Brickfield Accessibility Tip Guide

Imagine a world where learning is accessible to all









1 Explain image in alt text.

Provide a meaningful description relevant to your teaching purpose in the alt tag. Describe complex images completely in your text.

2 Good resolution and contrast.

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3 No text images.

Use normal text instead of images with just text and add styling if required.

Avoid the use of scientific notation as an image, use MATHJAX or LaTeX instead.







1 Closed captions for audio and video.

Provide synchronized captions, i.e. text versions of the spoken words and sounds presented in audio and video.

2 Provide transcripts as well.

Provide transcripts of audio recordings and videos. Transcripts aid searching and readability over just using captions.

3 Avoid autoplay.

Ensure the video player enables the learner to stop and play the video or audio. Controls should also work with the keyboard only.







1 Create simple tables.

Create simple tables, one table per topic, and one piece of data per cell. Avoid use of nested tables as this complicates navigation by keyboard.

2 Define headers on columns and rows.

Each column and row should have a header both technically and visually. It creates a more structured table, easier to read for all.

3 Use tables only for data.

Use tables only to organise tabular data, keep them as simple as possible. Avoid using images of tables instead of proper tables.







1 Descriptive and unique.

Ensure each link on the page is unique and descriptive. For example avoid using "Click here" or "download".

2 Page title instead of URL as link text.

Use the name of the page / site in a link text rather than the URL itself. Use plain, concise, and consistent language for your link text.

3 Links should look like links.

Content links should be styled to look different to text. Ensure you use adequate colour contrast and underlining on hyperlink text.



A Text Tips



1 Plain language.

Use plain, concise language. Be consistent throughout the course with your language, terminology (e.g. course) and page structure.

2 Minimise capital usage.

Ensure capitalisation is minimised as this makes text harder to read. Only use where appropriate (eg acronyms, logos)

3 Colour contrast.

Ensure strong enough contrast between text and its background, and be wary of light shades, especially grey and yellow.



Layout Tips



1 Headings and in order.

Use heading elements as provided by your text editor to differentiate titles from text and to show their hierarchy. Remember to use headings in a logical, sequential order.

2 Meaningful titles.

Use section headings and meaningful titles per topic so it's easier to navigate to correct sections and understand the structure.

3 Bullet point lists.

Create proper list elements using your text editor tools. Remember to finish each item with a period or comma as appropriate.

