

## Website Accessibility:

At a Glance

In today's digital age, the significance of website accessibility extends far beyond mere compliance. It is a cornerstone of creating an online environment that truly serves everyone. The impact of accessibility on user engagement and business outcomes cannot be overstated. *In other words, ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS....* 

- **Fostering Inclusivity:** Accessible websites are bridges, uniting diverse individuals in a shared digital space. By prioritizing accessibility, you extend an open invitation to all, affirming their worth and dignity as users of your platform.
- **Positive Brand Image and Reputation:** When users encounter a site that welcomes them with an intuitive, barrier-free design, they are more than visitors; they become participants. Their engagement deepens, and the possibilities for meaningful interaction expand, fostering a sense of belonging.
- Enhanced User Engagement: To prioritize accessibility is to make a stand for what is just and humane. It signals that your brand isn't merely concerned with profit, but with the well-being and inclusion of all. In doing so, you cultivate a legacy of respect and trust.

Accessibility is more than a checkbox; it's an ethical compass guiding your online presence towards a more just and inclusive future.





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## Key Principles and Guidelines:

WCAG 2.2 is built upon four fundamental principles: Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, and Robust (POUR). These principles serve as the foundation for creating accessible content.

Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, Robust (POUR):

- Perceivable: This principle ensures that information and user interface components must be presented in a way that users can perceive them.
- Operable: User interface components and navigation must be operable, allowing users to interact with and navigate the content.
- Understandable: Information and operation of the user interface must be clear and straightforward for all users.



• Robust: Content must be compatible with current and future technologies, ensuring long-term accessibility.



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## WCAG 2.2 Conformance Levels Summary

WCAG 2.2 conformance levels represent varying degrees of accessibility compliance. Level A is the minimum level of conformance, AA is a higher level, and AAA is the highest level, with each level building upon the requirements of the previous one to ensure more inclusive web experiences. It's important to note that Level A and Level AA compliance are often considered the most practical and widely adopted targets, as Level AAA compliance can be extremely challenging to attain due to its strict requirements.

- 1. <u>Level A</u>: Includes the foundational accessibility requirements that address the most basic barriers faced by users with disabilities. Achieving Level A compliance ensures that the website is more accessible to a broader range of users but may still have some limitations for certain disabilities.
- 2. <u>Level AA</u>: Builds upon Level A and includes additional accessibility criteria that address a wider range of disabilities and user needs. Meeting Level AA compliance results in a more robust and inclusive website experience, reducing barriers for a larger segment of users.
- 3. <u>Level AAA</u>: Represents the highest level of accessibility compliance, encompassing the most comprehensive set of guidelines and requirements. Achieving Level AAA compliance signifies a website that is highly accessible, accommodating the needs of a broader range of users, including those with more severe disabilities.





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