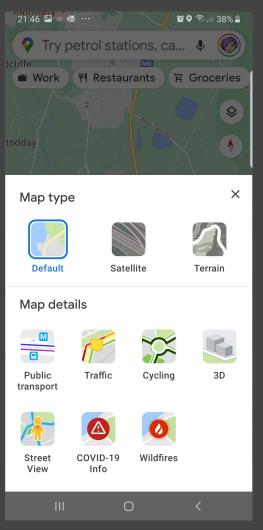


Will it overload or distress?

Can it be understood?

Can it be customised?





Home

Channels

Categories

Q Search

Settings



Find a Programme



Your Favourites



Recently Watched



London Spy Episode 3



Young, Trans and Looking for Love







Most Popular

40 Programmes



2015-2016: 9. Cartel Land



Tomorrow's Food 1. Thanet



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# Cognitive top tips



- Avoid clutter and flickering or distracting movement
- Use plain English short sentences, active verbs, structure
- Use one main heading and hierarchical content subheadings
- Provide a caption or heading with any data tables
- Use native elements, visible navigation, and familiar labels
- Make sure something always has visible focus
- Do not use icon fonts, or important! in your styles
- Consider perceptive adaptations in interactive content
- Test with users, across a range of scenario perspectives

# Motor control many people



Reach

Wheelchair Paralysis

Control

Shaking Spasm Strength

Discomfort Fatigue

### Motor control many people





- Visit <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games</a>
- Laptop only use Tab and Enter/Space keys
- Mobile/Tablet keep hand in a glove/sleeve



3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--Jakgk3tpA



4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQYzsiVscNg

## Motor control many people



Does it support different controls?

Is it simple to interact with?

Is focus visible and in order?





Visit the library to find new stories to read!

### Motor control top tips



- Provide multiple ways to control and navigate content
- Code content in a logical order, especially forms
- Associate form labels and input fields
- Make sure all active elements can receive visible focus
- Group link elements inside a single anchor
- Provide generously sized touch target areas
- Ensure appropriate focus after dynamic updates
- Keep user journeys short and interactions simple



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### Hearing more than 10 million



Volume

Frequency

Interference

None .

Treble

Bass

Noise Static

Low

### Hearing more than 10 million



#### Experience:

- Visit a news channel on YouTube or similar
- Mute the device sound and choose a story
- Try to understand what it is about



### BSL IPSL ASL LSF Auslan Libras etc. SSE Makaton



5. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ks\_p2Ailkl

# Hearing more than 10 million



Are there text or visual alternatives?

Can it be understood?

Is there supportive imagery?





# Hearing top tips



- Ensure instructions are provided as text
- Provide text or sign alternatives with all audible content
- Make good use of visual cues, such as icons
- Use plain English short sentences, active verbs, etc.
- Use one main heading and hierarchical subheadings
- Provide assistance to correct errors
- Make use of haptic feedback, eg. vibration

## **Vision**

# almost 2 million



Light/Detail

Obscured

Colour

Focus Sensitivity Haze Blindspots Saturation Absence

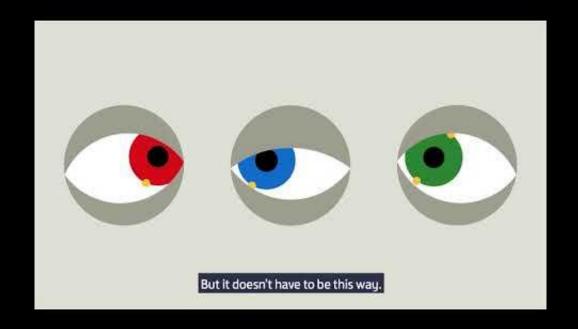
## **Vision**

# almost 2 million



# Experience:

- Unmute the device sound
- Cover the screen
- Try to navigate and check email or similar



6. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4m0JVI3Rfiw



7. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1e7ZCKQfMA

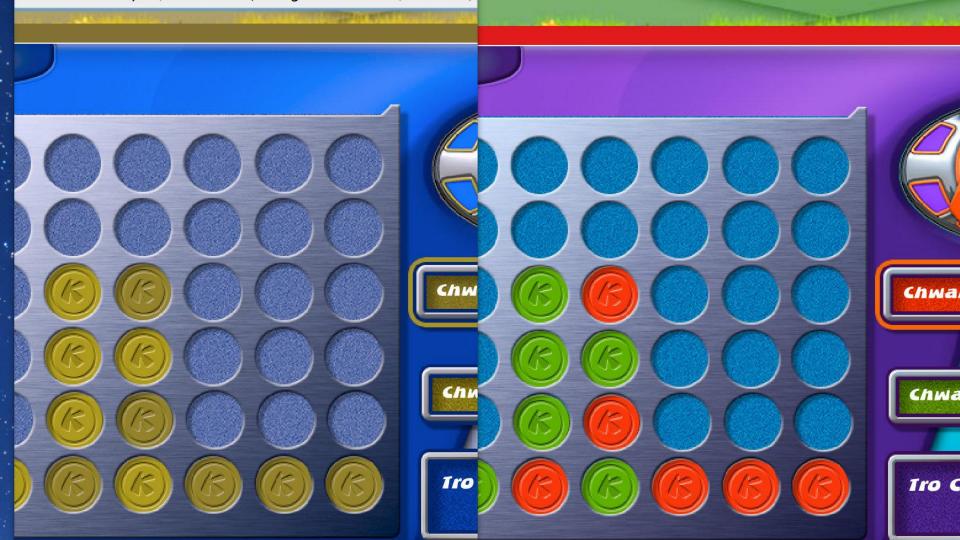
## **Vision**

# almost 2 million

Are there audible or tactile alternatives?

Can it be understood and navigated?

Is there good colour contrast and zoom?



- <img src="weather-icon.png" />
   "image source weather dash icon dot P N G"
- 2. <img src="weather-icon.png" alt="" />
  ""
- 3. <img src="weather-icon.png" alt="white outline of a cloud with seven yellow sun rays emanating from the right" /> "image white outline of a cloud with seven yellow sun rays emanating from the right"
- 4. <img src="weather-icon.png" alt="sunny intervals" /> "image sunny intervals"

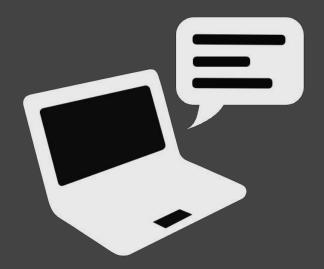
# **Vision** top tips



- Make sure things speak well with a screen reader
- Use native elements lots and WAI-ARIA attributes sparingly
- Provide text or audio alternatives for still and video imagery
- Use plain English, consistent labels, logical content structure
- Check that headings and link text make sense out of context
- Ensure visual focus keeps in sync with the screen reader
- Check that zoom and font resizing work nicely
- Check colour contrasts
- Do not convey meaning by colour alone

# **Screen Readers**





# Screen Readers screen reader first approach



When optimised for accessibility, content is:

- Perceivable... to vision impaired as well as sighted users.
- Operable... by assistive technology as well as mouse/touch.
- Understandable... because of clear, well structured plain language, and both visual and coded affordances.
- Robust... for older devices and slower connections.

Add synced visible focus, and thoughtful use of colour and contrast, and be **accessible** for most people most of the time.



# Screen Readers set up shortcut & practice basics



Action	MS Narrator	VoiceOver MacOS Desktop	VoiceOver iOS Mobile	Android TalkBack	ChromeVox
Set up	Settings > Change PC Settings > Ease of Access	System Preferences > Accessibility	Settings > General > Accessibility	Settings > Accessibility	Ctrl + Alt + Z
Toggle reader on/off	Windows logo key + Ctrl + Enter	₩ + F5	(set up) triple tap home or side button	(set up) varies per device (both volume)	Shift + Search + A + A
Pause/resume reading	Ctrl	Ctrl	2 finger tap	(set up) volume key	Ctrl
Read all from selected	Caps lock + R or down arrow	Ctrl + \tau + A	2 finger swipe down	(set up) shake device	Shift + Search + R
Next / Previous	Caps lock + right/left arrow key	Ctrl + \times + right/left arrow key	Swipe right/left	Swipe right/left	Shift + Search + up/down arrow key
Activate item	Caps lock + Enter	Ctrl + \tau + Space bar	1 finger double tap	1 finger double tap	Enter
Initiate rotor or context menu	n/a	Ctrl + \times + U	Press and twist 2 fingers	Swipe down/up then right for menus	n/a
Help	Caps lock + F1	Ctrl + ▽ + H	n/a	n/a	Shift + Search + .





8. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-bZ0Mbe7Dc

## "Society Benefits When Everyone Can Participate"

"Individuals with disabilities ... can add great value to society if we ensure society is accessible for all."

"Technology innovations... are allowing persons with disabilities all over the world to tap into their potential and **the possibilities** are unlimited."

Debra Ruh, Global Disability Inclusion Strategist http://www.huffingtonpost.com/debra-ruh/abilities-society-benefit\_b\_8558946.html





# "Neurodiversity is a superpower"

Leena Haque - CAPE - creating a positive environment https://twitter.com/BBCCape

- 1808 typewriter invented to help a blind friend
- 1821 Braille alphabet initially invented for secret codes but better used by blind children
- 1876 telephone patented, one of many devices developed to help deaf friends
- 1886 punch cards used to transport information by someone with cognitive disability (company later renamed IBM)
- 1901 first electric hearing aid built as a follow on from the loud speaker & telephone
- 1934 first talking book invented
- 1948 transistor invented to make hearing aids smaller and more reliable
- 1952 first speech recognizer developed following earlier research to improve hearing aids
- 1964 first teletype machine set up, precursor to TTY (instant messaging)
- 1972 deaf man developed ARPANET protocol to text with deaf wife, precursor to email
  - first broadcast transmitted with open-captions for the deaf (subtitles)
- 1975 OCR technology developed to scan and read text for blind people
- 1986 first screen reader developed to assist blind colleague
- 1988 picture based retail registers developed to help those who couldn't speak

- Live transcription and translation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcSmtHNR64M and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAlcoZWoolc
- Haptics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnQB9Y77PXE
- **Electrophysics** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSQNi5sAwuc
- **Bionic robotics** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLk8Pm\_XBJE
- **Object and face recognition** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqeQByqf\_f8 and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVClHLwv-4l and https://youtu.be/dllmXx1C7\_g
- **Augmented, virtual and mixed reality** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mr\_S5mOtsw and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5m8JHWuu2o
- Eye tracking https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKDI1A7UJXY
- **Sound recognition** https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iphf2dc33312/ios
- Gesture control https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT212760
- Brain-computer interfaces https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\_WxaDHNw6I
- Affective computing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq0VO1FqE6I
- Dynamic surfaces https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0flg4rl4cDw and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-VmcsU11hY
- And more ...

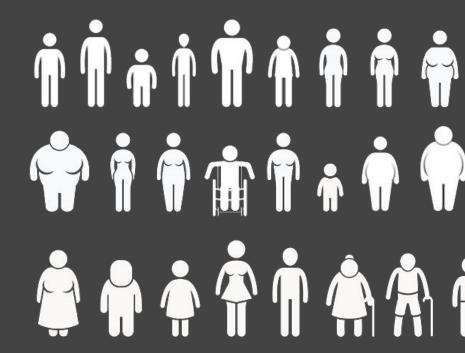


9. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB4cjbYywqg

- Be interested in how things impact others
- Understand that information is vital
  - Physical safety (natural disasters, crime, terrorism)
  - Political or financial affairs (laws, work, income)
  - Awareness and establishing of social norms (trends, fashion, culture, sport, news)
- Remember accessibility matters!

# Accessible web & apps

Make things for everyone



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### Useful resources and further references

- http://webaim.org/intro/
- http://bitsofco.de/the-accessibility-cheatsheet/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/
- https://pages.18f.gov/accessibility/
- http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/forproducts/guides/
- https://accessible.canada.ca/en-301-549-accessibility-requirements-ict-products-and-services
- https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/alphabet-accessibility-issues-anne-gibson-parimala-hariprasad
- https://alistapart.com/article/my-accessibility-journey-what-ive-learned-so-far
- https://reciteme.com/news/wcag-3-0-guidelines/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/adapt-symbols/
- https://www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria-1.2/ and https://w3.org/WAI/ARIA/apg/
- https://www.a11yproject.com/checklist/ and https://www.magentaa11y.com/







"I think if someone had told me that software is really about humanity, that it's really about helping people by using computer technology, it would have changed my outlook a lot earlier."

"Logic, visualization, **user empathy** and language are described as the most applicable skills required to succeed."

"We need **diverse** tech leaders who can **empathize** with the full range of users."

Marcia Bettina Starke, VP Human Resources at FCV Interactive https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140808193150-58202011-girls-who-code-insights-from-successful-women-in-technology