

THE PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT CHECKLIST

CONTENT & HTML

- ☐ Author copy that is well-written and makes sense when read aloud
- ☐ Choose semantically-appropriate elements
- ☐ Use Microformats to fortify HTML's gaps
- ☐ Use classification to group elements serving the same function
- ☐ Identify landmark elements

CSS

- ☐ Double check your compound selectors
- ☐ Organize your CSS rules with the cascade in mind
- ☐ Hide groups of advanced CSS rule sets from older browsers
- ☐ Use Conditional Comments to handle IE issues
- ☐ Make sure you've accounted for alternate media and contexts

JAVASCRIPT

- ☐ Ensure all JavaScript is “unobtrusive”
- ☐ Make sure all content is accessible and all necessary tasks can be completed without JavaScript turned on
- ☐ Use JavaScript to generate any additional markup it needs
- ☐ Use JavaScript to enable script-related styles
- ☐ Delivered scripts *à la carte* whenever possible

ACCESSIBILITY

- ☐ Use ARIA landmarks where appropriate
- ☐ Use ARIA roles and states to provide users with more detail about widgets
- ☐ Use [tabindex](#) to control a user's journey through the page

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