Multimedia and Disabilities

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Even small considerations

lead to

significant impacts...

Many faces of disability...

Motor impairment

- limb loss, shakiness, arthritis, paralysis, and many other difficulties.
- Visual impairment
 - blindness, low vision, partially sighted, and color vision deficiencies.
- Hearing impairment
 - deaf, hard of hearing, and a variety of imbalances
- Cognitive impairment
 - autism, incipient dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and many other difficulties

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Many faces of disability

- Addiction
- Epilepsy
- Migraine headaches
- Diabetes
- Mental health issues, including depression
- Medications (impact concentration, perception)

Physical, sensory, cognitive or developmental disabilities and various types of chronic diseases

Statistics are astounding

Unemployment

- Only 40% of the 9 million aged 18-64 whose disabilities allow them to work
- Life expectancy
- Life enjoyment

Legislation has helped

- United Nations (1976), UK, Costa Rica, USA,...
- The US Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 - All organizations that receive government funding must provide accessibility programs and services
- Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Rehabilitation Act Sections 504 and 508
 - Section 504 Prohibits discrimination based on disability for federally funded programs
 - Section 508 Agencies must provide disabled individuals with comparable access to information available to others
 - "Reasonable accommodations"

Still not enough

- Internet has changed the game
- Example: Tweeter
- Education
 - more dependent on on-line instructional material than ever before
- Computer access is essential in many normal functions.

Access to Education

Requires:

- Technology
- 🗆 Contents 🛛 🗲
- Must provide disabled individuals with equal access to instructional materials
- Must comply with federal and state accessibility laws
- All solutions benefit those with different learning styles





Photos courtesy of National Eye Institute—National Institutes of Health

Diabetic retinopathy can cause bleeding in the eye



Glaucoma (pressure in the eye) can damage vision over time



Macular degeneration can cause blind spots



Cataracts and near-sightedness cause blurry vision



Color Blindness (Deficiency)



- Affected individuals cannot see certain colors well
- Estimated 5-8% of men cannot see red, green and derivative colors well
- Affects less than 1% of women

Istration of a Ishihara color deficiency test, a series of colored dots surrounding a number, letter or symbol in another color that cannot be read by a color deficient person.

Normal and Color Deficient Vision



CSULB Disability Demographics

- Approximately 1,100 (3%) of CSULB students have a disability requiring alternative media or other accommodation
- About 1 in 5 classes will have a disabled student
- Other students may have undiagnosed or unreported needs

Vision impaired

- Persons with vision impairments:
 - Typically use a "screen reader" that basically reads the content on the screen. The user typically uses the keyboard to select headings and hyperlinks.
- Provide specific content pages for blind users that primarily use audio output and keyboard input for communicating with the user. A large font text and large picture narration can be provided for people with low vision.

Cognitive impairment

- People with cognitive impairments might experience problems when accessing Web sites with large amounts of content and complicated navigation models.
- Provide simplified content pages for people with cognitive impairments.

Motor impairment

There exist techniques in modern operating systems for people with motor impairments to slow down the mouse, use speech input, etc. Some operating systems also have support for adjusting the colors of the interface for people with color vision deficiencies.

We propose that Web browser plug-ins also support configuring the color adjustment of the multimedia presentation. We also propose that Web site owners provide narration of all audiovisual multimedia for people that are deaf or hard of hearing.

10. Avoid Highlighting

"Readers do not read things like highlighting and color changes to text. So when the highlighting is used as a means to show something important, the blind person will miss out on it."

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Course Schedule

Date	Торіс	Chapters	Projects
January 21	Introduction to I/O Psychology/History	Chapter 1	
January 28	Research Methods	Chapter 2	
February 4	Performance Criteria/Job Analysis	Chapter 3	
February 11	Employee Selection: Predictors	Chapter 4	
February 18	Employee Selection: Predictors/Legal issues	Chapters 4 and 5	
February 25	Exam 1 (in class)/ Employee Selection:	Chapter 5	
	Utility		
March 3	Training	Chapter 6	
March 17	Training/Performance Appraisal	Chapters 6 and 7	Project 1 Due
March 24	Performance Appraisal	Chapter 7	
March 31	Exam 2/Organizational Psychology	Chapter 8	
April 7	Organizational Psychology/Teams	Chapters 8 and 9	
April 14	Organizational Attitudes and Behavior	Chapter 10	Project 2 Due
April 21	Organizational Attitudes and Behavior	Chapter 10	-
April 28	Work Motivation	Chapter 12	
May 5	Final Exam (7:30 PM to 10:15 PM)		

Note: Only the highlighted readings will be covered in the Final Exam. Dates are subject to change if necessary. Any revisions to this syllabus will be announced during class time. It is your responsibility to make note of any changes to this syllabus.

9. Avoid Long Link Text

"With long website links, if it's fully written out on a page or something, my computer reads the entire thing. Once it took at least 30 seconds to read the link."

- A blind student

http://www2.blackboard.com/global/purc hase/CourseInfo?PAGE=pgPINSearchR esults&COMMAND=MORE INFO&prod uct=31346758&productType=epackl/?hl =en&shva=1#/#hl=en&source=hp&q=w ebct&ag=f&agi=g10&og=&fp=17f9ea1fd 87f8bdhl=en&shva=1#/#hl=en&source= render?tab=mc&gsessionid=OYvPP8ztFz3XvP42q7WKw/?tab=cyhp&q= webct&/Overview.aspx

8. Write Meaningful Link Text

"I have a screen reader that reads all of the links on a website page all at once, in a list. So when it comes up to a link like 'click here' it doesn't make too much sense because the links are out of context..." - S.S., student who is blind

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7. Use High Color Contrast

"ZoomText, the software I use in the AsTech Lab can't make similar colors stand out enough for my low vision to see. So it really helps when colors are of high contrast."

- A.W., student with low vision



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6. Use Properly Constructed Tables and Graphs

"With tables that don't have good headings and stuff, I just get confused and the stuff in the table is worthless."

- M.H., student who is blind

The Material

Topic/ Category		<u>Parametric</u>	<u>Non-Parametric</u>
Descriptive		Mean	Median, Mode
Statistics		Standard Deviation	Interquartile Range
		Percentiles	Percentiles
	Probability	Normal Distribution (Z)	Binomial
	Distributions	Histograms	Distribution
		Continuous Probability	Bar Graphs
			Discrete Probability
	Error	Type I (α)–Significance	
		Type II (β)–Power	
Inferential	Test of Statistical	T-test (Student's t)	Chi-Square(χ^2)
<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Difference</u>	ANOVA (F-test)	Sign Test
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	Association	Regression/Prediction	

Example of Improperly Constructed Table

5. Avoid Poorly Photocopied Pages

"When I try to use Kurzweil with poorly photocopied pages of handouts, it just comes out scrambled, so then I have to have a friend help me hand type it in." - M.B., student with a learning disability

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4. Provide Alternate Text

"Pictures that don't have alt text just get skipped over by my screen reader, so I miss out on that info." - S.S., student who is blind

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Theoretical Computer Science

Introduction to Automata, Computability, Complexity, Algorithmics, Randomization, Communication, and Cryptography



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3. Spell Out Acronyms

"It really helps when acronyms are spelled out at least once in the page. Because JAWS pronounces them sometimes in ways that are not clear, it really helps."

- A blind student

"You may obtain the access code from IT."

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10 small things that make a BIG DIFFERENCE

2. Use Proper Headings

"Before really reading a page, I first scan it to see what topics are in it, just like people who can see scan pages with their eyes. But I use the headings as my guide, gives me a summary if you will of what's on the page." - S.S., student who is blind

1. Heading 1

Body Text. Body Text.

1.1 Heading 2

Body Text. Body Text.

1.1.1 Heading 3

Body Text. Body Text.

Heading 4

Body Text. Body Text.

10 small things that make a BIG DIFFERENCE

1. Try Using It Yourself

"One of my professors last semester asked to see how my screen reader works. I showed him and he actually sat down to try it himself. After this, he had a new appreciation for making things accessible, that it really does make a difference."

- S.S., student who is blind

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Sample recent projects

Arizona State University □ (Dr. Panchanathan) *i*Care, HCMC Wright State University Technology based Learning with Disability California State University – Long Beach Accessible Information Technology Initiative The ASU-CSULB initiative

Social Interaction Assistance





Social Interaction Assistance



The new and improved version:





Learning with Disability



- Wright State: A fully accessible campus
- Interdisciplinary group of over 20
- Research on:
 - □ The basic nature of human performance
 - □ The study of human-machine interactions
 - Pedagogy of learning









Calyceal synapses (red) in centra auditory pathway

Brainfingers

 Commercialized by Cyberlink (Dayton, OH)



- Hands free computer access
- Headband with three sets of sensors; detect muscle, eye and brainwave electrical signals; connects to an interface box which connects to computer.
- Software decodes signals from headband and provides computer control.

Touch Interface Technology

- Touch User Interface TUI relies on haptics (as opposed to GUI which relies on sight)
- IC receives signal form inverted switches and interprets them. Conversely, upon receiving a signal activates a switch at the appropriate coordinate.
- Applications in eCommerce, gaming, ...





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- Mandate for accessibility
- CSULB and the entire CSU System
 Goes beyond ADA and Section 508
- Aggressive plans for:
 - Instructional material
 - All educational and administrative websites
 - Procurement procedures
- Faculty, course and curriculum development
- Research in accessible information technology



Equation Editor

- MathType for Microsoft Word and other editors
- Goal: To create a one step process for preparing accessible course material by using Daisy 3 and MathML.
- Design Science, Inc.: a major contributor to the MathML initiative of the WWW Consortium
- MathPlayer: a browser plug-in that displays MathML and can speak it and/or convert it to Braille.

The Joint ASU-CSULB Project







A Person-Centered Approach



A truly interdisciplinary approach



Research projects



Curriculum and course



Conclusions:

The Multimedia field holds the key to better access.

Everyone can make an impact.

Even small steps will make significant impact.

Teaming opportunities.