

# Inclusive e-Government: What/Why/How? (an interactive “meta” presentation. . . )

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## Who cares?

If anybody asks me what the Internet means to me, I will tell him without hesitation: To me (a quadriplegic) the Internet occupies the most important part in my life. It is my feet that can take me to any part of the world; it is my hands which help me to accomplish my work; it is my best friend—it gives my life meaning.

– Dr. ZhangXu<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.icdri.org/inspirational/no\\_disability\\_in\\_digitalized\\_com.htm](http://www.icdri.org/inspirational/no_disability_in_digitalized_com.htm)

## So . . . Any Questions?<sup>2</sup>

(The following is the list of questions dynamically “captured” during the live session.)

- Do organisations do it (accessibility) if they don't have to?
- To audit or not? Fix the obvious things first?
- Usability versus Accessibility?
- What accessibility “standards” to work to?
- What we think users need versus what they really need?

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<sup>2</sup>(Well . . . I said it was going to be **interactive!**)

- Why are accessible web sites so darned **ugly**?
- Accessibility and digital certificates?
- How to do "flashy" accessibility?
- Future direction of accessibility (screen-)readers? ("user-agents"?)
- **Help?**

## OK, here's some we asked earlier. . .

- What is Web Accessibility?<sup>3</sup>
- How Can People with Disabilities Use the Web?<sup>4</sup>
- What's with all the funny letters (WCAG, UAAG, ATAG)?<sup>5</sup>
- Is it compulsory?<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup><http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/accessibility.php>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.w3.org/WAI/EO/Drafts/PWD-Use-Web/>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/components.php>

<sup>6</sup><http://tinyurl.com/o8fzy>

## And there's more. . .

- How well are we doing?<sup>7</sup>
- What about those cute logos?<sup>8</sup>
- When will WCAG 2.0 be finished?<sup>9</sup>
- PDF? (A question, not a noun. . . )<sup>10</sup>
- Help?<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup><http://eaccess.rince.ie/talks/2005/eu-egov-25-Nov-2005/>

<sup>8</sup><http://eaccess.rince.ie/events/2005/eaccess-marks-aug-2005/>

<sup>9</sup><http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag20.php>

<sup>10</sup>[http://www.alistapart.com/articles/pdf\\_accessibility](http://www.alistapart.com/articles/pdf_accessibility)

<sup>11</sup><http://list.eeng.dcu.ie/mailman/listinfo/irl-dean>

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