

THE PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT CHECKLIST

CONTENT

- Avoid zombie copy
- Design meaningful content
- Craft the conversation
- Plan for the unknown
- Write for real people
- Consider content beyond copy
- Keep data entry conversational
- Don't fill space

MARKUP

- Learn from the past
- Illuminate your content
- Mean what you say
- Embrace classification & identification
- Make deliberate markup choices
- Clarify interfaces with ARIA
- Understand fault tolerance

DESIGN

- Design systems, not pages
- Don't design yourself into a corner
- Understand how CSS works
- Start small and be responsive
- Focus on standards
- Design defensively
- Hide content responsibly
- Consider the experience with alternate media and inputs
- Embrace default styles

INTERACTION

- Anticipate potential issues so you can avoid them
- Design a baseline
- Program defensively
- Establish minimum requirements for enhancement
- Cut your losses
- Build what you need
- Describe what's going on
- Write code that takes declarative instruction
- Adapt the interface
- Apply no styles before their time
- Enhance on demand
- Look beyond the mouse
- Don't depend on the network

