A Methodical Search of Web Content Accessibility for Visual Disabled People

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Abstract: The Internet has revolutionized and became a major option to obtain information. The complete faith of any individual or organization depends on the official website they are using. Therefore, it is the duty of organizations to provide a website design environment in such a way that even a visually disabled person can access the content without any issues. In view of a website content accessibility importance, the present article has reviewed some of the literature to study how the web content accessibility has been done, what architecture they have used, what suggestions they made and the limitations of those studies. The article also studied only the literature that considered W3C WCAG 2.0 guidelines for website evaluation. The main objective of the present article is to summarize the observations of the existing literature and identify the influencing factors on the quality of a website. The present work also studied the various approaches that are implemented by the researchers to evaluate the website quality. Finally, a comparative analysis was made and determined the outcomes as results and made a few discussions to identify some other technical and non-technical barriers if any.

Keywords: WCAG 2.0, W3C, Website Accessibility, Website Content, Website Design.

I. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of internet modern technologies is a sensation with a routine adjustment as well as coming to be much more conscious all the needs and assumptions of the customers in this contemporary globe. To balance a website, the website development must be performed such that the content is organized based on the user interface and their degree of accessibility levels. It is far better to implement a user-specific design procedure while creating a website to ensure that it may satisfy the customer needs with no problems. The purpose of this work can be satisfied with a substantial method by specifying the website viewers and a couple of common factors preferred by both individuals and internet programmers. To balance a website, we require internet growth as if maybe well-structured, as well as a user, interface with the user expectation level. The design should focus on exposure, readability, language by taking the user profiles into consideration. The purpose is to study the review that can met the substantial strategy by specifying the website target audience by preferring some variables preferred by both individuals and internet programmers.

From the internet designer's view, taking care of the website growth calls for understanding the hosting internet server, markup languages while developing client and server-oriented programs, website design, internet browser compatibility at the client-end. From the customer's view, the top quality of a website depends on its clarity, functionality, and fulfillment of user needs. As the variety of domain names are boosting day-by-day and great deals of details can be offered to the individuals in various sort of solutions. The modern-day social media infrastructure suggests on the factor that every solution ought to be made readily available and accessed by every individual and by a visually impaired. This has made vast advantages to them at their location with no problems. However, W3C has come with specific standards that can be adhered to and make sure it is not so complicated to accessibility for visually impaired customers while accessing the internet content.

The main demand of an internet programmer is to create a website that can resolve the objective of the user while content accessing. Several usability elements and complexity metrics were considered while assessing the high quality of the website regarding accessibility. It is so necessary for every website designer to ensure that the website is quickly available for every degree of individuals regardless of language, education, learning, and despite their age group. It is additionally needed to review a website regarding accessibility also by the individuals with various impairments. Numerous techniques have been developed in the direction of the website analysis throughout the last years. They have adhered to informative-oriented analysis method to establish a site as per the demands of an individual and adhered to the standards of W3C. Throughout the analysis procedure, a listing of internet quality elements is recognized with the reference to website high quality. Numerous constraints included into consideration are precision, flexibility, analyzability, complexity in computer animation, website framework, high-quality content, individual contentment in look, broken web links, internet browser relevant concerns, design templates, compatibility, download time and others. The research study has been performed to recapitulate the existing research like web-related training evaluation in creating a website with a requirement of enlighten concepts and techniques which pertain to the accessibility standards WCAG 2.0 advised by W3C. This article has examined documents released regarding website high-quality analysis and website accessibility standards. The review is arranged by a regular structure and based upon the website URL as a key resource for future study tasks. The interior URLs, as well as the website design top quality examination, are thought about for more interactive activities.

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Finally, the process of review has started with an objective to evaluate a website based on its accessibility, to identify what factors or measures influencing the quality and determine the need for website optimization.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A. Purpose of Research
This section targets to review and summarize the present state of the art in selecting the criteria for website accessibility evaluation with respect to W3C guidelines recommended or simply WCAG 2.0 guidelines. The entire methodology is continued by reviewing the solutions of the questions below:

(i) Is there any significance of developing a free accessible website?
(ii) What are the various factors that can impact the accessibility of a website?
(iii) What is the impact of existing approaches while evaluating website quality?
(iv) How can we assess the website quality based on WCAG 2.0 guidelines?

B. Search Standard
Based upon the inquiries mounted for examination, a collection of basic synonyms, as well as keywords, were specified as search strings. Being website assessment is a flaming principle in the website development process and ignoring the articles evaluation in the search.

Table-I. Search Phrases

| Phrases                          | Web Content                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Website Accessibility Evaluation | Website Assessment                 |
| Website Content Evaluation      | Automation Tools for Website Evaluation |

C. Information Sources
The concept reviewed were arranged with different perspectives of individual models contributed by different authors were considered.

Fig. 1. Papers selected by year of publication

Table-II. Clustering of Major Studies by proposed research questions

| Research Questions | Major Studies |
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Significance of Accessibility (C. McInerny, 2000; M. Azuma, 2002; G. Costagliola and F. Ferrucci; Ourania I. Markaki et al., 2013; Kathrin Wille et al., 2016; Patricia Acosta-Vargas et al., 2018; M. Azuma, 2002; G. Costagliola and F. Ferrucci)

Quality Impacting factors (Luis Olina, Guillermo Laffuente et al., 2002; G. Costagliola et al., 2013)

Quality evaluation approaches (B.M Subraya et al., 2000; Enruqui Herrera-Viedma et al., 2006; Ourania I. Markaki et al., 2013; M. Azuma, 2002; Paramaresthi Windriyani et al., 2014; Abduljalil et al., 2011; Pedro Lorca et al., 2017; Abid Ismail et al., 2016; Islam Elkabani et al., 2015)

Assessment based on WCAG 2.0 (Windriyani P et al., 2014; Kathrin Wille et al., 2016; Mohd Isa et al., 2016; Patricia Acosta-Vargas et al., 2017, 2018; Paramaresthi Windriyani et al., 2014; Markel Vigo et al., 2013; Balaji V et al., 2016; Abid Ismail et al., 2016; Islam Elkabani et al., 2015; Mrinal Kanti Baowaly et al., 2012;)

Fig. 2. Information sources for selection of papers
In this area, the research has considered about 30 published papers from the year 2000 to 2018. It was verified that the assessment was brought by utilizing different automation devices [33-48] and determined the quality after the examination procedure. The outcomes of the relative evaluation are constituted in Table 2 consisting of tools utilized, web sites selected, and degrees of assessment. Numerous existing and preferred assessment tools were used by the authors. The literature has disclosed that a lot of research studies have been executed from previous 20 years on internet accessibility all over the world.
Fig. 3. Distribution of papers selected by research questions

Some scientist utilized computerized website evaluation devices to examine the web page of the website versus the standards stated by the internet group. Some researches were accomplished to recognize the problems which might impact the efficiency of the content accessibility. Most of the website developers never ever took into consideration the visual impaired individuals and exactly how finest it can be to gain easy access. In a few of the researches, the analysis procedure is straight executed based upon the standards recommended by contrasting website design to suits with the referrals mentioned in WCAG version 2.0. Each resource link has checked with WAVE toolbar and figured out whether any website is going against the standards recommended.

Fig. 4. List of Automation Tools considered in the review

III. REVIEW METHODOLOGY

Problem: Identify the publications related to website content accessibility process with respect to usability factors and to assess the need to fulfill the needs.

Solution: Evaluation of existing information is needed to determine just how the standards suggested can influence the accessibility and boost the high-quality design so that impairment human can conveniently be viewed.

IV. RESULTS

This section summarized the results of the review process while giving the answers to the four research questions based on the information extracted from the selected papers.

Fig. 5. Flow chart representing the complete process of research

A. Answer to the first question

The relevance of establishing an easy to use website with a great design and simple accessibility regarding navigating was recognized [1]. The article has recognized specific gaps in design quality with an assistance of modern technology. The Website performance also dealt with a device to analyze and believes regarding accessibility. WWW for Information related systems are extensively utilized by the individuals. Its primary goal is to reduce the error rate by increasing the productivity during their interaction with machines [4]. Keeping this usage insight, the research has recognized the value of interactive solutions to take on the environmental adjustments and modifications in the demand. It is so important to adopt methods to evaluate usability with essential variable before the deploying the application [5]. The research study highly thought that any type of website needs to be made by adhering to the standards suggested by WC3. Even it was determined that many authorities attempt to keep a high quality of expectations on the internet and maintains assumptions on on-line solutions for their trouble [7]. It is also determining the role of website evaluation while accessing its content by an individual with impairments similarly the other customers [9]. The research [12] explained the value of the internet in individuals’ everyday life and exactly how it has reinvented as a key resource of accessing details specifically in
universities worldwide. The study [13] has recognized the relevance of incorporating the software program systems as well as its support group with the components of human and the device. The use of a website relies on highest competence levels and with a higher accessibility levels of any internet application [14]. The research highly thought that any kind of website should be created by adhering to the standards advised by WC3.

B. Answer to the second question
A repository was created with some metrics to examine the evaluation of website content quality [3]. Recommended metrics list was thought about reused mechanism through which more certain website type, standards of assessment based upon solutions, and application advancement treatments. Some aspects were recommended that can be taken into consideration while making certain the high quality of accessibility [14].

![Fig. 6. Distribution of selected papers based on significance levels](Image)

C. Answer to the third question
The study [2] has determined and recommended an enforcement model to evaluate the content quality by incorporating the user perceptions by protecting its modulation. The procedure of high-quality examination is to make guaranteed that the quality is gauged regarding functionality, design and accessibility standards.

![Fig. 7. Distribution of selected papers based on influencing factors](Image)

D. Answer to the forth question
It came to be compulsory to know the service perspective of every website. Webometrics is among the locations which can be utilized to enhance the quality of accessibility by enhancing the website position. Some universities have assessed just how to boost site quality by thinking about the nontechnical location of WCAG criteria for better standards [8]. It has been established that every internet content should accomplish the requirements stated by the internet content accessibility with standards of WCAG 2.0 for an individual [9]. Later, the research recommended a technique to gauge the implementation, compute the application, and reviewed whether the internet content can satisfy the success standards. It was explored the Malaysian web sites to a specific duration in 2014 by utilizing AChecker tool and W3C Accessibility Guidelines [10]. The research study has recognized six significant accessibility problems regarding non-text content, details as well as organization, the objective of web links, language of a web page, as well as tags. Almost 51 e-governing Turkey websites has analyzed with several parameters based on guidelines and standards [11]. The research has thought about the evaluation methodology for website accessibility. It has determined that much of the Latin America academic web sites does not fulfill the website accessibility standards [12]. The Webometrics and WCAG are both standards thought about for examination of internet sites and located variants in their monitoring in non-technical as well as technological elements [16].
The assessment procedure was executed with the online available tools and determined just 23-50% of the sites covered under no guideline’s violations. Accessibility was executed with Accessibility Scanner mobile-based application owned by Google [20]. The study has examined different classifications of mobile applications with success requirements offered in stipulated guidelines. The research also highlighted numerous often taking place accessibility mistakes as well as later recommended to enhance the accessibility approval degrees. The confirmation of WCAG was framed to inspect the accessibility utilizing existing on the internet tools [21]. The research study assessed an open-source internet accessibility assessment device to confirm the web page conformity with WCAG [22]. It was examined the accessibility of e-govern internet sites of Bangladesh as per guidelines [23]. The whole procedure is executed with the available online devices and later suggested certain recommendation to obtain a higher degree of accessibility for their sites.

**Fig. 8. Distribution of selected papers based on evaluation approaches**

An overall of 15 articles associated with the website accessibility was taken into consideration for the research study. Then, comparative evaluation is made based upon their methods as well as analysis treatments. The efficiency analysis was carried out via TAW and AChecker tools [23]. The TAW online tool has generated even higher rate of accessibility errors than automated AChecker tool. Only 10% of the Libyan Federal government websites fulfill the assessment approval standards were observed. The examination was carried out via the AChecker automated tool and determined that just 5% of Finland country college web sites satisfy the WCAG 2.0 standards [24]. It has carried out examination via AChecker and WAVE tool has observed that just 15% of Malaysian country sites fulfilled the W3C approval standards [25]. Several literatures are prominent where 5% of the documents have considered their very own analysis devices like Interactive Evaluation.

**A. Usage levels of automated tools**

Several online tools have been used by the researchers to evaluate the websites and assess its quality based on WCAG 2.0 guidelines. It has been observed that 42% of the considered papers used AChecker, 26% of TAW and WAVE 2.0, 16% of WAVE 1.0 and Cynthia Says, 11% of Hera, 5% of WAES, eXaminator, MAGENTA, Amp, Sort site, Total Validator, Eval Access, W3C Markup Validator, Accessibility Analyzer, Webpage Analyzer, Website Validator, Tenon, Mauve, and CSS Validator.

**B. Country-Wise acceptance levels with WCAG 2.0**

The research study [26] carried out analysis based upon the changed KWCAG 2.0 standards with overall 13 standards and other 20 demands. Just 16% of the Korean internet sites are fulfilling the accessibility requirements as per the study. In [27], 12 online tools were used and identified that various tools generated various error results. Internet Accessibility tools generated the greatest variety of 2048 errors and HERA automated tool produced the most affordable variety of 48 errors. The examination was performed based upon AChecker, WAVE, and Webpage Analyzer tools and recognized a substantial error count of 375989 completely [28]. In [29] the analysis procedure was done based upon the on-line examination tools and recognized that 50% and above of the Portuguese real estate internet sites are identified with WCAG errors. The [30] carried out an assessment procedure based upon TAW logical tool and determined 15023 variety of degree 3 level of errors. The [31] has performed a hand-operated procedure of examination with 61 human individuals. Everyone has provided 5 jobs and observed their tasks with their degree of accessibility. The research has observed that just 10% of Liechtenstein district sites are fulfilling the accessibility standards. The research [32] has taken consideration of TAW and Cynthia Say automation devices were made use of for examination and determined that just 66.67% of the internet sites are just satisfying the accessibility assessment standards.

**VI. CONCLUSION**

The standard of the present work is to have a deep study of the existing research activities in evaluating the website accessibility in terms of its content. The review of literature has brought a good knowledge on how the existing research was done, the various approaches implemented to assess the internet sites based on accessibility and how far they are suitable to improve the efficiency. The study also becoming useful to identify whether a website is following the Web Consortium guidelines and people with several disabilities.
can able to access its content without the issues. In some of the studies, it was observed that the evaluation process was performed on the guidelines by comparing the existing website design with the recommendations. Finally, it was concluded that still more research must be carried out to improve the accessibility for disabled persons.

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