# Guerrilla Accessibility

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You need two things:

- An ideology
- Guerrillas







## **About Me**

- I started working on government web in 1996
- I embrace standards.
- I have friends and family who are blind, deaf, autistic, color-blind, and paralyzed.
- I can also talk about bicycles and bourbon.





# Quick Survey





# Everybody has a disability... or will.











#### Missouri stats

155,300 blind Missourians in 2014

81% age 35 or older

100,000 Missourians are deaf or hard-of-hearing

In 2013, 838,300, or 14%, of Missourians classified themselves as "disabled"

34% of them are employed.





#### Your sites need to be accessible

- But it's hard.
- I'm not sure how.
- My boss won't let me.
- My developers don't understand.
- It limits my design decisions.





#### How accessible do I need to be?

#### **Back-end Drupal user interface**

- Drupal 7 is sort of accessible.
- Drupal 8 is better.

Is my custom code accessible?

Is my display accessible?

Is my content accessible?





## Ideology: This is for everyone.

- We know about accessibility.
- We believe in it.
- We know it makes the internet better.
- We think everyone should do it.
- We need to change hearts and minds.





## This is for everyone

Accessible design is good design. Everything we build should be as inclusive, legible and readable as possible. If we have to sacrifice elegance — so be it. We're building for needs, not audiences. We're designing for the whole country, not just the ones who are used to using the web. The people who most need our services are often the people who find them hardest to use. Let's think about those people from the start.

https://www.gov.uk/design-principles





## But changing hearts and minds is hard....





#### Guerrillas

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Noun: a member of a small independent group taking part in irregular fighting, typically against larger regular forces.

Adjective: referring to actions or activities performed in an impromptu way, often without authorization.





#### 508 and WCAG 2.0 AA

#### The usual reasons:

- It's the right thing to do.
- It increases SEO.
- It's the law (if you contract with the state or feds).
- Use WCAG 2.0; That's what 508 will turn into.

508: Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

WCAG: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines





## POUR

- Perceivable
- Operable
- Understandable
- Robust





#### Perceivable

- Alt-text for all images
- Form elements labeled
- Semantic markup (no naked div tags)
- Tables are for data
- 4.5:1 color contrast
- No pictures of text
- Close-captions for video





### Operable

- Navigate by keyboard
- No keyboard traps
- No content flashes more than 3 times/second
- Skip Nav link
- Contextual links
- Meaningful headings





#### Understandable

- Identify page language <html lang="en">
- Reading level
- Predictable behavior
- Error identification (intuitive form validation)





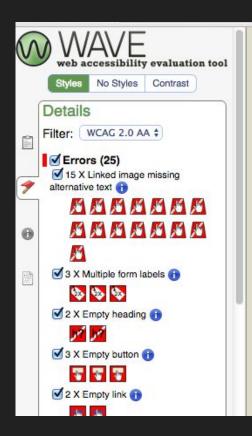
## Robust

- Valid code
- Future-proof





#### Wave results



#### **FISHING REPORTS**





#### Read the Latest Fishing Report

The weekly fishing report is updated every Thursday from the start of April to the end of September.

#### HIKING





Our conservation areas have miles of hiking and multi-use trails. Go to your favorite area and explore.





## Design

- Mark up wireframes with appropriate tags.
- Check color contrast.
- Review the site in dev. Find problems early.
- Build accessibility reviews into the timeline.

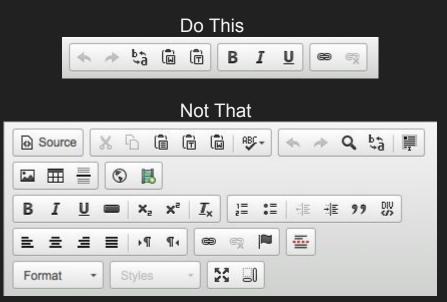




### Limit content contributor options

Titles become H1.

Edit CKEditor to restrict options.

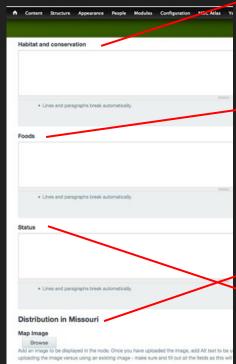






#### **Chunk Your Content**

Break content types up into small pieces.



#### HABITAT AND CONSERVATION

Though most often seen around nectar feeders and in parks at forests and forest edges, near streams and in other wooded pl of spider webbing, lichen and other plant material, and lined w be doing well throughout its range and is not in need of any sp greatest threats may be from cats hunting near nectar feeders windows.

#### **FOODS**

Early-spring arrivals eat sap oozing from sapsucker-drilled hole switch to eating nectar from many different kinds of flowers. Do protein, are fed to the growing young. Sometimes these insect



#### DISTRIBUTION IN MISS

Statewide.

#### STATUS

Common migrant and summer resident.





#### **Document and Train**

- Document content entry
- Document coding standards
- Train the devs/users
- Train them again
- OMG, you just got a bunch of new developers! Train again!





## Changing hearts and minds

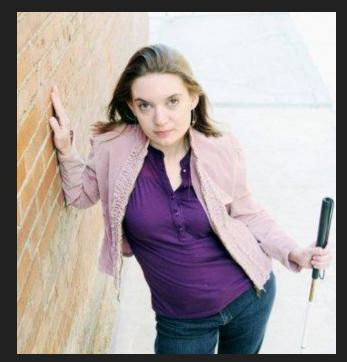
### Empathy initiative:

- Bring in an accessible technology user
- Show how AT works
- Use examples from your agency
- Put a face on accessibility





## Meet Gretchen









## **Empathy Strategy**

#### Three-part presentation:

- How a blind person uses a computer and browser.
- How PDFs are generally awful.
- How participants can make improvements right now.





#### Tailored to the audience

- Content contributors
- Developers
- App developers



Total nerd credentials





#### Relevant Examples

- Demonstrate a screen reader
- Demonstrate web pages, PDFs, and Word docs, using examples from our agency
- Give users 4 take-away tips for improving Word accessibility immediately.







General Program Information

Q: How did MRAP port started?

fating and wildlife viewing.

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Q: What am I required to do if I secul my land?

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Missouri Outdoor Recreational Access Program

Land Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

A. MRAP is a voluntary program that offers private tendowners annual insentive payment

for opening their land to public access for outdoor recreational activities such as hunting.

A. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) received a times year grant for \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of the 2015 Farm BII, through the

Voluntary Public Access - Habitet Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). Funding is sumently

\*. Allow public access on enrolled tracks of land in accordance to the access aption

Allow for the policing and monitoring of all emoted scree by MDC agents and

Q: What is the Missouri Outdoor Represional Access Program (MRAP)?

A. Participating landowners are required to do the following:



#### Resources

#### HTML validator

- Chrome HTML validator (also available for Firefox)
- Web Developer Toolbar (Firefox, with a Chrome port)

#### **Color Contrast**

http://contrast-finder.tanaguru.com/

#### Accessibility:

WAVE toolbar for Chrome





### Questions?

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