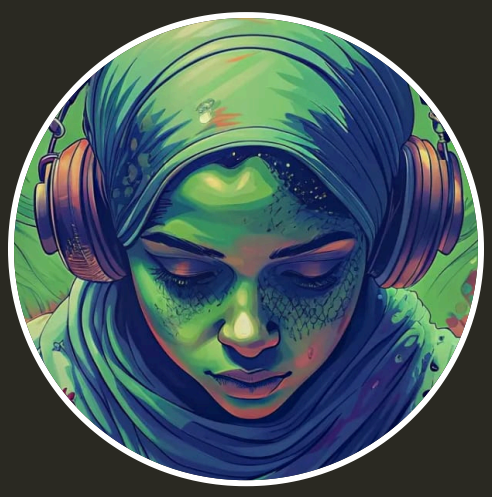


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Language of Parts



“Don't switch languages on me mid-sentence! My brain isn't a real-time translator!”

Who this helps: Non-native Speakers, Cognitive Impairments

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The human language of each passage or phrase in the content can be programmatically determined except for proper names, technical terms, words of indeterminate language, and words or phrases that have become part of the vernacular of the immediately surrounding text.

Principle 3: Understandable
Guideline 3.1: Readable

What each role can do

Product manager

Indicate requirements for multi-language support if needed.

Designer

Design the UI to be consistent in language, or clearly indicate language switches.

Developer

Use the lang attribute to mark up sections of text that are in a different language.

Tester

Test that language changes within content are accurately marked and detectable.

Once it is fixed



> “Thank you for keeping it consistent. Now I can actually understand what I'm reading!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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