

SUCCESS CRITERION 3.1.4 · LEVEL AAA

Abbreviations



“IDK what 'IDK' means! Spell it out for me!”

Who this helps: Cognitive Impairments, Non-native Speakers

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A mechanism for identifying the expanded form or meaning of abbreviations is provided.

Principle 3: Understandable

Guideline 3.1: Readable

What each role can do

Product manager

Define abbreviations the first time they appear on a page or provide a reference.

Designer

Use tooltips or inline explanations for abbreviations.

Developer

Implement <abbr> tags and tooltips to explain abbreviations.

Tester

Ensure that all abbreviations have tooltips or explanations.

Once it is fixed



> “LOL, now I finally know what 'IDK' means! You've demystified the Internet for me!”

WCAG Quotes

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

mpaiva.com/wcag-quotes/3-1-4-abbreviations

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