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# ADA Title II and East Asian Digital Resource Accessibility

Sharing steps taken at UW and UMN

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# What is ADA Title II?

- ❑ ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act
- ❑ ADA Title II Regulations: Part 35 [Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services:](#)
- ❑ ADA Title II Part H
  - ❑ Includes: websites, documents, media, texts, and applications from vendors and by the institutions.
  - ❑ Requirements: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines WCAG 2.1 level AA
  - ❑ Compliance date: April 24, 2026 for most institutions

*“In this final rule, the Department adds a new subpart H to the title II ADA regulation, 28 CFR part 35, that sets forth technical requirements for ensuring that web content that State and local government entities provide or make available, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. Web content is defined by § 35.104 to mean the information and sensory experience to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent (e.g., a web browser), including code or markup that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions. This includes text, images, sounds, videos, controls, animations, and conventional electronic documents. Subpart H also sets forth technical requirements for ensuring the accessibility of mobile apps that a public entity provides or makes available, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements.” - 28 CFR Part 35*

# What is WCAG 2.1 Level AA Standard?

- ❑ WCAG is an international standard
  - ❑ Published by World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
- ❑ Include but not limited to:
  - ❑ Text Alternatives
  - ❑ Captions and audio descriptions for media
  - ❑ Use of color
  - ❑ Contrast ratio of images and text
  - ❑ Keyboard accessible
  - ❑ Assistive technology
  - ❑ and more.

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- ❑ 利用财政资金建立的互联网网站、服务平台、移动互联网应用程序，应当逐步符合无障碍网站设计标准和国家信息无障碍标准。
- ❑ 国家**鼓励**新闻资讯、社交通讯、生活购物、医疗健康、金融服务、学习教育、交通出行等领域的互联网网站、移动互联网应用程序，**逐步符合**无障碍网站设计标准和国家信

2019国家标准《信息技术互联网内容无障碍可访问性技术要求与测试方法》

- ❑ Implemented in March 2020
- ❑ WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 as reference



## Evaluations

The LAA contracts with third-party, independent accessibility consulting companies to perform high-level accessibility evaluations based on WCAG 2.1 AA. These tests are not full, comprehensive evaluations. The consulting companies are given a designated number of hours for the evaluations and are intended to identify some, but not all, accessibility issues and barriers. All of the reports to date are below along with responses we received from the vendor, where applicable.

[About our testing process](#)



### Vendor Response

All evaluations funded by the LAA are provided to e-resource vendors alongside completed evaluations.

[Submit your Vendor Response](#)



## 124 E-Resource Reports

The following table contains all evaluations completed to date. To access resource name link. The table can be sorted by e-resource, by vendor, you wish to sort by.

## Resources

### Library accessibility toolkit

The Library Accessibility Toolkit is an open, living resource that offers the latest research, useful terminology, tools for testing, assistive technology, and legal considerations related to accessibility. The toolkit is a collaborative space where all are welcome to contribute relevant resources.

[Access the Library Accessibility Toolkit](#)

### Model accessibility language for e-resource licenses

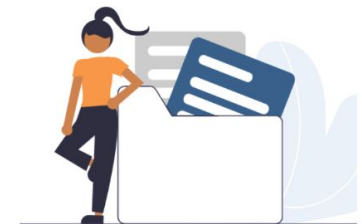
The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) created standardized language that addresses accessibility concerns in electronic resources, which the group uses in license negotiations. It has also been adopted by non-member libraries to strengthen their position when negotiating with vendors, and has been particularly useful for organizations that .

[Read the Model Accessibility Language](#)

### Accessibility evaluations

We fund third-party accessibility evaluations of various electronic resources and provide them freely to the public. You can [read the reports and learn more about the process on our e-resources testing page.](#)

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# UW Accessibility Keyboard Testing

- ❑ Purpose: to navigate the database using only the keyboard
- ❑ Limitation: interface only, not content
- ❑ Tasks:
  - Can you search?
  - Can you select a search result?
  - Can you interact with a search result?
- ❑ Results: total 42 Chinese databases
  - 17 passed
  - 25 failed



# UMN

- ❑ Libraries ADA Title II Taskforce
- ❑ Accessibility of Digital Content and Information Technology Policy
- ❑ Focus on web content created by UMN affiliated members
  - ❑ For example: Library Homepage; East Asian Library News Blog
  - ❑ Drupal: Built-in accessibility checking module
  - ❑ Pope Tech - web accessibility checking tool available for UMN users
  - ❑ Library Accessibility Steering Committee (LASC)

# Future Collaboration

## ❑ Libraries

- ❑ Inventory sites/databases
- ❑ Learn about/conduct accessibility testing
- ❑ Add license language addressing accessibility
- ❑ Contact the vendors to inform them of our requirements
- ❑ Look for alternative resources that provide similar benefits
- ❑ Justify the necessity of an inaccessible e-Resource

## ❑ Vendors

- ❑ LAA - [Letter to Library Partner](#)
- ❑ BTAA - [Digital Accessibility Vendor Cookbook](#)
- ❑ VPAT/accessibility report

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# Thank you for listening!

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