

# 100 Days of A11y

Getting started with web accessibility

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# Hello, World!



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# Timeline

- ◆ **May 1, 2017** — 1st round of 100 Days of A11y
- ◆ **Nov 30, 2018** — 2nd round of 100 Days of A11y (WAS study)
- ◆ **May 18, 2019** — Earned WAS certification
- ◆ **Nov 4, 2019** — Began CPACC study
- ◆ **Dec 19, 2019** — Took CPACC exam
- ◆ **Jan 24, 2020** — CPACC certified / CPWA certified

# 1st Round of 100 Days of A11y

*May 1, 2017*

- **Basis:** Alexander Kallaway's 100 Days of Code
- **Guidelines:** 1 hr/day, tweet, keep a log
- **Roadmap:** none; made up as I went
- **Goals:** Read > Learn > Take Action
- Read: books, online W3C docs, laws
- Took coursework
- ID24 Talk on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/Qpy35qtdBuo>
- Got involved in my State's web accessibility

# 2nd Round of 100 Days of A11y

*Nov. 30, 2018*

- **Basis:** last round
- **Guidelines:** same as 1st round
- **Roadmap:** WAS Body of Knowledge
- **Goal:** fill in accessibility knowledge; certification a plus
- Launched <https://100daysofa11y.com>
- Earned certification (May 18, 2019)
- Helped others
- Improved accessibility in my division; brought additional training to my state

# Journey Addendum

*CPACC Exam — CPWA Certification*

- Why not??
- Continual learning
- Big plans for work

Should you get certified?

Maybe... or maybe not.

Should you commit to 100 days?

Maybe... or maybe not.



## My advice...

*You can do it!*

- Start today.
- Get to know other allies.
- Listen to people with disabilities.
- Commit yourself — make the time.
- Set up automated tests.
- Learn (and do) manual checks.
- Get familiar with laws & recs.
- Everyone's journey looks a little different.
- Keep learning.

# Resources: Online Reading/Examples

- WebAIM: [webaim.org](https://webaim.org)
- W3C-WAI: [w3.org/WAI](https://w3.org/WAI)
- A11y Project: [a11yproject.com](https://a11yproject.com)
- Inclusive Components: [inclusive-components.design](https://inclusive-components.design)
- ID24 (YouTube): [youtube.com/channel/UCweRb-Dck2CfVrkeb51JXOQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCweRb-Dck2CfVrkeb51JXOQ)
- 100 Days of A11y: [100daysofa11y.com](https://100daysofa11y.com)

# Resources: Books

- *Accessibility for Everyone* | Laura Kalbag
- *A Web for Everyone: Designing Accessible User Experiences* | Sarah Horton & Whitney Quesenbery
- *Inclusive Design* | Heydon Pickering
- *Inclusive Components* | Heydon Pickering

# Resources: Tools

- WebAIM WAVE browser extension: [wave.webaim.org](https://wave.webaim.org)
- Web dev tools (Firefox & Chrome)
- Bookmarklets & extensions (landmarks, forced focus, web dev toolbar)
- W3 validator: [validator.w3.org](https://validator.w3.org)
- Checklists (WebAIM): [webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist](https://webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist)

# Resources: Online Conversations



Twitter #a11y:

[https://twitter.com/search?q=%23a11y&src=typed\\_query](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23a11y&src=typed_query)



A11y Slack group (request an invite)

# Say Hello!



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