

Resources about Accessibility and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 508 requires that when Federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology, Federal employees with disabilities have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access and use by Federal employees who are not individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency. Section 508 also requires that individuals with disabilities, who are members of the public seeking information or services from a Federal agency, have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to that provided to the public who are not individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency.

Full text of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

<http://www.section508.gov/index.cfm?&FuseAction=Content&ID=12>

The W3C (The World Wide Web Consortium) outline of web accessibility:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>

WebAIM

In the "Articles" page there are many step by step guides on making different kinds of documents and rich media accessible, like PDF, PowerPoint, Word, flash and other media.

<http://www.webaim.org/>

You can view videos showing the difficulties that people with disabilities have on the web at:

<http://www.webaim.org/intro/index.php#video>

Read specifically about Flash accessibility:

<http://www.webaim.org/techniques/flash/>

<http://www.adobe.com/resources/accessibility/flash8/>

University of Illinois' Functional Accessibility Evaluator: <http://fae.cita.uiuc.edu/>

Accessify: <http://www.accessify.com/>

Jim Thatcher.com Accessibility Consulting

Jim is sometimes referred to as the father of web accessibility. His accessibility career started in 1983 with a research project for IBM called PCSAID, an audio access system for people who are blind. When you have questions, try spending some time on his website:

<http://www.jimthatcher.com/index.htm>

Mardiros Internet Marketing

Carmen Mardiros breaks down what makes a web site good for everyone:

<http://www.mardiros.net/accessible-web-design.html>