Developing WCAG 3.0

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What are W3C Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 3.0?

- Next major version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2
- Broader scope than WCAG 2.2 -- including digital publishing
- Broader number of stakeholder groups
- Guidance for more disability groups
- Research informed and data driven
- Moving the tradition of WCAG 2.0 forward
- Starts from user needs of disability groups instead of technical solutions

What is the WCAG 3.0 Approach?

1. Identify 31 stakeholder groups and job stories (2017)
2. Formed the Silver Community Group for broader input and expertise (2017)
3. Develop research questions and partner with academic and corporate researchers to develop and conduct research (2017 - 2018)
4. Conduct design sprint with industry leaders to develop ideas (2018)
5. Develop Requirements for WCAG 3.0
6. Build and test prototypes (2018 - 2019)
7. Develop sample content and proposed conformance model (2020)
8. Publish First Public Working Draft and quarterly working drafts (2021)

What is currently proposed for WCAG 3.0?

- Improve equity between different disability groups
- Expanded functional needs list of 50+ categories
- Guideline development process starts with identifying user needs
- Improve usability: simple language, get started and project team role information
- More nuanced point scoring system

How is WCAG 3.0 proposal different from WCAG 2.0?

- True/false success criteria vs. outcomes with adjective ratings
- 100% Pass Fail vs Point Scoring
- Plain language vs precision