

How Well is the Publishing Industry Implementing Accessibility?

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Who Are We?



DAISY Consortium: Membership, Standards, Tools
(EPUBCheck, Ace, SMART)

InclusivePublishing.org: Accessible Publishing News,
Events, Resources & Advice

Inclusive Publishing?



Our definition of Inclusive Publishing:

The methodology and practice of creating a single, typically commercial publication which can be accessed by everyone irrespective of print disability, using mainstream or specialist assistive technology.

Survey – December 2018



Focus on the content creation process: accessibility, validation and adherence to standards within.

A community snapshot asking the question:

“Are we adopting best practice?”

EPUB Accessibility 1.0



- Important specification for the accessibility publishing community
- EPUB 3 for content creation
- 62% of publishers surveyed are adhering to the EPUB 1.0 Accessibility Specification

Automated Validation Systems



54% of publishers surveyed are using or plan to use (in the near future) automated systems to assess accessibility

Ace by DAISY is being built into workflows

Manual Validation of EPUB Files



85% of publishers responding use manual validation

What type of manual validation can you include in your quality assurance testing?

Resources for Best Practice



Every kind of resource is required!

Lots more coming to [InclusivePublishing.org](https://www.inclusivepublishing.org)

New DAISY initiative devised to deliver a wider range of resources:

Inclusive Publishing Partner

Takeaways



- As an industry we are doing well
- EPUB 3 is the best option
- Ace by DAISY is providing reassurance
- There is a great desire to do the right thing because “accessible publishing is good publishing.”

Time for Questions?

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