08:03:12 From Paola Gonzalez – Equalize Digital : Hey everyone, welcome to the meetup! Please remember to toggle your chat settings from talk to "Host and Panelists" to "Everyone."

Feel free to share in the chat where you are from and how you use WordPress :)

[I'll be posting this message a few times during intros as people join in]
08:03:15 From Bet Hannon : Good Morning from lovely Bend, Oregon where it's 45 degrees!
08:03:53 From Craig Hayward : Good morning from sunny (and hot) Durham, NC. We're going for 95 today!
08:03:53 From Jason Croyle : Good day from Cambridge Minnesota where it is an amazing 58 degrees!
08:04:00 From Rohit Sood : Good Morning, excited for this event
08:04:01 From Jake Albion : Hey from West Orlando! 84 degrees!
08:04:02 From Laura Adamonis : Hi from North Carolina. I am a designer and educator
08:04:14 From Sarah Myles : Good Morning from New Hampshire —where Summer weather has just begun! 85 degrees F
08:04:24 From Meg Miller to Hosts and panelists : Hello from Southern California where it's that time of year where you wear a heavy sweater in the morning and you're in shorts and a tank top by noon.
08:04:26 From Oliver Vaupel to Hosts and panelists : Good afternoon from Düsseldorf Germany. 5pm sunny and 32 degree celsius
08:04:30 From Sarah Myles : We are warmer then FLORIDA haha
08:04:36 From Deneb Pulsipher to Hosts and panelists : Oh, Bend! Paradise…
08:04:39 From Graham Venning : Going to be 103F in Tucson today — so cooling off ;) Good morning all — from Tucson, AZ
08:04:43 From Jacob Martella : Hello from Mansfield, TX where it's going to get to 108 degrees today.
08:04:45 From Michelle Novak : Hey from Chicagoland and it is a lovely 65 F
08:04:45 From James Lau to Hosts and panelists : Morning from Boston, MA. It is currently 88 degrees.
08:04:49 From Kari Anderson : Wow! In Tennessee it is still in the 90s 😓
08:04:52 From June Liu to Hosts and panelists : Virginia — and it's 90 degrees!
08:05:05 From Doug Rider : 60deg in Portland Or
08:05:11 From Aliana Manteria : Hi from NY
08:05:13 From Jocelyn Jacinto : hi..Jocelyn fm San Francisco, Ca
08:05:15 From Rebecca Engebretson : Greetings from Fort Worth, TX. It's a hot 93 degrees here
08:05:18 From D K : GM from Salem, OR
08:05:23 From Deneb Pulsipher to Hosts and panelists : Santaquin, UT, 66 degrees.

08:05:53 From D K : WX: Cloudy, high will be 75 ish
08:05:53 From Isla Waite : Mornin'! A gorgeous 60 in Sacramento (for now…)
08:06:02 From lisa snyder : Hi from east coast NJ --- hot and muggy
08:06:06 From Karen Sanders   to   Hosts and panelists : Hello from Baltimore, Maryland! It's 92 here today
08:06:27 From Peter Ingersoll : Hello from sunny Connecticut where it is currently 85 F heading to 95 F. Working on cracking this accessible tables thing!
08:06:39 From Mariah Elbert : Hello! Currently 76 in Colorado 🙂
08:07:17 From Rashmi Kataria : Hey, Me Rashmi from india
08:07:29 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : Join our Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/wordpress.accessibility
08:07:39 From Aashish Shrestha : Hello everyone, I am from Nepal 👋.
08:07:57 From Courtney Faust   to   Hosts and panelists : is it this one? https://www.facebook.com/wordpress.acc
08:08:30 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital   to   Courtney Faust and all panelists : Nop, is this one www.facebook.com/groups/wordpress.accessibility
08:08:43 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : Find upcoming events and past recordings: https://equalizedigital.com/meetup

Join our latest to get news and event announcements: https://equalizedigital.com/focus-state/
08:09:02 From Christian Behrends : Hi from Düsseldorf, Germany
08:09:22 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : Tune in to our podcast https://accessibilitycraft.com/
08:09:57 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : You can contact me or Amber during the meetup or email us at meetup@equalizedigital.com
08:11:35 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : IvyCat Website: https://ivycat.com/

Find IvyCat on Twitter: https://twitter.com/ivycatweb
08:15:05 From Graham Venning : Woohoo Bet and Meg 🥳😀🙌
08:15:15 From Jason Croyle : Wooooooooooooo
08:19:54 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : Https://a11y-collective.com
08:26:50 From Jason Croyle : I appreciate this opportunity to be a part of this... Realizing I still have so much to learn.
08:28:19 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : https://fontanello.app/
08:28:44 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : WebAIM Contrast Checker: https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/
08:29:08 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : Accessibility Insights: https://accessibilityinsights.io/
08:30:13 From Craig Hayward : Also remember to learn how to turn off the AT on mobile
08:32:24 From D K : Bricks Builder page builder yields MORE accessible results than native WP.
08:33:29 From D K : . . . Still much attention to be paid on any site

though.
08:33:33 From Craig Hayward : Good shortcut lists for using each screen reader — https://dequeuniversity.com/screenreaders/survival-guide
08:34:24 From Craig Hayward : They also have really nice printable shortcut guides for using gestures on mobile devices (for staff use)
08:35:06 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : The Alt Scene: When and How to Write Alternative Text: Meg "Memi" Miller: https://equalizedigital.com/website-alt-text-meg-miller/
08:36:49 From Craig Hayward : Don't count on YouTube automatic captions to be correct
08:37:32 From Deneb Pulsipher   to   Hosts and panelists : @Craig, you can kind of count of them to be incorrect, can't you?
08:38:06 From Marcio Gouveia : screen readers read the tags, not the "bullet itself" right?
08:38:20 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : Yes, that's correct.
08:38:35 From Craig Hayward : Really funny YouTube video we use as a demo why you should proof and edit you captions — https://youtu.be/7MuDgfX9C2w?feature=shared
08:39:02 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital   to   Deneb Pulsipher and all panelists : Deneb, if you want Craig to see your message toggle your chat settings from talk to "Host and Panelists" to "Everyone." ☺️
08:40:33 From Deneb Pulsipher : Thanks, Paola! Craig, you missed my snarky comment that said, "you can kind of count on YouTube captions to be incorrect, can't you?"
08:48:50 From James Lau   to   Hosts and panelists : Hello, I don't see the kabob in Zoom that allows me to download a copy of the chat.
08:49:26 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital   to   James Lau and all panelists : Hi James, Zoom Webinars doesn't allow attendees to download the chat, but we always add it to our recap.
08:49:48 From James Lau   to   Hosts and panelists : Oh ok
08:50:44 From Aliana Manteria : great perspective!
08:56:34 From June Liu   to   Hosts and panelists : Thanks for the space. I must jump off now, but I look forward to the replay later. Have a good day!
09:02:11 From sheryl watt : This has been outstanding! Thank you!
09:02:29 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://archive.ada.gov/taxcred.htm#:~:text=The%20tax%20credit%20is%20available,(maximum%20credit%20of%20%245000).
09:02:51 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8826
09:03:17 From Aliana Manteria : Thank you
09:03:34 From Jason Croyle : amazing — thank you
09:03:36 From Isla Waite : 👏
09:03:38 From Adrienne Grace : Great presentation!
09:03:54 From Michelle Novak : Excellent!
09:03:59 From Karen Sanders   to   Hosts and panelists : thanks so much! great presentation!

09:04:00 From Craig Hayward : Thanks so much. Wonderful presentation!!! Nice analogies
09:04:14 From Karen Mazza : Thanks so much! Can you post the slide about the tax credit again?
09:04:23 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : Meg's analogies are the best
09:04:32 From Jason Croyle : +1 on the tax credit...
09:04:32 From Christian Behrends : thanks alot for that
09:04:53 From Diana Doseva : thank you so much for the excellent presentation
09:04:58 From Rohit Sood : Thanks, great presentation 👍
09:05:18 From sheryl watt : ❤️ Yes, on the analogies!
09:05:44 From Rebecca Engebretson : Fantastic presentation! Thanks so much for sharing.
09:06:16 From D K : Great stuff here. THANK YOU 👍🥂🙏
09:06:54 From Margaret Blauvelt : If a website has lots of accessibility problems and you are starting to fix them, do you have suggestions for what to say in an accessibility statement for the website?
09:07:33 From Aliana Manteria : ^ I'd say acknowledge the issues and the steps you're taking to rectify them
09:08:31 From Greg Yingling : I'd also include a way to report accessibility issues @Margaret
09:08:37 From Bet Hannon : I'm not sure I would acknowledge specific issues, but rather acknowledge more generically that "we are working on it" and please report any issues.
09:08:54 From Margaret Blauvelt : Perhaps a publicly-displayed accessibility update log too?
09:08:58 From Aliana Manteria : Yes good point!
09:10:33 From Craig Hayward : We're living in a time where Generative AI is teaching Generative AI
09:11:02 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://knowbility.org/
09:11:10 From Craig Hayward : UNC is diving into AI heavily right now. I've had to do several accessibility audits of modals and tools being used
09:11:43 From Jason Croyle : Meg — I sent an inquiry to your website. Get back to me and I'll send you a test copy of speak2web's Voice Command and Navigation plugin.
09:15:35 From Craig Hayward : Lipstick on a pig
09:16:12 From Craig Hayward : Just remember SkyNet
09:16:55 From Craig Hayward : Screen Readers are working that way now
09:17:08 From Craig Hayward : Freedom Scientific is experimenting now
09:17:25 From Craig Hayward : NVDA is open source also
09:17:46 From Bet Hannon : When Meg says "this is going to be a journey" -- hold on tight.
09:17:59 From Craig Hayward : ChatGPT could be great for creating accessible description
09:18:27 From Jason Croyle : Reverse image generation to create

descriptions
09:18:33 From Craig Hayward : OtterAi is a great example of AI for a public good
09:19:22 From Craig Hayward : I could forsee is helping developers who have disabilities also to code and create
09:21:08 From Greg Yingling : I'm curious how this voice and speech recognition is different from Dragon... is it like a WP specific alternative?
09:21:47 From Craig Hayward : It all works together, much like a phone and JAWS
09:21:54 From Jason Croyle : https://speak2web.com has a live demo on the website...
09:22:07 From Graham Venning : Fab discussion and presentation! Thank you Bet, Meg & Amber!
09:22:13 From Craig Hayward : You set your handoff between each speech type
09:22:31 From Craig Hayward : This is wonderful!!! Thanks
09:22:48 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : We do need a plugin or theme to test for our December accessibility audit!
09:23:22 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : If you are interested, please email me at meetup@equalizedigital.com if you volunteer as a tribute ☺
09:24:15 From Greg Yingling : Devs love to make assumptions lol
09:24:44 From Craig Hayward : If you think it doesn't impact YOUR LIFE you make assumptions also
09:25:29 From Craig Hayward : They should be offered a way to choose for themselves
09:25:48 From Craig Hayward : Accessibility is independence
09:27:45 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://equalizedigital.com/anatomy—of—an—accessible—navigation—steve—jones/
09:27:52 From Jason Croyle : If anyone here wants review code for my plugin please email me jason@speak2web.com I'd love to collect as much feedback as possible and make this a better tool for accessibility users.
09:28:02 From Laura Adamonis : It is how we grow and make things better.
09:28:16 From Deneb Pulsipher : I'll be giving a talk on WPA11y Day on Navigation. Get up early (4AM) and come!
09:28:37 From Angela Bowman   to   Hosts and panelists : That would apply to any and ALL WooCommerce plugins and themes regardless of shortcodes. Shortcodes are not the thing, it's any customizations to WooCommerce.
09:29:53 From Angela Bowman   to   Hosts and panelists : I think the most sus WooCommerce plugins are the ones that change the LOOK of the product or archive pages and marketing plugins, like popups for marketing, and recreating the checkout page, etc.
09:30:49 From Adrienne Grace : I have to run, but thank you Bet, Meg, Amber, and Paola!
09:30:50 From Angela Bowman   to   Hosts and panelists : Shipping, tax, etc. basic functionality plugins are usually not as much an

issue. It's the plugins that do "fancy" stuff. And everyone wants "fancy" stuff. Bells and whistles. Quick views, etc.
09:31:13 From Graham Venning : I've got to run too, sorry! Loved the chat today! Future Meetup Idea: Bet & Meg do a live review of a WordPress site that uses WooCommerce, which has noteworthy accessibility features — both good and bad! ;)
09:31:30 From Jason Croyle : Indeed thank you all so much. It's amazing to see such an energetic group.
09:31:52 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital to Angela Bowman and all panelists : Angela, if you want everyone to see your message toggle your chat settings from talk to "Host and Panelists" to "Everyone." ☺️
09:32:03 From James Lau : bourbon is whiskey, but not all whiskey is bourbon
09:32:22 From Angela Bowman to Hosts and panelists : Yes, coupon plugins are what I would put in the "marketing" category. So anything that makes the display "fancy" and sparkly and Marketing plugins are the ones to really focus on for being discerning about.
09:33:45 From Peter Ingersoll : I would really enjoy future accessibility meetups that pose a few topics and then have a roundtable discussion with a few handful of accessibility experts — like what is happening now! 😀
09:33:53 From Angela Bowman : Shipping, tax and basic functionality plugins are usually okay, but it's going to be any plugin that does "fancy" stuff that changes the display of the archives or products pages, cart, and checkout, as well as Marketing plugins. Be sus of all marketing-related plugins.
09:34:40 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://wordpress.org/plugins/popup-maker/
09:34:43 From Angela Bowman : Also, be sus of all plugins or themes that change the look of WooCommerce product pages to make them do "fancy" stuff.
09:36:18 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://wordpress.org/plugins/yikes-inc-easy-custom-woocommerce-product-tabs/
09:37:02 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : That's so true
09:37:22 From Angela Bowman : Hah! Yes, boring stuff is usually safe. Lol. The shiny sexy stuff is what to be wary of.
09:37:58 From Jason Croyle : That's definitely not what Walter and I want to be with our plugin.
09:38:13 From Courtney Faust to Hosts and panelists : hi — I'm a web developer in Colorado — who of you would be avail for hourly consulting to audit some sites to see what we need to fix?
09:38:43 From Paola Gonzalez — Equalize Digital : https://wordpress.org/plugins/accessibility-checker/
09:38:45 From Angela Bowman : Wait, Walter and Jason don't want to be shiny and fancy? Lol.
09:38:49 From Jason Croyle : I'm going to talk to Walter about sponsoring your event for CC. Let me know what that looks like.
09:40:38 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : Jason, thanks! You can find more information at https://equalizedigital.com/wordpress-

accessibility–meetup/sponsor/
09:40:56 From Amber Hinds, Equalize Digital : Or email us at
meetup@equalizedigital.com
09:41:39 From Angela Bowman : Those background images are so tricky.
They truly don't get caught, so you could have pretty bad contrast and
it won't be recognized.
09:42:43 From Deneb Pulsipher : The best/ almost only way I've found
to check text over a background is with Firefox accessibility dev
tools. It'll give you the range of contrasts against that background
image…
09:43:31 From Jason Croyle : Wooooooooooo
09:43:36 From Jan McSorley   to   Hosts and panelists : Wonderful
presentation!
09:43:38 From Laura Adamonis : Thank you so much
09:43:43 From Kari Anderson : Thank you so much!
09:43:50 From Eric Amundson : Thanks a bunch!!! This was great.
09:43:56 From Michelle Novak : Thank you!
09:43:56 From Karen Sanders   to   Hosts and panelists : Thank you!!