

Digital Accessibility Checklist for Video Development

Proj	ect Details
Title:	
Auth	ors:
Start	Date:
Plan	ning and Scripting
	Write a clear, concise script using plain language.
	Include descriptions of visual elements in the script for later use in audio description or transcripts.
	Avoid relying on visuals or audio alone to convey important information.
Capt	tions
	Provide accurate, synchronized captions for all spoken dialogue and relevant sounds.
	Include non-speech elements (e.g., [music], [laughter], [applause]) in captions.
	Use closed captions when possible, allowing users to toggle them on/off.
	Ensure caption text is readable (sufficient size, contrast, and duration on screen).
Tran	scripts
	Provide a full transcript of the video, including spoken content and descriptions of key visual elements.
	Make the transcript easily accessible (e.g., linked below the video or in the video description).



Digital Accessibility Checklist for Video Development

Audio Description		
	Include audio descriptions for important visual content not described in dialogue (e.g., actions, scene changes, text on screen).	
	Use integrated audio description or provide a separate version of the video with descriptions.	
Visual Design		
	Ensure high contrast between text and background.	
	Use large, legible fonts for any on-screen text.	
	Avoid flashing or strobing effects that could trigger seizures.	
	Do not rely on color alone to convey meaning.	
Audio Quality		
	Ensure clear, high-quality audio with minimal background noise.	
	Use consistent volume levels throughout the video.	
	Avoid overlapping dialogue and background music.	
Video Player Accessibility		
	Use a video player that supports keyboard navigation and screen readers.	
	Ensure the player allows users to pause, rewind, and adjust volume easily.	
	Confirm that captions and transcripts are supported by the player.	



Digital Accessibility Checklist for Video Development

Testing and Review		
	Test the video with screen readers and keyboard-only navigation .	
	Review captions and transcripts for accuracy and completeness .	
	Solicit feedback from users with disabilities when possible.	
Live Video Content		
	Use a platform that supports live captioning (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, YouTube Live).	
	Provide real-time captions using a qualified captioner or Al-based service with human oversight.	
	Assign a moderator or accessibility coordinator to monitor and address accessibility issues during the event.	
	Share presentation materials in advance (e.g., slides, handouts, agenda).	
	Verbally describe visual content during the live session (e.g., charts, images on-screen actions).	
	Offer a live transcript or recording with post-event captions and transcript.	
	Ensure keyboard and screen reader accessibility for all interactive elements (e.g., Q&A, polls, chat).	
	Provide alternative ways to participate , such as email-based Q&A or phone dial-in options.	