

Transcript: SCULPT for Accessibility

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[View of college students working in a computer lab.]

Hello. Welcome to The Accessibility Series by Collin College's eLearning Center. This video will cover the acronym SCULPT. The acronym SCULPT stands for: Structure, Color and contrast, Use of images, Links, Plain English, and Table structure. They are the six basic things to consider when making content accessible.

Structure refers to headings and styles. You will want to incorporate built-in headings and styles where applicable. Using these heading styles makes it easier for those with visual disabilities to navigate documents while using a screen reader.

Colour and contrast refers to the contrast between text and background colors. You will want to use a strong contrast so that those with visual disabilities can perceive the content.

Use of images refers to using alternative (or alt) text on your images. You will want to include alt text to describe each of your images. Using alt text allows those with visual disabilities and using a screen reader to read the content contained in the images.

Links refers to the naming of hyperlinks. When those with visual disabilities are using a screen reader, they will pull up a menu with a list of all the document's referenced hyperlinks. You will want to provide a clear and accurate title for your hyperlinks so that they can tab through the separate menu and visit the websites after reading the main document's content.

Plain English refers to writing clearly and simply for the appropriate audience. By writing with the reader in mind, those using a translator or those with cognitive disabilities are more likely to understand the content.

Table structure refers to using a simple table structure. Using a simple table structure will help ensure that screen readers can accurately read the information for those with visual disabilities.

For more information, visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sculpt. Thank you.

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