

Accessibility Resources

UMass Resources & Checklists

The following resources are available to individuals with UMass Dartmouth (or other UMass system) login credentials:

- [Office of Student Accessibility Services | UMass Dartmouth](#) – UMass Dartmouth login required
- [Digital Accessibility Standards and Resources | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Develop Accessible Code and Design | UMass Office of the President](#)

Interactive Checklists from UMass Office of the President

- [Accessible Email Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Excel Spreadsheet Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Presentation Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Microsoft Word Document Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Slack Posts Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Social Media Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Training Materials Development Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Accessible Video Checklist | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Create Accessible Web Content | UMass Office of the President](#)
- [Keyboard-Only Navigation Testing | UMass Office of the President](#)

External Resources & Job Aids

Articles | Product Knowledge Base:

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| • Facebook | • Microsoft Outlook | • Slack |
| • Instagram | • Microsoft PowerPoint | • TikTok |
| • LinkedIn | • Microsoft Word | • Twitter/X |
| • Mailchimp | • Microsoft Teams | |
| • Microsoft Excel | • Salesforce Knowledge | |

Articles | Miscellaneous

- [The case for describing race in alternative text attributes](#) - In this article, Tolu Adegbite explains why being more intentional about describing race in alt text is important. Tolu covers a few key examples of how leaving race out has impacted her and others' sense of belonging. Tolu also provides examples of how to implement meaningful alt text.
- [Does Your Video Make These 6 Common Caption Mistakes?](#) - Meryl Evans shares 6 common caption mistakes she comes across when watching videos, including long lines of captions and bad breaking points.
- [A Guide to Understanding What Makes a Typeface Accessible | by Gareth Ford Williams | The Readability Group | Medium](#)
- [Overlay Fact Sheet](#) – Explains what an accessibility overlay is and why you should avoid using automated accessibility repair products.
- [Why you shouldn't rely on AI for your alt text](#) - This Perkins Access article takes a look at the current state of AI alt text in platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, and why it shouldn't be relied on to convey context.

Color and Contrast Resources

- [chroma.js palette helper](#)
- [Viz Palette](#)
- [WebAIM: Contrast Checker](#)
- [TPGi Color Contrast Analyzer \(CCA\) for Mac or Windows](#)

Job Aids | Microsoft

- [Video: Change document properties - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Create a bulleted or numbered list - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Insert a page break in Word - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Training Series: Creating Accessible Emails – Microsoft Support](#) - Microsoft has developed a three-part video series on creating accessible emails. This short series provides quick tips on how to set fonts, emphasize content, and add alt text to images.

Miscellaneous External Resources:

- [Federal plain language guidelines](#)
- [NVDA Free Screen Reader Download](#)
- [NVDA Keyboard Shortcuts | Screen Reader Keyboard Shortcuts and Gestures](#)
- [Social visual alt text - Chrome Web Store](#)