



# Basic Accessibility Testing

## What is it for?

Testing makes sure that what gets built actually works for everyone. The goal is to never accidentally ship a beautiful page that's completely broken for someone using a screen reader or a keyboard.

While automated tools are awesome, they aren't magic. They only catch about 30% of accessibility errors. An automated tool can check if a picture has an image description (alt text), but it can't tell you if the description actually makes sense. You still have to use your own judgment to check the rest.

## How to support it

You don't need to be an expert to test your site. Try these three quick checks right now.

- Use 'Tab' to move forward, 'Shift + Tab' to go back, and 'Enter' to select. Check that you can reach every button without a mouse.
- Zoom your browser to 200% using 'Ctrl' or 'Cmd' and '+'. Ensure text doesn't overlap or vanish off the screen.
- Run a free scanner like Lighthouse or [Axe DevTools](#) in Chrome. It'll quickly flag basic bugs like poor colour contrast.

## Useful Links

[W3C - Easy Checks \(A first review of Web Accessibility\)](#)  
[WebAIM - Testing with a Keyboard](#)