

SUCCESS CRITERION 1.4.11 · LEVEL AA

Non-text Contrast



“A white switch on a white wall. I'm patting the wall in the dark, hoping to find it.”

Who this helps: Low Vision

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User interface components and meaningful graphics have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 against adjacent colors.

Principle 1: Perceivable
Guideline 1.4: Distinguishable

What each role can do

Product manager

Include controls, focus rings and chart graphics in contrast requirements, not only text.

Designer

Give input borders, icons, toggles and chart segments at least 3:1 contrast against their surroundings.

Developer

Define border, icon and state colors as tokens that meet 3:1, and check each state.

Tester

Measure contrast of control boundaries, states and essential graphics in light and dark themes.

Once it is fixed



> “Now every switch has an edge I can see. I walked in and found it first try.”

WCAG Quotes

Every WCAG 2.2 success criterion, told by the person it helps.

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