Web Accessibility

About ATI

ATI is an initiative of the CSU Chancellor's Office designed to insure that all CSU campuses "provide access to information resources and technologies to individuals with disabilities."

All CSU campuses have a responsibility to comply with the provisions of Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the three areas addressed by ATI:

- Web Accessibility
- Instructional Materials Accessibility
- Accessible Electronic and Information Technology Procurement

How does ATI affect me?

If you maintain or are responsible for a campus Web site, you will need to review your site's compliance with Section 508. You can check on the status of your site by contacting Dan Meloy in Web Services (ext. 6323). Please remember that not all campus sites are tracked yet).

In addition, there are 48 ‘critical’ sites on campus that are required to conform to Section 508 no later than May 15, 2009. You can see if your site is on this list here.

What do I have to do?

Departments and administrative units are responsible for maintaining their sites in compliance with the requirements of ATI. Support is available to help you bring your site into compliance. Please refer to the ATI Support site for more information.

You can view the accessibility of your site(s) by contacting Dan Meloy in Web Services (ext. 6323). Not all campus Web sites are currently being monitored for accessibility.

Other Resources

- Approaching Accessibility
- Using Accessibility options in Dreamweaver
- Working with Multimedia including Flash, PDFs, videos, etc...

External Resources

- Section 508 Accessibility Standards
- WC3 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0
- Ofcial California State University ATI Site - Office of the Chancellor
- Web Accessibility Training (from the Chancellor's Office)

Fixing Your Site

Site Monitoring

The first step to making your site accessible is to check its accessibility status.

Compliance Sheriff is our campus-wide automated site checker. Chances are your Web site is already being validated nightly; if it's not you may request that it be added. You can use Compliance
Sheriff reports to check for Section 508 compliance and see trends and detailed information on any accessibility issues that may occur on each page of your site.

There are other validation options as well. To compare the different validation options, please see the Validators page.

**Manual Evaluations**

Unfortunately, our automated accessibility scanning software cannot detect all accessibility issues. As a result, ATI requires that all sites being manually evaluated for accessibility. For more information, please see the Manual Evaluations page.

**Common Problems**

For detailed information on fixing specific accessibility issues you may have, see Section 508.

- **Alt Tags on Images** - The vast majority of validation failures are due to missing alternate text on images.
- **Forms** - Forms can seem to have lots of superfluous markup, but it is necessary to be sure they are accessible.
- **Tables** - Adding table headers and captions help all users understand the information being presented.

**Training and Support**

- ATI workshops will be available for those who maintain campus Web sites.
- If you need Dreamweaver training, please check the Information Technology Training schedule for available workshops.
- If you need help with accessibility issues, Phone Support is available. Please contact Dan Meloy at x6323 for more information.
- One-on-one in-person consultations are also available. Send an email to webati@csuchico.edu or contact Dan Meloy at x6323 for more information.
- If you’d like to have Web Services remediate your site for you, visit the Web Services site for more information.
- For help creating accessible document files send an email Jeremy Olguin at jdolguin@csuchico.edu, or call him at x4863.

**Accessibility Tutorials**

Here is a breakdown of the different subparts of Section 508 and how to accommodate each:

1. Section 508 Part 1194.22
   a. Alt Tags on Images
   b. Captions for Videos
   c. Use of Color
   d. Using Proper Markup
   e. Server-Side Image Maps
   f. Client-Side Image Maps
   g. Table Headers
   h. Tables
   i. Frames
   j. Animations
   k. Alternate Site Versions
   l. Scripting and AJAX
   m. Plug-Ins
n. Forms
a. Skip to Content Links
p. Timed Responses