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Overlay Fact Sheet

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What is a web accessibility overlay?

Overlays are a broad term for technologies that aim to improve the accessibility of a website. They apply third-party source code

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(typically JavaScript) to make improvements to the front-end code of the website.

Website add-on products claiming to improve accessibility go back to the late 1990s with products like <u>Readspeaker</u> and <u>Browsealoud</u>. They added text-to-speech capabilities to the website(s) on which they were installed.

Then similar products came to market that added more tools to their software. These allow user-based control of things like font-sizes and colors to improve readability.

Some newer overlay products aim to fix any problems in the site's code that are preventing assistive technology from being used easily. They apply a script to the page which scans the code and automatically attempts to repair the problem.

Some examples of web accessibility overlays (by alphabetical order):

- AccessiBe
- Accessibility Adapter
- Accessiblelink
- Accessiway
- Adally
- Adapte Mon Web (Adapt my Web)
- Allyable
- Alchemy*
- Amaze
- AudioEye
- Bakh Fix

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- DIGlaccess
- Equally.ai
- EqualWeb
- FACIL'iti
- Lisio
- MaxAccess
- MK-Sense
- Poloda Al
- Purple Lens
- ReciteME
- Sentinel*
- Sogo
- TruAbilities
- True Accessibility
- UsableNet Assistive
- User1st
- UserWay

Overlay products are sometimes white labelled (sold under other names), or re-branded for certain markets, so this is not a complete list of the type of products discussed on this page.

Strengths and weaknesses of overlay "widgets"

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^{*:} denotes that these products are no longer developed or marketed.

Overlay widgets are unnecessary and are poorly placed in the technology stack.

As stated above, some overlay products contain widgets which present a series of controls that modify the presentation of the page they're on. Depending on the product, those changes may do things like change the page contrast, enlarge the size of the page's text, or perform other changes to the page that are intended to improve the experience for users with disabilities.

To laypersons, these features may seem beneficial, but their practical value is largely overstated because the end users that these features claim to serve will already have the necessary features on their computer, either as a built-in feature or as an additional piece of software that the user needs to access not only the Web but all software.

On this latter point, it is a mistake to believe that the features provided by the overlay widget will be of much use by end users because if those features were **necessary** to use the website, they'd be needed for all websites that the user interacts with. Instead, the widget is —at best—redundant functionality with what the user already has.

Strengths and weaknesses of automated repair

While some automated repair is possible, customers should be discouraged from using an overlay as a long-term solution.

Some overlay products have capabilities aimed at providing accessibility repairs to the underlying page on which the overlay is added. These repairs are applied when the page loads in the user's browser.

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While it is true that a non-trivial array of accessibility problems can be repaired in this manner, the nature, extent, and accuracy of such repair are limited by a number of important factors:

- Automated application of text alternatives for images is not reliable
- Automated repair of field labels, error management, error handling, and focus control on forms is not reliable
- Automated repair of keyboard access is not reliable
- Modern, component-based user interfaces, such as those using ReactJS, Angular, or Vue may change the state of all or some of the underlying page independently of the overlay, rendering it unable to fix those JavaScript-driven changes to content.
- Repairs to the page can either slow down page load times or cause unexpected page changes for assistive technology users.

In addition to the above, overlays do not repair content in Flash, Java, Silverlight, PDF, HTML5 Canvas, SVG, or media files.

Fitness for achieving compliance with accessibility standards

While the use of an overlay may improve compliance with a handful of provisions in major accessibility standards, full compliance cannot be achieved with an overlay.

Among the many claims made by overlay vendors is the claim that the use of their product will bring the site into compliance with accessibility standards such as WCAG 2.x, related and derivative standards, and laws that mandate compliance with those standards.

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Conformance to a standard means that you meet or satisfy the 'requirements' of the standard. In WCAG 2.0 the 'requirements' are the Success Criteria. To conform to WCAG 2.0, you need to satisfy the Success Criteria, that is, there is no content which violates the Success Criteria.

<u>Understanding WCAG 2.1: Understanding Conformance</u>

Given that conformance is defined as meeting **all** requirements of the standard, these products' documented inability to repair all possible issues means that they cannot bring a website into compliance. Products marketed with such claims should be viewed with significant skepticism.

Privacy of personal data

Adding an overlay to your site may run counter to end users' preference for privacy and may create risk of noncompliance with GDPR, UK GDPR, CCPA, et al.

Overlays that automatically enable certain settings, like those for screen reader or speech recognition users, do so by detecting when an assistive technology is running on the device. This exposes the fact that the person using the device at the time has a disability. In certain cases, like screen reader users where the majority are blind or have low vision, it exposes even more detail about the nature of their disability. Like age, ethnic background, or preferred gender, disability is sensitive personal information. It is not data that should be collected without the informed consent of the person it belongs to.

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Some overlays have been found to persist users' settings across sites which use the same overlay. This is done by setting a cookie on the user's computer. When the user enables a setting for an overlay feature on one site, the overlay will automatically turn on that feature on other sites. While the overlay company might think they're doing good by the end user, the big privacy problem is that the user never opted in to be tracked and there's also no ability to opt-out. Due to this lack of an opt-out (other than explicitly turning off that setting) this creates General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) risk for the overlay customer.

In their own words

Many users with disabilities have expressed strong words of dissatisfaction with overlay products. As shown below, overlays themselves may have accessibility problems significant enough for users to take steps to actively block overlays from appearing at all.

Please note: while this section may mention specific vendors, these comments are par-for-the-course when it comes to the user experience provided by overlay widgets which have, in themselves, a pattern of negatively impacting the user experience.

...assuming your tool can do a good job making something accessible, it can do an even better job making something accessible running directly on the user's machine having access to machine code and machine APIs

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DerekRiemer

...I finally managed to gain access to my @NameCheap account by blocking #AccessiBe in my Windows Hosts file. I should not need to do this to use the Internet. AccessiBe needs to AccessiBeGone

WilfSplodNokit

...I know with 100% certainty, any site which has deployed an overlay in the past year and a half has been less useable for both my wife and me—both blind.

GeauxEnder

...Still a pain to even try reading the article on a mobile device because of the constant interruption every few seconds. Considering every site using your service also has this problem... Nope.

Big_D01

...Making a webpage accessible does take work, and simply telling a business they can install your plugin is absolutely foolish, you build, and design accessibility in to a webpage using WCAG standards.

w9fyi

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...Suggesting one line of code is cheap so you should do it by inference suggests disabled lives aren't worth investing in either. #a11y

Kevmarmol_CT

@AccessiBe Just to demonstrate my good faith, here's a quick free audit of https://t.co/1mQGCCtnls. You capture "tab" which is the standard way to navigate. There's no way to not enable your overlay if I want to navigate the page. Once the overlay is enabled, wild things happen.

eluberoff

#AccessiBe makes sites harder to use by getting in the way of browsing and changing access barriers on a page, not fixing them. A student and I came across an "enhanced" website and to my shame, we left because navigating that mess was beyond my skills, on that day.

turtlecatpurrz

Accessibility overlays are not the answer, and AccessiBe is no exception. As a screen reader user, numerous sites have become less usable for me with this overlay. Discrediting reputable accessibility professionals and advocates will not sway me on this view. https://t.co/ZgFt8JtsbZ

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<u>SingingTigress</u>

An die Screen Reader nutzenden Follower: Vielleicht habt ihr schon von #Accessibe gehört, einem Overlay, das behauptet, Seiten, in denen es eingebunden ist, zugänglicher zu machen. Ich möchte nicht näher ins Detail gehen. Kurz gesagt: Kompletter Blödsinn. Finger weg!

MarcoZehe

Automated solutions which promise to make your site accessible can't. It takes more than automation to achieve this requirement. You won't be safe from liability. you will almost assuredly negatively impact your customers with disabilities.

twithoff

Every time I go on a website and I hear the #accessiBe notification that this site is adjusted to my screen reader, I know that my blocker isn't working properly, and I'm in for a hellish experience on that particular website. https://t.co/ZFzKMfUe0t

BorrisInABox

I tried using this @AccessiBe site with VoiceOver in Chrome on iOS. The 4-star rating is announced as "unpronounceable"
https://t.co/f4MxQ2eLLP"

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racheleditullio

I wrote an email to their customer service detailing that I can not use their site due to the overlay, but... I really am disappointed, but I hope they listen. @Goodfair_ - please stop using AccessiBe.

kit flowerstorm

I'm not an accessibility expert, just a screen reader user with decent skills telling you that this thread is spot on and my experience with #AccessiBe is that it makes sites with accessibility issues even harder to work around. https://t.co/cfyrEqXwTy

<u>atfarnum</u>

...If you are blind or low vision and rely on assistive technologies like screen readers, you may have begun finding popular websites becoming less usable... this page describes how to ban AccessiBe from ever reaching your computer... https://t.co/qbiKvolizSsmartudlab

OK, this seems very wrong to me. A local chain here named Fleet Farm is now using AccessiBe. It makes a mess of the search for location feature. This is what I now get on the start of the result page.

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kellylford

Thank goodness Firefox blocks their accessibility detection. For me, focus jumps all over the place with #AccessiBe enabled. When it's disabled, it behaves itself.

mhorspool

There are 0 automated tools that can tetect accessibility problems accurately at anything above 30% of the time. 0. This is commonly known by anyone who's been in this space for at least a week. #AccessiBe

cswordpress

There's a perfectly practical tool for making websites accessible. It's called a programmer. The needs that matter in making a website accessible are those of the users. If you can't meet those, then you can't meet the basic costs of doing business.

WTBDavidG

When #AccessiBe is enabled, the page is flooded with headings. Lots of heading level 2's. The title of each phone remains a heading in both versions of the page, but with it enabled, things like cost, display, and all the other components of the tables become headings as well.

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Conclusion

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No overlay product on the market can cause a website to become fully compliant with any existing accessibility standard and therefore cannot eliminate legal risk.

Accessibility on the Web is a big challenge, both for owners of websites and for the users of those websites. The invention of novel approaches to resolving this challenge is to be commended.

However, in the case of overlays—especially those which attempt to add widgets that present assistive features—the challenge is not being met. Even more problematic is the deceptive marketing provided by some overlay vendors who promise that implementing their product will give their customer's sites immediate compliance with laws and standards.

The ineffectiveness of overlays is something that has broad agreement among accessibility practitioners, per the WebAIM Survey of Web **Accessibility Practitioners** which found:

A strong majority (67%) of respondents rate these tools as not at all or not very effective. Respondents with disabilities were even less favorable with 72% rating them not at all or not very effective, and only 2.4% rating them as very effective.

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Statement from sponsors and signatories to this fact sheet

As a result of the above information:

- 1. We will never advocate, recommend, or integrate an overlay which deceptively markets itself as providing automated compliance with laws or standards.
- 2. We will always advocate for the remediation of accessibility issues at the source of the original error.
- 3. We will refuse to stay silent when overlay vendors use deception to market their products.
- 4. More specifically, we hereby advocate for the removal of web accessibility overlay and encourage the site owners who've implemented these products to use more robust, independent, and permanent strategies to making their sites more accessible.

Signed by:

Some overlay vendors have attempted to frame the overlay factsheet as an effort by their competitors to discredit them. Such overlay claims are a textbook case of an attempt to gaslight people to deflect criticism.

As of today, the signatories to the overlay factsheet include:

- Contributors and editors for WCAG, ARIA, and HTML specifications
- Consultants from US, UK, NL, CA, JP, DE, FR, SE, NO, BE, PL, AU, DK, IL, CL and more

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Internal accessibility experts for companies like Google, Microsoft,
 Apple, NBC, Squarespace, BBC, VMWare, Shopify, ServiceNow, Dell,
 Lyft, HCL, Costco, Expedia, eBay, Cigna, Target, CVS Health, Kijiji,
 Orange, Pearson, Mitre, Sapient, and Pearson Assessments

- Internal accessibility experts from higher education institutions like Syracuse, CSU, Stuttgart Media University, University of Massachusetts, San Francisco State University, Gallaudet University, Carnegie Mellon, West Virginia University, MIT
- Lawyers for the disabled
- Contributors to assistive technology software such as JAWS and NVDA
- Scores of end users with disabilities

In short, the list of signatories below are people who are experts in this field & have dedicated their professional careers to the improvement of accessibility or are end users with disabilities (or both). Discounting the names listed below as "competitors" is both inaccurate and misses the point: overlays are not an effective means of ensuring accessibility - a point on which all of the people below agree.

- 1. Karl Groves, Founder and President, Tenon.io
- 2. Matt King, Chair, W3C ARIA Authoring Practices Task Force and W3C ARIA and Assistive Technologies Community Group
- 3. Bill Dengler, totally blind computer science student and code contributor to the NVDA screen reader, Swarthmore College, Philadelphia
- 4. Nicolas Steenhout, Independent accessibility consultant
- 5. Rian Rietveld, web accessibility specialist, Level Level
- 6. Weston Thayer, Founder, Assistiv Labs
- 7. Denis Boudreau, Accessibility consultant

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8. Meryl K. Evans, accessibility advocate

- 9. Makoto Ueki, Web accessibility consultant, Infoaxia
- 10. Michael Spellacy, Accessibility Consultant
- 11. Helen Burge, Accessibility Consultant
- 12. Léonie Watson, Director, TetraLogical
- 13. Eric Eggert, Co-Founder, outline
- 14. Dale Reardon Founder & CEO of TravelForAll.Guide
- 15. Bram Duvigneau, Co-Founder, Firm Ground
- 16. Jason Gill Certified Web Accessibility Specialist
- 17. Michael Ausbun, CPWA, Web Accessibility Engineer, Prime Access Consulting, Inc.
- 18. Ronny Hendriks Accessibility Consultant, Toegankelijk Online
- 19. Charles Hall, Invited Expert W3C AGWG
- 20. Hai Nguyen Ly, Accessibility Advocate
- 21. David Luhr, Accessibility Consultant
- 22. Justin L. Yarbrough, Accessibility Specialist, Rio Salado College
- 23. Murray Inman, Instructional Design and Accessibility, Rio Salado College
- 24. Hidde de Vries, accessibility specialist and front-end developer
- 25. James Fleeting, Technical Director, Monkee-Boy
- 26. Alex Tait, Accessibility Specialist, AT Fresh Solutions
- 27. Michael Fairchild, Accessibility consultant
- 28. Gijs Veyfeyken, web accessibility specialist, Five Oaks
- 29. Dennis Lembree, Web Axe & Easy Chirp

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- 31. Rob Whiting, Head of Research & Design, Merlan Ltd.
- 32. Kitty Giraudel, Accessibility Specialist, Gorillas
- 33. Derek Mohr, Front-end Developer, Mighty in the Midwest
- 34. Alastair Campbell, Director of Accessibility, Nomensa
- 35. Anders Fredericksen, Level Access
- 36. Zoë Bijl, Senior Accessibility Engineer, CrowdStrike
- 37. Jonathan Avila, Level Access
- 38. Seth Kane, Level Access
- 39. Sheri Byrne-Haber, Senior accessibility evangelist
- 40. Jared Smith, Associate Director, WebAIM
- 41. 木達 一仁 (Kazuhito Kidachi)
- 42. Yakim van Zuijlen, Designer
- 43. Shannon Urban, Director of Accessibility, EVERFI
- 44. Todd Libby, Accessibility Advocate and Consultant
- 45. David Monnehay, Atalan
- 46. Joschi Kuphal, CPWA & CEO, tollwerk
- 47. Romain Deltour, web/accessibility/ebook specialist
- 48. Craig Francis, Code Poets Limited
- 49. Erik Gustafsson, Accessibility Specialist, Axess Lab
- 50. Dan Payne, Accessibility consultant
- 51. Ben Tillyer
- 52. Belinda Dow, Digital Accessibility Consultant
- 53. Matt Obee CPWA, Principal Designer for Accessibility, NearForm

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- 55. Donna Vitan, Design Systems Nerd
- 56. Ruben Nic, Web Accessibility/Senior Engineer, Webflow
- 57. Dennis Deacon, Accessibility Consultant
- 58. Nicolas Loye, CTO, Actency
- 59. Rachele DiTullio, accessibility engineer, CPWA
- 60. Gerard K. Cohen, self
- 61. Vincent Aniort, digital accessibility expert, Orange SA
- 62. Arthur Rigaud, Accessibility Specialist and Front-End Developer
- 63. Gary Jones, WordPress VIP
- 64. Andrew Nevins, CPWA, Front-end developer
- 65. Chris Heilmann, Principal Product Manager for Developer Tools
- 66. Bruce Lawson, greedy accessibility consultant
- 67. Peter Goes, Front-end developer, De Voorhoede
- 68. Geoff Mortstock, Accessibility Consultant
- Marcus Herrmann, Web Accessibility Specialist and front-end developer
- 70. Kelly Childs, Lead Developer, Be Accessible, Inc.
- 71. Matthew Hallonbacka
- 72. Kelly Wills, Access Technology Specialist, CPWA
- 73. Joan Preston, Web Accessibility Coordinator, California State University, Long Beach
- 74. Jon Gibbins, digital accessibility consultant, Dotjay Ltd

75. Alicia Jarvis

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76. Anthony Fernando, CPWA, Accessibility QA Manager, Pearson

- 77. Jennifer Strickland, Senior HCD + Accessibility Engineer at MITRE, Accessibility Consultant at Level Access
- 78. Lainey Feingold lawyer and author, Law Office of Lainey Feingold
- 79. Andrew Hayward, Accessibility Engineer
- 80. Jean Ducrot, Accessibility Engineer, CPWA
- 81. Manuel Razzari Accessibility educator, Buenos Aires National Technological University, Argentina
- 82. Zack Kline, Accessibility Tester, ISoftStone
- 83. Anna E. Cook Senior Inclusive Designer, Microsoft
- 84. Alex Cooper Software Engineer, Digital Inclusion, American Foundation for the Blind
- 85. Christophe Strobbe, researcher and lecturer in HCl and accessibility, Stuttgart Media University
- 86. Eric Bailey, The A11Y Project Maintainer
- 87. Andre Polykanine, software engineer, web accessibility specialist, screen reader user
- 88. Ben Myers, Software Engineer
- 89. Eric Bednarz, self
- 90. Olivier Keul, Accessibility consultant, Temesis
- 91. Bogdan Cerovac, WAS, front-end developer and accessibility lead
- 92. Lori Samuels, Accessibility Director, NBCUniversal
- 93. Ryan Leisinger UX Manager Department of Licensing WA State
- 94. Ian Lloyd, Accessibility Engineer
- 95. Pavel Pomerantsev, web accessibility engineer, Squarespace

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- 97. Rowdy Rabouw, web and app developer, double-R webdevelopment
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- 99. Toufic Sbeiti, accessibility advocate
- 100. Amy Carney, CPWA, accessibility consultant & front-end web developer, Digilou
- 101. Carly Gerard CPWA, Web Accessibility Engineer, Western Washington University
- 102. Haben Girma, Human Rights Lawyer
- 103. Katriel Paige, Accessibility Consultant, Fox Design Studios LLC
- 104. Adrianne Mallett, Software Engineer
- 105. Krista Greear
- 106. Kim Krause Berg, CPACC, QA Accessibility Analyst, BMTX (formerly Bank Mobile)
- 107. Joseph Dolson
- 108. Ashley Hannan, Accessibility Advocate
- 109. Cara Hall, Accessibility Advocate
- 110. Paul Grenier, Web Developer
- 111. Glenda Sims, Accessibility consultant
- 112. JF Hector Labram, WAS, Principal Front-End Engineer, Kooth Plc
- 113. Anne-Mieke Bovelett, Accessibility Advocate
- 114. Radimir Bitsov, Web Accessibility and Performance Engineer
- 115. Beatriz González Mellídez, Principal Product Design, CPWA, CPUX-RE
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- 118. Kim Johannesen, CEO and Accessibility Consultant, Shift ApS
- 119. Marco Hengstenberg, Front End Web Developer and Accessibility Consultant
- 120. Nicola Saunders, Front-End Developer, Studio 24 Ltd
- 121. Rogier Barendregt, Senior digital product designer, Rg/B
- 122. Jeremy Keith, Founder, Clearleft
- 123. Kasper Isager, Software Developer
- 124. Angela P. Ricci, Web Designer/ Front dev
- 125. Matt Jiggins, Developer/Designer
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- 127. Sina Bahram, President, Prime Access Consulting, Inc.
- 128. Kristina England, Accessibility Specialist, University of Massachusetts President's Office
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- 130. Kerstin Probiesch, Accessibility Consultant
- 131. Radek Pavlíček, CPWA, Accessibility Specialist, Teiresias Centre Masaryk University & Poslepu.cz
- 132. Billy Gregory, TPGi
- 133. Brian Elton, Accessibility Engineer/Consultant
- 134. Kevin Mar-Molinero, Director of Experience Technologies Kin+Carta Connect, Member of BIMA Inclusive Design Council.
- 135. Crystal Preston-Watson, Quality and Accessibility Engineer
- 136. Bob Dodd, Accessibility Consultant
- 137. Chauncey McAskill

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138. David Swallow, Accessibility Engineer

- 139. Marko Milanović, Developer, Tenon.io
- 140. Joe Lamyman, Development Specialist
- 141. Kevin Ackley, Accessibility Tech Consultant
- 142. Stephen Clower, Software Developer and Accessibility Lead, Desmos, Inc.
- 143. Nicolas Chardon, Digital Accessibility Expert
- 144. Steve Faulkner, Chief Accessibility Officer, TPGi
- 145. Andy Bell, Designer and Educator
- 146. Patrick H. Lauke, Accessibility Trash Panda
- 147. Yann Kozon, Front End Web Developer and Accessibility Consultant, Freelance
- 148. Chris Taylor, Web Nerd, Yorkshire Twist
- 149. Miriam Suzanne, Agency Co-Founder & W3C Invited Expert
- 150. Robert Jolly, Product Manager & Accessibility Strategist
- 151. Lena Chandelier, Accessibility Expert, Front-end Developer
- 152. Thomas Parisot, Old Timey Web Developer
- 153. Jesse Menn, Principal Web Developer
- 154. Wendy Reid, Accessibility Lead
- 155. Scott O'Hara, Accessibility Engineer/Consultant
- 156. Phil Springall
- 157. Dr Carl Myhill, Director, User Experience Design Limited
- 158. Sumner M. Davenport, Specialist Web Accessibility
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- 161. Matt Richardson, Web Accessibility Expert
- 162. Josephine Schwebler, Senior Consultant Accessibility / Accessible Documents
- 163. Vegard Haugstvedt, Front-end Developer / Accessibility Specialist, Webstep
- 164. Mikołaj Rotnicki, http://a11y.report, accessibility specialist
- 165. William Bunch Accessibility Consultant
- 166. Kris Rivenburgh, Chief Accessibility & Legal Officer, Essential Accessibility
- 167. Paul Kruczynski, Front-End UX/UI Developer
- 168. Matthias Weston, Accessibility-Centered Freelance Developer
- 169. Mat Harris, Web Accessibility Lead, ITHAKA
- 170. Lindsey Dragun, Developer / Accessibility Advocate
- 171. Michail Yasonik, Senior Software Engineer
- 172. Marcy Sutton, Independent Web Developer and Accessibility Specialist
- 173. Talita Pagani, Accessibility and UX Consultant, Research Scientist in Web Accessibility for Neurodiversity
- 174. Aaron Chu, UI Engineer + Disability & Design Researcher
- 175. Adam Saucier, Web Accessibility Specialist
- 176. Arnaud Delafosse, Web Quality & Accessibility Consultant, Temesis
- 177. J.J. Meddaugh, Owner, A. T. Guys.
- 178. Nicki Rios, CPWA, Founder, Accessibility Consultant & Engineer, Nock & Sparrow
- 179. John E Brandt, head dude, jebswebs

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- 184. Brittany Roots, Accessibility Consultant
- 185. James Nurthen, Accessibility Engineer & co-chair ARIA Working Group
- 186. Shell Little, Inclusive Design Lead and Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 187. Carlos Eriksson, Accessibility Lead, Studio 24
- 188. Steven Mouret, Digital Accessibility Expert
- 189. Adam Page, UX Designer
- 190. David A. Kennedy, Designer and Accessibility Weekly curator
- 191. Marc Solomon, self
- 192. Ron Stauffer, Founder, Lieder Digital
- 193. Nick Caskey, CPWA & Senior Accessibility Engineer, VMware Inc.
- 194. Devon Persing, Technical Program Manager and Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 195. Brian Olore, Developer
- 196. Kathleen McMahon, Engineer, Designer, and Speaker
- 197. Will Slone, Accessibility Engineer
- 198. Peter Weil, Web Developer
- 199. Brennan Young, Accessibility specialist, Laerdal Medical
- 200. Emanuela Gorla, Accessibility Specialist, TetraLogical
- 201. Paweł Choiński, Front-End Developer

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- 204. Rachel Cherry, Accessibility Specialist, Director of WPCampus, and Director of Technology and Design, Equal Made
- 205. Lucy Greco, Accessaces
- 206. John Lukosky, Accessibility Specialist
- 207. Jennifer Grant, Senior Accessibility Engineer, Educational Testing Service
- 208. Károly Szántai, WAS
- 209. Sarah E. Lynch, Accessibility Engineer
- 210. L. Jeffrey Zeldman
- 211. Paul Shryock, WordPress Engineer, NBA
- 212. Nick Colley
- 213. Carlin Scuderi, Front End Developer
- 214. Nicolas Zerr, Digital Accessibility Expert
- 215. Derek Featherstone, Accessibility and Inclusive Design Professional
- 216. Corey Megown, Front-End Developer
- 217. Marcelo Sales, Accessibility Specialist, RD (Raia Drogasil)
- 218. Scott Vinkle, Accessibility Specialist, Shopify
- 219. Barry Pollard, Developer
- 220. Anand Chowdhary, Creative Technologist & Entrepreneur
- 221. Christian Alden Jacobs, UX Strategist
- 222. Edward Pritchard, Digital Accessibility Consultant
- 223. Hadley Luker, Accessibility Analyst, Level Access

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- 226. EJ Mason, Accessibility Specialist
- 227. Michele Williams, Accessibility and UX Consultant
- 228. Hala Anwar, Inclusive Design Consultant
- 229. Johnny Taylor, Accessibility Advocate
- 230. Joel McKinnon, Accessibility Specialist
- 231. Olivier Nourry, General Manager & CAO, Be Player One
- 232. Ross Mullen, Director, CANAXESS
- 233. Steve Woodson, Developer
- 234. Joe Yang, Senior UX Designer Accessibility, ServiceNow
- 235. Lee Bartholomew, Website Designer
- 236. Amanda J. Rush, Self
- 237. John H. Carson Jr., retired escalations specialist, Freedom Scientific
- 238. Ka Li, Accessibility Consultant
- 239. Adele M. Beeby, Web Manager, Leicester City Council
- 240. James Scholes, Director of Digital Accessibility, Prime Access Consulting, Inc.
- 241. Ian Kersey, Self
- 242. Wally Zielinski, WAS, Dell Technologies
- 243. Martin Mengele, Front End Developer & Accessibilty Consultant, @accessabilly)
- 244. Gaël Poupard, Lead dev, OnePoint
- 245. Philip Kiff, D4K Communications

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246. Tim Kraut, Senior Frontend Developer, AWESOME! Software GmbH

- 247. Jennifer Panighetti, Web Developer
- 248. Jasmine Kaul, Founder and Digital Content Consultant, Happy Words
- 249. Ian Hamilton, accessibility specialist
- 250. Margie Chubin, Software Engineer
- 251. Joe Lanman, Designer
- 252. Jude Robinson, Global Head of Frontend Development, Springer Nature
- 253. Luc Poupard, Front-end designer and WordPress developer, Proton Technologies
- 254. David Sloan, UX Research Lead, TPGi
- 255. Grady Thompson, Student, University of Washington
- 256. Claudio Luis Vera, Accessibility leader, analyst, and public speaker
- 257. Emmanuelle Gutiérrez y Restrepo, Fundación Sidar Acceso Universal
- 258. Homer Gaines, UI Engineer, and Accessibility Specialist
- 259. Carolina Aguilera, Accessibility Consultant, Chile
- 260. Kara Franco, CPWA, Accessibility Engineer
- 261. Sarah Higley, Accessibility Specialist & Software Developer, Microsoft
- 262. Benoît Dequick, Front-end dev & RGAA expert
- 263. Peter Bossley, self
- 264. Jennifer Gorfine, UX Engineer & Web Accessibility Specialist
- 265. Heather Migliorisi, Web Accessibility Specialist

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266. Thinh-Lay Wonesky, Accessibility Consultant, Allerlay Wonesky Media

- 267. Robert Kingett, Blind author
- 268. Frances Jurek, Software Engineer
- 269. Owen Edwards, Principal Accessibility Consultant, Level Access
- 270. Jennifer X Zhang, Accessibility Program Manager and Designer
- 271. Michael Vaughn, Accessibility Manager
- 272. Desiree White
- 273. Marco Salsiccia, Senior Native Mobile Accessibility Coach, Deque Systems
- 274. Carter Temm, Accessibility Consultant
- 275. Silvia Ceria, Interior Designer and Content Creator, DforDesign
- 276. Maurizio Lepora, Full-Stack Developer, Lemaur
- 277. Jared Clayton, Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 278. Dirk Ginader, UX Engineer, Google
- 279. Cordelia McGee-Tubb, Accessibility Engineer
- 280. Ethan Marcotte, web designer, author of "Responsive Web Design"
- 281. Jory Cunningham, Accessibility Engineer
- 282. Lee White, Front-End & Accessibility Engineer
- 283. Richard Boardman, Senior Director, Product Accessibility
- 284. David Peter, Software Engineer
- 285. Stefan Judis, Web Developer
- 286. Dean Birkett, Accessibility Consultant
- 287. Myles Lewando, Web Developer & Accessibility Specialist

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288. Michael Dowden, CEO, Andromeda Galactic Solutions, author of "Approachable Accessibility"

- 289. Abdullah Norozi Iranzad, Web Developer
- 290. Allison Ravenhall, Accessibility Consultant
- 291. Ian Pouncey, Director, TetraLogical
- 292. Chancey Fleet, Technology Educator
- 293. Amanda Mace General Manager, Web Key IT
- 294. Wendy Torres, Senior Instructional Technologist
- 295. Janos Sitar, Web Accessibility Specialist, Central 1 Credit Union
- 296. Dave Bahr, CEO of In-Sightful Living
- 297. Momin Pasha Mohammed, CPWA, Accessibility Consultant
- 298. Holly Scott-Gardner, usability assessor and disability rights advocate
- 299. Sara Cousins, Mighty Spark Design
- 300. Roger Fracé, Quality Assurance Specialist
- 301. Pierre Albert, Accessibility consultant, Temesis
- 302. Colleen Gratzer, Creative Boost and Gratzer Graphics LLC
- 303. Kara Goldfinch
- 304. Sally Thoun, Accessibility Consultant
- 305. Ajaz Mohammed, Accessibility Test Consultant, HCL Canada Inc.
- 306. Vincent Martin, Usercessible, LLC.
- 307. Jessie Lorenz
- 308. Amy Mason, Access Technology Specialist, San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind
- 309. Nadia Rasul, CPACC, Front-end Developer and Accessibility Lead

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310. Catherine M. Stager, Accessibility and Assistive Technology Specialist, Front Range Community College

- 311. Avi Chandiramani, Program Manager for Accessible Technology Services, San Francisco State University
- 312. Wink Harner Professor of Adaptive Technology In Higher Education/CUNY graduate school
- 313. Courtney Heitman, Technical Accessibility Specialist
- 314. Simon Bonaventure, Accessibility consultant, Empreinte Digitale
- 315. Eric Wright
- 316. Deborah Kaplan, Accessibility Lead, Suberic Networks
- 317. Carie Fisher, Sr. Accessibility consultant, Deque
- 318. Scott Boren, Accessibility manager
- 319. Josie Davidson, Associate Accessibility Specialist
- 320. Matt Campbell, Chief Technology Officer, Pneuma Solutions
- 321. Quentin Bellanger, Front-end developer, /tmp
- 322. Al Romano, Web Developer, Virtually(Creative)
- 323. Derek Riemer, Frontend web application Developer, NVDA screen reader contributor
- 324. Isabel Del Castillo, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Prime Access Consulting, Inc.
- 325. Nic Chan, Front-End Developer
- 326. Jeremy Neander, Senior Front End Engineer
- 327. Nick Croft, Senior Full Stack Web Developer, WAS, CPACC, CPWA, 508 TT
- 328. Dag Eikesdal, web developer & accessibility specialist

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329. Dylan M. Rafaty, Disability Rights Activist and Head of Accessibility Strategy & Partnerships at C-Hear, Inc.

- 330. Randi Strunk, self
- 331. Jörg Morsbach, anatom5
- 332. Thomas Logan, Founder and CEO, Equal Entry
- 333. Lindsay Reddick, self
- 334. Mike Calvo, self
- 335. Molly E. Holzschlag, Web Educator and Historian
- 336. Armony Altinier, CEO & Accessibility Lead, Koena
- 337. Olivier Camon, Web developer
- 338. Liz Hare, PhD, Quantitative Geneticist, Dog Genetics LLC
- 339. Luce Carević, Accessibility expert, Access42
- 340. Roman Mkrtchian, Web developer, Koena
- 341. Tori Clark, Accessibility Evangelist and Executive Director, Digital A11ies
- 342. Sarah Jagrowski, Associate Product Designer, FiscalNote
- 343. Jay Miles, Product Designer
- 344. Benjamin Michoux, Front-end Engineer
- 345. Daman Wandke, CEO/Founder, Wandke Consulting
- 346. Christian Vogler, Professor and Director, Technology Access Program, Gallaudet University
- 347. Kevin Erickson, Accessibility Services Manager, Ablr
- 348. Sanjay Nasta, CEO, Microassist
- 349. Sue Brettell, Branding & UX Designer
- 350. Steve Decker, self

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351. Fady Rizk, self

- 352. Philip Fortier, Director, Perficient
- 353. Natalie Stroud, self
- 354. Kalib Watson, Accessibility Engineer II, Jackson
- 355. Ryan Dudek, Software Engineer
- 356. Jenia Walker, Microsoft
- 357. Merrie McGaw, Microsoft
- 358. Nir Baligar, Accessibility Engineering Lead, Microsoft
- 359. Rob Gallo, Microsoft
- 360. Maxime Preaux, Frontend Developer
- 361. Mike Schwartz, Component Library Developer/Accessibility SME
- 362. Eilana Benish, authorized Accessibility consultant from Israel
- 363. Mohammad Suliman, blind master's degree computer science student, Tel Aviv University
- 364. Shawn Hooper, Director of IT, Actionable.co
- 365. Jim Allan, Accessibility Coordinator
- 366. Trevor Attenberg, Access technology specialist, Portland community college
- 367. Sandy Feldman, Self
- 368. Geof Collis, Accessibility Advocate
- 369. Martin Courcelles, Martin Assist Inc.
- 370. Cynthia Bennett, Accessibility Researcher, Carnegie Mellon University
- 371. Gayle Vivona, UW Writer, consultant, designIMPACT
- 372. David Best, Accessibility IT Specialist and Advocate

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373. Alice Packard, Self

- 374. Shawn Welker, Access Technology Apprentice, MABVI
- 375. Soheil Varamini, CPWA, Accessibility Analyst, Microassist
- 376. Marvin Hunkin, self
- 377. Alison Walden, Accessibility Specialist, Sapient
- 378. Geetha Somasundaram, Self
- 379. Jon Plummer, Director of User Experience, Concentric Sky
- 380. Jason Neel, Senior Web Developer, West Virginia University
- 381. Angela Hooker, self
- 382. Tommy Feldt, CPWA, Accessibility consultant, Useit
- 383. Ida Franceen, Developer
- 384. Jean-Claude Simpson, Front-end developer, Mangoweb
- 385. Holly Schroeder, UX Researcher and Writer, a11y
- 386. Roel Van Gils, WAS, Co-founder Eleven Ways
- 387. Sara Soueidan, independent Web UI and design systems engineer
- 388. Clive Loseby, Owner, Access by Design
- 389. Afnizar Nur Ghifari, Product Designer
- 390. Laura Bentz, CPACC, User Experience Interaction Designer, a well-known Fortune 500 banking institution
- 391. Sarah Pulis, Director Accessibility Services, Intopia
- 392. Adem Cifcioglu, Director Accessible Technologies, Intopia
- 393. Stewart Hay, Managing Director, Intopia
- 394. Chris Pycroft, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia
- 395. Julie Grundy, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia

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396. Robin Whittleton, Engineering Manager

- 397. Justin Wong, Full-Stack Developer, Project COSMIC Limited
- 398. Jana Uhrich, Costco Wholesale
- 399. Will Buckingham, Senior Front-End Engineer / Lead Accessibility Engineer, Prescriptive Data
- 400. Doug Hayman, Accessibility Specialist & Trusted Tester
- 401. Jules Ernst, Digital Accessibility Consultant, 200 OK
- 402. Cory Joseph, self
- 403. Amanda Ryan, Academic Technologist
- 404. Sébastien Delorme, CEO, Ideance
- 405. Nicolas Hoffmann, Senior Front-End developer / Accessibility advocate
- 406. Yvain Liechti, Design System Engineer, UKG
- 407. Sébastien Picq, Senior Front-End Engineer / Accessibility consultant
- 408. Robin Massart, Policy Assistant on the Web Accessibility Directive, European Commission
- 409. Chris M Law, Consultant, Accessibility Track
- 410. Ray Schwartz, Accessibility Consultant, InRhythm
- 411. Guy Hickling, Freelance Accessibility Consultant
- 412. Mario Vasquez, UX Designer
- 413. Jérémy Renard, webdesigner / front-end developer
- 414. Jan Pettersson, UI developer
- 415. Jan Maarten, Designer & Accessibility Specialist
- 416. Benjamin de Oostfrees, Front-end web developer
- 417. Zhiyang Ong, Ph.D. student, Texas A&M University

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418. Caroline Desrosiers, Founder & CEO of Scribely

- 419. Anthony LADEUIL, Consultant Accessibilité, Clever Age
- 420. Danielle Sheffler, Accessibility Consultant
- 421. George McKinlay Accessibility Consultant
- 422. Jean-Baptiste Audras, WordPress Core team representative, former WordPress Accessibility team representative, Whodunit Agency head of technology, France
- 423. Aaron Jorbin, Product and Engineering Leader
- 424. Ethan Holliger, Accessibility Engineer
- 425. Mike Vogel, Accessibility Consultant / UX Engineer
- 426. Karli Yeoman, Accessibility Engineer, Expedia Group
- 427. Carmen Matthews, Accessibility Specialist
- 428. Kalani Helekunihi, Disabled Scientist
- 429. Mark Boyden, IT Consultant, Web Developer, FOSS Contributor
- 430. Andy Marino, Lead Developer, Unity Web Agency
- 431. Alisa Herr, CEO, Unity Web Agency
- 432. Jacqueline Pugliese, Accessibility Consultant
- 433. Maurício Pereiro, Quality Assurance Analyst in Digital Accessibility
- 434. Dr. Keith Newton. Technical Program Manager Accessibility, eBay
- 435. Franck Letrouvé, CEO, pixFL
- 436. Tema Smith-Bosken, Senior A11y SME and Digital Marketing Senior Advisor Cigna
- 437. Attila Bodnár, Web Developer, Accessibility Engineer
- 438. Richard Thiel, Frontend Engineer & Accessibility Advocate, real.digital

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439. Stefan Farnetani, Digital Accessibility Specialist & CEO, mindscreen

- 440. Lukáš Hosnedl, freelance translator, dev and accessibility consultant
- 441. Frank Reding, Development Manager & Accessibility Advocate, Shopify
- 442. Michael Telgkamp, Digital Accessibility Specialist & Developer, mindscreen
- 443. Ginger Claassen, accessibility engineer / consultant
- 444. Duff Johnson CEO, PDF Association
- 445. Steve Green Managing Director Test Partners Ltd
- 446. Jennifer Grenier, Software Engineer
- 447. Okuto Oyama, Front-end Designer & Accessibility Advocate, Internet Watcher
- 448. Quin Marilyn, programmer and accessibility advocate.
- 449. Peter Quale, Lead Accessibility Consultant, Target Corp.
- 450. Carlos Moreno, Software Engineer & Accessibility Advocate, Outsmartly
- 451. Peter Heery, Accessibility Scotland
- 452. Dirk Neyhart
- 453. Lindsay Yazzolino, nonvisual accessibility designer, CVS Health
- 454. Marc Haunschild, Accessibility Consultant, Author and Teacher
- 455. David Murdoch, Principal Accessibility Consultant, Test Partners Ltd
- 456. Tim Frick, President, Mightybytes
- 457. Kathy Cahill, Associate Dean, Accessibility and Usability, MIT
- 458. Greg McNeil, President/CEO, 216digital
- 459. Bobby Graczyk, Accessibility Specialist, 216digital

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460. Joseph S. Levin, Portal Design

- 461. Matthieu Marseille, Senior Front End Engineer and RGAA certified accessibility expert, ekino
- 462. Asaf Kuller, Websites accessibility consultant, Kull-Air Studio, Israel
- 463. Wilmer Rodriguez Vega, Digital Accessibility Consultant
- 464. David Dias, Front-End UX/UI Developer & Accessibility Advocate, Kijiji
- 465. Kathleen Burkhardt, self
- 466. Koen Cornelis, Web Accessibility Specialist, Belgium
- 467. Sophie Ragas, Web Accessibility Consultant
- 468. Holger Dieterich, Chairman Wheelmap.org, Co-Founder Sozialhelden e.V.
- 469. Sebbe Isaac Kurian, UX Designer
- 470. Mike Gifford, CivicActions
- 471. Jennifer Shepherd, web accessibility specialist
- 472. Matthew Shaw, Managing Partner, Disability Solutions
- 473. Rodrigo Sanchez, Senior Accessibility Specialist Square Enix West
- 474. Amber DeRosa, Accessibility Lead
- 475. Paweł Prot, UX and accessibility specialist
- 476. Clément Fresneau, accessibility consultant for Empreinte Digitale
- 477. Justin Ekis, IT Student, Southwest Tennessee Community College
- 478. Joe Ortenzi, Lead Experience Designer, Australian Digital Health Agency
- 479. Darren Bates, Global Accessibility and Inclusion Strategist, Darren Bates, LLC

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480. Claire Webber, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia

- 481. May-Fei Lee, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia
- 482. Jeff Smith, Senior Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia
- 483. Neil Jarvis, Business Development, Intopia
- 484. Zoe Haughton, Digital Accessibility Consultant, Intopia
- 485. Andrew Arch, Principal Consultant, Intopia
- 486. Sandyara Peres, Accessibility Program Manager Lead, PicPay
- 487. Jeff Coburn, Web Services Manager, Institute for Community Inclusion
- 488. Nicolas Dorigny, Senior Front End Developper and accessibility enthousiast, Dataetic
- 489. Stephane Deschamps, Accessibility specialist and coordinator
- 490. Anuradha Kumari, Accessibility Advocate
- 491. Juanjo Montiel, independent accessibility consultant
- 492. Roberto Scano ICT Accessibility Expert
- 493. Alistair Shepherd, Front End Developer and Accessibility Advocate
- 494. Jens Oliver Meiert, engineering manager and author, former WCAG working group member
- 495. Nikhil Vytla, Software Engineer & A11y Advocate, AWS
- 496. Hector Osborne Rodriguez, Front End Development Manager & Accessiblity Lead, Accenture
- 497. Fredrik Fischer, CWAE, Accessibility Consultant and Project Officer at Hilfsgemeinschaft der Blinden und Sehschwachen Österreichs.
- 498. Benjy Stanton Interaction designer
- 499. Robert Precious Lead Accessibility Specialist, THG

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500. Dean Holden, Accessibility Engineer

- 501. Donna Lettow, Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 502. Ronise Nepomuceno, Accessibility Manager, BT Consumer Digital
- 503. Andrew Nordlund, Web Accessibility Specialist
- 504. Émilie Viau, accessibility consultant and front-end developer
- 505. Julianna Rowsell, Senior Inclusive Designer and Accessibility Advocate, Shared Services Canada
- 506. Erin Lucas, Senior Director of Digital Accessibility, RedShelf
- 507. Dominic Mazzoni, Software Engineer Chrome Accessibility, Google
- 508. Josh Kim, WAS, Senior Designer and Accessibility Specialist Ad Hoc
- 509. Goly Rabbanim, Authorized accessibilty service consultant & head of digital inclusion at The Open University of Israel
- 510. Lauren Race, Accessibility Researcher, New York University; Accessibility Product Designer, Twitter
- 511. Matt Northam, Senior Front End Developer and Accessibility Advocate, Pulselive
- 512. Jayme Johnson, Accessibility Consultant and Trainer
- 513. Daniel O'Mahony, Accessibility Engineer
- 514. Ryan Magoon, Principal Front End Engineer, Advance Auto Parts
- 515. Shane Popplestone, Accessibility tester.
- 516. Tyler Rodick, student of cloud computing, Western Governors University
- 517. Deborah Edwards-Oñoro, web designer and accessibility advocate
- 518. Patrick Andrade, Assistive Technologist at The Chicago Lighthouse and Accessibility Advocate

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519. Soren Hamby, Senior Manager of UX and Digital Design at Benjamin Moore

- 520. Nathan Weber, Self
- 521. Char James-Tanny, Accessibility Advocate
- 522. Werner Rosenberger, MSc, CWAE, Certified WebAccessibility
 Expert, Projektleitung WACA Web Accessibility Certificate Austria
- 523. Riley MacIsaac, Quadriam, Design and Development Lead and Accessibility Specialist
- 524. Marco Zehe, formerly of Freedom Scientific, Mozilla, NVDA and open web contributor, accessibility veteran
- 525. Benoit Kogut, senior frontend dev
- 526. Rupa Devi, Staff Product Design, Accessibility Specialist at Freshworks Tech
- 527. Ugurcan (Ugi) Kutluoglu, Accessibility Lead, Carbon Health
- 528. Romain Menke, Developer, Mr. Henry
- 529. Michael Fienen, Senior Web Developer, founder of The Drunken UX Podcast
- 530. Ady Stokes, A11y_Ady
- 531. Michael Zapata, Accessibility Coordinator
- 532. Mark McCarthy, MSIM, CPWA, Sr. Accessibility Engineer, University of Illinois
- 533. Gareth Crossan, Digital Accessibility Engineer, Ireland
- 534. Chris Smart, CPACC
- 535. Charles Roper, Digital Development Manager
- 536. Eeva-Jonna Panula, CPWA, Front End Developer, Accessibility Specialist

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537. Bet Hannon, CEO BH Business Websites

- 538. Meg Miller, Lead Developer & Accessibility Specialist for Bet Hannon Business Websites
- 539. Michael Honey-Arcement, DevOps Engineer, Channel-Fusion
- 540. Tobias Christian Jensen, Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 541. Jeffrey H.S. Knaack, Digital Product Manager & Solutions Architect, NYS Digital Services
- 542. Samm Delorey, Web Accessibility Specialist, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 543. Chris Yoong, Frontend Developer, Government Digital Service
- 544. Lizzie Bruce, Content strategist specialising in readability, Cake Consultancy Ltd.
- 545. Wojtek Kutyla, Independent User Experience Consultant and Trainer, Kutyla Design Ltd.
- 546. Andy Andrews, University of Washington
- 547. Andreas Jacobsen, CPWA, CEO, Inklud AS
- 548. Kristian Munter Simonsen, CPWA, accessibility consultant, Inklud AS
- 549. Jan McSorley, VP of Accessibility, Pearson Assessments
- 550. Caryn Pagel, Self
- 551. Rain Breaw Michaels, CPWA, Interaction Designer Central Accessibility, Google
- 552. Saptak Sengupta, Inclusive Web Developer
- 553. Kazuhiko Tsuchiya, web usability and accessibility expert
- 554. Sacha Bouillez, Frontend Developer and Accessibility Advocate

555. Jacquelyn Parmentier "average blind screen reader user"

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556. Markku Hakkinen, Director of Accessibility Standards & Inclusive Technology, ETS

- 557. HenryGR, Developer and Accessibility Advocate
- 558. Elle Waters, Adobe
- 559. Breixo Pastoriza, CPACC, Glocal Quality Solutions.
- 560. Christopher Johansen, Anttix, Inc.
- 561. Keri Svendsen
- 562. John McNabb, Accessibility Consultant
- 563. Joe Chidzik, Accessibility Consultant.
- 564. Omar Bonilla, Accessibility Specialist
- 565. Chelsea Adelman, Product Designer
- 566. Ramon Lapenta, Tech Lead, Cyber-Duck Ltd
- 567. Alissa Bodden, Accessibility Advocate, UI/UX Designer
- 568. Ala Hamada, Accessibility Analyst
- 569. Thibaud Colas, Developer, Torchbox
- 570. Angie Rajani, CPACC, Accessibility Specialist
- 571. Maurício Carneiro, Accessibility Specialist and Frontend Developer
- 572. Scott McKee, UX Designer
- 573. Sergei Kriger, Frontend Developer
- 574. Dr Donal Fitzpatrick, Assistant Professor, Dublin City University
- 575. Rocío Alvarado, Digital Accessibility Specialist
- 576. Manuel Cheța, Frontend Developer and Web Accessibility Specialist
- 577. Detlef Girke, BITV-Consult, Accessibility Specialist
- 578. Kelly Dip, Accessibility Specialist and Instructional Designer

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579. National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS)

- 580. Dawn E. Collett, DevSecOps Engineer and accidental accessibility advocate
- 581. Elie Sloïm, CEO and founder at Opquast
- 582. Grant Broome, Director, Dig Inclusion
- 583. Kathy E. Gill, UX consultant and professor
- 584. Lee Amador, CPWA, WAS, CPACC Accessibility Consultant
- 585. Jack McElaney, VP, Microassist
- 586. Kacie Cappello, Access Technology Instructor
- 587. Livia Gabos, Accessibility Product Owner, Hand Talk
- 588. Irfan Ali, Principle Accessibility Engineer, ETS, Princeton, NJ
- 589. Abbey Scofield-Marlowe, self
- 590. Jason Ruyle, Developer and Web Accessibility Specialist
- 591. Sarah Russell, Accessibility Tester
- 592. Russell Hoy, Software Consultant, self
- 593. Chris LaChance, Pegasystems as Design Ops Lead
- 594. Grace Snow, Frontend Developer and Accessibility Specialist,
- 595. Caspian Turner, Director, Accessible by Design
- 596. Jean-Pierre Gay, Web Accessibility Specialist, Temesis
- 597. H Robert King, self
- 598. Matthew Brough, self
- 599. Eduardo Meza-Etienne, Director of Compliance and Accessibility
 Team Lead at eSSENTIAL Accessibility
- 600. Abderrahmen Maïza, web integrator

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- 601. David Libeau, web developer & researcher in web/game/media accessibility
- 602. Victoria French, Executive Director, Cinecove
- 603. Steve Rancour, UX Designer and Accessibility Point Person, IKEA US
- 604. Detlev Fischer, Managing Director of DIAS GmbH, W3C AGWG invited expert
- 605. Andrew Mallis, CEO, Kalamuna
- 606. Lee Dale, CEO, Say Yeah!
- 607. Emrah Dilsizoglu, Head of Sales, Evinced Inc.
- 608. Joan Concilio, co-owner, Technical Penguins
- 609. Richard U. Steinberg, individual
- 610. Kurt Bunge, Senior QE (Accessibility), Appian Corp.
- 611. Nick Friedman, Director of IT, Adirondack Website Design
- 612. Jane Wilson UX Analyst and Accessibility Advocate
- 613. Angela Brunk, self
- 614. Andreas Lopez, Digital Project Manager
- 615. Nathan Loding, Senior Developer at Deque Systems, CPWA
- 616. Clinton N. Godlesky, Director of Interactive, Chemistry Communications
- 617. Pete Czech, CEO and Founder, New Possibilities Group, LLC
- 618. Jeff Rodgers, Accessibility Manager, Accessiblü, LLC
- 619. James Ryan, Frontend Developer
- 620. Richie Wilkin, Blind screen reader user
- 621. Amber Gehrts, Accessibility Program Manager, Hyland

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622. Taiysha Hobbs, Accessibility Engineer, Appian

- 623. Sarah Federman, Frontend Engineer
- 624. Oliver Emberton, CEO, Silktide
- 625. Andrew Stevens, Web Applications and Services Librarian, George Mason University
- 626. Hans Kuijpers, Happy Frontend Developer, HKweb
- 627. Paul van Buuren, front-end developer, WBVB Rotterdam
- 628. Daniel Berryhill, Accessibility Tester
- 629. Falk Rismansanj, zitrotec
- 630. Marjon Bakker, Firm Ground
- 631. John Rochford, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 632. Geoffrey Crofte, Lead UX Designer and Accessibility Advocate at Foyer Group
- 633. Terri Fellers, Accessibility Consultant, Equal Entry
- 634. Felipe Genuino, Front-end designer and Accessibility Specialist at Softplan
- 635. Maurício Sá, Web Accessibility Specialist at Softplan
- 636. Mike Zeballos, Accessibility Consultant, Toptal Talent
- 637. Armen Mnatsian, Digital Accessibility Specialist, digitaalEHBO, EverXS LLC
- 638. Natalie Collins, Partner, Thinkrum
- 639. Cher Fitchett, Digital Director, The Branding Firm Inc.
- 640. Len Beasley, Product Designer, A11y Consultant
- 641. Marcy Rye, Founder & CEO of Wire Media, LLC
- 642. Kat Crippen, Accessibility Specialist

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643. Gaynor Keane, Product Management Manager, Salesforce

- 644. Danielli Franquim, CPACC, QA & Accessibility Analyst
- 645. Daniel Seagull, CPACC, QA & Accessibility Analyst
- 646. Cara Beasley, Digital Accessibility Advocate
- 647. José R. Hilera, Professor, University of Alcalá, Spain
- 648. Lanie Molinar, Student training as an accessibility tester and software developer, freeCodeCamp
- 649. Peter Jewett, CPACC, Founder & CEO at Accessible Web
- 650. Pete Bruhn, CPACC, Founder & COO at Accessible Web
- 651. Nick Romano, CPWA, Senior Software Engineer at Accessible Web
- 652. Lauren Layn, CPACC, A11y Success Coordinator at Accessible Web
- 653. Alaina Birney, CPWA, Lead A11y Specialist at Accessible Web
- 654. Alex Getty, CPACC, A11y Specialist at Accessible Web
- 655. Scott McCracken, CPACC, Software Engineer at Accessible Web
- 656. Leah Mattern, CPACC, A11y Specialist at Accessible Web
- 657. Ben Turner, CPACC, A11y Specialist at Accessible Web
- 658. Nicole Alli, CPACC, Software Engineer at Accessible Web
- 659. Abigail Scott, CPACC, Sales Representative at Accessible Web
- 660. Elizabeth Turrubiartes, CPACC, UI/UX Designer at Accessible Web
- 661. Gianna Barnhart, Sales Representative at Accessible Web
- 662. Zoltan Hawryluk, CPWA, Accessibility Specialist and Front-End Developer
- 663. Calum Ryan, Certified Web Accessibility Specialist, dxw
- 664. Jason Morris, Accessibility Engineer

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- 665. Doc Sheldon, Accessibility Advocate
- 666. Terri Youngblood Savage, Owner, Accessible Systems Inc
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