

Section 508



Network Designs has a plan to make your new Web site comply with Section 508 and to bring your existing Web site up to standards. We continually review and rely on the the Access Board (ATBCB), the World WideWeb Consortium (W3C), and the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) for the most up-to-date Web Compliance Issues and Standards.

The phases of implementation to make your new Web site comply with Section 508 (in addition to Web Development Methodology) should include the following steps:

Achieve a comprehensive understanding of the client's Section 508 goals.

- ✍ Meet to exchange knowledge of and attain a shared understanding of Section 508.
- ✍ Work Section 508 standards into the design of the site architecture.

Work closely with the client's Section 508 coordinator to identify the structuring of an assessment plan.

- ✍ Prioritize the steps toward the requested outcome.
- ✍ Match Section 508 compliance standards with organization goals and business processes.
- ✍ Identify and address standards that will impact site design.
- ✍ Provide interpretations and examples for standards and guidelines.

Present a site assessment plan to the client.

- ✍ Conduct focus groups to compile feedback on accessibility and usability. Report findings to the client and secure final approval.
- ✍ Implement technology solutions, based on our research and recommendations as approved by the client.
- ✍ Purchase, install, and run compliance software to ensure necessary Section 508 standards are met.



Continue the review process until the site has been approved and published.

- ✍ Conduct iterative reviews, continually incorporating client and user group recommendations, and updating standards as necessary.

The priority levels of implementation to bring your existing Web site up to standard with Section 508 (in association with the Access Board Web Standards) are as follows:

Priority 1 – Must satisfy

- ✍ Determine, with client approval, the top level pages that need to be brought up-to-date immediately. Includes (but is not limited to):
Provide text equivalent for graphics and redundant links for images; ensure page is usable when scripts and applets are turned off; if all else fails, provide a link to an alternative page.

Priority 2 – Should satisfy

- ✍ Determine, with client approval, the second level pages that need to be brought up-to-date in the second phase. Includes (but is not limited to): Color combinations must provide sufficient contrast; use style sheets; avoid causing content to blink; do not change current window without informing the user.

Priority 3 – May satisfy

- ✍ Determine, with client approval, the third level pages that need to be brought up-to-date in the third phase. Includes (but is not limited to): Spell out each abbreviation and acronym; create a logical tab order though links, form controls, and objects; when search functions are provided, enable different types of searches for different skill levels and preferences.