

The New York Times Company Accessibility Conformance Report, WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5)

Name of Product/Version	The New York Times Core News Website
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Product Description	The New York Times Core News Website
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Notes	<p>We evaluated “The New York Times Core News Website” accessibility by considering the following user flows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homepage & Global Elements• Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)• Section• News event• Interactive article• Login <p>The following recurring components were also identified across the user journeys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Header• Footer• Footer Bottom
Evaluation Methods Used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBT (Tool-Based Testing): UsableNet AQA automatic evaluations• ATP (Assistive Technology Previews): UsableNet AQA tools helping manual tests grayscale, text spacing, accessibility labels• MAT (Manual Accessibility Testing): Keyboard testing with visual focus; Videos; Screen Reader Testing; Inspection

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 (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) 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

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Partially Supports	<p>Test methods: TBT; ATP; MAT</p> <p>"Header" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative text is not meaningful • Form control accessible name is not meaningful • SVG element without alternative <p>"Footer" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVG element without alternative <p>"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decorative image has an alternative text • Alternative text is not meaningful • Image with aria-hidden="true" attribute is not decorative • Linked image missing alt attribute • SVG element without alternative <p>"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decorative image has an alternative text • Alternative text duplicated in the page • Alternative text is not meaningful • Button without text • Image with aria-hidden="true" attribute is not decorative • Image with empty alternative text • Linked image missing alt attribute • SVG element without alternative <p>The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Section", "News event"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative text is not meaningful • SVG element without alternative <p>"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative text is not meaningful • An informative content has been added using images • Bar charts are not accessible

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Remarks and Explanations

- Button without text
- Element with role img missing alternative text
- Form control doesn't have an accessible name
- Image with empty alternative text
- Informative SVG element is marked as decorative
- Polling average charts are not accessible
- SVG element without alternative
- Submit input type without text

"Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- SVG alternative text is not meaningful
- SVG element without alternative

[1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only \(Prerecorded\)](#)
(Level A)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:

"Homepage & Global Elements",
"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)"

- Video-only element in the page without a meaningful text alternative or an audio track

[1.2.2 Captions \(Prerecorded\)](#)
(Level A)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:

"Homepage & Global Elements",
"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)"

- Captions are not provided for prerecorded audio
- Subtitles have been used within a VIDEO tag but omit content

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" <ul style="list-style-type: none">An alternative (captions or audio description) of the prerecorded video content is not provided

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Partially Supports	<p>Test methods: TBT; ATP; MAT</p> <p>"Header" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Element with aria-controls attribute refers to a missing element • H3 element has been used for visual effect <p>"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom sections are loaded on scroll • Carousel is not accessible • Component is not implemented as an alert dialog • Elements not in a list • FIGURE element is not appropriate • H1 element has been used for visual effect • Heading or strong tag has not been used to style an element • Image slider is not accessible • Image/video captions are hidden to assistive technologies • Mega menu structure is not appropriate • Named generic container • Navigation landmark without accessible name • Order of headings is not correct • Page contains 1 stray end tag "head" • Single item list is not appropriate • Site index regions are not appropriate • TABLE with TH in a table with scope layout <p>"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accordions are not accessible • Carousel is not accessible • Component is not implemented as an alert dialog • Duplicated ID attribute value • Elements not in a list • FIGURE element is not appropriate • H1 element has been used for visual effect • H3 element has been used for visual effect • Image slider is not accessible

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image/video captions are hidden to assistive technologies • Incorrect child element in list • Incorrect parent element in list • Navigation landmark without accessible name • Order of headings is not correct • Page contains 1 stray end tag "head" • Single item list is not appropriate • TABLE with TH in a table with scope layout • Tab implementation is not appropriate <p>"Section" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Sign up" buttons are not implemented properly • Elements not in a list • FIGURE elements are not implemented properly • H2 element has been used for visual effect • H6 element has been used for visual effect • Incorrect child element in list • Infinite scroll functionality is not fully accessible • Main navigation toggle not in a landmark • Navigation landmarks are not implemented properly • Nested list is not appropriate • Order of headings is not correct • Ordered list not appropriate • Pagination is not functional • Search form nested into active tab • Tab implementation is not fully accessible <p>"News event" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIGURE elements are not implemented properly • Incorrect child element in list • Incorrect parent element in list • Infinite scroll functionality is not fully accessible • Main navigation toggle not in a landmark • Navigation landmarks are not implemented properly • Nested list is not appropriate

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Remarks and Explanations

- Ordered list is not appropriate
- Pagination is not functional
- Tab implementation is fully accessible

"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Chart is not accessible
- Elements not in a list
- Form control is not associated with a text label
- H4 element has been used for visual effect
- Incorrect child element in list
- Incorrect parent element in list
- Main navigation toggle not in a landmark
- Missing level two heading
- Multiple main elements
- Order of headings is not correct
- Overall assistive technology exposure is not correct
- Polling average table is not accessible
- Polling miss table is not accessible
- Sections of the page are loaded on scroll
- Single state polling average section must be improved
- TABLE with TH in a table with scope layout
- Table header contains no text
- Table with expando rows is not accessible
- Toolbar role is not appropriate

"Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Order of headings is not correct

[1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence](#)
(Level A)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Section", "News event", "Interactive article"

- The order of the content is not in a meaningful sequence

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls have been described only by visual or auditory cues
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information in images is conveyed only using color
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Button element can not be operable via keyboard "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A drag and drop element is not operable via keyboard "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functionality is not operable through a keyboard interface
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Not Applicable	Test methods: TBT The analyzed pages don't contain time limits set by the content.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: MAT "Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock market info can't be paused • Video can't be paused • Video-only media can't be paused "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video can't be paused • Video-only media can't be paused
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title is not meaningful
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; ATP; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "Section", "News event", "Login", "Interactive article" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusable components do not receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability

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[2.4.4 Link Purpose \(In Context\)](#)
(Level A)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; ATP

The following recurring components do not fully support this criterion:
"Header", "Footer"

- Link is not meaningful within the context

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Homepage & Global Elements",
"Section"

- Empty link
- Link is not meaningful within the context

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "News event", "Interactive article", "Login"

- Link is not meaningful within the context

[2.5.1 Pointer Gestures](#)
(Level A 2.1 and 2.2)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Multipoint or path-based gestures can't be operated with a single pointer without a path-based gesture

[2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation](#)
(Level A 2.1 and 2.2)

Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

[2.5.3 Label in Name](#)
(Level A 2.1 and 2.2)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; ATP

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Homepage & Global Elements",
"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)"

- Accessible Name does not contain the visible label of the link

"Section" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Accessible Name does not contain the visible label of the form control

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: MAT "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing an active control opens a new window
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Not Applicable	Test methods: TBT The analyzed pages do not contain user interface components causing change of context.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Interactive article", "Login" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labels or instructions don't let users know which input data is expected
3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Not Applicable	Test methods: TBT The analyzed pages don't contain multi-step forms.

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Remarks and Explanations

[4.1.2 Name, Role, Value](#)
(Level A)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

"Header" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:

- Control has not been properly managed

"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Accessible name of link can not be programmatically determined
- Control has not been properly managed
- Link with aria-hidden="true" and negative tabindex value has not been properly managed

"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Aria-hidden="true" attribute has been improperly set to link
- Control has not been properly managed
- Form control doesn't have an accessible name

"Section" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Accessible name of link can not be programmatically determined
- Iframe name is not meaningful
- Name of iframe can not be programmatically determined

"News event" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- The role="menu" is not appropriate for the current element or its descendants are not properly managed

"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Aria-hidden="true" attribute has been improperly set to link
- Control has not been properly managed
- Form control doesn't have an accessible name
- Iframe has been improperly removed from the accessibility tree

Criteria

Conformance Level

Remarks and Explanations

- The role="menu" is not appropriate for the current element or its descendants are not properly managed

"Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Control has not been properly managed
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Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video without an alternative audio description
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The autocomplete attribute value is not appropriate for the field "Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The autocomplete attribute value is not appropriate for the field • The purpose of input field collecting information about the user is not programmatically determined

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Partially Supports	<p>Test methods: TBT; MAT</p> <p>"Header" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements without background specified <p>"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Clear" button does not contrast enough • Not enough contrast between text and its background • Not enough contrast between text and its background img or background gradient • Placeholder text does not contrast enough <p>"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Clear" button does not contrast enough • Not enough contrast between text and its background • Not enough contrast between text and its background img or background gradient <p>"Section" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placeholder text does not contrast enough <p>"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough contrast between text and its background • Not enough contrast between text and its background img or background gradient <p>"Login" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough contrast between text and its background on elements of the page

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "News event" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resizing visually rendered up to 200 percent causes the text, image or controls to be clipped, truncated, obscured or not resized The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Interactive article", "Login" <ul style="list-style-type: none">Page zoom is constrained or not totally adjustable
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "News event", "Interactive article" <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reflow is not properly working

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[1.4.11 Non-text Contrast](#)
(Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- The contrast ratio of Graphical Objects is not sufficient
- The contrast ratio of the visual information necessary to indicate state is not sufficient

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "Login"

- The contrast ratio of the visual information necessary to indicate state is not sufficient

The following user flows do not fully support this criterion:
"Section", "News event"

- The contrast ratio of Graphical Objects is not sufficient

"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- The contrast ratio of Graphical Objects is not sufficient
- The contrast ratio of User Interface Components is not sufficient

[1.4.12 Text Spacing](#)
(Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

"Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Loss of content due to text style properties

[1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus](#)
(Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)

Partially Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:

- Content on hover or focus is not perceivable

[2.4.5 Multiple Ways](#)
(Level AA)

Supports

Test methods: TBT; MAT

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Partially Supports	<p>Test methods: TBT; ATP</p> <p>"Header" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button is not meaningful • Empty heading <p>"Footer Bottom" recurring component does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading is not meaningful <p>"Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button is not meaningful • Heading is not meaningful <p>The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "Interactive article"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button is not meaningful • Empty button • Heading is not meaningful <p>"Section" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading is not meaningful <p>"News event" user flow does not completely support this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button is not meaningful
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Partially Supports	<p>Test methods: TBT; MAT</p> <p>The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "Interactive article"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus indicator is not visible

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sticky component hiding focused item "Interactive article" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component hiding focused item Sticky component hiding focused item
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Element functionality using a drag and drop feature cannot be achieved by a single pointer without dragging
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following recurring components do not fully support this criterion: "Footer", "Footer Bottom" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link target size is too small "Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link target size is too small "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The form control target size is too small
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)", "Section", "News event", "Interactive article" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words of indeterminate language

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Homepage & Global Elements" user flow does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigation not consistent within a set of other web pages
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT "Footer" recurring component does not completely support this criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links with same location have different accessible name The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Homepage & Global Elements (Mobile)" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links with same location have different accessible name
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Interactive article", "Login" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An input error is automatically detected but the suggestion is not meaningful
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	Test methods: TBT; MAT The following user flows do not fully support this criterion: "Homepage & Global Elements", "Section", "News event", "Interactive article", "Login" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status messages are missing or not valid

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