

SUCCESS CRITERION 1.4.7 · LEVEL AAA

Low or No Background Audio



“If I wanted to listen to a rock concert while reading, I'd buy tickets!”

Who this helps: Hearing Impairment

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Audio does not contain background sounds, or the background sounds are at least 20 decibels lower than the foreground speech content.

Principle 1: Perceivable

Guideline 1.4: Distinguishable

What each role can do

Product manager

Minimize or eliminate background audio to prioritize speech content.

Designer

Provide an option to mute or control the volume of background sounds.

Developer

Implement audio controls and levels that align with the guidelines.

Tester

Test for audio clarity and ensure that background audio does not drown out speech.

Once it is fixed



> “Now I can focus on the content without cranking up my hearing aids. Sweet silence!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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