

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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