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Oliver Erlewein: 18:19:52

Hi Marlena, Richard

Oliver Erlewein: 18:38:51

Here comes the mission....

Oliver Erlewein: 18:39:33

MISSION:

One of the often neglected parts of testing is accessibility testing. It is usually not done if it is not mandated or an explicit requirement. This is not because testers and IT people are mean but because it is one of THE most challenging test areas that can be had. Most people lack even the most minimal empathy for the problem. In order to start changing that and creating awareness we're having this session.

The mission is actually trivial. Go to Google and search for "weekend testing". Then click on the link to go to weekendtesting.com

But easier said than done. This is a three part exercise:

1) Install a screen reader or use the built in one on your OS. (eyes open for this)

Tips are:

- 1) Screen Reader Jaws (PC): <http://www.freedomscientific.com/products/fs/jaws-product-page.asp>
- 2) <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/14206/>
- 3) Mac OS X VoiceOver (part of the OS)
- 4) ORCA on Linux

2) Start the browser (eyes closed)

3) Execute the exercise (eyes closed except for text entry. That means look at keyboard only)

BONUS MISSION: Log in to the weekend testing site.

The aim is to find defects but rather also find the issues or tricky bits of blind navigation. This know-how helps in looking for design flaws in websites or even process flaws.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:39:52

So, we have all done part 1

Oliver Erlewein: 18:40:05

(tick)

Oliver Erlewein: 18:40:56

Start your browser and the firevox (you can't start with eyes closed as this is a firefox plug-in)

Oliver Erlewein: 18:42:01

All aboard? Any questions?

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 18:42:28

arg. This FireVox is not working either.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 18:42:38

Is it working for you Keis?

[Keis:](#) 18:42:48

i have to click on the icon to start it

Keis: 18:42:57

i don't know how i'll do that if i were blind

Oliver Erlewein: 18:43:22

@Marlena: Usually these things don't work on Macs

Oliver Erlewein: 18:43:34

@Keis: That's the problem with plug-ins

Oliver Erlewein: 18:43:52

That's why VoiceOver and Jaws are full OS versions.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:44:15

But if you're running Windows 7 there might be some accessibility software too.

Keis: 18:45:12

i found that Vista has a Narrator software

Oliver Erlewein: 18:45:16

@Keis: so start firevox, then go to Google with your eyes closed

Oliver Erlewein: 18:45:28

Welcome to use that too.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:45:50

@Marlena: What are you using now?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:46:30

Giving up and switching back to voiceover. It's not the current version either because I'm on leopard.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:46:41

Very glad I can see.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:47:19

@Marlena: BAD GIRL!!! That was the epiphany reserved as the conclusion!

Oliver Erlewein: 18:47:21

;-)

Keis: 18:47:40

she's advanced ;)

Oliver Erlewein: 18:47:52

:D

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:47:57

I can't help it if this slit-my-wristst annoying.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:48:01

wrists.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:48:08

Only joking.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:48:17

Ok, we all set to start browser now?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:48:19

I know.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:48:33

I'm guessing Keis=Narrator, Marlena=VoiceOver?

Keis: 18:49:25

i'll stick with Firevox... Narrator was reading all my mouse actions

Oliver Erlewein: 18:49:35
OK. So we can all now start our browser with our eyes closed.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:49:47
no.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:49:52
and with only looking at keyboard go to www.google.com

Oliver Erlewein: 18:50:30
@Marlena: Then just start it. What will you be using? FF or Safari

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:50:56
Chrome

Oliver Erlewein: 18:51:07
Cool

Oliver Erlewein: 18:51:24
Ok so all set and please go to www.google.com.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:51:31
done?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:51:40
yes

Oliver Erlewein: 18:51:57
you think you're on google or did you look at the screen?

Oliver Erlewein: 18:52:19
do you know where the cursor is?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:52:29
I typed google and hit enter. I don't really know how to go back and forth between our chat and the screen without looking.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:52:36
I know it's abit stupid with using Skype in parallel

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:52:59
I won't use my mouse though.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:53:31
Well as a blind person that's probably not the right interactive device

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:54:06
I could take out my contacts and do this. Then I would be blind.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:55:02
ok. now look at keyboard and type weekendtesting and then select search button. then go to weekendtesting.com link and select it. when you think you're on the page look at the screen.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:58:07
Ok, that was hard! I clicked wrong twice and only knew where I was because I know what the page looks like.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:58:54
Google does a good job of setting the focus in the search box, but getting to the results was trickier.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 18:58:58
trickier.

Oliver Erlewein: 18:59:13
indeed

Oliver Erlewein: 18:59:45

What about Keis? You there mate? Or still stumbling in the darkness?

Keis: 19:00:00

hi guys... agree with Marlena

Oliver Erlewein: 19:00:28

So how did firevox behave

Oliver Erlewein: 19:00:29

?

Keis: 19:00:30

Firevox seems to be reading css stuff when i got to the results

Oliver Erlewein: 19:00:45

ok, that's not nice

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:01:06

yeah...I hardly see how css is relevant to search results.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:01:12

@Keis: Did you manage to jump that?

Keis: 19:03:01

yeah... i think it was because the mouse pointer was at the Location bar

Keis: 19:03:18

i moved it a bit and heard "Did you mean weekend testing"

Oliver Erlewein: 19:03:26

This seemed too easy. Go and look at your keyboard and navigate to the login and login. Then go to the forum and go to the WTANZ session 05 entry and add a comment/reply with hello world. don't look at the screen!

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:04:38

I'm still struggling with voice over. If I really needed a screen reader, I would get a windows machine.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:04:55

Believe me the mac is better

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:04:58

At least that way there are options.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:05:08

and as you can see it's not intuitive

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:05:20

Are you on snow leopard?

Oliver Erlewein: 19:05:25

Jaws ist a piece of...

Oliver Erlewein: 19:05:28

Yes

Keis: 19:06:03

the voice is sometimes annoying ... reading out stuff that i don't need...

Oliver Erlewein: 19:06:35

starting to notice something???....

Keis: 19:07:30

it seems difficult to find the "Forum" link with eyes closed

Keis: 19:07:55

scratch "seems" --> it is difficult!

Oliver Erlewein: 19:07:55

have you already logged in?

Keis: 19:12:07

Yup, i switched to narrator so that my keyboard actions could be read aloud

Oliver Erlewein: 19:12:17

that does help.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:12:31

but you can look at your keyboard

Oliver Erlewein: 19:13:52

Man it takes minutes just to jump to wherever you need to go.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:16:25

This is getting akin to torture. If someone feels to stressed please look at screen.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:16:36

omg..finally got voice over turned on.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:16:59

could have told you that. command+F5

Oliver Erlewein: 19:17:03

sorry

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:17:17

no...I had to turn off the function keys through system preferences.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:19:35

@Keis (if you're looking at screen): How are you doing?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:19:40

Chrome is really awful. I had no idea what I was doing when I was typing "www.google.com." It kept saying "highlight-unhighlight-highlight-unhighlight"

Keis: 19:19:49

when i got to the Forum page... Narrator told me which page i got on. I pressed tab (heard nothing), then pressed tab again (heard "Submit comment"). the search field at the top near the welcome got skipped.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:20:40

I noticed that it stops at blank links. It jumps to oit but there's nothing said.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:20:59

We have another 10 minutes

Oliver Erlewein: 19:21:43

I am sure that there are more keyboard shortcuts that make this easier.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:24:10

@Marlena: Now that you're on VoiceOver are you getting on with using the browser?

Keis: 19:24:33

when i use the mouse to shift focus to the browser window... Narrator keeps saying "Forum search results vertical line weekend testing..." over and over

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:24:45

Chrome is very confusing. It vocalizes information that is not important but does not vocalize information that is important.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:25:35

I know when I'm tabbing through search results because chrome says nothing for those.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:25:53

Hmmm.... Safari did seem to get it mostly right and read only links and the such that I wanted but it still confused the heck out of me.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:26:19
Had to jump through a good 2-5 dozen links before I got to the edit field I wanted.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:27:13
Take about 2 sec per link (until you hear link and stop at edit) and you see how long it will take you to surf.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:27:26
It made me aware that for this less is MUCH more!

Oliver Erlewein: 19:28:35
I'm thinking there needs to be a tag that makes screen readers skip links.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:28:41
+1 "less is more"

[Keis:](#) 19:29:31
agree on less is more

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:29:32
Switched to safari and was easier to enter a search, but dealing with search results would have required something other than tab.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:29:57
Sighted people expect links everywhere but I could well imagine that for people using this they'd want the essence only. Maybe that can be achieved through CSS. But a simple text-redesign for a page is not enough to make it "compatible" for use.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:30:25
try control +option and use left,right arrow and space to select.

[Keis:](#) 19:30:36
the narrator reads the entire trail: Forum > weekend testing sessions > Next weekend testing session > wtanz 05 (vertical column) weekend testing

Oliver Erlewein: 19:31:41
One thing I noticed on the side, they seem to have fixed some issues with Safari (or Safari 5 is different) on weekendtesting.com

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:32:09
whoa...I got to weekend testing in Safari by using the mouse, but then the weekend testing web-site rendered incorrectly.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:32:10
I don't get the totally horrid column to the right anymore

Oliver Erlewein: 19:32:12
:)

Oliver Erlewein: 19:32:38
@Marlena: OK, then it is Safari 5 that's fixed that.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:32:43
I used to get that.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:33:08
Luckily you're in "blind-mode" so you won't see the fact.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:33:26
(little insert---> neither will your automated test ;-)

Oliver Erlewein: 19:33:30
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[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:33:43
If you're using the mouse with voiceover, you wouldn't know to scroll to the right.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:34:07

I started using the mouse to hear the search results.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:34:18

I doubt any sight impaired person would be using a mouse.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:34:40

They might use a tablet but even then it would be too "relative"

Oliver Erlewein: 19:34:51

I'd say keyboard only.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:34:57

well, I did it :P

Oliver Erlewein: 19:35:14

So you're on weekendtesting.com now?

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:35:25

yes. Trying to log in.

[Keis:](#) 19:36:28

i'm using the tab key... i couldn't tell that i was in the subject (i opened eyes) field

[Keis:](#) 19:37:17

i kept on pressing tab and heard "forum post reply italic hyperlink"

Oliver Erlewein: 19:37:21

use control+option. It's better than TAB

Oliver Erlewein: 19:37:46

That is correct.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:38:07

I had a keychain which could have let me in to weekend testing. I clicked "always allow" and the keychain didn't work.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:38:41

@Keis: How are you going?

Oliver Erlewein: 19:39:02

Managed to get to the Forum and the post?

Oliver Erlewein: 19:39:10

the WTANZ 05 post/

Oliver Erlewein: 19:39:11

?

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 19:39:27

She's advanced ;)

[Keis:](#) 19:39:52

subject and message fields doesn't give out any narration/info

[Keis:](#) 19:40:22

i'd get to know when my focus is on the buttons, but not on the fields

[Keis:](#) 19:40:42

that would make it hard to know when to start typing :P

Oliver Erlewein: 19:40:49

wow, that's a bummer

Oliver Erlewein: 19:41:44

Mine says "Edit field. you are at end of content. Content highlighted" or something if there's something in the field. Otherwise just "Edit" field.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:42:16

I'm just frustrated at all those unnecessary links at the top of the page.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:42:42

And weekend testing is harmless what that's concerned. Google was worse.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:43:07

It was the first time I wished the number of search results was at the bottom of the search results.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:45:43

And the multi column design of the Forum totally confused me. I'd jump ahead to where it said "edit" then jump back one to find out what field it is. But this is after clicking the next item for 50 times. And I admit I again remembered about what the page looked like (I did write a forum entry an hour earlier).

Keis: 19:46:19

sometime i hear as part of the narration "Forum Home hyperlink, table with 0 rows, 0 columns"

Oliver Erlewein: 19:46:30

One thing I do think is this has come a long way since the last time I did this about 3 years ago.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:46:50

@Keis: I'd definitely highlight that as a defect. Just bad design coding.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:47:17

@K: That's what you're looking for when you're testing for accessibility.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:48:59

Isn't the alt tag used by screen readers?

Keis: 19:50:04

another downside of using narration to traverse thru form fields... it takes about 2-3 seconds before it starts saying the link or button description

Oliver Erlewein: 19:50:06

@M: I don't know. It probably should. Is there one in the code and is it not reading it?

Oliver Erlewein: 19:50:58

@K: Odd. Mine starts immediately with link/edit field/table/lists....

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:51:00

I'm just getting lots of buttons with no description. "button...text field...button"

Oliver Erlewein: 19:51:13

on what screen?

Oliver Erlewein: 19:51:18

/page?

Keis: 19:51:38

i tried http://xkcd.com ... FirevoX didn't seem to read the alt text

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:51:42

When I was logging in. The only reason I knew where I was is because my name was already filled in.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:54:17

I do wonder if it gets much better after prolonged use.

Oliver Erlewein: 19:55:16

try http://www.rnzfb.org.nz/ <--- that should be a prime example on how to do it.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:55:19

Chris McMahon suggested I circle back with Rick Scott when we're finished. Chris says that Rick is very good at this type of testing.

Keis: 19:55:20

know of any good sites we can try

Keis: 19:55:46

Oliver's psychic

Keis: 19:57:49

rnzfb.org.nz doesn't have forms that we can try though

Oliver Erlewein: 19:57:57

Even that page has content I'd find dubious

Oliver Erlewein: 19:58:03

true

Oliver Erlewein: 19:58:17

http://www.rnzfb.org.nz/library/index_html/AccessSearch.aspx

Keis: 19:58:21

i suppose they'd just call to give feedback

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 19:58:51

This page looks like it's by blind people for blind people: <http://www.netreach.net/~abrejcha/blind.htm>.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:00:12

@M: That was, what I was thinking about.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:01:06

@M: There should be something similar to m.<whatever>.com for mobiles. Something like b.<whatever>.com that looked like the page you just listed.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:01:26

Maybe the mobile websites are actually better because they ARE already condensed.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:01:43

That's a good point.

Keis: 20:03:55

getting in and posting in wkend testing was already tough . imagine going thru amazon.com to make some purchase

Oliver Erlewein: 20:04:21

Well done.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:04:36

Or anything where you have to make a purchase. I don't think I would want to.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:04:37

Yeah, I can see advantages in 1-click buy option!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:05:21

I am thinking I want to know HOW they do it. I think I'll try and find some organisation that teaches blind how to use the internet and watch & learn.

Keis: 20:06:03

yeah maybe there's a way to have the reader skip certain parts like css and table properties

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:06:06

+1 for that.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:06:16

I think I'll be blown away by the experience because I can imagine I couldn't even concieve the triks and other helps that are available that we're just oblivious to.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:07:59

Ever since I did the Jaws exercise a couple of years ago and the change of my thinking about this topic (and the refresh today) I wonder how much it is the resposibility of thesters to make a stand for making websites accessible.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:08:26

Even if not mandated or only weakly mandated.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:08:56

I'm reading about javascript's accessibility issues. We use a lot of javascript at Atlassian. Then there's the canvas tag.
Good luck with that.

Keis: 20:09:10
how about flash

Keis: 20:09:28
not sure how the screen reader would read that

Oliver Erlewein: 20:09:38
Yeah, that's where it gets really ugly

Keis: 20:09:41
unless they provide sufficient audio to go along with the display

Oliver Erlewein: 20:10:00
One of the hopes I have for HTML5 is that it will be built with accessibility in mind

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:10:55
[webaim.org](http://webaim.org/blog/future-web-accessibility-new-input-types-in-html5/) has something about it <http://webaim.org/blog/future-web-accessibility-new-input-types-in-html5/>

Keis: 20:11:50
off topic... i see potential for firevox... i could have it read out some blog posts while i do some other stuff

Keis: 20:11:59
not exactly for accessibility though

Oliver Erlewein: 20:12:06
Look at this a whole "for the blind" Linux Distro <http://www.knopper.net/knoppix-adriane/index-en.html>

Oliver Erlewein: 20:12:55
The Mac has a really easily accessible speech interface that has been "abused" like that.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:13:24
you can just go to command line and do a 'say "Hello there"' and it does it

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:13:33
That's cool.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:13:46
Some geeks use that to output server stats in a headless server room environment

Oliver Erlewein: 20:14:04
You can get the server you're looking for to say "I am HERE!!!"

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:14:18
lol

Keis: 20:14:19
sounds nifty :))

Oliver Erlewein: 20:14:36
@M: Try it

Oliver Erlewein: 20:14:43
Open a Terminal window

Oliver Erlewein: 20:15:02
and type: say "Hello"

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:15:19
zomg!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:15:28
It's soooo cool

Keis: 20:15:35

i can't relate to the awesomeness

Keis: 20:15:36

:D

Oliver Erlewein: 20:15:40

and I'm sure in Linux there will be something similar

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:01

You can even feed whole text files into that

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:12

so it can read your RSS feed or stuff

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:21

Anyway we're now going OT

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:16:22

say "Would you like to play a game"

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:32

LOLLOLOLOLOLOLOL!!!!!!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:42

That oh so 80ies!!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:16:55

Need to watch that again. I heard they are planning a remake

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:17:09

@Keis have you seen the '80s classic movie, "Wargames"

Oliver Erlewein: 20:17:11

So... final conclusions?

Oliver Erlewein: 20:17:25

....before we geek out on Wargames?

Keis: 20:17:29

@Marlena i didn't see that one hehe

Oliver Erlewein: 20:18:09

Yes, it IS Matthew Broderick. I thought as much. <http://www.imdb.com/media/rm1949210368/tt0086567>

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:18:20

and Ally Sheedy

Oliver Erlewein: 20:18:23

So learnings Marlena?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:18:45

I now know how to turn the Mac screen reader on.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:19:05

Thats a + right there

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:19:12

I wouldn't say that I'm comfortable using it. This was, ironically, eye-opening.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:19:29

& you learnt a cool command line command ;-)

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:19:39

absolutely.

Keis: 20:19:47

@Marlena, nice word play

Oliver Erlewein: 20:19:50
Will it help you in your future testing work?

Oliver Erlewein: 20:20:14
I'm thinking I should do a session on it for the testers at work.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:20:34
Yes in so far as I now have a better reason for raising tab-navigation defects.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:20:57
I'm still working on accessibility being a concern for atlassian.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:21:10
@K: Ahhhh Ally Sheedy in "Short Circuit" ;-)

[Keis:](#) 20:21:26
skipping tab navigation is one of my pet peeves :P

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:21:29
But, I'm not alone. My boss has already reached out to an org for the visually impaired.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:21:37
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[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:21:55
So now I know *why* it is so important.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:22:08
If you don't get it right, your audience is left to the screen reader.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:22:14
I am convinced that only visually impaired people can really test accessibility because we'll always cheat.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:22:40
So would you equate that with using a vm instead of hardware loaded with an OS?

Oliver Erlewein: 20:22:51
There is actually such a specialised group here in NZ but I haven't met them yet.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:23:18
@M: ???? don't get it

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:24:05
At work the QA department gets criticized for using vm's instead of windows desktops. It's not "real" enough.

[Marlena Compton \(WTANZ,AUS\):](#) 20:24:19
I guess it's another discussion.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:24:57
Yes, that is about it.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:25:25
Let's talk about that topic offline! I do have a strong opinion on that one that I can share.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:25:37
Anyway....@Kais, what about you?

[Keis:](#) 20:26:00
just curious though... i wonder if there's any tester who's visually impaired...

Oliver Erlewein: 20:26:43
As I said here in NZ I heard that there is a govt group that is visually impaired that checks such things.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:26:51
but never met them

Keis: 20:26:53

well, this exercise has been difficult... the screen reader kept saying so many things -- most of which were irrelevant to me... i mean, css properties?!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:26:56

just rumours

Keis: 20:27:34

it also validates my hate for incorrect tab ordering :p

Oliver Erlewein: 20:27:46

What I just thought is sit your project in a room. let them close their eyes and then let them listen to you navigating their product.

Keis: 20:27:49

that was an upside

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:27:50

@Keis I'm with you there.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:28:14

they might all have an epiphany.

Keis: 20:28:26

and as sighted users, we sometimes tend to enjoy cool layouts

Keis: 20:28:41

which i don't think i'll enjoy using with a screen reader

Oliver Erlewein: 20:28:54

have a look at this. This is one of my projects where we did at least pay some attention to accessibility.
<https://www.i.govt.nz/cls/logon.logon>

Keis: 20:29:18

i like what Oliver mentioned... the b.<whatever> site similar to mobile sites

Oliver Erlewein: 20:29:28

As I said, there are no pixels in my mind-interpretations of a website

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:29:31

This makes me wonder how much of a design heuristic flexibility can be.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:29:53

flexibility in what sense?

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:30:10

I mean't accessibility.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:30:53

So we were all agreeing how "less is more" which can also be the case for design meant for those who can see.

Keis: 20:31:20

another thing... i usually like breadcrumbs... but not when the whole thing gets read to me

Oliver Erlewein: 20:31:21

I think I got reminded of just how important it is to cater for accessibility. I think my motivation largely comes from pure ego. What would I want if I went blind?

Oliver Erlewein: 20:31:44

@K: Yes indeed.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:31:53

@that's an interesting difference that disproves what I suggested.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:32:12

It makes you realise that a button to dumb down your site might actually be a good idea.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:34:01
Ok. We're 2min overtime and my dinner's waiting. (*yay*!!!) So thanks for a great and interesting session! I didn't expect us to get past the logon so it actually went better than I'd have predicted.

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:34:30
Yep. Mines in the oven as well. Here's the trailer for Wargames: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAcEzhQ7oqA>

Oliver Erlewein: 20:34:45
I'll put the log online at WT and twitter the link.

Keis: 20:34:48
@Marlena I'll check that out :D

Oliver Erlewein: 20:35:00
I am just wondering if we should re-run this session next time.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:35:14
Oh and homework guys...!!!!

Oliver Erlewein: 20:35:20
WATCH WARGAMES!

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:35:23
ha

Keis: 20:35:26
haha :D

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:35:42
I used to have that on DVD before I moved. Another victim.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:36:09
I will get a copy from the library. They will certainly have it.

Oliver Erlewein: 20:36:34
OK @all, I will see you & hear you and happy testing!

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:36:46
bye :)

Oliver Erlewein: 20:36:54
cu

Marlena Compton (WTANZ,AUS): 20:36:55
y'all have a great week

Keis: 20:36:59
See you all! Thanks!

Keis: 20:37:07
Enjoy your dinner! :)

Oliver Erlewein: 20:37:15
will do