Web Accessibility and Design

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Topics We'll Cover

- The Fluid community
- What is accessibility?
- Demo: assistive technologies
- Accessibility, Design, and WCAG 2.0
- Testing for accessibility
- Overview of building accessible websites





An Open Source Community for Inclusive Design

Fluid is much more than a software project. Fluid is **culture change**, **best practices**, a way to approach **design**, **development**, and the power therein.

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Fluid...

http://fluidproject.org

- Is an open source community of
 - Designers
 - Developers
 - Accessibility experts
- Helps other open communities
- Consists of universities, museums and individuals



What We Do

- Code (examples, tools, best-practices)
- Design (advice, tools)
- Expertise & Resources
- Teaching & Evangelism

• Help

Tangibles

Infusion core product: framework, code, components



 project with museums: visitor experience

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...collectionspace

 project with museums: collections management



Fluid Engage

- Open source collaboration with museums
- Visitor engagement: learn and contribute
- Mobile apps and in-gallery kiosks
- Use phones visitors bring into the museum
- All built with open source Web technology



What about you?

- Tell us who you are...
- Particular questions
- Particular concerns or goals for the day
- Structure for the day



What is Accessibility?



A New Definition

- Accessibility is the ability of the system to accommodate the needs of the user
- Disability is the mismatch between the user and the interface provided
- We all experience disability
- Accessible software = better software



Motivations for Accessibility

- Legislative (ADA and Section 508)
 - Target
 - Spy Museum



Target and ADA (brick and mortar vs. the Web)

"In early 2006, The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) and others charged that <u>blind people could</u> <u>not access Target.com</u>, citing "public accommodation" provisions under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Target fought the lawsuit, claiming that ADA provisions only related to their "brick-and-mortar" stores. The court found that Target.com was a "gateway" to stores and "heavily integrated" with physical stores, making the website subject to ADA requirements."

http://gneil.blogspot.com/2008/09/target-6-million-settlement-is-your.html

Spy museum and ADA...

- Title III of ADA applies to Museums
- no individual with a disability is discriminated against on the basis of a disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the entities' goods, services, and facilities
- a public accommodation must also provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services in order to ensure effective communication

Motivations for Accessibility

- Legislative (ADA and Section 508)
- Business and outreach (reach everyone)
- Accessible is better (for everyone)



It's just better

- "curb cut effect" -- everyone benefits
- accessible technology tends to be
 - more interoperable
 - easier to re-purpose
 - more future-proof
 - more robust
 - easier to use on a variety of devices



Models for Web Accessibility

- Text-only site
- One site, accessible for all
- Adaptable and Personalizable



UI Options

- One size doesn't fit all
- Allows users to customize your app:
 - layout
 - styling
 - navigation
- Uses FSS by default; can be configured to work with your own classes



User Interface Options View Demo | More Info

Transform the presentation of the user interface and content resources so that they are personalized to an individual user's needs. Let end-users transform the content they see according to their own preferences and needs.



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UI Options

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Assistive Technology Demos



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W3C: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0



- Principle I: Perceivable Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.
- Principle 2: Operable User interface components and navigation must be operable.
- Principle 3: Understandable Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.
- Principle 4: Robust Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.

WCAG is Good Design



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Perceivable

- Text alternatives for:
 - Images
 - Time-based media
 - CAPTCHAs
- Adaptable presentation
- Use colour and contrast effectively
- Organize content in a meaningful sequence

Searchable, readable, faster fluid

Operable

- Content needs to work with the keyboard
- Provide enough time to read and use
- Help users to navigate, find content, and locate themselves in your site

Easier to use and interact with



Understandable

- Use plain language
- Define jargon and abbreviations
- Consistent and predictable user interfaces
- Help users avoid mistakes

Speaks to users on their terms; less frustrating UX

Robust

- Use valid markup and standards
- Describe the names, roles, and values of all user interface controls

Sites last longer, and are easier to repurpose



WCAG 2.0 Quick Reference List

- 1.1 **Text Alternatives:** Provide text alternatives for any non-text content so that it can be changed into other forms people need, such as large print, braille, speech, symbols or simpler language.
- 1.2 **Time-based Media:** Provide alternatives for time-based media.
- 1.3 Adaptable: Create content that can be presented in different ways (for example simpler layout) without losing information or structure.
- 1.4 **Distinguishable:** Make it easier for users to see and hear content including separating foreground from background.
- 2.1 **Keyboard Accessible:** Make all functionality available from a keyboard.
- 2.2 Enough Time: Provide users enough time to read and use content.
- 2.3 **Seizures:** Do not design content in a way that is known to cause seizures.
- 2.4 **Navigable:** Provide ways to help users navigate, find content and determine where they are.
- 3.1 **Readable:** Make text content readable and understandable.
- 3.2 **Predictable:** Make Web pages appear and operate in predictable ways.
- 3.3 Input Assistance: Help users avoid and correct mistakes.
- 4.1 **Compatible:** Maximize compatibility with current and future user agents, including assistive technologies.

http://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG20/quickref/

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Better Usability Designing for everyone

- Look at what an interaction is like for various users and contexts and then (re)envision how it could be
- start with interactions, not technology
- iterative testing
- have a wide-open community

Designing for Everyone

- Accessibility is no longer optional
- Visual design is no longer optional
- Accessibility cannot be absolutely measured
- Accessibility is a continuum
- Accessibility and Design have the same GOAL



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Designing for Everyone

- Problem Statement / Goals
- Contextual Inquiry / Observations
- Personas / Scenarios
- Design Patterns / Patterns of Activity
- Test Test Test (there are ways to test all of this)



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 - makes it more robust and searchable



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 - Searchable, usable in diverse environments

Taking a Look at Accessibility



Testing and Checking

- Fluid UX Walkthroughs
- Evaluators: AChecker, WAVE, and more
- General principles:
 - Flexibility
 - Labelling
 - Alternatives



Step in the shoes of your users...

- Fluid UX Walkthroughs
- Easy ways to assess usability and accessibility
- Combination heuristic evaluation and cognitive walkthrough
- Translated: a checklist with scenarios
- Anyone can do one

http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/User+Experience+Walkthroughs



Simple Accessibility Evaluation

- I. Try changing your font size, window size and resolution
- 2. Look critically at your page's layout, structure & content
- 3. Use the Tab key to navigate through all controls
- 4. Check for alternatives to images, sound, and video



Screen Enlargement

When you make things bigger or resize...

- I. Is all the text visible?
- 2. Does it overlap or break up in any way?
- 3. Are headers and labels still correctly associated?
- 4. Do columns shift or realign unexpectedly?



Layout and Structure

- Is the page structured into logical sections?
- Are the sections clearly labeled?
- Are there sufficient non-visual cues for site structure?
- Are there sufficient visual cues?
- Is the most important information prominent?
- Is navigation consistent from page to page?



Keyboard Navigation

- Many different types of users use the keyboard
- You probably do, too!
- Keyboard access is I-dimensional: forward & back
- Everything that works with the mouse, works with the keyboard



The quick brown fox jumped **over the lazy dogs** and then... The quick brown fox **over jumped the lazy** dogs and then... The quick **brown fox jumped over** the lazy dogs and then... The quick brown fox jumped over the **lazy dogs** and then... The over **quick** brown fox jumped the lazy dogs and then...



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- 3. The Enter and Spacebar keys activate a control



Keyboard Navigation Checklist

- I. Do all links, buttons, and form controls receive focus?
- 2. Can all controls be activated with Enter or Spacebar?
- 3. Are there any areas you get stuck or need the mouse?
- 4. Do calendar pickers and other rich widgets work?



What About Shortcuts?

- Accessibility guidelines use to suggest "access keys"
- Keyboard shortcuts bound to the alt key
- A huge source of controversy
- Bottom line: don't add new keyboard shortcuts



Alternatives to Media

- I. Do all images have meaningful, non-redundant alt text?
- 2. Do videos have captions? (They're easy to add!)
- 3. Does audio have a transcript?

Hover your mouse over images in Internet Explorer to see alt text...





Tools for Evaluating Accessibility



Evaluation Tools

Static Analyzers
 HTML and CSS
 Accessibility



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HTML & CSS Validation

- Validators ensure that HTML and CSS are to spec
- Passing doesn't mean you're accessible, but it's a start
- HTML
 - http://validator.w3.org/
 - http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/

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Encoding :	iso-8859-1	(detect automatically)					
Doctype :	HTML5	(detect automatically)					
Root Element:	html						

Accessibility Checkers

aChecker

http://achecker.ca/checker/index.php

Wave

http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/

Check Accessibility by URL
Check It
Check Accessibility by File Upload
Browse)
Check It

Enter a web site address

Enter the URL of the web site you want to evaluate:



Upload a file

If you have files that are not publicly available on the internet, you can upload the files for WAVE evaluation. Simply browse to the file using the form below.

Browse...) WAVE this file!



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aChecker

http://achecker.ca/checker/index.php

Accessibility Review

Accessibility Review (Guidelines: WCAG 2.0 (Level AA))

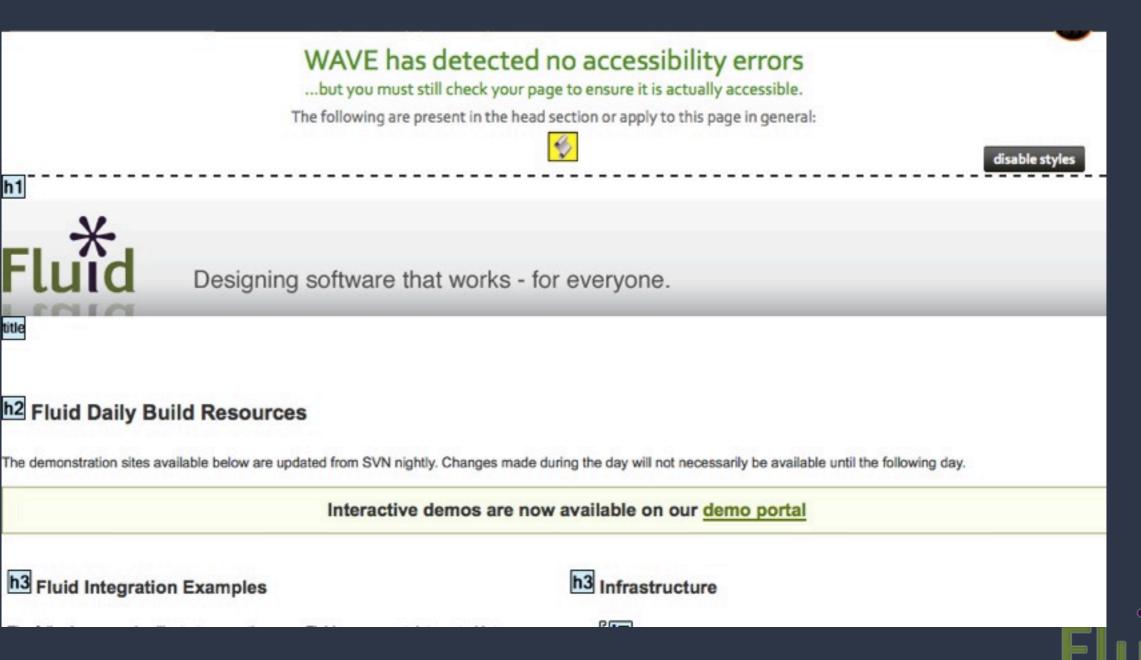
Known Problems(0) Likely Problems (19) Potential Problems (46) HTML Validation

© Congratulations! No known problems.



Accessibility Checkers

Wave http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/



Accessibility Checkers: What They Do

- Statically analyze markup
- Specify the Guideline for Validation
 - e.g. WCAG 2.0 AA
- Will alert you to in accessible markup
 - e.g. missing alt text on images

Line 103, Column 9: Image used for input element is missing Alt text.

<input type="image" src="/gallery/graphics/gallery_circle_arrow.gif" class="search-arrow" onmouseout



Accessibility Checkers: Limitations

- No Magic
 - Is the alt text meaning full?
- Static analysis
 - Will javascript make it inaccessible?
- Markup based validation
 - How will CSS affect the page?



Colour Validation

View in respect to Colour Blindness Determine Adjustability of Colours

http://colorfilter.wickline.org http://vischeck.com





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Colour Validation Limitations

Automating testing of interfaces is hard
e.g. determining contrast levels

This is example text. Some of it bolded. Some of it italicized.

Is this contrast level to spec?





Easier and cheaper to make good design choices early

Colour Pickers that also measure contrast http://gmazzocato.altervista.org/colorwheel/wheel.php http://www.snook.ca/technical/colour_contrast/colour.html



Accessible Markup



Concepts of HTML Accessibility

- Label as much as you can
- Use semantic markup to describe your page
- Design in layers
 - Textual alternatives
 - Clearly delineate navigation from content



what is "alt" text?

It is read by screen readers in place of images allowing the content and function of the image to be accessible to those with visual or certain cognitive disabilities.

- It is displayed in place of the image in user agents (browsers) that don't support the display of images or when the user has chosen not to view images.
- It provides a semantic meaning and description to images which can be read by search engines or be used to later determine the content of the image from page context alone.



http://www.webaim.org/techniques/alttext/

The "alt" attribute

- Be accurate and equivalent in presenting the same content and function as presented by the image.
- Be succinct. Typically no more than a few words are necessary.
- NOT be redundant or provide the exact same information as text within the context.
- NOT use the phrases "image of ..." or "graphic of ..." to describe the image. It usually apparent to the user that it is an image.



http://www.webaim.org/techniques/alttext/

"alt" text in code



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Alternatives to Images





Alt Text

<img src="<u>http://eich.wsg.mcgill.ca/largeimages/M2000.38.97-P1.jpg</u>" alt="Curling stone">

Background Images + Real Text

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Alternatives to Video

YouTube

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YouTube and beyond

- Captions are great for everyone
- They make your videos search-friendly
- YouTube Automatic Captioning
 - Speech recognition: pretty awkward
 - Supply a transcript: quick and reliable
- Flash has ally problems, but HTML 5 is coming



Alternatives to Video

HTML 5

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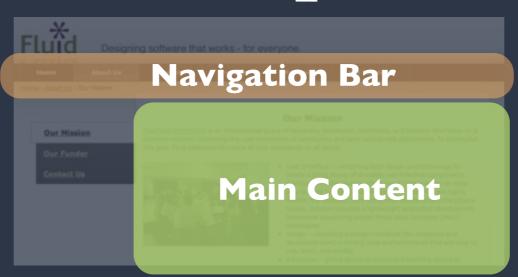


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Skip Links

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<div id="jumplinks">
        <a href="#content" title="Jump to content"></a>
        <a href="#nav" title="Jump to navigation menu"></a>
</div>
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<a id="nav" title="navigation menu"></a>
<!-- Navigation bar goes here -->
<a title="content area" name="content"></a>
<!-- Main page content goes here -->
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Designing Navigation

- Keep in mind that keyboard navigation is:
 - not just for screen reader users
 - is linear and I-dimensional
 - can be slow and tedious
- Skip links should be available and visible to all
- Place them as high in the page as possible





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The following examples illustrate more than one Fluid component, integrated into real-world settings.

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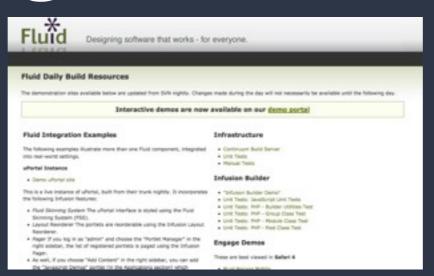


Navigating Headings



Designing software that works - for everyone.

Fluid Daily Build Resources **Heading List** The demonstration sites available below are updated from SVN nightly. Changes made due Fluid : Designing Software that works - For everyon... Move To Heading Fluid Daily Build Resources : 2 Interactive demos are now availab Fluid Integration Examples : 3 Cancel uPortal Instance : 4 Sakai Mock-up: 4 Fluid Integration Examples Infras uPortal 3 Mock-up : 4 Infrastructure : 3 The following examples illustrate more than one Fluid component, integrated Conti Infusion Builder : 3 into real-world settings. Unit ' Engage Demos: 3 Manu uPortal Instance Infusio Sort Headings Demo uPortal site This is a live instance of uPortal, built from their trunk nightly. It incorporates In <u>Tab</u> Order "Infu the following Infusion features: Unit Alphabetically Unit Fluid Skinning System The uPortal interface is styled using the Fluid Unit Skinning System (FSS). Unit Layout Reorderer The portlets are reorderable using the Infusion Layout Display Unit ' Reorderer. C Level4 Headings All Headings · Pager If you log in as "admin" and choose the "Portlet Manager" in the Engag right sidebar, the list of registered portlets is paged using the Infusion O Level1 Headings O Level5 Headings Pager. These are O Level2 Headings O Level<u>6</u> Headings As well, if you choose "Add Content" in the right sidebar, you can add the "Javascript Demos" portlet (in the Applications section) which C Level<u>3</u> Headings



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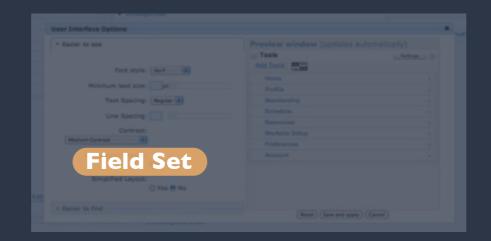
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Tables

- Tables got a really bad rap in the '90s
- Deservedly so
- Use them for data, not layouts
- They can be big: summarize them
- Seriously, you don't need them for layouts



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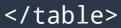


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Web 2.0 Accessibility

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What is Accessibility?



A New Definition

- Accessibility is the ability of the system to accommodate the needs of the user
- Disability is the mismatch between the user and the interface provided
- We all experience disability
- Accessible software = better software



Assistive Technologies

- Present and control the user interface in different ways
- Not just screen readers!
- Use built-in operating system APIs to understand the user interface

Screen readers Screen magnifiers On-screen keyboards

DHTML: A New Can of Worms

- Shift from documents to applications
- Familiar ally techniques aren't enough
- Most DHTML is completely inaccessible
- New techniques are still being figured out



The Problem

- Custom widgets often look, but don't act, like their counterparts on the desktop
- HTML provides only simple semantics
- Not enough information for ATs
- Dynamic updates require new design strategies to be accessible



The Solution

- Describe user interfaces with ARIA
- Add consistent keyboard controls
- Provide flexible styling and presentation



Supporting Assistive Technology



Opaque Markup

// These are tabs. How would you know?

- Cats
- Dogs
- Gators
- <div>
 - <div id="cats">Cats meow.</div>
 - <div id="dogs">Dogs bark.</div>
 - <div id="gators">Gators bite.</div>

</div>



Opaque Markup: Tabs

Cats	Dogs	Hamsters	Alligators
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Cats meow.

The cat (Felis catus), also known as the domestic cat or housecat to distinguish it from other felines and felids, is a small carnivorous mammal that is valued by humans for its companionship and its ability to hunt vermin and household pests. It has been associated with humans for at least 9,500 years and is currently the most popular pet in the world.



ARIA

- Accessible Rich Internet Applications
- W3C specification in the works
- Fills the semantic gaps in HTML
- Roles, states, and properties
- Live regions



Roles, States, Properties

• Roles describe widgets not present in HTML 4

- slider, menubar, tab, dialog
- Properties describe characteristics:
 - draggable, hasPopup, required
- States describe what's happening:
 - busy, disabled, selected, hidden



Using ARIA

```
// Now *these* are Tabs!
<!-- Individual Tabs shouldn't be focusable -->
 <!-- We'll focus them with JavaScript instead -->
 <a href="#" tabindex="-1">Cats</a>
 <a href="#" tabindex="-1">Dogs</a>
 <a href="#" tabindex="-1">Gators</a>
</01>
<div id="panels">
 <div role="tabpanel" aria-labelledby="cats">Cats meow.</div>
 <div role="tabpanel" aria-labelledby="dogs">Dogs bark.</div>
 <div role="tabpanel" aria-labelledby="gators">Gators bite.</div>
</div>
```



Adding ARIA in Code

// Identify the container as a list of tabs.
tabContainer.attr("role", "tablist");

// Give each tab the "tab" role.
tabs.attr("role", "tab");

```
// Give each panel the appropriate role,
panels.attr("role", "tabpanel");
panels.each(function (idx, panel) {
    var tabForPanel = that.tabs.eq(idx);
    // Relate the panel to the tab that labels it.
    $(panel).attr("aria-labelledby", tabForPanel[0].id);
});
```



Keyboard Accessibility



Keyboard Navigation

- Everything that works with the mouse should work with the keyboard
- ... but not always in the same way
- Support familiar conventions

http://dev.aol.com/dhtml_style_guide



Keyboard Conventions

- Tab key focuses the control or widget
- Arrow keys select an item
- Enter or Spacebar activate an item

 Tab is handled by the browser. For the rest, you need to write code. A lot of code.



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Tabindex examples

```
<!-- Tab container should be focusable -->
<!-- Individual Tabs shouldn't be focusable -->
 <!-- We'll focus them with JavaScript instead -->
 id="tab1">
   <a href="#cats" tabindex="-1">Cats</a>
 id="tab2">
   <a href="#cats" tabindex="-1">Dogs</a>
 id="tab3">
   <a href="#cats" tabindex="-1">Alligators</a>
 </0]>
```



Making Things Tabbable

- Tabindex varies subtly across browsers
- jquery.attr() normalizes it as of 1.3
- For all the gory details:

http://fluidproject.org/blog/2008/01/09/ getting-setting-and-removing-tabindex-values-with-javascript/

// Make the tablist accessible with the Tab key.
tabContainer.attr("tabindex", "0");
// And take the anchors out of the Tab order.
\$("a", tabs).attr("tabindex", "-1");

Adding the Arrow Keys

```
// Make each tab accessible with the left and right arrow keys.
tabContainer.fluid("selectable", {
    selectableSelector: that.options.selectors.tabs,
    direction: fluid.a11y.orientation.HORIZONTAL,
    onSelect: function (tab) {
      $(tab).addClass(that.options.styles.highlighted);
    },
    onUnselect: function (tab) {
      $(tab).removeClass(that.options.styles.highlighted);
    };
}
```

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});
```

}



Making Them Activatable

// Make each tab activatable with Spacebar and Enter.
tabs.fluid("activatable", function (evt) {

// Your handler code here. Maybe the same as .click()?
});



Documentation

• Tutorial:

http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/Keyboard+Accessibility+Tutorial

• API Reference:

http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/Keyboard+Accessibility+Plugin+API



Accessibility Resources

http://codetalks.org

http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/DHTML+Developer+Checklist http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/UX+Accessibility+Walkthrough+Protocols http://developer.mozilla.org/en/docs/Accessible_DHTML http://developer.mozilla.org/en/docs/Key-navigable_custom_DHTML_widgets http://developer.mozilla.org/en/docs/AJAX:WAI_ARIA_Live_Regions



Toolkit Accessibility



Dojo

- The first to tackle DHTML accessibility
- Accessibility features include:
 - Support for Windows High Contrast
 - Comprehensive ARIA library
 - Keyboard navigation
- Most core widgets are covered



Dojo High Contrast

Sample Dialog	8
Name:	
Location:	
Description:	
(OK)	

Sample Dialog		х
Name:		
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jQuery

- A truly community-driven effort
- A step-by-step approach
- Features include:
 - Several accessible widgets, more to come
 - Comprehensive ARIA library
 - Keyboard navigation in progress



jQuery

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http://fluidproject.org/products/infusion/



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Meet Infusion

- Application framework built on top of jQuery
- The culmination of our work helping others
- Designed for usability and accessibility
- Open architecture: everything is configurable



What's in Infusion?

- A development framework for building apps
- UI components you can reuse and adapt
- Lightweight CSS framework for styling
- Accessibility tools and plugins for jQuery



ally: Infusion Goes Deeper

- jQuery Keyboard Navigation Plugin
- ARIA everywhere
- Everything is highly adaptable and flexible
- UI Options and the Fluid Skinning System:
 - Users can customize their environment



Building Great UIs Is Hard

- Your code gets unruly as it grows
- Uls are hard to reuse or repurpose
- Design change requires big code change
- Accessibility is confusing
- Combining different code/libraries doesn't always work



Flexible User Interfaces

Infusion is an application framework designed to provide unprecedented flexibility while preserving interoperability.



Types of JavaScript Tools

- Foundational Toolkits
- Widget libraries
- Application Frameworks

... compare and contrast



Foundational toolkits

- Totally presentation focused
- DOM manipulation
- Event binding
- Ajax





Widget Libraries

- Reusable user interface widgets
 - Drag & Drop
 - Tabs
 - Sliders
 - Accordions

jQuery UI Ext Scriptaculous



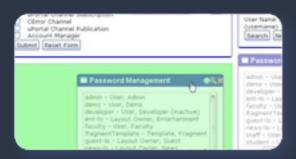
Application frameworks

- Model notifications "something changed here"
- Views to help keep your presentational code clean
- Data binding to sync the display with your model

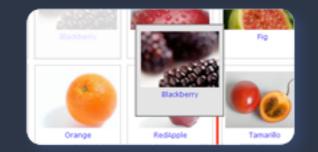
SproutCore Dojo/Dijit/ Dojox Cappuccino



The Reorderer Family



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UI Options & FSS

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UI Options: High Contrast Theme

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Add Widgets Edit Appearance

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Infusion is Different

- Accessibility baked right in
- Carefully designed interactions
- Markup is in your control
- Not the same old MVC
- Supports portals, mashups and CMS's



CSS Frameworks

"If you're going to use a framework, it should be yours; one that you've created. You can look at existing frameworks for ideas and hack at it. But the professionals in this room are not well served by picking up a framework and using it as-is."

- Eric Meyer



Fluid Skinning System

- FSS is built to be hacked on
- Provides a core set of building blocks
- Reset, text, layouts, themes
- Namespaced: no conflicts with your stuff
- Themes for better legibility & readability





Building with FSS



Code!



FSS Themes

Slate

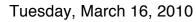
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link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet"
href="fss-layout.css" />
<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet"
href="fss-theme-slate.css" />
</head>
<body class="fl-theme-slate">
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</body>



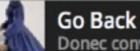
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mFSS: iPhone Theme

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<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="fss-mobile-layout.css" /> <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="fss-mobile-theme-iphone.css" />

</head>

```
<body class="fl-theme-iphone">
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</body>



mFSS: Android Theme

<head>

<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="fss-mobile-layout.css" /> <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="fss-mobile-theme-android.css" />

</head>

<body class="fl-theme-android">

</body>



FSS: Tabs



```
<a href="#">Go Back</a>

<a href="#">Go Back</a>
```



mFSS: Back Button



```
<a href="../mobile.html"
class="fl-button fl-backButton">
<span class="fl-button-inner">Back Button</span>
</a>
```



FSS: Lists

Link Text	>
Link Text	>
Link Text	>

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<a href="#">Link Text</a>
<a href="#">Link Text</a>
<a href="#">Link Text</a>
```



mFSS: Image Grids



```
<1i>
  <a href="20.png">
    <img class="fl-icon" src="20.png" alt="twisty icon" />
  </a>
 <1i>
  <a href="2.png">
    <img class="fl-icon" src="2.jpg" alt="round icon" />
  </a>
```

FSS: Widgets

Draggable Widget
 Settings X
 Option 1 | Option 2
 this is where the content goes

```
<div class="fl-widget">
   <div class="fl-widget-titlebar">
      <a class="fl-force-left fl-icon fl-icon-more" href="#">More</a>
      <a class="fl-force-right fl-icon fl-icon-close" href="#">Close</a>
      <a class="fl-button-right" href="#">
          <strong class="fl-button-inner">Settings</strong></a>
      <h2>Regular Widget</h2>
   </div>
   <div class="fl-widget-options">
       <11>
           <a href="option1.html">Option 1</a>
           <a href="option2.html">Option 2</a>
       </div>
   <div class="fl-widget-content">
       this is where the content goes
   </div>
</div>
```

Links to get started

- <u>http://www.alistapart.com</u>
- <u>http://webaim.org</u>
- <u>http://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/</u> <u>Design+Handbook</u>







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