Accessibility Testing: Training for Libraries Staff

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Objectives

Why we developed a process for accessibility testing

What we learned in our process to create training materials

Value of sharing results
A little back story

UW IT Accessible Technologies Services tests products for campus-wide distribution.

UW IT Accessible Technology Services Vendor Testing:
• In-house testing lead by Hadi Rangin
• 2-3 student employees
• Enterprise level product testing
• UW Libraries collaboration
Why we developed a process for accessibility testing

- UW IT ATS has limited time and resources for testing
- 50-60: Big Ten and ASERL vendors with third-party accessibility evaluations.
- UW Libraries subscribes to over 650 databases
- We have staff members that want to improve accessibility for our patrons
What we learned in our process to create training materials:

- 3-day intensive boot camp training
- Rethink how we currently test
- Testing process needs to remain flexible
- Need to share in a way that promotes change
Value of Sharing Results

- Library community gains a greater awareness about accessibility
- Vendors gain a greater awareness about the accessibility of their products
- Testing results hold us accountable
- Sharing results creates opportunities
• **UW Libraries e-resource testing**
• **ASERL/BTAA e-resource testing**
• E-Resource testing google drive (andy4@uw.edu)
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