Accessibility – Not just a checkbox

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- **Acquiring Accessible Platforms**, Ajaye Bloomstone, LSU
- **Vendor as Facilitator of Change**, Dennis Massie, OCLC
- **Tales from the Frontlines of Database Accessibility**, Kyle Stewart, Gale
Acquiring Accessible Platforms

Ajaye Bloomstone,
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Requirements as Acronyms

**ADA-compliant** = Americans with Disabilities Act

**VPAT** = Voluntary Accessible Product Template

**ACR** = Accessibility Conformance Report

**WCAG** = W3C’s Web Content Accessibility Guides 2.1, level AA

**WAI-ARIA** = Web Accessibility Initiative Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite

**EEAAP** = Equally Effective Alternate Access Plan
Speedbumps

- No VPATs available
- No appetite to fill out the VPAT
- Halfhearted attempts at enforcement
- Non-US resources with differing requirements
The Future?

- Clearinghouse of VPATs?
- Automatically current information?
- Standard location?
Vendor as Facilitator of Change

Dennis Massie
Senior Program Officer
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Links

- [https://www.oclc.org/research/activities/shares.html](https://www.oclc.org/research/activities/shares.html) (SHARES home page)
- [https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/research/documents/shares/SHARES-ILL-accessibility-resources.pdf](https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/research/documents/shares/SHARES-ILL-accessibility-resources.pdf) (SHARES accessibility resource document)
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MdxLHKK_ULnYVBB9hlIRr2bgT1cHjxLHjhPScmdGBAo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MdxLHKK_ULnYVBB9hlIRr2bgT1cHjxLHjhPScmdGBAo/edit?usp=sharing) (SHARES suggested language for US ILL code revision)
- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hL_l-rCOD64rbbXXWxW55S6O0V_SXKm3/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hL_l-rCOD64rbbXXWxW55S6O0V_SXKm3/view) (Summary of changes to revised US ILL code, out for comment through Dec 2022)
- [https://emma.lib.virginia.edu/home/welcome](https://emma.lib.virginia.edu/home/welcome) (home page for Educational Materials Made Accessible project)
Tales from the Frontlines of Database Accessibility

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Perceivable
Operable
Understandable
Robust
PRINCIPLE 2
Operability - User interface and navigation components must be operable.

Guideline 2.1 – Keyboard Accessible
Make all functionality available from a keyboard.

2.1.1 Keyboard
Level A

All functionality of the content is operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings for individual keystrokes, except where the underlying function requires input that depends on the path of the user's movement and not just the endpoints.
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1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 only)
Also applies to:
EN 301 549 Criteria
Web: Supports
Electronic Docs:
Web: All UI components have a contrast of at least 3:1 against their surroundings. The topic

Remark: The product (outside of document viewer) can be used without loss of information or functionality with a viewport of 256px height, and 320px width.

Electronic Docs: The document viewer does not functional properly at less than 800px. The document, as an image, can’t reflow unless in plain text view. Some document viewer tools like “zoom” and “adjust image” wrap poorly and sometimes disappear or pile onto other tools.
serted, in order to comprehend all proper cases; it being
doubtful whether "high misdemeanor" had not a technical
meaning too limited.

Mr. BUTLER and Mr. PINCKNEY moved to require "fugi-
tive slaves and servants to be delivered up like criminals."

Mr. WILSON. This would oblige the Executive of the
State to do it, at the public expense.

Mr. SHERMAN saw no more propriety in the public seizing
and surrendering a slave or servant, than a horse.

Mr. BUTLER withdrew his proposition, in order that some
particular provision might be made, apart from this article.

Article 15, as amended, was then agreed to, nem. con.-

-WEDNESDAY, August 29, 1787.
Mr. John Adams (of Massachusetts) observed, that the numbers of people were taken by this article as an index of the wealth of the State, and not as subjects of taxation. That as to this matter it was of no consequence by what name you called your people, whether by that of freemen or of slaves. That in some countries the laboring poor were called freemen, in others they were called slaves: but that the difference as to the state was imaginary only. What matters it whether a landlord employing ten laborers on his farm gives them annually as much money as will buy them the necessaries of life, or gives them those necessaries at short hand? The ten laborers add as much wealth annually to the State, increase its exports as much, in the one case as
Proposal for the future

An accessibility-focused clearinghouse for the
• validation,
• storage, and
• improvement of content

which engages during the peer-review / internal development of the content

AND

encompasses the needs of libraries, vendors, publishers, and end users.
Listen:
“Talk less, listen more. Don’t assume you know someone else’s experience.”

Reflect:
“Stop and think. It’s important to routinely pause, check our own biases and do the work in progress.”

Impact (respond, adapt):
“Make it count. Do the work and walk the walk. Do more than talking about the need for DEIA changes.”

-Lettie Y. Conrad

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