

# The ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium: Section 508, WCAG, and beyond

November 2-3, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland

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## Preliminary Program

UPDATED October 5, 2016. Subject to change.

For general program questions, [contact the Symposium Chair](#).

### The Symposium

Join us in Baltimore for this first annual symposium dedicated to Information & Communications Technology (ICT) accessibility testing. This event brings together people who are interested in testing to the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0).

### Venue & Registration

The symposium is hosted by and held at the National Federation of the Blind Center of Excellence in Nonvisual Access to Education, Public Information, and Commerce ([CENA](#)), 200 East Wells Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230, USA.

Preconference workshops on Tuesday November 1 are \$100.

The symposium registration for November 2 & 3 is \$300 (\$100 for students).

For registration, travel and accommodation information, see the event website:

[ICTAccessibilityTesting.org](http://ICTAccessibilityTesting.org)

### Proceedings

Submissions were peer reviewed. The proceedings for this event will be published online and in hard copy form. Both the accessible electronic copy and the hard copy will be included in the symposium registration.

## Preconference workshops, Tuesday November 1

Trusted Tester Program and Section 508 Compliance In The Agile Development Setting

Half Day Workshop: 9:00-12:30

- Allen Hoffman, Department of Homeland Security Office of Accessible Systems & Technology
- Cynthia Clinton-Brown, Department of Homeland Security Office of Accessible Systems & Technology
- Ken Moser, Department of Homeland Security United States Citizenship and Immigration Service
- Kathy Eng, Department of Justice

Open Source Tools for Evaluating and Inspecting Web Accessibility of Organizations to Individual Pages

Half Day Workshop: 1:00-4:30

- Jon Gunderson, University of Illinois

Workshop social event 5:30

- Details TBA

## Symposium Day 1, Wednesday November 2

Introduction & Welcome (9:00)

- Chris M. Law, Symposium Chair, Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC
- Norman Robinson, Symposium Co-Chair, US Department of State
- Anil Lewis, Executive Director, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute

Opening Keynote (9:30)



- Judy Brewer, Director of the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) at the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

Opening Plenary Panel: "ACT Now: Accessibility Conformance Testing for WCAG"

11.00-12:30

- Shadi Abou-Zahra (Moderator), W3C-WAI

Exhibits 12:30-4:00

Afternoon session: Long Papers (Single Track) 2:00-5:00

How can nontechnical individuals assist in web accessibility testing?

- Cyndi Rowland & Jonathan Whiting, WebAIM, National Center on Disability and Access to Education, Utah State University

OpenAjax Evaluation Library for Evaluating WCAG 2.0 Level A and AA Requirements

- Jon Gunderson, University of Illinois

The unbearable inaccessibility of slideshows

- Gian Wild, AccessibilityOz

Speed business card exchange (Optional event) 5:45-6:45

- Chris M. Law (Organizer), Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC

Dinner / social event 7:30

- Details TBA

## **Symposium Day 2, Thursday, November 3**

Morning session: Long Papers (**Testing Methods Track**) 9:00-12:00

Testing for Accessibility Regulations

- Jonathan Avila, SSB BART Group

QA Enabled Testing as the Hook for Organizational Change

- Chris M. Law (host), Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC

Four things you should know before testing with VoiceOver on Mac

- Jonathan Whiting, WebAIM, National Center on Disability and Access to Education, Utah State University

Writing Accessibility Tests

- Alistair Garrison & Jonathan Avila, SSB BART Group

Morning session: Long Papers (**Application Areas Track**) 9:00-12:00

Improving Testing for Survey and Exam Accessibility

- Kare Romanski, AMAC Accessibility Solutions, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Elaine Ober, Pearson PLC

Providing An Agile, Mobile Touch to Section 508 Testing

- Larry Lewis, US Department of Veterans Affairs

Social media and accessibility

- Gian Wild, AccessibilityOz

#### All 1y Facts: An Accessible Playing Field for Instructional Materials

- Robert Martinengo & Tom Hadfield, AMAC Accessibility Solutions, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Elaine Ober, Pearson PLC

#### The Accessibility Switchboard: A new resource and community of practice for tackling accessibility at the organizational level

- Chris M. Law, Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC
- Anil Lewis, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute

#### Exhibits 10:00-1:30

#### Workshop reports 1:30

- Allen Hoffman, Department of Homeland Security Office of Accessible Systems & Technology
- Jon Gunderson, University of Illinois

#### Awards 1:50

- John Rempel (Awards Chair), AMAC Accessibility Solutions, Georgia Institute of Technology

#### Closing Plenary Panel 2:00

- Norman Robinson (Moderator), US Department of State

#### Closing remarks 4:00-4:15

- Chris M. Law, Symposium Chair, Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC
- Norman Robinson, Symposium Co Chair, US Department of State
- Anil Lewis, Executive Director, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute

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