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Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT)

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Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems - Detail
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Criteria	Level of Support &	Remarks and	
Officia	Supporting Features	explanations	
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.	Supports with Exceptions	Keyboard shortcuts are available for most top level commands, but many functions require graphical selection of elements from the display to complete. Similarly, some functions produce output that includes a textual form, but many results will only be shown in the graphical display.	
(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.	Supports		
(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.	Supports with Exceptions	Programmatic access to control focus is not available.	
(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology.	Supports		

When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by		
the image must also be available in text.		
(e) When bitmap images are used to		
identify controls, status indicators, or		
other programmatic elements, the	Cummonto	
meaning assigned to those images shall be	Supports	
consistent throughout an application's		
performance.		
(f) Textual information shall be provided		
through operating system functions for		Textual information in
displaying text. The minimum	Supports with Exceptions	some graphical views is provided through
information that shall be made available	Capporto With Excoptions	operating system
is text content, text input caret location,		functions for drawing.
and text attributes.		
(g) Applications shall not override user		
selected contrast and color selections and	Supports	
other individual display attributes.		
(h) When animation is displayed, the		
information shall be displayable in at	Supports	
least one non-animated presentation		
mode at the option of the user.		
(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information,		
indicating an action, prompting a	Supports	
response, or distinguishing a visual	Capporto	
element.		
(j) When a product permits a user to		
adjust color and contrast settings, a		
variety of color selections capable of	Supports	
producing a range of contrast levels shall		
be provided.		
(k) Software shall not use flashing or		
blinking text, objects, or other elements	Supports	
having a flash or blink frequency greater	σαρροπο	
than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.		
(l) When electronic forms are used, the		
form shall allow people using Assistive	Supports	
Technology to access the information,		
field elements, and functionality required		

for completion and submission of the	
form, including all directions and cues.	

Section 1194.22 Web-based Intranet and Internet information and Applications - Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) A text equivalent for every non- text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).	Not Applicable	
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.	Not Applicable	
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.	Not Applicable	
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.	Not Applicable	
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.	Not Applicable	
(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.	Not Applicable	
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	Not Applicable	
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.	Not Applicable	
(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation	Not Applicable	

(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	
(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.	Not Applicable	
(l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology.	Not Applicable	
(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with 1194.21(a) through (l).	Not Applicable	
(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Not Applicable	
(o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.	Not Applicable	
(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted	Not Applicable	

and given sufficient time to indicate	
more time is required.	

Voluntary Product Accessibility Ter Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Telecommunications products or systems which provide a function allowing voice communication and which do not themselves provide a TTY functionality shall provide a standard non-acoustic connection point for TTYs. Microphones shall be capable of being turned on and off to allow the user to intermix speech with TTY use.	Not Applicable	
(b) Telecommunications products which include voice communication functionality shall support all commonly used crossmanufacturer non-proprietary standard TTY signal protocols.	Not Applicable	
(c) Voice mail, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems shall be usable by TTY users with their TTYs.	Not Applicable	
(d) Voice mail, messaging, auto- attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems that require a response from a user within a time interval, shall give an alert when the time interval is about to run out, and shall provide sufficient time for the user to indicate more time is required.	Not Applicable	

(e) Where provided, caller identification and similar telecommunications functions shall also be available for users of TTYs, and for users who cannot see displays.	Not Applicable	
(f) For transmitted voice signals, telecommunications products shall provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum of 20 dB. For incremental volume control, at least one intermediate step of 12 dB of gain shall be provided.	Not Applicable	
(g) If the telecommunications product allows a user to adjust the receive volume, a function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.	Not Applicable	
(h) Where a telecommunications product delivers output by an audio transducer which is normally held up to the ear, a means for effective magnetic wireless coupling to hearing technologies shall be provided.	Not Applicable	
(i) Interference to hearing technologies (including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices) shall be reduced to the lowest possible level that allows a user of hearing technologies to utilize the telecommunications product.	Not Applicable	
(j) Products that transmit or conduct information or communication, shall pass through cross-manufacturer, non-proprietary, industry-standard codes, translation protocols, formats	Not Applicable	

or other information necessary to provide the information or communication in a usable format. Technologies which use encoding, signal compression, format transformation, or similar techniques shall not remove information needed for access or shall restore it upon delivery.		
(k)(1) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be tactilely discernible without activating the controls or keys.	Not Applicable	
(k)(2) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls and keys shall be 5 lbs. (22.2N) maximum.	Not Applicable	
(k)(3) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: If key repeat is supported, the delay before repeat shall be adjustable to at least 2 seconds. Key repeat rate shall be adjustable to 2 seconds per character.	Not Applicable	
(k)(4) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: The status of all locking or toggle controls or keys shall be	Not Applicable	

visually discernible, and discernible	
either through touch or sound.	

Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanation
a) All analog television displays 13 inches and larger, and computer equipment that includes analog television receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals. As soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2002, widescreen digital television (DTV) displays measuring at least 7.8 inches vertically, DTV sets with conventional displays measuring at least 13 inches vertically, and standalone DTV tuners, whether or not they are marketed with display screens, and computer equipment that includes DTV receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals.	Not Applicable	
(b) Television tuners, including tuner cards for use in computers, shall be equipped with secondary audio program playback circuitry.	Not Applicable	

(c) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain speech or other audio information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be open or closed captioned.	Not Applicable	
(d) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain visual information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be audio described.	Not Applicable	
(e) Display or presentation of alternate text presentation or audio descriptions shall be user-selectable unless permanent.	Not Applicable	

Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products – Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template		
Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Self contained products shall be usable by people with disabilities without requiring an end-user to attach Assistive Technology to the product. Personal headsets for private listening are not Assistive Technology.	Not Applicable	
(b) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.		
(c) Where a product utilizes touchscreens or contact-sensitive controls, an input method shall be	Not Applicable	

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provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).		
(d) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.	Not Applicable	
(e) When products provide auditory output, the audio signal shall be provided at a standard signal level through an industry standard connector that will allow for private listening. The product must provide the ability to interrupt, pause, and restart the audio at anytime.	Not Applicable	
(f) When products deliver voice output in a public area, incremental volume control shall be provided with output amplification up to a level of at least 65 dB. Where the ambient noise level of the environment is above 45 dB, a volume gain of at least 20 dB above the ambient level shall be user selectable. A function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.	Not Applicable	
(g) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Not Applicable	
(h) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a range of color selections capable of producing a variety of contrast levels shall be provided.	Not Applicable	

(i) Products shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	
(j) (1) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: The position of any operable control shall be determined with respect to a vertical plane, which is 48 inches in length, centered on the operable control, and at the maximum protrusion of the product within the 48 inch length on products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls.	Not Applicable	
(j)(2) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is 10 inches or less behind the reference plane, the height shall be 54 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.	Not Applicable	
(j)(3) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is more than 10 inches and not more than 24 inches behind the reference plane, the height shall be 46 inches	Not Applicable	

maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.		
(j)(4) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Operable controls shall not be more than 24 inches behind the reference plane.	Not Applicable	

Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) All mechanically operated controls and keys shall comply with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not Applicable	
(b) If a product utilizes touchscreens or touch-operated controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not Applicable	
(c) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.	Not Applicable	
(d) Where provided, at least one of each type of expansion slots, ports and connectors shall comply with publicly available industry standards	Not Applicable	

Voluntary Product Accessibility Ter Criteria	Level of Support &	Remarks and explanations
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Supporting Features Does not Support	Many functions require graphical selection of elements from the display to complete. Similarly, many results of computations are only displayed graphically.
(b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports	Size of text can be changed. Microsoft Active Accessibility applications like Narrator and the Magnifier can be used to access particulars of the components of a form/dialog box.
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided	Not Applicable	Audio is not used in operation of the application.
(d) Where audio information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.	Not Applicable	Audio is not used in operation of the application.
(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive	Not Applicable	Audio is not used in operation of the application.

Technology used by people with disabilities shall be provided.		
(f) At least one mode of operation		
and information retrieval that does		Many functions require
not require fine motor control or	Doos not Cupport	graphical selection of
simultaneous actions and that is	Does not Support	elements from the display to
operable with limited reach and		complete.
strength shall be provided.		

Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation and Support – Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template		
Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge	Supports	Support documentation is available online and in downloadable form.
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports	This document is posted at www.autodesk.com. Search for "Section 508".
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.	Supports	Support services options are available via web page, email, and by phone. Direct, inperson, support is also available through resellers.

APPENDIX A (of the DoS VPAT/GPAT Checklist)

Suggested Language for Filling out the VPAT/GPAT

In order to simplify the task of conducting market research assessments for procurement officials or customers, ITIC (Information Technology Industry Council) has developed suggested language for use when filling out a VPAT/GPAT. You may choose to employ all or some of the language below. Once you determine what language you intend to use, we recommend that use is consistent throughout all of your VPAT/GPATs.

Supporting Features (Column 2 on VPAT/GPAT)

Supports

Use this language when you determine the product fully meets the letter and intent of the Criteria.

Supports with Exceptions

Use this language when you determine the product does not fully meet the letter and intent of the Criteria, but provides some level of access relative to the Criteria.

Supports through Equivalent Facilitation

Use this language when you have identified an alternate way to meet the intent of the Criteria or when the product does not fully meet the intent of the Criteria.

Supports when combined with Compatible AT

Use this language when you determine the product fully meets the letter and intent of the Criteria when used in combination with Compatible AT. For example, many software programs can provide speech output when combined with a compatible screen reader (commonly used assistive technology for people who are blind).

Does not Support

Use this language when you determine the product does not meet the letter or intent of the Criteria.

Not Applicable

Use this language when you determine that the Criteria do not apply to the specific product.

Not Applicable - Fundamental Alteration Exception Applies

Use this language when you determine a Fundamental Alteration of the product would be required to meet the Criteria (see the access board standards for the definition of "fundamental alteration").

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