



Accessibility Testing

What is it for?

Accessibility Testing is the process of checking a digital product to ensure it can be used by people with disabilities. Its purpose is to find and fix barriers before your users do. Without testing, you're guessing if your product works for everyone. This can lead to significant problems, such as:

- People using screen readers or keyboards are blocked from completing tasks
- Users with disabilities face a broken or frustrating product
- Your product may fail to meet legal standards like the WCAG
- Finding problems after launch is much harder and more expensive to fix

How to support it

An effective strategy combines three testing methods:

- Automated software scans code for basic flaws, but it doesn't catch more than half of all issues.
- Manual testing relies on humans to check complex areas, including keyboard navigation, zoom levels, and screen reader support.
- User testing gathers feedback from people with disabilities, which is the only way to prove a site is 'truly usable'.

Useful Links

[Best Practices for Accessibility Testing - A Comprehensive Guide](#)
[The Importance Of Manual Accessibility Testing](#)
[Accessibility Testing: How It Works and Why It's Important](#)