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Examples of Disabilities and How they Affect People's Abilities to Perceive and Use Websites/Pages.

Visual Disabilities:

Blindness – People with no sight typically browse the Internet using voice output software or refreshable Braille hardware. Such devices "read" what is on the screen to the user.

Low vision – Individuals who have limited vision may use screen-enlarging software.

Color blindness – To perceive color differences on a computer monitor, individuals with color blindness need high contrast. Also, designers/developers/authors should be mindful of the forms of color blindness when choosing color schemes. Typical color blindness involves the inability to distinguish between red and green, blue and green, or blue and yellow; some people see black and white only.

Auditory Disabilities:

Deafness – People who cannot hear, experience a website/page only through its text, graphics/images and video.

Hard of hearing – Individuals with limited hearing may use sound-enhancing peripherals.

Physical/Motor Disabilities:

People with physical disabilities or limited motor skills may have difficulty with the following computer-related tasks:

- Detailed manipulation of input devices such as a mouse or roller ball.
- Holding down multiple keyboard keys simultaneously.

Cognitive/Language Disabilities:

Typical problems for people who have cognitive disabilities or disabilities that affect their language skills include the following:

- Difficulty with spatial reasoning and/or visualization skills.
- Difficulty reading and/or understanding written text (e.g. persons with dyslexia).