# Selecting Web Accessibility Tools Update - Planning

## Purpose

* The purpose for the [Selecting Web Accessibility Evaluation Tools](https://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/selectingtools) document is to provide our audience with information to consider when selecting a tool to evaluate web sites for accessibility.
* Explain the detailed info categories/filters in the [Tools List.](https://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/tools/)
* Warn what tools can't do (e.g., some things need manual, most need knowledgeable human).

## Audience

* Our primary audience is web designers, developers, QA testers, and anyone looking for tools to test web sites for accessibility.

## Current Documents

* [Selecting Web Accessibility Evaluation Tools](https://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/selectingtools)
* [Web Accessibility Evaluation Tools List](https://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/tools/)

## Recommended Approach

* Reduce approximately 50% of the page's word count
* Information should be easy to skim at a glance
* Create a document with reduced information, then link off for more "in-depth" information if needed. This would allow for basic information to be available easily without having to face a "wall of text" as well as providing more information for people that need it.  
  [Question: Do you foresee having separate page with more in-depth info?]
* Introduction should serve as TL>DR and hit main points of the page.  
  [+1 yes!]
* Move "What tools do/don't do" away from introduction.  
  [Need this to be up front and prominent. We think it can be cut it down significantly, and probably combined to one section. If not in intro, we think the first section after it.]
* Move "Features of tools" up immediately after introduction
* Align "Features" with "Detailed info" available in the "Tools list" page
* This document is not about how or when to use evaluation tools. It is about what to consider when selecting a tool. The entire section of "Usages of evaluation tools" could be reduced to one paragraph.  
  [Looks like some of this info is useful for understanding the different types of tools and for selecting tools. Consider if you want to integrate that part of the information in the Features section.]
* Consider creating a more in-depth page of usages of evaluation tools if useful to provide further information.

## Proposed New Outline

<h2> Introduction

<h3> Disclaimer

[Maybe this can just be one short paragraph of intro and not need heading?]

<h2> Features

<p>Short intro paragraph

<dl>Definition list with each of the details available on "Tools list" page:  Guidelines, Assists by, Authoring tools, Automatically checks, Language, API, Browser Plugin, Supported formats, Online service, Report format, License, Accessibility information

[We think these would be better as headings rather than a <dl>]

<h2> What to expect from evaluation tools

<h3> What they do

<h3> What they don't do

[per above, we think make this one short section, and up front]

<h2> Further considerations

<p>A few short paragraphs

## Target Delivery date (subject to change)

* Prepare Draft 11 September – 17 September
* Draft ready for Review Team 18 September – 14 September
* Review Team/Editor Iterations 25 September – 01 October
* One week review cycle and feedback 02 October – 08 October
* Final Draft ready for EOWG Thorough Review 09 October – 15 October