

SUCCESS CRITERION 4.1.3 · LEVEL AA

Status Messages



“A little heads-up would be nice, you know! Did my form go through or not?”

Who this helps: Screen reader users, Dyslexia, Cognitive Impairments

Status Messages

In content implemented using markup languages, status messages can be programmatically determined through role or properties such that they can be presented to the user by assistive technologies without receiving focus.

Principle 4: Robust

Guideline 4.1: Compatible

What each role can do

Product manager

Incorporate clear status messages for actions taken on the website.

Designer

Design non-intrusive but clear status messages that do not require user interaction to disappear.

Developer

Use ARIA roles to make status messages accessible to assistive technologies.

Tester

Test the accessibility and clarity of status messages with screen readers and other assistive devices.

Once it is fixed



> “Now I know what's happening instead of sitting here guessing. You've made my life easier!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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