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Lessons Learned on the Journey Through a Website Accessibility Audit

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Process

• Identify pages and PDFs for review.
• Determine which organization is responsible for each task and identify a point person for the organization.
  • WCET
  • WCET’s parent organization, WICHE
  • Web developers
• Design a workflow and decide on communication methods.
• Rereview pages once tasks are complete.
Examples of Issues on Our Site

- **Keyboard access:**
  - All website features need to be accessible using the keyboard.

- **Alternative text:**
  - Media content should have appropriate alternative text.
  - Decorative media can be designated with a null tag, written as “”.

- **Redundant links:**
  - Limit repeat links to the same destination in a row.
Examples of Issues on Our Site Continued

- CSS (Cascading Style Sheets – the aesthetic design of a site)
  - Text color must contrast adequately from the background color.
  - Links in text should be underlined.
Color Contrast Example

Color Contrast Checker from WebAIM
Lessons Learned

• Outline workflows at the beginning of the project, but don’t spend too long on it because they will evolve over time with input from others on the project.

• Write down practices for the future so that you can continue to maintain all the accessibility practices that you learned.

• It’s hard to imagine everything that could be inaccessible if that’s not your main area of focus, so it’s good to find someone who does know!
Action Items for Your Website

• Check that alt text is correctly applied and described.
• Make sure that text has appropriate color contrast with the background.
• Navigate your website using the keyboard to see if you can reach all elements.
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