

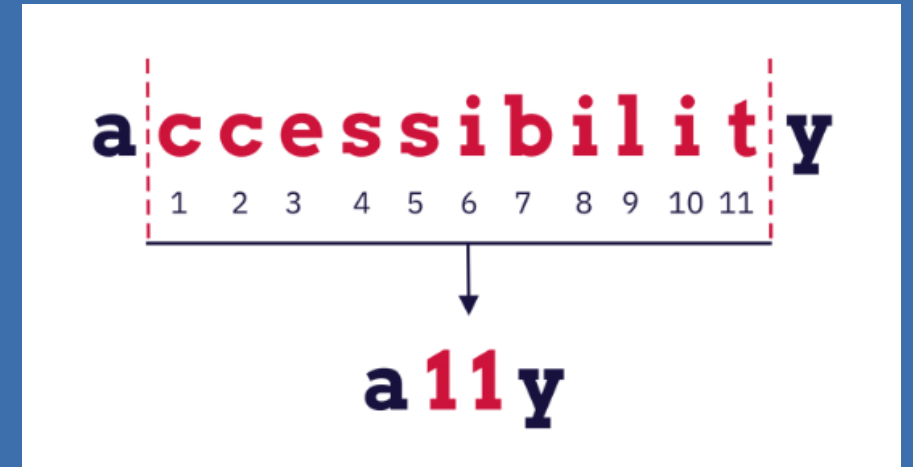
Digital Accessibility Community of Practice (A11y CoP) Kickoff

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Welcome & Introductions

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What does A11y mean?

A11y is shorthand for accessibility. It is a numeronym, with 11 representing the count of letters between the letter a and the letter y.

The A11y CoP Experience

- A collaborative and inclusive forum to share insights, expertise and best practices.
- Monthly cadence of gatherings, presentations and online discussions promoting a culture of digital accessibility.
- A dedicated Teams channel to serve as a central hub for discussions, resource sharing and



“The Electronic Curb-Cut”



Digital accessibility is the digital equivalent of the wheelchair ramp.

New ADA Rules Proposed for State & Local Govts.

- Aug. 2023, DOJ proposed adoption of WCAG 2.1 AA as technical standard for state and local governments
- Public comment ended Oct. 2023
- WCAG 2.2 released Oct. 2023
- Awaiting publication of final rule

State/Local Govt. Entity Size	Compliance Date
0 to 49,999 persons	3 years after publication of final rule
Special district governments	3 years after publication of final rule
50,000 or more persons	2 years after publication of final rule

Designing Presentations for All

NCDIT's New Accessible PowerPoint Template – Kelly Gardner

Accessibility Hidden Gems

Native Accessibility Features of Common Tools – Donna Murray

Accessibility Options

- Google
 - **Android:** Settings App > Accessibility
 - **Chrome OS:** Clock > Settings > Accessibility
- Apple
 - **iOS:** Settings App > Accessibility
 - **macOS:** Apple menu > System Settings > Accessibility
- Microsoft
 - **Windows:** Start > Settings > Accessibility

Vision & Hearing

- Screen reader
- Display settings
- Magnification
- Braille support
- Speech-to-text
- Audio descriptions
- Audio options
- Captioning

Neurodiversity & Mobility

- Access options
- Remove distractions
- Text-to-speech
- Input options
- Captioning
- Using voice
- Using eyes/face
- Keyboard access
- Other input options

A11y CoP Future Topics

Presentations will cover a broad spectrum of topics to cater to diverse learning needs. Topics may include:

- Content creation
- Document accessibility
- Multimedia accessibility
- Mobile accessibility
- Testing & evaluation
- Compliance & standards
- Web & application development
- Dynamics updates & AJAX
- Custom JavaScript/ARIA
- And more!

What's Next?

- Watch Teams channel for updates, questions, resources
- Watch your email for recurring monthly calendar invite
- Topic sent prior to meeting

Open Discussion