



Assistive Technology (Beyond Screen Readers)

What is it for?

Assistive technology includes tools that help people with disabilities use a computer.

Devices like magnifiers, switches, and voice control allow people to navigate without a standard mouse or keyboard.

Poor design, like tiny text or mouse-only buttons, can completely block these users.

How to support it

Support these tools by making website layouts compatible with them.

- Prioritise keyboard navigation so users can browse using only the 'Tab' and 'Enter' keys.
- Ensure layouts don't break when text is zoomed, and use clear, written labels instead of just icons.
- Make sure any information shown on hover is also available by tabbing to it.

Useful Links

[WebAIM - Introduction to Assistive Technology](#)