

Atlas Systems Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5)

Name of Product/Version: Ares 5.0

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Product Description: The Ares system automates library reserve services, provides around-the-clock access to reserves collections, includes integrated copyright management services, and saves time for faculty members and library staff.

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Notes: This report is an update to the previous December 1, 2015 report for Ares 5.0. It has been updated to incorporate the new WCAG format and was evaluated against the September 2024 default and LMS default web page releases.

Evaluation Methods Used: automated WCAG accessibility validators (WAVE browser plugin), screen readers (NVDA, VoiceOver), contrast ratio calculators from WebAIM, keyboard

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (No) Level AA (No) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (No) Level AA (No) Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	Ares provides text alternatives for non-text content that is not purely decorative in nature.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not make use of any multimedia presentations internally. Content provided by the licensee may not be supported.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not make use of any multimedia presentations internally. Content provided by the licensee may not be supported.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not make use of any multimedia presentations internally. Content provided by the licensee may not be supported.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, information, structure, and relationships conveyed through presentation can also be programmatically determined or are available in text.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Ares provides logical reading sequences for content.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, instructions for operating content do not solely rely on sensory characteristics.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	Ares does not use color as the only visual means of conveying information.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not use audio for operation or information

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		retrieval.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Partially Supports	There is some support for keyboard navigation. However, the Ares default LMS web pages do not provide keyboard access to submenus within the navigation menu.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	Ares does not trap keyboard focus.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not use time limits.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Not Applicable	Ares does not have moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating information.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	Ares user interfaces do not flicker.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	Ares has multiple mechanisms to skip blocks of content, including a skip to main content link and ARIA landmarks.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	Ares web pages use descriptive page titles to describe topic or purpose.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Ares web pages provide a logical focus order.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, the purpose of all default links included in the web interface can be determined within the requirements of the criterion.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	Ares webpages specify a default value for the lang attribute on the html element.

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3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, changing or moving focus does not initiate a change in context.
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, changing the setting of user interface components does not automatically cause a change of context.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	Default error messages provided by the Ares server provide descriptive feedback which includes items in error and error description, but some message content is customizable by the organization.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	In Ares, content that requires user input has corresponding labels or instructions.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’ WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata and the WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata .
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Partially Supports	The Hot List checkbox on the Reserve Items and My Hot List tables does not have a screen reader accessible label.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Ares does not make use of any multimedia presentations internally. Content provided by the licensee may not be supported.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Ares does not make use of any multimedia presentations internally. Content provided by the licensee may not be supported.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	In Ares, text that is not part of the list of exceptions noted in the criterion have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1.
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	Web content, including text elements, can be resized via user agent zoom functionality and Ares does not inhibit this functionality. Page content is still complete and usable when resized.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	Ares minimizes use of images of text except for instances where the intended presentation is considered essential or not feasible via CSS styling.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Does Not Support	The navigation menu is the only means of reaching most web pages that are not the result of, or a step in, a process.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	Headings and labels provided in Ares describe the topic or purpose of their associated content.

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2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The toolbar buttons for the rich text editor found within the message board feature have no focus indicators. Otherwise, Ares does not interfere with browser default focus indicators.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports	In Ares, default text content uses the default human language of the web page as specified in the lang attribute of the html element on each rendered web page.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	In Ares, the navigation bar links are present in their respective relative order throughout the web pages.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Ares uses specific labels and icons consistently throughout the web pages to identify functional components that appear repeatedly.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	Default error messages provided by the Ares server provide descriptive feedback which includes items in error, error description, and suggestions for correction where relevant. Some message content is customizable by the organization.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	Ares satisfies error prevention constraints.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.2.9 Audio-only (Live) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.4.8 Visual Presentation (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.2.3 No Timing (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG

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		AAA standard.
2.2.4 Interruptions (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.2.5 Re-authenticating (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.3.2 Three Flashes (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.4.8 Location (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
2.4.10 Section Headings (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.1.3 Unusual Words (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.1.4 Abbreviations (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.1.5 Reading Level (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.1.6 Pronunciation (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
3.2.5 Change on Request (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.3.5 Help (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.
3.3.6 Error Prevention (All) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	The product has not been evaluated against WCAG AAA standard.

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