

Philosophy Documentation Center Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT[®] Version 2.4)



Name of Product/Version:

Philosophy Documentation Center Web Site

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Product Description:

The [Philosophy Documentation Center](#) (PDC) is a specialized publisher that has been serving scholars on a non-profit basis since 1966. It has earned a reputation for excellence with the publication of journals, book series, conference proceedings, reference works, and other materials in philosophy, applied ethics, religious studies and related fields. PDC provides a full range of print and electronic publishing services, including secure hosting and access solutions for institutions, individuals, and learned societies. PDC also provides customized production support and digitization services for publications in many languages. Other services include membership management, rights management, typesetting and graphic design, conference registrations, and marketing support.

Contact Information:

For any questions about the timeline for accessibility improvements or the general accessibility of this Web site, please contact feedback@pdcnet.org.

Evaluation Methods Used:

[Perkins Access](#), an independent accessibility consulting division of [Perkins School for the Blind](#), was contracted by the [Philosophy Documentation Center](#) (PDC) to test their Web site and document their findings in this VPAT. Perkins Access accessibility consultants thoroughly reviewed the site for conformance to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level A and Level AA using a variety of manual testing techniques, assistive technologies and the exclusive use of the keyboard to operate the site on both Windows and Mac operating systems.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

| Standard/Guideline | Included In Report |
|--|---|
| Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 | Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No) |
| Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 | Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No) |

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

WCAG 2.1 Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.1 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

| Criteria | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A) | Partially supports | All non-text content found on the PDC Web site that is presented to the user is provided with text alternatives with a few exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PDC logo, email and Facebook images on some of the E-Collection pages. |
| 1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not applicable | Audio-only media is not present on the PDC Web site. |
| 1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not applicable | Videos are not present on the PDC Web site. |

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| 1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not applicable | Videos are not present on the PDC Web site. |
| 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) | Partially supports | <p>Information on the PDC site that is conveyed through presentation can be programmatically determined, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some pages with forms, such as tech support or subscription/membership management services, contain form inputs that are not programmatically associated with visible labels. • Radio buttons that are part of the search function on individual journal or book pages are not programmatically labeled. • The autocomplete function on the Search page does not alert assistive technology when results are displayed in a list as users type characters. (The visible list of results can be browsed by screen readers, however.) • Some PDFs of downloadable publications are untagged. |

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| 1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A) | Supports | When the sequence in which content is presented affects its meaning, a correct reading sequence can be programmatically determined. |
| 1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A) | Supports | Understanding and operating content on the PDC Web site does not rely solely on sensory characteristics such as shape, size, visual location, orientation, or sound. |
| 1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A) | Supports | Color is not used in the PDC Web site as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element. |
| 1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A) | Not applicable | The PDC Web site does not contain audio that plays automatically for more than 3 seconds that would require a mechanism to pause, stop or control the audio volume independently from the overall system volume level. |

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| 2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A) | Partially supports | <p>All user interface controls are operable through a keyboard interface and do not require the use of a mouse with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On some E-Collection pages, the linked PDC logo, which leads to the homepage. • The “X” symbol for the Close button in the hamburger menu. |
| 2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A) | Supports | Focus can be moved away from all user interface controls when using only a keyboard interface. |
| 2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A) | Not Applicable | The PDC site does not have keyboard shortcuts that are implemented using only a single letter, punctuation, number or symbol character. |
| 2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A) | Not applicable | The PDC Web site does not contain any time limitations. |
| 2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A) | Not applicable | The PDC Web site does not use animation or information that updates automatically. |
| 2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A) | Supports | The PDC site does not have flashing content. |

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| 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A) | Supports | The PDC site provides a means for bypassing blocks of repetitive content, via landmark roles and/or skip links. |
| 2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A) | Supports | Pages in the PDC Web site have titles that describe the topic or purpose of the page. |
| 2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A) | Supports | Interactive components receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability. |
| 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A) | Partially supports | <p>The purpose of links in the PDC Web site can be determined from the link text alone or from the link text together with its programmatically determined link context, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Share,” “Save” and “Remove” buttons that appear on collection pages. |
| 2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A) | Not Applicable | The PDC site does not rely on multipoint (such as pinch zoom) or path-based (such as swipe) gestures to operate. |

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| 2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A) | Supports | Functionality that can be operated using a single pointer does not execute on a down event (such as a click down). |
| 2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A) | Supports | User interface controls have accessible names / labels that contain the same text as the component's visible label, where applicable. |
| 2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A) | Not Applicable | The PDC site does not include functionality that can be operated by device motion or user motion. |
| 3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A) | Supports | The default human language of pages within the PDC site can be programmatically determined. |
| 3.2.1 On Focus (Level A) | Supports | When user interface controls receive focus, they do not result in a change of context. |
| 3.2.2 On Input (Level A) | Supports | When user interface controls receive input, they do not initiate a change of context. |

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| 3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A) | Partially supports | If an input error is automatically detected, the item that is in error is identified and the error is described to the user in text. In some forms, such as those related to subscriptions, screen readers are not alerted when errors are displayed, however. |
| 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A) | Supports | Sufficient labels or instructions are provided when content requires user input. |
| 4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) | Not applicable | This criterion was originally adopted to address problems that assistive technology had directly parsing HTML. Assistive technology no longer has any need to directly parse HTML. Consequently, these problems either no longer exist or are addressed by other criteria. This criterion no longer has utility and is removed. |
| 4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A) | Supports | The name and role for user interface controls can be programmatically determined; states, properties, and values that can be set by the user can be programmatically set; and notification of changes to these items is available to user agents, including assistive technologies. |

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

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| 1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA) | Not applicable | Videos are not present on the PDC Web site. |
| 1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA) | Not applicable | Videos are not present on the PDC Web site. |
| 1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA) | Supports | The PDC site does not restrict their view and operation to a single display orientation, such as portrait or landscape. |
| 1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA) | Partially supports | The purpose of each input field collecting information about the user can be programmatically determined, but these fields do not include the autocomplete attribute. |

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| 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA) | Partially supports | <p>The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 with surrounding colors in most areas of the PDC site, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Back to top” links on some pages. • Buttons in the membership management forms. • A few foreground/background color patterns in subscription management forms (red or orange text over white backgrounds; dark-blue text over light-blue backgrounds). |
| 1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA) | Supports | Text can be resized 200 percent without loss of content or functionality. |
| 1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA) | Supports | Images of text are represented by alt text or by text on the page. |

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| 1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA) | Partially supports | <p>Content is presented without loss of information or functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions at a minimum width equivalent to 320 CSS pixels and at a minimum height equivalent to 256 CSS pixels, with the following exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In some areas of the site, such as Products or E-Collection, content flows out of the viewport and requires horizontal scrolling to be revealed. |
| 1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA) | Partially supports | <p>The visual presentation of user interface components and graphical objects have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 with surrounding colors with the following exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The white “X” symbol for the Close button in the hamburger menu over the light-gray background. |
| 1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA) | Supports | <p>No loss of content or functionality occurs by setting line spacing to at least 1.5 times the font size, spacing following paragraphs to at least 2 times the font size, letter spacing to at least 0.12 times the font size and word spacing to at least 0.16 times the font size.</p> |

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| 1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA) | Supports | Where the pointer hover or keyboard focus triggers additional content to become visible, the new content is dismissible, hoverable and persistent. |
| 2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA) | Supports | The PDC site provides more than one way to locate a specific Web page within a set of Web pages. |
| 2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA) | Supports | Headings and labels that describe the topic or purpose of content and controls are present in the PDC site. |
| 2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA) | Supports | The keyboard focus indicator is visible on all user interface elements found in the PDC Web site. |
| 3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA) | Does not support | The human language of foreign-language passages or phrases found on the PDC site cannot be programmatically determined. |
| 3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA) | Supports | Navigational mechanisms that are repeated on multiple pages within the PDC Web site occur in the same relative order each time they are repeated. |
| 3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA) | Supports | Components that have the same functionality within the PDC site are identified consistently. |

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| 3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA) | Supports | Suggestions are provided to the user if an input error is automatically detected and suggestions for correction are known. |
| 3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA) | Supports | Financial transactions on the PDC Web site can be reviewed, checked and confirmed prior to submission. |
| 4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA) | Supports | Status messages can be programmatically determined through role or properties such that they can be presented to the user by assistive technologies without receiving focus. |

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