

Advancing Accessibility Implementation in Europe

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About WAI

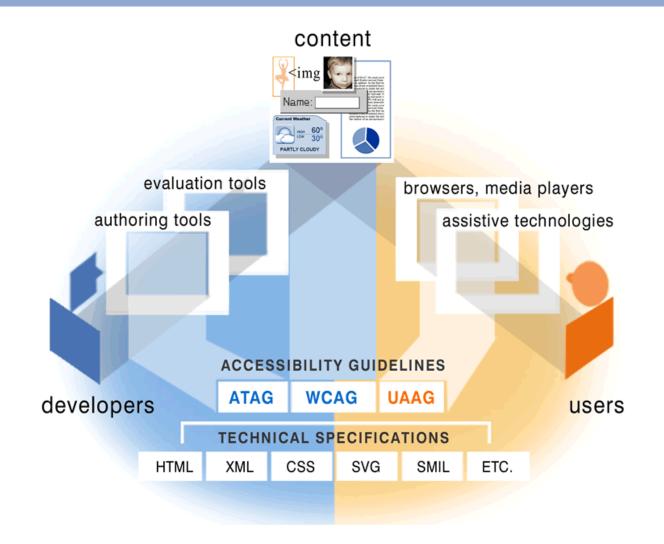


W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) works on:

- Ensuring accessibility support in W3C technologies
- Creating guidelines for web and digital accessibility
- Developing methods for conformance evaluation
- Providing resources for education and training
- Ensuring harmonized and coordinated standards

Web Accessibility





WAI-Tools Project



- 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2020 (GA 780057):
- Accessibility Conformance Testing (ACT) Rules
 - Harmonized testing approaches for WCAG 2
- Demonstrator observatories Portugal & Norway
 - Adoption of authoritative testing approaches
- Supporting tools, resources, and outreach effort
 - Open source tools for testing and reporting



WAI-Guide Project



1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 (GA 822245):

- Open curricula and video-based training materials
 - For developers, designers, authors, managers
- Improved accessibility support in authoring tools
 - List of authoring tools supporting accessibility
- Improved accessibility support in emerging techs
 - Real-time communication, immersive, IoT, ...



Curricula Outline



	Developer	Designer	Author	Tester	Manager
Level 1	Introduction to Web Accessibility				
Level 2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Level 3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Free Online Course



W3Cx Course "Introduction to Web Accessibility":

- Developed in cooperation with UNESCO IITE
- Free online course built on WAI Curriculum
- Featuring a selection of international experts
- Approximately 20 hours effort over 5 weeks
- All course materials will be freely available

Thank You



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