

W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Conformance Statement

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Name of Product: SharePoint Online

Description of Product: SharePoint Online is a cloud-based service, hosted by Microsoft, that can be used by individuals, teams and organizations to intelligently discover, share, and collaborate on content from anywhere and on any device.

Platform: Web

Accessibility website: Microsoft Accessibility

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WCAG 2.1 Conformance Requirements

Criteria	
1. Conformance Level	
2. Full pages	
3. Complete processes	
4. Only Accessibility-Supported Ways of Using Technologies	
5. Non-Interference	

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1

Principle 1: Perceivable

Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.

Guideline 1.1 Text Alternatives

Provide text alternatives for any non-text content so that it can be changed into other forms people need, such as large print, braille, speech, symbols or simpler language.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content: All non-text	Supported	
content that is presented to the user		
has a text alternative that serves the		
equivalent purpose, except in		
situations listed in WCAG 2.1 1.1.1.		

Guideline 1.2 Time-based Media

Provide alternatives for time-based media.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only	Not Applicable	
(Prerecorded): For prerecorded		
audio-only and prerecorded video-		
only media, the following are true,		
except when the audio or video is a		
media alternative for text and is clearly		
labeled as such:		
 Prerecorded Audio-only: An 		
alternative for time-based media is		
provided that presents equivalent		
information for prerecorded audio-		
only content.		
 Prerecorded Video-only: Either an 		
alternative for time-based media or an		
audio track is provided that presents		
equivalent information for		
prerecorded video-only content.		
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded):	Not Applicable	
Captions are provided for all		
prerecorded audio content in		
synchronized media, except when the		
media is a media alternative for text		
and is clearly labeled as such.		
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media	Not Applicable	
Alternative (Prerecorded): An		
alternative for time-based media or		
audio description of the prerecorded		
video content is provided for		
synchronized media, except when the		
media is a media alternative for text		
and is clearly labeled as such.		
1.2.4 Captions (Live): Captions are	Not Applicable	
provided for all live audio content in		
synchronized media.		
1.2.5 Audio Description	Not Applicable	
(Prerecorded): Audio description is		
provided for all prerecorded video		
content in synchronized media.		

Guideline 1.3 Adaptable

Create content that can be presented in different ways (for example simpler layout) without losing information or structure.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.1 Info and Relationships: Information, structure, and relationships conveyed through presentation can be programmatically determined or are available in text.	Supported With Exceptions	For the Classic SharePoint Online experience, info and relationship for the "Show More" link is not mapped properly. This link has not been defined as a child of the search filter it follows within the Search results. Info and relationship for Alerts dialogs (alert me and manage alerts), legacy survey forms (new and edit) and version history experiences have not been mapped properly. The form titles and error messages are not associated with the response fields. The tooltip contains the appropriate questions and acts as a workaround. For the Classic SharePoint Online experience, labels are not programmatically mapped to people and lookup form fields. Proper heading structure is not implemented in "Add group members" pane, the "Edit View" page in List Settings, and the "Page templates" pane in the page creation process.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence: When the sequence in which content is presented affects its meaning, a correct reading sequence can be programmatically determined.	Supported	
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics: Instructions provided for understanding and operating content do not rely solely on sensory characteristics of components such as shape, size, visual location, orientation, or sound.	Supported	
1.3.4 Orientation: Content does not restrict its view and operation to a single display orientation, such as portrait or landscape, unless a specific display orientation is essential.	Supported	

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose: The	Supported	
purpose of each input field collecting		
information about the user can be		
programmatically determined when:		
The input field serves a purpose		
identified in the Input Purposes for		
User Interface Components section;		
and		
The content is implemented using		
technologies with support for		
identifying the expected meaning for		
form input data.		

Guideline 1.4 DistinguishableMake it easier for users to see and hear content including separating foreground from background.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.1 Use of Color: Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Supported With Exceptions	On the Site Analytics page, the number of "Views" column in the table is solely represented by means of color.
1.4.2 Audio Control: If any audio on a Web page plays automatically for more than 3 seconds, either a mechanism is available to pause or stop the audio, or a mechanism is available to control audio volume independently from the overall system volume level.	Supported	
 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum): The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1, except for the following: Large Text: Large-scale text and images of large-scale text have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1; Incidental: Text or images of text that are part of an inactive user interface component, that are pure decoration, that are not visible to anyone, or that are part of a picture that contains significant other visual content, have no contrast requirement. 	Supported With Exceptions	In the settings for blogs on Classic SharePoint, the selected item in the dropdown for selecting Post Layout does not have a 4.5:1 luminosity ratio with its background.

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• <u>Logotypes:</u> Text that is part of a logo or brand name has no minimum		
contrast requirement.		
1.4.4 Resize text: Except for captions and images of text, text can be resized without assistive technology up to 200	Supported	
percent without loss of content or functionality.		
1.4.5 Images of Text: If the	Supported	
technologies being used can achieve the visual presentation, text is used to convey information rather than images of text except for the following: • <u>Customizable:</u> The image of text can be visually customized to the user's requirements; • <u>Essential:</u> A particular presentation		
of text is essential to the information		
 being conveyed. 1.4.10 Reflow: Content can be presented without loss of information or functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions for: Vertical scrolling content at a width equivalent to 320 CSS pixels; Horizontal scrolling content at a height equivalent to 256 CSS pixels; Except for parts of the content which require two-dimensional layout for usage or meaning. 	Not Supported	At a 320 x 256 CSS pixel viewport, the M365 suite navigation, SharePoint Site Header, and SharePoint Command bar cover the majority of the screen and do not scroll away. On the SharePoint Start Page, in viewports 512 CSS Pixels wide or smaller, the "Create site" and "Create news post" buttons disappear from the command bar, and content such as who authored specific news posts is removed from the cards in the "News from Sites" and "Frequent Sites" sections. In viewports 320 CSS Pixels wide or
		smaller, the title of the SharePoint site may be clipped depending on length, the "More options" button in the comments section of SharePoint Pages becomes overlaid on the "like" button, the main content of the "Share this site" pane is obscured by other content, and

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		the content of the "Send this page by email" dialog does not reflow properly.
		In viewports 430 CSS Pixels wide or smaller, the main content of the "Create new Page" dialog is obscured by other content.
		Page editing is blocked in viewports 640 CSS pixels wide or smaller.
 1.4.11 Non-Text Contrast: The visual presentation of the following have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 against adjacent color(s): User Interface Components Visual information used to indicate states and boundaries of user interface components, except for inactive components or where the appearance of the component is determined by the user agent and not modified by the author; Graphical Objects Parts of graphics required to understand the content, except when a particular presentation of graphics is essential to the information being 	Supported	
 1.4.12 Text Spacing: In content implemented using markup languages that support the following text style properties, no loss of content or functionality occurs by setting all of the following and by changing no other style property: Line height (line spacing) to at least 1.5 times the font size; Spacing following paragraphs to at least 2 times the font size; Letter spacing (tracking) to at least 0.12 times the font size; Word spacing to at least 0.16 times the font size. 	Supported	
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus: Where receiving and then removing pointer hover or keyboard focus	Supported	

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triggers additional content to become		
visible and then hidden, the following		
are true:		
Dismissable		
A mechanism is available to dismiss		
the additional content without moving		
pointer hover or keyboard focus,		
unless the additional content		
communicates an input error or does		
not obscure or replace other content;		
Hoverable		
If pointer hover can trigger the		
additional content, then the pointer		
can be moved over the additional		
content without the additional		
content disappearing;		
Persistent		
The additional content remains visible		
until the hover or focus trigger is		
removed, the user dismisses it, or its		
information is no longer valid.		

Principle 2: Operable

User interface components and navigation must be operable.

Guideline 2.1 Keyboard Accessible

Make all functionality available from a keyboard.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
2.1.1 Keyboard: All functionality of the content is operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings for individual keystrokes, except where the	Supported With Exceptions	Some drag-n-drop operations are not supported via keyboard but an alternative way to accomplish the same task is provided.
underlying function requires input that depends on the path of the user's movement and not just the endpoints.		Some tooltips are not available via keyboard only but are read out by screen readers: - Activity on the SharePoint Start Page - Follow button on the SharePoint Start Page.
		The clear operation depicted as "x" on some text boxes is not accessible via keyboard. The workaround for keyboard users is to use backspace or CTRL+A + delete.

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		On Classic Lists, the more options button for list items cannot be reached by keyboard alone and the radio button options for choosing who has access to the list are not operable with keyboard alone. When inserting files into Blog posts in Classic SharePoint, the "Browse" button cannot be operated by keyboard alone. In Classic Document Libraries, items in the More Actions submenu for list items are navigated using tab instead of arrow keys.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap: If keyboard focus can be moved to a component of the page using a keyboard interface, then focus can be moved away from that component using only a keyboard interface, and, if it requires more than unmodified arrow or tab keys or other standard exit methods, the user is advised of the method for moving focus away.	Supported	of arrow keys.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts: If a keyboard shortcut is implemented in content using only letter (including upper- and lower-case letters), punctuation, number, or symbol characters, then at least one of the following is true: Turn off A mechanism is available to turn the shortcut off; Remap A mechanism is available to remap the shortcut to use one or more non-printable keyboard characters (e.g. Ctrl, Alt, etc). Active only on focus The keyboard shortcut for a user	Supported	
interface component is only active when that component has focus.		

Guideline 2.2 Enough TimeProvide users enough time to read and use content.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable: For each	Supported	
time limit that is set by the content,		
at least one of the following is true:		
• <u>Turn off:</u> User is allowed to turn off		
time limit before encountering it; or		
• Adjust: The user is allowed to		
adjust the time limit before		
encountering it over a wide range		
that is at least ten times the length		
of the default setting; or		
• Extend: The user is warned before		
time expires and given at least 20		
seconds to extend the time limit		
with a simple action (for example,		
"press the space bar"), and the user		
is allowed to extend the time limit at		
least ten times; or		
• <u>Real-time Exception:</u> The time limit		
is a required part of a real-time		
event (for example, an auction), and		
no alternative to the time limit is		
possible; or		
• <u>Essential Exception:</u> The time limit		
is essential and extending it would		
invalidate the activity; or		
• 20 Hour Exception: The time limit is		
longer than 20 hours.		
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide: For	Supported	
moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-		
updating information, all of the		
following are true:		
• Moving, blinking, scrolling: For any		
moving, blinking or scrolling		
information that (1) starts		
automatically, (2) lasts more than		
five seconds, and (3) is presented in		
parallel with other content, there is a		
mechanism for the user to pause,		
stop, or hide it unless the		
movement, blinking, or scrolling is		
part of an activity where it is		
essential; and		
• <u>Auto-updating:</u> For any auto-		
updating information that (1) starts		

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automatically and (2) is presented in parallel with other content, there is a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it or to control the frequency of the update unless the auto-updating is part of an activity where it is essential.		

Guideline 2.3 Seizures

Do not design content in a way that is known to cause seizures.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below	Supported	
Threshold: Web pages do not		
contain anything that flashes more		
than three times in any one second		
period, or the flash is below the		
general flash and red flash		
thresholds.		

Guideline 2.4 Navigable

Provide ways to help users navigate, find content, and determine where they are.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks: A mechanism is available to bypass blocks of content that are repeated on multiple Web pages.	Supported	
2.4.2 Page Titled: Web pages have titles that describe topic or purpose.	Supported	
2.4.3 Focus Order: If a Web page can be navigated sequentially and the navigation sequences affect meaning or operation, focusable components receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability.	Supported With Exceptions	For the Classic SharePoint Online experience, focus order is not logical on the Search control. It first goes to the search box, then to the magnifier/search icon, then to the arrow to open the scope dropdown. Work around is to tab again to reach the scoped search options. In Classic SharePoint keyboard focus goes to the background elements for some Alerts dialogs (alert me and manage alerts).
		Focus order is not logical for Classic

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		SharePoint Lists, and when the "Save this view" dialog in Classic SharePoint lists is opened, focus goes directly to the Cancel button.
		For Blogs in Classic SharePoint, Focus order is not logical when editing blog posts and focus jumps to the site ribbon after a post is liked.
		In the Classic SharePoint Site Creation process, Focus order does not operate as expected when navigating the "Collaboration", "Enterprise", and "Publishing" tabs in the Select a Template section.
		In the Classic SharePoint page editing work flow, there is a hidden element in the Ribbon which receives focus.
		In Classic SharePoint, some custom dropdown controls receive focus twice (once for the current value and a second time for the button to expand the dropdown).
		In the create site pane, focus does not start with the first interactive form control.
		In the Site Usage page under Site Contents, all interactive elements can be reached with keyboard, but the Focus order does not always match the visible layout.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context): The	Supported With Exceptions	On Classic SharePoint pages, there
purpose of each link can be		are two links with the label of "Edit",
determined from the link text alone or from the link text together with its		requiring users to rely on context to discern their purpose.
programmatically determined link		discernation purpose.
context, except where the purpose of		
the link would be ambiguous to users in general.		
2.4.5 Multiple Ways: More than one	Supported	
way is available to locate a Web page		

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
within a set of Web pages except where the Web Page is the result of, or a step in, a process.		
2.4.6 Headings and Labels: Headings and labels describe topic or purpose.	Supported With Exceptions	In the Site Features Table on the Site Features page in Classic SharePoint Settings, the relevant feature is not read as part of the label for individual "Activate" and "Deactivate" buttons, though this relationship can be inferred by the structure of the table itself.
2.4.7 Focus Visible: Any keyboard operable user interface has a mode of operation where the keyboard focus indicator is visible.	Supported	

Guideline 2.5 Input ModalitiesMake it easier for users to operate functionality through various inputs beyond keyboard.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures: All functionality that uses multipoint or path-based gestures for operation can be operated with a single pointer without a path-based gesture, unless a multipoint or path-based gesture is essential.	Supported	
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation: For functionality that can be operated using a single pointer, at least one of the following is true: No Down-Event The down-event of the pointer is not used to execute any part of the function; Abort or Undo Completion of the function is on the up-event, and a mechanism is available to abort the function before completion or to undo the function after completion; Up Reversal The up-event reverses any outcome of the preceding down-event; Essential	Supported	

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
Completing the function on the		
down-event is essential.		
2.5.3 Label in Name: For user	Supported	
interface components with labels that		
include text or images of text, the		
name contains the text that is		
presented visually.		
2.5.4 Motion Actuation:	Supported	
Functionality that can be operated by		
device motion or user motion can		
also be operated by user interface		
components and responding to the		
motion can be disabled to prevent		
accidental actuation, except when:		
Supported Interface		
The motion is used to operate		
functionality through an accessibility		
supported interface;		
Essential		
The motion is essential for the		
function and doing so would		
invalidate the activity.		

Principle 3: Understandable

Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.

Guideline 3.1 Readable

Make text content readable and understandable.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
3.1.1 Language of Page : The default human language of each Web page can be programmatically determined.	Supported	
3.1.2 Language of Parts: The human language of each passage or phrase in the content can be programmatically determined except for proper names, technical terms, words of indeterminate language, and words or phrases that have become part of the vernacular of the immediately surrounding text.	Supported	

Guideline 3.2 Predictable

Make Web pages appear and operate in predictable ways.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
3.2.1 On Focus: When any	Supported	
component receives focus, it does		
not initiate a change of context.		
3.2.2 On Input: Changing the	Supported With Exceptions	When editing navigation in Classic
setting of any user interface		SharePoint, focus moves to the top
component does not automatically		of the page if the Cancel button is
cause a change of context unless		selected.
the user has been advised of the		
behavior before using the		When editing Communication Site
component		pages using Edge, focus returns to
		the beginning of page after selecting
		the Edit button.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation:	Supported	
Navigational mechanisms that are		
repeated on multiple Web pages		
within a set of Web pages occur in		
the same relative order each time		
they are repeated, unless a change		
is initiated by the user.		
3.2.4 Consistent Identification:	Supported	
Components that have the same		
functionality within a set of Web		
pages are identified consistently.		

Guideline 3.3 Input AssistanceHelp users avoid and correct mistakes.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
3.3.1 Error Identification: 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.	Supported With Exceptions	Info and relationship for Alerts dialogs (alert me and manage alerts), legacy survey forms (new and edit) and version history experiences have not been mapped properly. The form titles and error messages are not associated with the response fields. The tooltip contains the appropriate questions and acts as a workaround. In Classic SharePoint Calendars, error messages for the "Title" and "Select People and Groups" fields can be reached when navigating in scan mode but are not announced using ARIA alerts.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
		In Classic SharePoint Lists, error
		messages are not announced by
		ARIA alerts when required fields are
		blank.
		In the Classic SharePoint Site
		Creation process, when creating
		Subsites, the error message
		presented when the URL name field
		is left blank is not announced using
		ARIA alerts, but can be reached in
		scan mode.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions: Labels	Supported	
or instructions are provided when		
content requires user input.		
3.3.3 Error Suggestion: If an input	Supported	
error is automatically detected and		
suggestions for correction are		
known, then the suggestions are		
provided to the user, unless it would		
jeopardize the security or purpose		
of the content.		
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal,	Supported	
Financial, Data): For Web pages		
that cause legal commitments or		
financial transactions for the user to		
occur, that modify or delete user-		
controllable data in data storage		
systems, or that submit user test		
responses, at least one of the		
following is true:		
1. Reversible: Submissions are reversible.		
2. Checked: Data entered by the user is checked for input errors and		
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the user is provided an opportunity to correct them.		
3. Confirmed: A mechanism is		
available for reviewing, confirming,		
and correcting information before		
finalizing the submission.		

Principle 4: Robust

Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.

Guideline 4.1 Compatible

Maximize compatibility with current and future user agents, including assistive technologies.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
4.1.1 Parsing: In content implemented using markup languages, elements have complete start and end tags, elements are nested according to their specifications, elements do not contain duplicate attributes, and any IDs are unique, except where the specifications allow these features. 4.1.2 Name, Role, Value: For all user interface components	Supported With Exceptions Supported With Exceptions	Some <div> elements on the Classic SharePoint Team site homepage have duplicate ids. For the Classic SharePoint Online experience, the scoped search</div>
(including but not limited to: form elements, links and components generated by scripts), the name and role 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.		navigation button on the Search control does not have localized control type or control state defined correctly. The localized control type is set as 'Link' and the IsExpandCollapse property is set to false. In Classic SharePoint Team Site pages, there are two navigation regions which are not given unique names. In Classic SharePoint, when editing pages, the Insert Tab in the ribbon does not have a role of tab. In Classic SharePoint, when creating a new page, the tabs in the "Select a template" tab panel do not have a role of tab. There is an empty iframe on Classic Team Site homepages and Classic list that does not have a title or role="none". In Classic SharePoint lists, the Open Menu, Share, and Delete menu items do not have a role of menu item. When using Tile View in Document

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
		communicate their state to screen readers.
		When creating or editing an event in the Events Webpart, the button to view the year picker is labeled with only the current year which does not indicate that selecting it will open options to choose the year for the event.
		The New Item pane in SharePoint Lists has a role of dialog but does not have a name defined.
		On The SharePoint Start Page, when users unfollow a site listed under "Following", the site is removed from the list which means users are not updated about the state change for the control.
		On The SharePoint Start Page, when users select the See All Links under "News", "Frequent Sites", or "Suggested Sites", the page change is not announced because the current page is re-rendered to the new page using JavaScript rather than initiating a true page load in the browser.
		Names, Roles, and Value are not properly defined for the text editor in the Code Snippet Webpart. However, screen reader users are able to include and edit code snippets in SharePoint pages using the Markdown webpart.
		In the Edit View Settings for lists, the expandable content areas for "Columns", "Sort", "Filter", "Tabular View", and "Group by", do not announce whether they are expanded or collapsed.

Criteria	Supporting Feature	Remarks and Explanations
4.1.3 Status Messages: In content implemented using markup languages, 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.	Supported	

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