Dear WAI Interest Group,

W3C WAI invites you to comment on a version 1.0 APA Group Note: Accessibility Maturity Model

Work will continue on the Maturity Model after the 1.0 note is released. Therefore, we continue to invite comments as W3C members and the public explore implementation in more detail.

Overview:

The Accessibility Maturity Model (AMM) describes an overall framework for establishing a robust ICT accessibility program and identifying areas for improvement. The Accessibility Maturity Model is a tool that:

* Assesses the current effectiveness and capabilities of an entire organization or subunits within the organization
* Supports identification of gaps between the current capabilities and the next level of accessibility maturity
* Supports plans for next steps to improve the organization's accessibility performance over time

The approaches identified in this document are intended to influence organizational accessibility programs to advance the accessibility focus from getting a product or website accessible to creating an environment where the entire product experience can be kept accessible over time. This evolution towards proactive accessibility is relevant to all parts of an organization that contribute either directly or indirectly to developing a product experience.

Seeking input:

We continue to encourage broad review from a cross-disability perspective. This 1.0 note incorporates substantial revisions made in response to various stakeholders' comments on the previous Working Drafts. These comments led to adding additional details and definitions as well as clarifying the document's scope.

Comments:

Please open a new issue in the [document's GitHub repository](https://github.com/w3c/maturity-model/issues/new) to comment

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If it's not feasible to use GitHub, you may send comments via e-mail to: [public-maturity@w3.org](mailto:public-maturity@w3.org)

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Regards,

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