



Breadcrumbs & Wayfinding

What is it for?

Breadcrumbs show a user's current location within a website's hierarchy.

They help everyone understand where they are, how they got there, and how to navigate back. This context is essential for screen reader users and people with cognitive impairments.

Bad wayfinding leaves users confused, disoriented, and forced to start their journey over.

How to support it

To make breadcrumbs accessible, you should build them using structured code.

- Wrap an ordered list in a navigation element with a 'breadcrumb' label.
- Don't make the final item a link, and ensure you mark it as the current page.
- Hide visual elements like arrows or slashes from screen readers, or use a pre-built accessible component.

Useful Links

[Breadcrumbs for Accessibility: Examples & Best Practices](#)
[Breadcrumbs](#)
[Accessible Breadcrumbs](#)