

SUCCESS CRITERION 3.1.1 · LEVEL A

Language of Page



“Ahoy matey! Why's this site talkin' like a pirate? Set the language, will ya?”

Who this helps: Non-native Speakers, Cognitive Impairments

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The default human language of each web page can be programmatically determined.

Principle 3: Understandable

Guideline 3.1: Readable

What each role can do

Product manager

Specify the default language of the site in the project requirements.

Designer

Ensure UI text adheres to the specified language and locale settings.

Developer

Set the lang attribute on the HTML element to indicate the default language.

Tester

Test that the default language is programmatically determinable and matches user expectations.

Once it is fixed



> “Arr, thanks for speakin' my language! Now I don't need a translator to find the X marks the spot!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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