

The 2019 ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium: Perfecting Traditional Methods, Tackling Emerging Interfaces

Tuesday, Wednesday October 1 & 2, 2019

Workshops: Monday September 30

Bootcamp-Style Instructional Courses: Monday September 30,
(and potentially Thursday, Friday October 3 & 4)

Partnership for Public Service Conference Center, Washington, DC, USA

Call for Proposals

Submission deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019

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This year sees continued growth in our field, and accordingly the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Testing Symposium is growing too. From our first event in 2016 to our third event in 2018 we have almost tripled in attendance. Accordingly, for 2019 we have an expanded committee structure and are again expecting, again, the largest gathering of accessibility testing professionals anywhere in the World this coming October.

Our conference themes this year include (but are certainly not limited to) to perfecting traditional methods of accessibility testing and tackling new and emerging interface technologies.

We continue to focus our event on scientific and practical discussions. Collectively, as experienced accessibility professionals, we recognize the need to encourage growth. We welcome newcomers to the field, with optional bootcamp style instructional courses before (and potentially after) the event. We also offer optional workshops to provide new learning opportunities for seasoned professionals. The symposium program tracks and workshops will include designations for all audience levels (beginner/intermediate/advanced).

We welcome national and international submissions from all sectors, including disability associations, academia, government, industry, industry associations, and nonprofits. We look forward to your proposals and look forward to meeting you in October for the fourth annual symposium.

*Sincerely, Dr. Chris M. Law, Chair,
& Matt Feldman, Co-Chair,
2019 Symposium Committee*

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Submissions

Research, development, and practice submissions are welcome under the following testing themes and domains.

Testing method themes

- WCAG 2.0
- WCAG 2.1
- Section 508 Refresh / Revision
- Trusted Tester
- Automated Testing
- Manual testing tools
- Standards
- *Emerging Interface tools*
- Other / Cross-Cutting / Interdisciplinary

Testing management themes

- Governance and implementation of testing in the systems development lifecycle
- Management of testing teams
- Testing and procurement
- Test results and their use in organizational maturity assessments
- Testing and organizational policies
- Other / Cross-Cutting / Interdisciplinary

Program area themes

- ICT Vendors and customers
- Government (Federal, State, Local)
- Educational Sector
- Legal Sector
- Healthcare & Health Informatics
- Testing as a profession
- Provision of training to testers
- Other / Cross-Cutting / Interdisciplinary

Testing Domains

- Websites and Web Applications
- Enterprise & Desktop Software
- Cloud Computing
- Electronic Documents
- Multimedia
- Closed products (kiosks, ATMs etc.)
- Mobile Websites
- Mobile Applications (*emerging*)
- Wearables (*emerging*)
- Gaming (*emerging*)
- Voice interfaces (*emerging*)
- Virtual Reality (*emerging*)
- Other / Cross-Cutting / Interdisciplinary

Submission requirements, format, and where to submit

For all submission formats, prepare a 1,000-word description, and indicate your preferred format, thematic area(s) and testing domain.

Authors are *strongly* encouraged to cite/reference—in addition to other published works—past papers from the preceding three years of the Symposium. Copies of past symposium proceedings can be found at: <https://ictaccessibilitytesting.org/Programs.html>

The submission deadline is **Friday, May 31**.

Submit your proposal at the symposium website: www.ictaccessibilitytesting.org

Notifications, and inclusion in the Proceedings

The lead author of successful submissions will be notified by **July 12, 2019**, with final ‘camera ready’ papers due by **August 30, 2019**. Camera ready papers are subject to the page limits given in the table below. Authors will be provided with a template for generating a consistent, accessible format for camera ready papers.

The proceedings for this event will be published online and in hard copy form. Both the accessible electronic copy and the hard copy will be included in the symposium registration. For reference, previous symposia proceedings can be downloaded from the 'Program' page of the symposium website: <https://ictaccessibilitytesting.org/Programs.html>

The following presentation formats will be available in the preconference and two-day symposium:

Format	Session length	Proceedings page limit
Papers	30-45 minutes each	8 pages
Competition papers	Based on number of entries, 15-30 minutes	6 pages, plus optional short attachments
Panel Discussions	60-80 minutes	2 pages
Hands-on workshops / Hackathons	Half day or Full day	2 pages
Bootcamp-Style Instructional Courses:	One, two or three days	4 pages

Additional notes on workshops and hackathons

1. Workshop submissions relating to this year's symposium highlights are particularly encouraged (Perfecting Traditional Methods, such as automated and manual testing of websites and electronic documents; and Tackling Emerging Interfaces, such as mobile apps, wearables, voice interfaces, gaming and virtual reality).
2. For bootcamps and workshops/hackathons, internet and power connections will be provided for all presenters and participants. Computer equipment for participants is not provided (participants can bring their own device).
3. All bootcamp and workshop/hackathon presenters will also need to submit a workshop outline by **Tuesday, July 16** and provisional agenda for publication in the July 19 Preliminary Program.

Student travel bursaries

USD \$1,500 student travel stipend / bursaries *may* be available to help cover costs of travel, accommodation and registration (based on sponsorship interest).

To be eligible for a travel stipend / bursary, students must:

- Be currently enrolled full or part time in a higher education institution;
- Have their submission accepted as lead author; and
- Indicate on the submission form they wish to be considered for a travel bursary.

Notifications of being awarded a travel bursary will be made at the same time as authors are notified. In the event that more applications are received than bursaries available, committee review scores of symposium proposals and of competition placeholder sites will determine allocations.

Sponsorship opportunities

We welcome three types of sponsorship opportunity:

- Sponsor of student travel bursaries;
- Sponsor of awards (best paper, best presentation, competition winners);
- Sponsor of symposium events

Please contact the Awards Chair to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.

Please also note that this event does not feature opportunities for commercial demonstrations or exhibits.

Build-Your-Own Website Tool Competition

The 2019 Competition theme is *Build-Your-Own Website Tools*. We know that there are plenty of Build-Your-Own (BYO) website authoring tools being advertised to small business owners and hobbyists. Do they generate accessible websites? Can they? *Let's find out!*

The 2019 Site theme is *Guide Dogs Running a Business*. Are you a TOP DOG in the field of Accessibility Testing? Are you a TENACIOUS Accessibility hound looking to make a difference? *Then the 2019 ICT Competition is for you!*

The entry form will be open until the maximum number of entries (6) are received.

Fill in the entry form, and find the full competition Rules and Requirements at:
[https://ictaccessibilitytesting.org/ICT2019 Competition Entry.php](https://ictaccessibilitytesting.org/ICT2019%20Competition%20Entry.php)

Venue & Registration

Venue

The Symposium will be held at the

Partnership for Public Service Conference Center, Washington, DC
1100 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200 East, Washington, DC 20005

Note: This is the same venue as for the 2017 Symposium

Registration

The two-day conference fee will be \$400

Preconference workshops/hackathons: half day, \$150; full day, \$300

Bootcamp-style Instructional Courses: \$500 per day

Note: Student, academia, and non-profit discounts will be offered. Group discounts for Instructional Courses will be available (contact the Program Chair for inquiries).

Registration for attending the symposium will be via the conference website and will open on July 19 and close on September 27.

Please note: There is no on-site registration; this event is in-person and will not be streamed online.

2019 Symposium Committee

- For general inquiries, email the Symposium Chairs: info@ictaccessibilitytesting.org
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General Symposium Dates

The 2019 ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium: Perfecting Traditional Methods and Tackling Emerging Interfaces

Preliminary program available:	Friday, July 19
Symposium registration opens:	Friday, July 19
Last day to...	Friday, September 6
• Last day to request disability accommodations	
• Last day to guarantee spots in preconference sessions	
Provisional program available:	Monday, September 2
Final program available:	Monday, September 23
Symposium registration closes:	Friday, September 27
Bootcamp-style Courses:	Monday, 30 September, and optionally October 3 & 4
Workshops and hackathons:	Monday, 30 September
Symposium:	Tuesday, 1 October Wednesday, 2 October

Proposal Submission Dates for 2019

Call for Proposals announced:	Wednesday, March 20
Proposals (1000 words) due:	Friday, May 31
Acceptance notifications to all authors:	Friday, July 12
Accepted workshop descriptions due:	Tuesday, July 16
Accepted submissions deadline:	Friday, August 30
• Camera-ready papers due	
• At least one author must be registered for the symposium	

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