

SUCCESS CRITERION 3.1.5 · LEVEL AAA

Reading Level



“Is this a website or a PhD dissertation? Simplify the language!”

Who this helps: Cognitive Impairments, Non-native Speakers

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When text requires reading ability more advanced than the lower secondary education level, supplemental content or an alternative version is available.

Principle 3: Understandable

Guideline 3.1: Readable

What each role can do

Product manager

Provide alternative versions or supplemental content for advanced text.

Designer

Include simpler explanations or offer a 'plain language' option for complex content.

Developer

Implement mechanisms like a toggle button for switching between advanced and simpler text.

Tester

Check that alternative versions or supplementary content are functional and easily accessible.

Once it is fixed



> “Ah, much better. Now it's like talking to a friend, not attending a lecture. Thanks!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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