

## **A Detailed, General-Purpose Checklist**

### **Architecture and Navigation**

- Does the structure fit the purpose?
- Is the navigation scheme clear?
- Where are you?
- How do you find what you want?
- Is there a reasonable number of navbar choices?
- Are navbar choices logically ordered?
- Do link names match page names?
- Are links clearly marked?
- Is there a clearly marked link back to the home page?
- Is there an option to search for information?
- Is there a site map?
- Does every page make it clear which web site you're in?
- Does the user have control over navigation?

### **Layout and Design**

- Does page size exceed window size?
- Is layout consistent between pages?
- Is there a clear focal point on each page?
- Does the layout work visually?
- Is alignment used effectively?
- Is grouping used effectively?
- Is there good contrast?
- Is the layout cluttered?
- Is it aesthetically pleasing?

### **Content**

- Is the text clear and concise?
- Is text organized in small chunks?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors?
- Do pages include introductory text?
- Do multimedia components support the task?
- Are units of measure clear and unambiguous for international use?
  - Date and time?  Phone numbers?  Address and postal codes?

### **Forms and Interaction**

- Do forms support the task?
- Do dialogues follow a logical progression?
- Is it clear where to go next?
- Are dialogue methods concise and consistent?
- Are form elements used properly?
- Are elements grouped properly?
- Are there clear Submit buttons?

### **Graphics**

- Is image quality adequate?
- Do the images include alternate text?
- Do the images include size information?
- Do the images use a consistent light source?
- Are images stored for maximum compression?
- Is mouse-over feedback provided? Is it useful?
- Are animations useful? Are there too many? Are they properly compressed?

### **Color**

- Is the choice of colors appropriate for site?
- Are too many colors used?
- Are colors used consistently?
- Are graphics colors dithered?
- Do color choices work in grayscale?

### **Typography**

- Is the text legible?
- Is the font size large enough?
- Is the font color appropriate and is there sufficient contrast?
- Is the text formatted for 10 to 12 words per line?
- Are there sufficient margins?
- Are typefaces used properly and consistently?

### **Error Tolerance**

- Do users need to remember items across pages or sessions?
- Are confirmations provided before risky or costly actions?
- Are risky or costly actions reversible?
- Are entry errors caught locally?
- Do error pages provide useful information?
- Do search-error pages provide search broadening tips?
- Is help available?
- Is help task-oriented?
- Is help contextual?

### **Platform and Implementation**

- Is load-time fast enough? Does it load in 3 to 15 seconds?
- Do all the links work?
- Are there broken images?
- Are pages written to be found by search engines?
- Does the site work with user's browser?
- Does the site work with user's hardware platform?
- Does the site work on high- and low-resolution monitors?
- Are nonstandard plug-ins required? Are they necessary or useful?