Abstract

The XHTML Access module defines an element that, when used in conjunction with other XHTML modules in XHTML Family Markup Languages, enables a more robust accessibility model than is presently possible.

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1. Introduction

This section is informative.

This document contains a single module designed to be used to help make XHTML-family markup languages more effective at supporting the needs of the Accessibility Community. It has been developed in conjunction with the W3C’s Web Accessibility Initiative and other interested parties. It provides a generic mechanism for defining the relationship between document components and well-known accessibility taxonomies.
1. Introduction

XHTML Access Module
2. Conformance Requirements

This section is *normative*.

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC2119[p.17].

Note that all examples in this document are informative, and are not meant to be interpreted as normative requirements.

2.1. Document Conformance

XHTML Access is not a stand-alone document type. It is intended to be integrated into other XHTML Family Markup Languages. A conforming XHTML Access document is a document that requires only the facilities described as mandatory in this specification and the facilities described as mandatory in its host language. Such a document must meet all the following criteria:

1. The document MUST conform to the constraints expressed in its host language implementation.

2. If the host language is not in the XHTML namespace, and the host language does not incorporate this module into its own namespace, then the document MUST contain an xmlns declaration for the XHTML Access namespace [XMLNAMES[p.17]]. The namespace for XHTML Access Module is defined to be http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml. An example start tag of a root element might look like:

   Example

   ```
   <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" >
   ```

2.2. Host Language Conformance

When XHTML Access is included in a host language, all of the facilities required in this specification MUST be included in the host language. In addition, the element defined in this specification MUST be included in the content model of the host language. The element defined in this specification MAY be incorporated into the namespace of the host language, or it MAY remain in the XHTML namespace. Finally, XHTML Access requires the availability of the XHTML Role Attribute Module [XHTMLROLE[p.17]] and of the Core Attribute Collection as defined in XHTML Modularization [XHTMLMOD[p.17]].

Chameleon Namespace
It is not clear that there is a benefit in making this module chameleon. However, since the Role Attribute Module is chameleon, this one likely should be as well.

2.3. User Agent Conformance

A conforming user agent MUST support all of the features required in this specification.
3. XHTML Access Module

This section is *normative*.

This module defines the access element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Attributes</th>
<th>Minimal Content Model</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>access</td>
<td>Common, activate, key, targetid, targetrole</td>
<td>EMPTY</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Implementations: [XML DTD][p.13]

### 3.1. The access element

The access element assigns an accessibility mapping to elements within a document. Actuating the mapping results in the element gaining focus or, optionally, in some other event being delivered.

**Attributes**

#### 3.1.1. activate = (yes | no*)

The activate attribute indicates whether a target element should be activated or not once it obtains focus. The default value for this attribute is "no", indicating that the element will not be "activated".

#### 3.1.2. key = Character

This attribute assigns a key mapping to an access shortcut. An access key is a single character from the document character set. **Note:** Authors should consider the input method of the expected reader when specifying an accesskey.

Triggering an access key defined in an access element changes focus to the next element in navigation order from the current focus that has one of the the referenced role or id values. Note that it is possible to deliver alternate events via [XML EVENTS][p.18]. It is also possible to have the target element activated through the use of the activate attribute. Finally, it is possible to associate additional event handlers with target which might then perform additional actions once focus is changed.

If neither a `targetrole` nor a `targetid` attribute are specified, the user agent MUST NOT define a mapping nor deliver any events.

An access element must have either a `targetrole` or a `targetid` attribute specified.
The invocation of access keys depends on the implementation. For instance, on some systems one may have to press the "alt" key in addition to the access key. On other systems, one generally has to press the "cmd" key in addition to the access key.

The rendering of access keys depends on the user agent. We recommend that authors include the access key in label text or wherever the access key is to apply. User agents should render the value of an access key in such a way as to emphasize its role and to distinguish it from other characters (e.g., by underlining it).

The character assigned to a key, and its relationship to a role or id attribute, are a suggestion of the author. User agents may provide mechanisms for overriding, disabling, or re-assigning keys. In such user agents, user-specified assignments must take precedence. If no key attribute is specified, the user agent SHOULD assign a key.

id and xml:id

We talk about the id attribute, but we might also need to accomodate xml:id. How can we do that consistently?

3.1.3. targetid = IDREFs

The targetid attribute specifies one or more IDREFs related to target elements for the associated event (i.e., the node to which the event should be delivered).

3.1.4. targetrole = CURIEs

The targetrole attribute specifies a space separated list of CURIES [CURIE[p.17]] that maps to an element with a role attribute with the same value.

If a targetid and a targetrole are both specified for an element, the targetid attribute value must take precedence.

If the prefix is omitted from a CURIE, the default value of http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml/vocab# MUST be used.

Access element that focuses into a field

<access key="s"
   title="Social Security Number"
   targetrole="ss:number" />

Accessing a table of contents

<access key="c"
   title="Table of Contents"
   targetrole="toc"/>
Access that moves to the main content

<access key="m"
       title="Main content"
       targetrole="main" />

Access element that goes to a specific element

<access key="u"
       title="Username"
       targetid="username" />

Access element with no specific key mapping

<access title="Navigation bar"
         targetrole="navigation" />
A. Schema Implementation

This appendix is informative.

There will be an XML Schema implementation of this module in the next version.
B. DTD Implementation

This appendix is normative.

The DTD implementation of XHTML Access Module conforms to the requirements defined in [XHTMLMOD][p.17]. Consequently, it provides a Qualified Names sub-module, and a module file for the XHTML Access Module defined in this specification.

B.1. Qualified Names Module

```xml
<!-- ................................................................. -->
<!-- XHTML Access Qname Module ............................................ -->
<!-- file: xhtml-access-qname-1.mod

This is XHTML Access - the Access Attribute Module for XHTML.

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This DTD module is identified by the PUBLIC and SYSTEM identifiers:

PUBLIC "-//W3C//ENTITIES XHTML Access Attribute Qnames 1.0//EN"
SYSTEM "http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/DTD/xhtml-access-qname-1.mod"

Revisions:
  (none)
................................................................. -->

<!-- XHTML Access Attribute Qname (Qualified Name) Module

This module is contained in two parts, labeled Section ‘A’ and ‘B’:

  Section A declares parameter entities to support namespace-
  qualified names, namespace declarations, and name prefixing
  for XHTML Access and extensions.

  Section B declares parameter entities used to provide
  namespace-qualified names for the XHTML access element:

  %XHTML-ACCESS.access.qname;   the xmlns-qualified name for access
  ...

XHTML Access extensions would create a module similar to this one.

-->```

<!-- Section A: XHTML Access Attribute XML Namespace Framework :-------------------------- -->

<!-- 1. Declare a %XHTML-ACCESS.prefixed; conditional section keyword, used
  to activate namespace prefixing. The default value should
  inherit `%NS.prefixed;' from the DTD driver, so that unless
  overridden, the default behavior follows the overall DTD
  prefixing scheme.

-->

<!ENTITY % NS.prefixed "IGNORE" >
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.prefixed "%NS.prefixed;" >
<!-- 2. Declare a parameter entity (eg., %XHTML-ACCESS.xmlns;) containing the URI reference used to identify the XHTML Access Attribute namespace -->
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.xmlns "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" >

<!-- 3. Declare parameter entities (eg., %XML.prefix;) containing the default namespace prefix string(s) to use when prefixing is enabled. This may be overridden in the DTD driver or the internal subset of an document instance. If no default prefix is desired, this may be declared as an empty string.

NOTE: As specified in [XMLNAMES], the namespace prefix serves as a proxy for the URI reference, and is not in itself significant. -->
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.prefix "" >

<!-- 4. Declare parameter entities (eg., %XHTML-ACCESS.pfx;) containing the colonized prefix(es) (eg., '%XHTML-ACCESS.prefix;:') used when prefixing is active, an empty string when it is not. -->
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.pfx "%XHTML-ACCESS.prefix;:" >
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.pfx "" >

<!-- declare qualified name extensions here ............ -->
<!ENTITY % xhtml-access-qname-extra.mod "" >

<!-- 5. The parameter entity %XHTML-ACCESS.xmlns.extra.attrib; may be redeclared to contain any non-XHTML Access namespace declaration attributes for namespaces embedded in XML. The default is an empty string. XLink should be included here if used in the DTD. -->
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.xmlns.extra.attrib "" >

<!-- Section B: XML Qualified Names :................................. -->

<!-- 6. This section declares parameter entities used to provide namespace-qualified names for the XHTML Access element. -->
<!ENTITY % XHTML-ACCESS.access.qname "%XHTML-ACCESS.pfx;access" >

<!-- end of xhtml-access-qname-1.mod -->

B.2. Element Definition Module

<!-- .......................................................... -->
<!-- XHTML Access Module ...................................... -->
<!-- file: xhtml-access-1.mod -->

This is XHTML Access - the Access Module for XHTML.
This DTD module is identified by the PUBLIC and SYSTEM identifiers:

PUBLIC "//W3C//ELEMENTS XHTML Access Element 1.0//EN"
SYSTEM "http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/DTD/xhtml-access-1.mod"

Revisions:

(none)
C. References

This appendix is normative.

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