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Checking the Accessibility of your Site with Accessibility Toolbars for Firefox

The Firefox web browser supports a number of toolbar add-ons that can be used to check the accessibility of your website. Two of these toolbars are the Web Developer Toolbar and the WAVE toolbar available from WebAIM.

To check the accessibility of your website with the Web Developer Toolbar:

2. Open the website you want to check in Firefox.
3. On the Web Developer Toolbar, select Tools, Section 508.
You will then see a full report of your site’s Section 508 compliance as determined by the Cynthia Says service.

To check your website’s accessibility using the WAVE toolbar:

1. Install the WAVE toolbar by visiting http://wave.webaim.org with your Firefox web browser.
2. Once the toolbar is installed, visit the website you want to check with Firefox and select Tools, Process with wave.webaim.org.

Your website will open with embedded icons that will point out accessibility errors and accessibility features.
3. To learn more about the icons, choose icons key at the top of the screen and then click on any icon to get a more detailed explanation of the accessibility problem or feature it describes.

To For additional tutorials, please visit our website at http://etc.usf.edu/techease/4all/.