

Accessibility WG Teleconference Minutes 02-24-2011

Attendees

- Mike Elledge
- Joe Humbert
- Gonzalo Silverio
- Mary Stores
- Brian Richwine

Sakai 2.8 Review

- Gonzalo has done work for the list navigator buttons, e.g. the buttons that use the < and > symbols.
- Scott has been doing accessibility reviews, but he cannot give an update since he is not on the call.
- Brian is starting to put together a framework for the new, current accessibility documentation.
- This will be the first review we've done since we've come up with the accessibility statements, so the documentation will include those.
- Everyone should look at the statements to see if they are still in agreement with them.
- Brian will publish an outline on showing each page in the wiki and see how the documentation applies.
- Gonzalo has been going over open issues in Jira, and there is still a long list.
- Some have been resolved but not closed.
- accessibility issues include: link text not meaningful, unlabeled check boxes, etc.
- So accessibility issues list needs updated.

Accessibility Certification for Sakai

- Mike sent a spreadsheet of consulting groups that might provide certification for Sakai to the Accessibility WG mailing list yesterday.
- Mike is familiar with NFB and SSB because he has seen them at conferences.
- A couple people will do usability testing with people with disabilities, but that will be more expensive.
- DEQ does the actual testing for the NFB.
*Jon Gunderson responded, along with one other person.
- Jon's opinion is that the NFB would be the most important since they do functional testing with people with disabilities.
- NetCentric is primarily a PDF organization, so they probably won't make much since to use them for the Sakai certification process.
- Mike knows quite a few people from the Pacielo group, but he has not seen their work.
- WebAIM is well respected and have a large number of people with disabilities that follow them.
- Also WebAIM does the screen reader survey, but Mike has not seen their work.
- The rest he doesn't know about.
- The next step, with Nate Angell's feedback, is to identify the core tools, subset of the tools, ones typically in bundle that people use.
- Return Nate Angell's communication back to the Sakai Accessibility WG, and include the list Mike has put together in a letter to Alan Berg so the process can move forward.
- The goal is to have this done by March 10.

Sakai-Related Presentations

- the Adaptive Technology and Accessibility Center (ATAC) at IU will be giving a presentation on Monday to faculty who are interested in creating accessible content for Oncourse.
- Then on Tuesday, the ATAC will be presenting to Oncourse developers.
- * On March 16, there will be a CSUN conference session comparing four LMSs: Sakai, Desire2Learn, Blackboard and Moodle. Brian will be a co-presenter.

Sakai 2.9

- There is a group at MSU that is going to work on the 2,9 portal. Gonzalo will be involved and will be asking for accessibility feedback.
- So far it's graphic-based markups.
- 2.9 will be released a year or so from now.
- 2.9 is already in the trunk. it might be a branch or set of options in the trunk. Gonzalo will send an e-mail to the list.