

SUCCESS CRITERION 2.1.4 · LEVEL A

Character Key Shortcuts



“I accidentally launched the rockets when I was just trying to check my email! Maybe ease up on those shortcuts, eh?”

Who this helps: Motor Impairments

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If a keyboard shortcut is implemented using only letter, punctuation, number, or symbol characters, then at least one of the following is true: Turn off, Remap, Active only on focus.

Principle 2: Operable

Guideline 2.1: Keyboard Accessible

What each role can do

Product manager

Review and minimize the use of keyboard shortcuts that could interfere with system controls or accessibility features.

Designer

Provide customization options for keyboard shortcuts and clearly document them.

Developer

Implement keyboard shortcuts that can either be turned off, remapped, or are active only when focused on the component.

Tester

Test the shortcuts to ensure they do not conflict with existing accessibility features or system controls.

Once it is fixed



> “Thanks for keeping my keyboard shortcuts sane. No accidental liftoffs for me!”

WCAG Quotes

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