

Accessible templates

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Accessible templates are the version of your site that is accessible to all users of the web.

What makes these templates accessible?

Larger font size:

- Fonts are simple and bigger than the default.
- Using larger fonts, we aim to reduce the reading load for partially sighted users.

Skip to main content:

- A link is present which allows users to skip over navigation or other content.
- A link that provides functionality for the user to jump over navigation or other elements.
- Jump to the main content of the page greatly assists keyboard users in navigating the web page.

Less Javascript:

- JavaScript jump menus are not present.
- Every dropdown has its submit/update button to avoid making navigation difficult for screen-reader users.

Heading structure:

- Documents have the correct structure so that heading levels are not skipped.
- Headings facilitate page navigation for users of many assistive technologies.

Accessible forms:

- Every form element has a text label.
- Groups of related checkboxes and radio buttons are enclosed in a fieldset.

Meaningful alternative text:

- Every image has meaningful alternative text.
- Alternative text provides a textual alternative to non-text content in web pages.
- It is especially helpful for people who are blind and rely on a screen reader to have the content of the website read to them.

To edit templates, do the following:

1. Login to your WebStore Manager.

2. Go to **Design & Content > Edit Templates**.
3. Click **Enable Accessible Templates**.

Warning: If you are not comfortable with editing HTML and do not have experience with web scripting languages, it is advisable to seek WebSell's assistance with changes to these templates.

General overview

- Templates allow you to customize your WebStore to your own preference.
- Choose between two types of templates.
 - Default
 - Accessible

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- Templates that help you make your content accessible to everyone are now available.
- You can enable Accessible Templates in two ways:
 - WSM Config option **Enable accessible templates**
 - Click the **Enable accessible templates** button under **Design & Content > Edit Templates**.

Note: You may need to revert header and footer templates to branch default or manually add the following code.

- Footer template (before closing `</footer>` tag):

```
{nsf:AccessibleTemplatesEnabled}  
<div id="switch-to-accessible">  
  <a class="btn btn-default" href="">Accessible Version</a>  
</div>  
{/nsf:AccessibleTemplatesEnabled}
```

- Header template (just after opening `<body>` tag):

```
{nsf:AccessibleTemplatesEnabled}  
<a class="sr-only" href="">Switch to accessible version</a>  
{/nsf:AccessibleTemplatesEnabled}
```

- This will add link to accessible templates at the bottom of your page and a screen-reader only (not visible) link at the top of your page.
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