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Basic accessibility check-list

(minimum list of accessibility points to check in your website)

- **Alternative text:** All images (but also videos, iframes...) must have an alternative text. When the image is decorative an empty alternative text must be given.
- **Headings:** The page must have a logical headings structure (H1, H2, H3...) providing hierarchical structure.
- **Links**: Must be consistent along the web and its text self-explanatory.
- **Videos**: Provide captions and audio-description
- **Colors and shapes**: Do not rely in color, shape or position to provide information or instructions
- **Tagging**: Use tags properly, specially for tables (headers, summary...) and forms (labels, relation between label and input...)
- **Contrast**: Ensure a good contrast between the background and the text. Do not rely on images for the background
- **Text resizing**: Make sure that the text can be expanded up to 200% without losing information
- **Keyboard**: Make sure that all functionality can be accessed through keyboard
- **Animations**: Provide tools to stop or pause any animation or moving object in the web
- **Skip to content**: Provide a "skip to content" link as the first focus link
- **Language**: Set the language of the page and also for its parts (if it changes)
- **Script**: Do not open pages without the user expecting it (for example, by means of Javascript)

Some useful tools to check accessibility

- **Firebug** https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/firebug/
- **Web developer bar** https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/web-developer/
- Accessibility toolbar https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/accessibility-evaluation-toolb/
- Juicy Studio Accessibility tool https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/juicy-studio-accessibility-too/
- NoSquint https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/nosquint/
- **Fangs** http://www.standards-schmandards.com/projects/fangs/
- **Snook** http://snook.ca/technical/colour_contrast/colour.html
- ChromeVox http://www.chromevox.com/