

# Opening up accessible design

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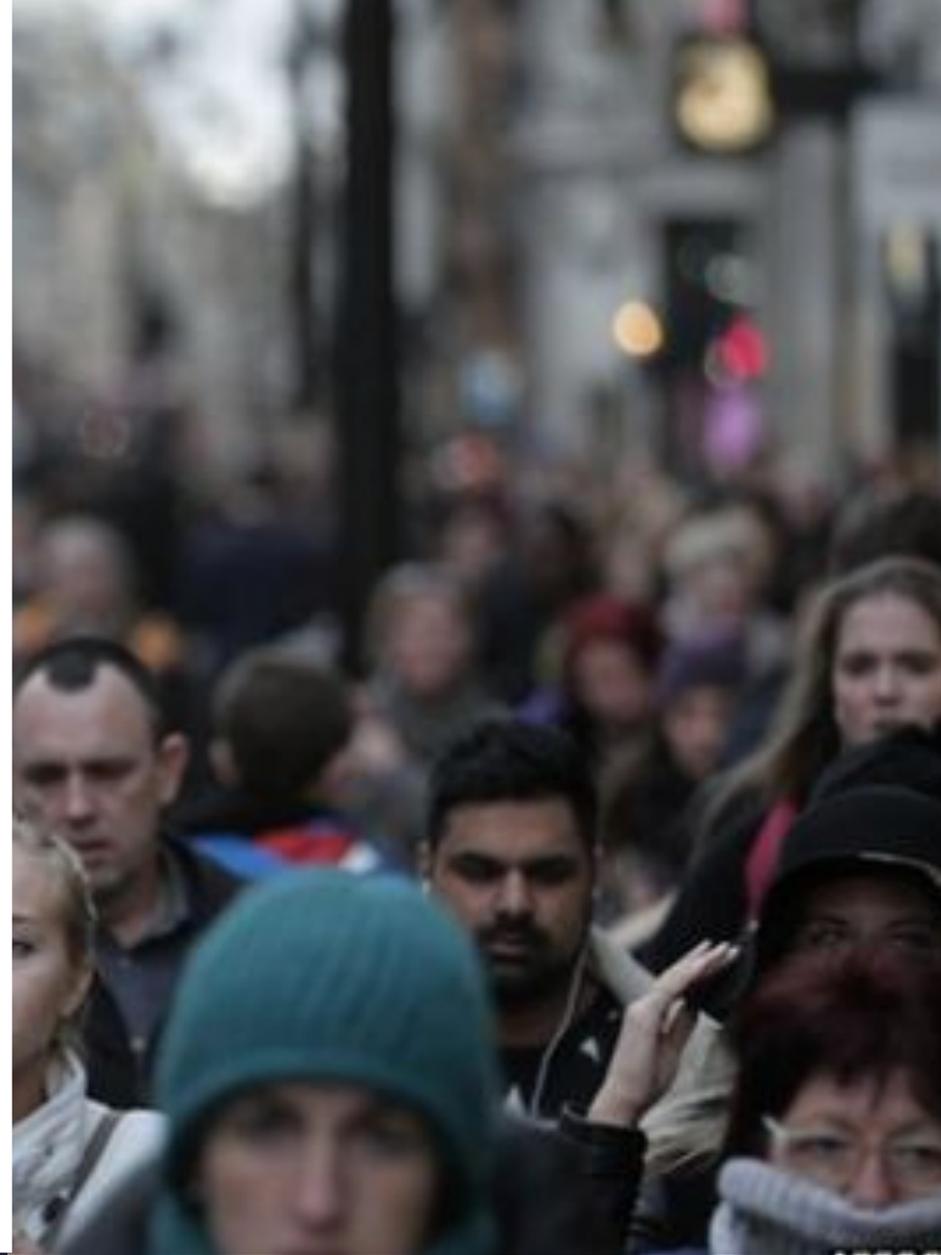


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# Who





**BETA** This is a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.

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## What do you want to do?

- Apply for a first British passport
- Make a change to a current British passport (eg change of name)
- Renew a British passport
- Replace a lost or stolen British passport

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# Government Digital Service

## **Design Principles**



- 1 Start with user needs**
- 2 Do less**
- 3 Design with data**
- 4 Do the hard work to make it simple**
- 5 Iterate. Then iterate again.**

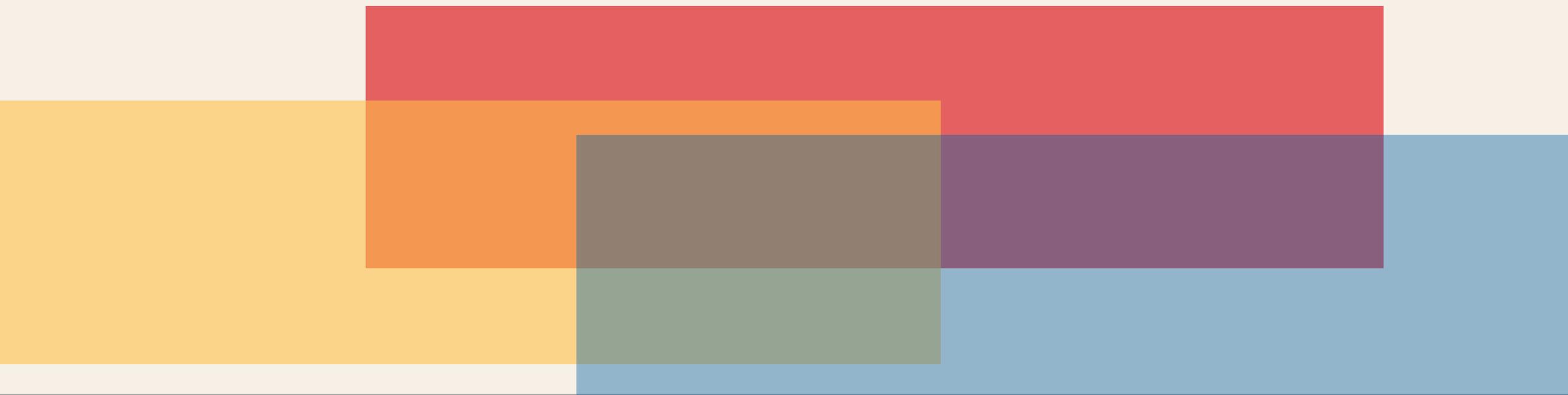
# Government Digital Service

## **Design Principles**



- 6 **This is for everyone**
- 7 **Understand context**
- 8 **Build digital services, not websites**
- 9 **Be consistent, not uniform**
- 10 **Make things open: it make things better**

# Posters









# Designing for users on the autistic spectrum

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**Don't use figures of speech or idioms**



# Designing for users on the **autistic spectrum**

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**Do write in plain  
language**

**Do this.**

# Designing for users of screen readers

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Do structure content  
using HTML5

`<h1>`

`<nav>`

`<label>`

# Designing for users of **screen readers**

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**Don't rely on text  
size and placement  
for structure**

**36pt, bold**

 **Header**

# Designing for users with **low vision**

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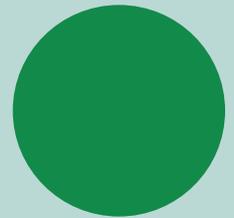
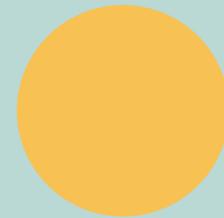
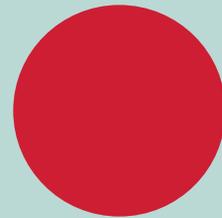
**Do use a combination  
of colour, shape and  
text**

**Start >**

# Designing for users with **low vision**

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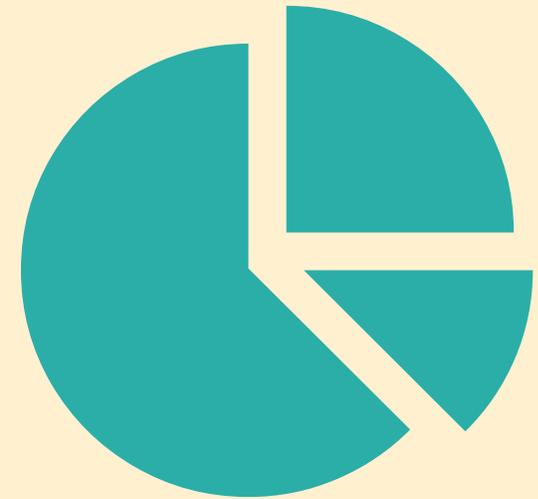
**Don't only use colour  
alone to convey  
meaning**



# Designing for users with **dyslexia**

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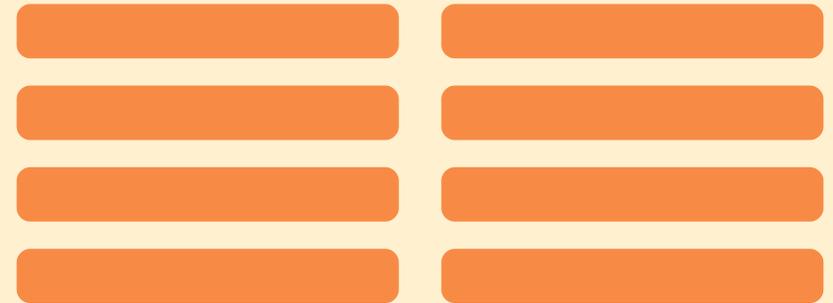
**Do use images and  
diagrams to support  
text**



# Designing for users with **dyslexia**

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**Don't use large blocks  
of heavy text**



# Designing for users with **physical or motor disabilities**

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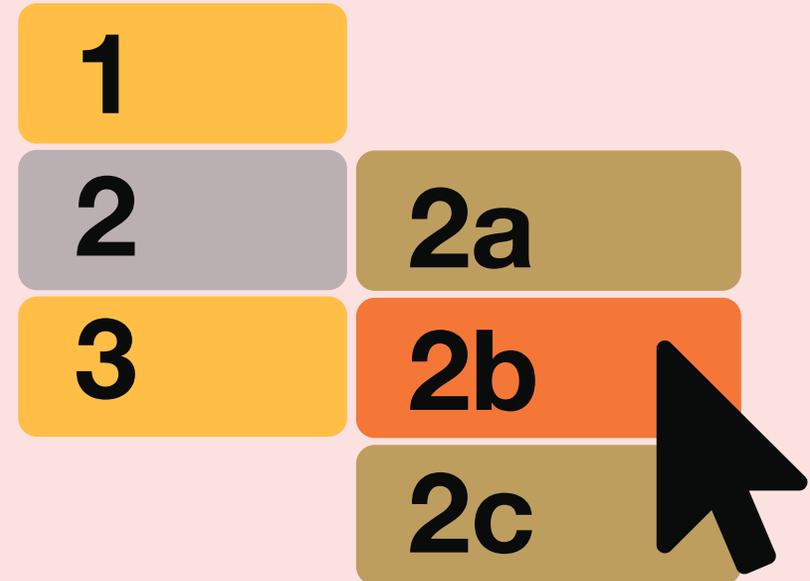
**Do design for  
keyboard or speech  
only use**



# Designing for users with **physical or motor disabilities**

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**Don't make dynamic content that requires a lot of mouse movement**



# Designing for users who are **D/deaf or hard of hearing**

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**Do use subtitles or  
transcripts for videos**



# Designing for users who are **D/deaf or hard of hearing**

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**Don't put content in  
audio or video only**



# Designing for users on the autistic spectrum



## Do...

## Don't...

use simple colours



use bright contrasting colours



write in plain language

**Do this.**

use figures of speech and idioms



use simple sentences and bullets



create a wall of text



make buttons descriptive

Attach files

make buttons vague and unpredictable

Click here!

build simple and consistent layouts



build complex and cluttered layouts



# Designing for users of screen readers



## Do...

## Don't...

describe images and provide transcripts for video

<alt>

only show information in an image or video



follow a linear, logical layout



spread content all over a page



structure content using HTML5

<h1>  
<nav>  
<label>

rely on text size and placement for structure

36pt, bold  
Header

build for keyboard use only



force mouse or screen use



write descriptive links and headings

Contact us

write uninformative links and headings

Click here

# Designing for users with low vision



## Do...

## Don't...

use good colour contrasts and a readable font size

Aa

use low colour contrasts and small font size

Aa

publish all information on web pages



bury information in downloads



use a combination of colour, shapes and text

Start >

only use colour to convey meaning



follow a linear, logical layout

200% magnification



spread content all over a page

200% magnification



put buttons and notifications in context



separate actions from their context



# Designing for users with dyslexia



## Do...

use images and diagrams to support text



align text to the left and keep a consistent layout



consider producing materials in other formats (for example, audio or video)



keep content short, clear and simple



let users change the contrast between background and text



## Don't...

use large blocks of heavy text



underline words, use italics or write in capitals



force users to remember things from previous pages - give reminders and prompts



rely on accurate spelling - use autocorrect or provide suggestions



put too much information in one place



# Designing for users with physical or motor disabilities

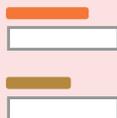


## Do...

make large clickable actions



give form fields space



design for keyboard or speech only use



design with mobile and touchscreen in mind



provide shortcuts

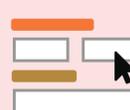


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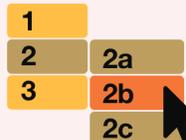
demand precision



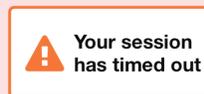
bunch interactions together



make dynamic content that requires a lot of mouse movement



have short time out windows



tire users with lots of typing and scrolling



# Designing for users who are D/deaf or hard of hearing



## Do...

write in plain language

Do this.

use subtitles or provide transcripts for videos



use a linear, logical layout



break up content with sub-headings, images and videos



let users ask for their preferred communication support when booking appointments



## Don't...

use complicated words or figures of speech



put content in audio or video only



make complex layouts and menus



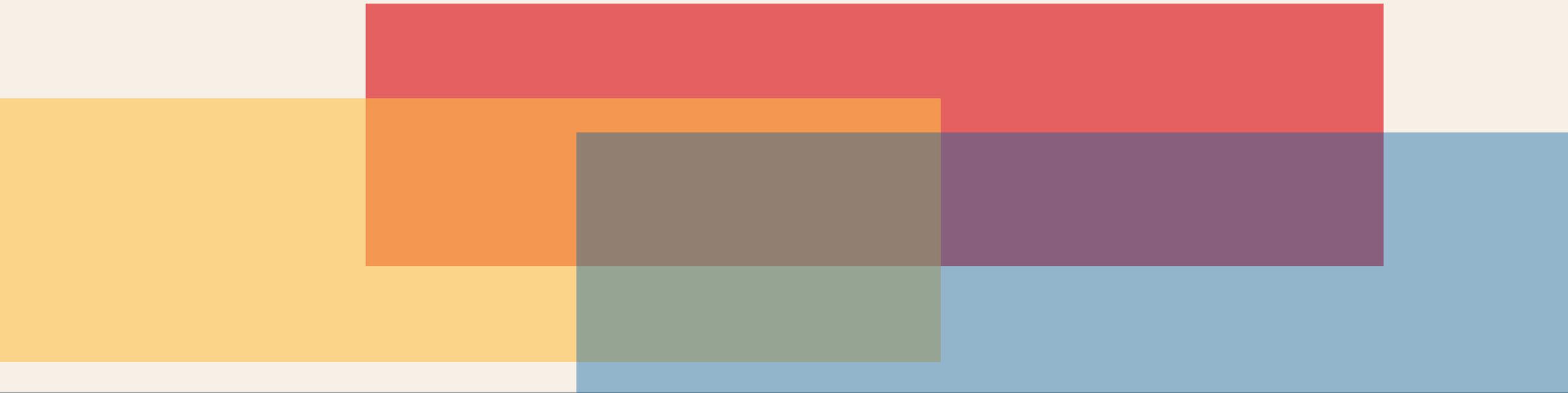
make users read long blocks of content

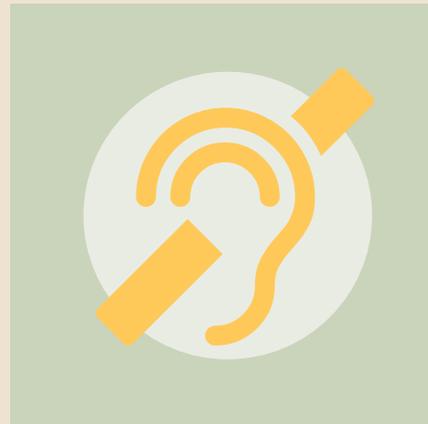
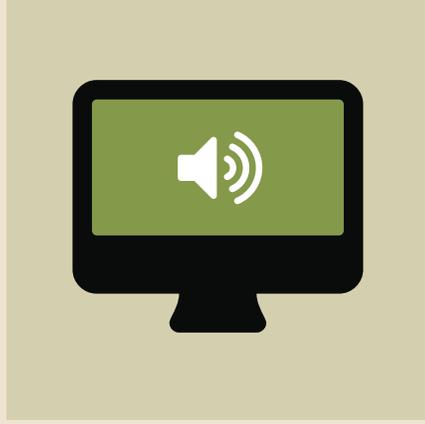
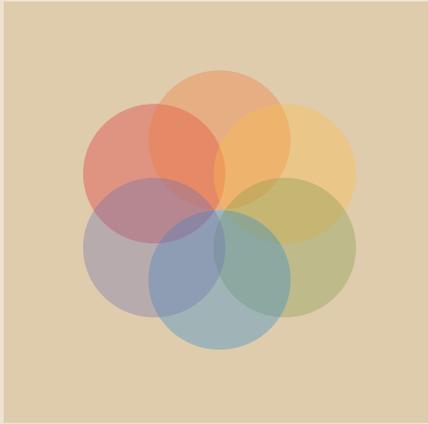


don't make telephone the only means of contact for users



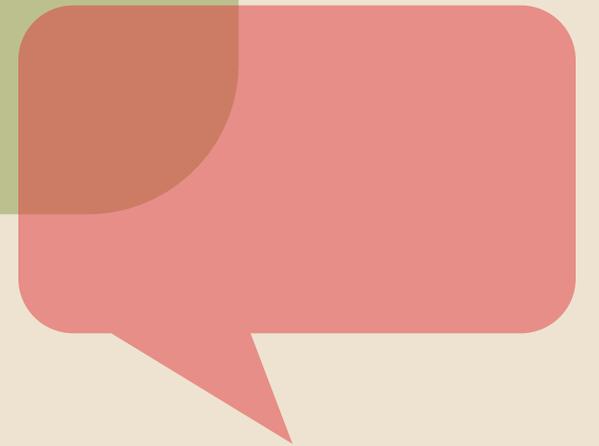
# Share





- 10,000 impressions on Twitter
- 700 likes, 65 forks on GitHub

Can I encourage you to develop one that specifically considers people who navigate their computer with voice recognition software.. as I do?



Do give the user a chance to choose to play the audio/video present on the web page.

Don't automatically have audio/video play upon loading a page.

# Don't use complicated words



Why?

We talk about accessibility in the posters but what about making the posters accessible themselves?



- Accessibility Posters\_Dyslexia
  - Page 1
    - [1] Designing for users with dyslexia
    - [2] XyLdASeiXyLdA
    - [3] Do...
    - [4] use images and graphics to support text
    - [5] !
    - [6] align text to the left and keep a consistent layout
    - [7] Path
    - [8] consider producing materials in other formats (for example audio or video)
    - [9] !
    - [10] keep content clear, simple and uncluttered
    - [11] Path
    - [12] let users change settings
    - [13] Path Image with alt text
    - [14] Don't...
    - [15] use large block text
    - [16] !!
    - [17] underline words
    - [18] Path DO THIS
    - [19] force users to read
    - [20] Image w:132
    - [21] rely on accurate spelling
    - [22] Path
    - [23] put too much information on one page
    - [24] Path

**1** Designing for users with dyslexia

**2** Figure - overlapping letter arrangement...

**3** Do... Don't...

**4** use images and graphics to support text

**5** Figure - pie chart diagram

**6** align text to the left and keep a consistent layout

**7** Figure - Left aligned text block

**8** consider producing materials in other formats (for example audio or video)

**9** Figure - audio symbol

**10** keep content clear, simple and uncluttered

**11** Figure - three sections of coloured text

**12** let users change settings

**13** Path Image with alt text

**14** Don't...

**15** use large block text

**16** Figure - two text blocks

**17** underline words

**18** Path DO THIS

**19** force users to read

**20** Figure - working cogs in someone's head

**21** rely on accurate spelling

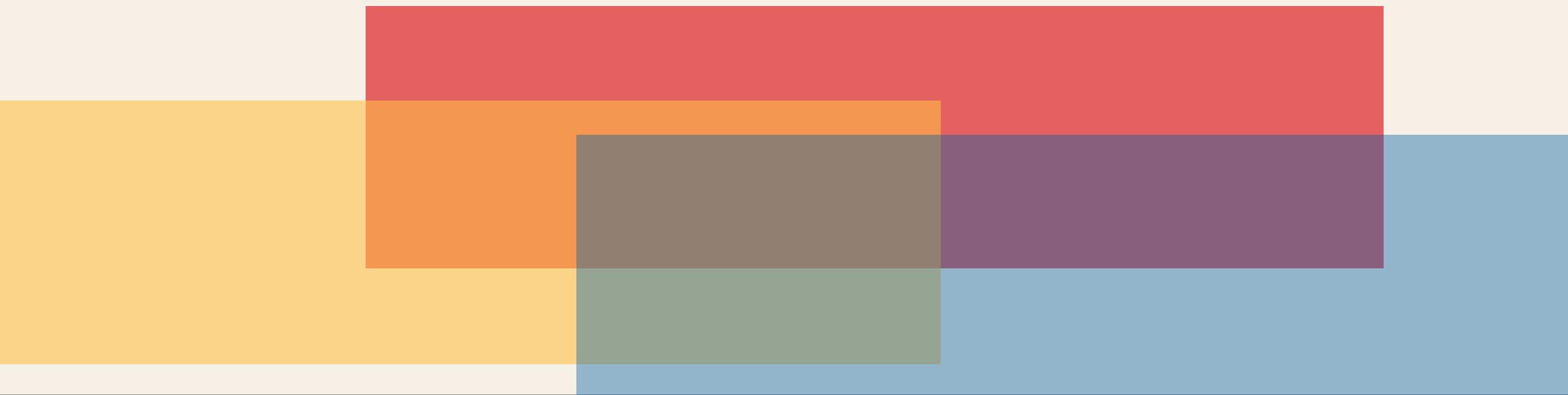
**22** Path

**23** put too much information on one page

**24** Path



# Translate



# Gestalten für Benutzer mit Schwerhörigkeit oder Gehörlosigkeit



## Richtig

## Falsch

In klarer Sprache schreiben **Tu das.**

Komplizierte Wörter oder Redewendungen verwenden



Bei Videos Untertitel benutzen oder Abschriften bereitstellen



Informationen nur als Audio oder Video vorhalten



Ein lineares, logisches Layout verwenden



Komplexe Layouts und Menüs erstellen



Inhalt durch Überschriften, Bilder und Videos auflockern



Das Lesen langer Textblöcke erfordern



Zur Kontaktaufnahme verschiedene Kommunikationswege bereitstellen



Kontakt nur telefonisch ermöglichen



# Diseñando para usuarios del espectro autista



## Si

## No

utilizar colores simples



utilizar colores brillantes y contrastantes



escribir en términos sencillos

**Haga esto.**

utilizar expresiones idiomáticas o regionalismos



utilizar oraciones simples y viñetas



crear textos demasiado largos



hacer botones descriptivos



hacer botones vagos e impredecibles



construir diseños simples y consistentes



construir diseños complejos y recargados



# Concevoir pour les utilisateurs malvoyants



## Faire...

## Ne pas faire...

utiliser de bons contrastes de couleurs et une taille de texte lisible



utiliser des contrastes de couleurs faibles et des textes de petites tailles



publier toutes les informations dans la page web



déporter les informations dans des fichiers à télécharger



utiliser une combinaison de couleurs, de formes et de textes



n'utiliser que la couleur pour transmettre l'information



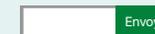
établir une mise en page linéaire et logique



répartir le contenu sur toute la page



mettre les boutons et les notifications en contexte



séparer les actions de leurs contextes



# 當你為肢體障礙設計



## 請 ...

## 請不要 ...

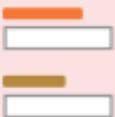
給予大的點擊區域



需要精確的點擊



給予表單更多間格



將表單放得很近



設計成只需要鍵盤或語音控制



使用動態選單需要大量滑鼠操作



設計給智慧型手機並著重於觸控



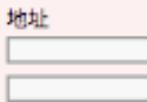
瀏覽網頁只有短暫的操作時間



提供更便捷的方式



讓使用者需要打長串文字和滑動螢幕



# Ontwerpen voor gebruikers met dyslexie



## Gebruik...

## Vermijd...

afbeeldingen en diagrammen om tekst te ondersteunen



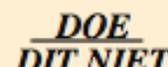
grote blokken tekst



links uitlijnen en een consistente opmaak



onderstreping, cursieve tekst, of hoofdletters



waar mogelijk andere formaten zoals audio en video



de noodzaak om informatie van eerdere pagina's te onthouden



korte, heldere en simpele content



correcte spelling eisen - gebruik autocorrect of geef suggesties



de optie om gebruikers tekstcontrast te laten veranderen



te veel informatie op één pagina



# Ekran okuyucusu kullanan kullanıcılar için tasarlamak



## Yap

## Yapma

resimler için tanımlayıcı yazılar kullan, videolara transkripsiyon desteği sağla



bilgiyi yalnızca resimde veya videoda göster



lineer ve mantıklı arayüzler tasarla



içeriği bütün sayfaya dağıt



içerik yapısını HTML5 kullanarak oluştur



sayfa yapısı için yazı boyutu ve konumunu kullan



sadece klavye ile kullanmaya uygun tasarla



kullanıcıyı mouse veya ekranı kullanmaya zorla



Açıklayıcı linkler ve bağlantılar oluştur



bilgi vermeyen linkler ve başlıklar oluştur





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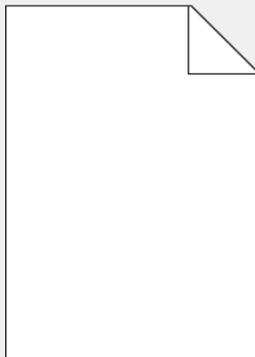
cover-back\_fr.pdf



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deaf\_fr.pdf



dos-donts-accessibility\_fr.sk...



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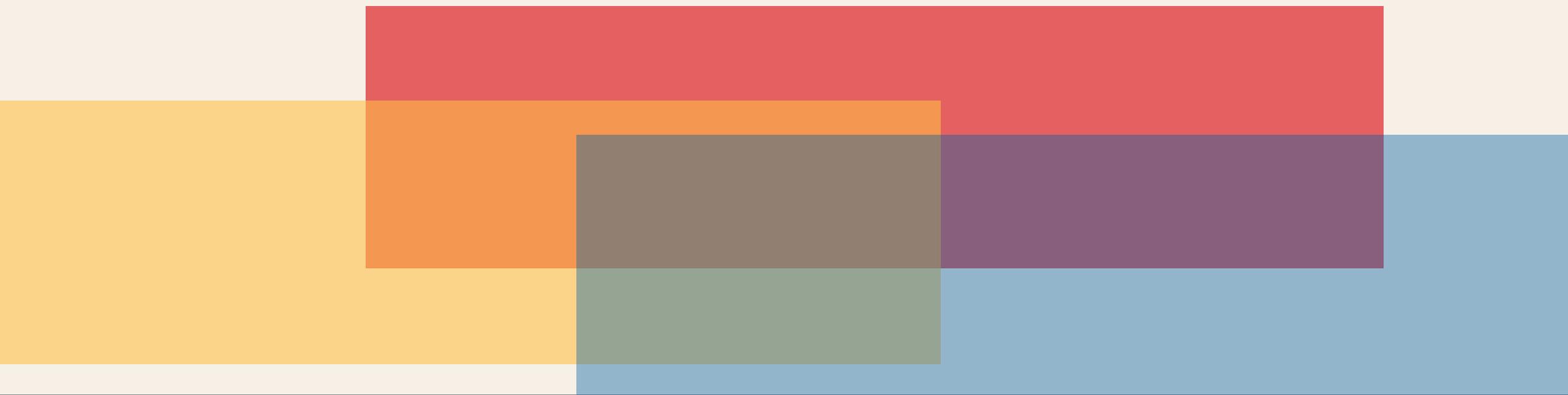


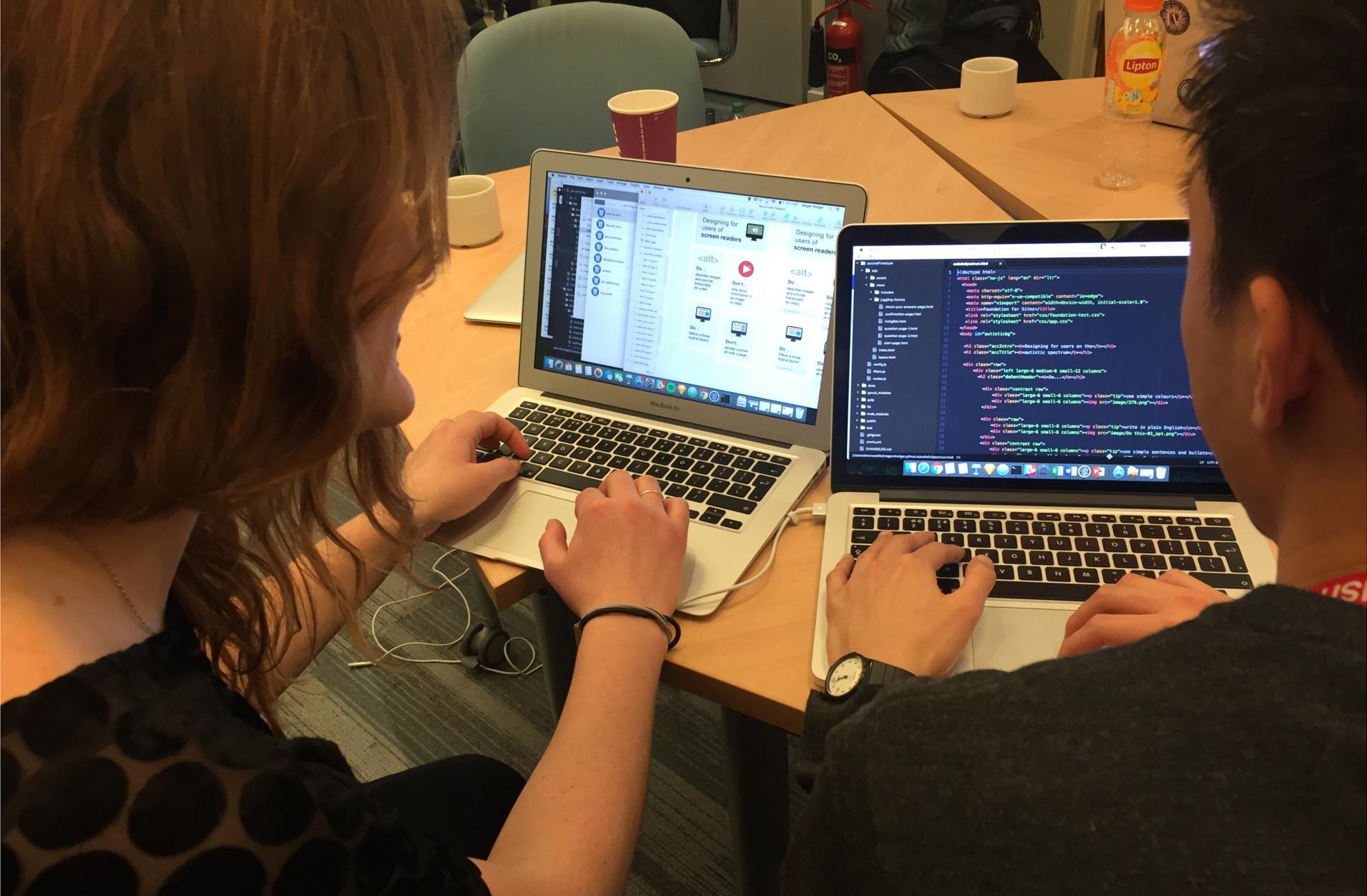
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motor-disabilities\_fr.pdf

# What's next?





# Designing for users of screen readers



`<alt>`

**Do...**  
describe images and provide transcripts for video

[more info](#)



**Don't...**  
only show information in an image or video

[more info](#)



**Do...**  
follow a linear, logical layout

[more info](#)



**Don't...**  
spread content all over a page

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**Do...**  
structure

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`<nav>`

[more info](#)

**Don't...**  
build for



[more info](#)



## Designing for users of screen readers

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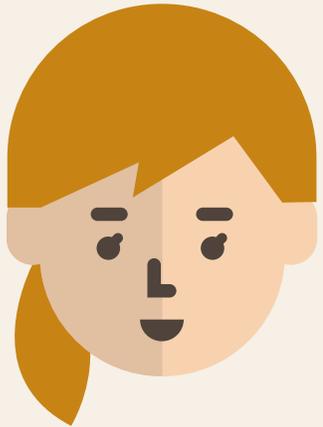
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build for keyboard use only



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**Sven Laqua** @ux4science · Jan 3

@krwpn your posters at work :) literally every day people stand there, read & discuss - it's just the start, but a great one. Thank you.



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