WCAG2ICT Retro - November 2024

We'll discuss this retro during our upcoming meeting on 7 November. The idea is to continue evolving our process to help us work even more effectively as the project continues.

Positive - What were our positives?

Overall, I think we did a ton of work in a short amount of time.

We provided things that other standards will need, with more depth than the 2013 version. Mitchell

Using Google docs to iterate on possible content was more productive than doing it all in a call without a shared doc. Phil. +1 Mitchell +1 Shawn T -1 Laura +0 bruce (i would have rather used a wiki, but now that Google docs has tabs, I am liking it better)

Knowledgeable people on an array of topics and areas of expertise - Laura

Arriving at consensus - even when there was animated, passionate debate, we did eventually arrive at consensus for all SCs. This was good, although it did take more time than I'd have liked. Phil

Mary Jo's running of the meetings, getting info into surveys etc was very good. q Phil +1 Shawn +1 Laura

Timing speakers helped to move the queue on - and it was sometimes apparent when we forgot to use this. Phil +1 Laura

Good use of GitHub projects - Shawn

Poor - What went poorly?

We treated the "problematic for closed" as a series of unrelated tasks. The work could have gone faster with more consistent results, if we had looked for patterns among them. Mitchell

It's intense cognitive overload as a new joiner in W3C task force processes. I've heard the same from others (not just in WCAG2ICT). Mitchell +1 Phil

Sometimes I felt that conversations lingered where we had already talked about various points on the topic. That does also happen with AG as well, so it is understood that it is part of the process.

We seemed unable to get CfC via email working - reverted to calls for almost every issue. Phil

Re-litigating things that we already decided when new folks join a call. (I have a suggestion for that). We had to make similar decisions multiple times instead of making the decision once and sticking to it or agreeing (with more information) to re- adjust universally. Laura

Lack of flex of when not to apply WCAG to ICT
Some of the requirements very complicated to apply / not practical

Late feedback from the group sometimes was disruptive to the progress. Need to get feedback on time. +1 Phil

Potential - Where do we have potential to improve?

I don't know if taking on the SCs as part of a subgroup may work, similar to AG's breakout sessions, however it may be beneficial.

Simplify agendas, surveys, goals, and conversational debates when at all possible. Bring us back to the specific item being discussed and table other items for more esoteric or mission related discussions - Laura

People not showing up to meetings then reopening issues or SC that have been consensed on.

Merge changes sooner in GitHub. Sometimes we rehashed things because we couldn't easily see what we had already agreed on. This was in the middle stages, improved nicely at the end.

More developer-level knowledge of mobile apps would be nice to have. Mitchell

Progress - How do we make further progress?

Set clear goals, deadlines, outcomes needed. Establish ownership when possible. And communicate to the group with bulleted action items and high level conclusions - Laura

Ad hoc sessions (like the Friday sessions), even with a smaller group are useful to work on possible content prior to seeking approval. Phil +1 Laura +1Mitchell

To help avoid rehashing past decisions, have the latest consensed information at our fingertips during meetings, and don't be shy about pointing out the consensed items. Mitchell

Parking lot

Techniques? Mitchell

Bruce: We need a path towards being able to make recommendation like:

> 2.1.1 Bypass Blocks: A mechanism is available to bypass blocks of content that are repeated in a software program.
>
> This is of no value: A mechanism is available to bypass blocks of content that are repeated on multiple software programs in a set of software programs.

Scope. Need to find alternatives when discussion goes out of scope. Best practices doc. Out of scope suggestions etc - Laura