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AI + HUMAN COLLABORATION: THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ACCESSIBILILITY



WHERE AI CAN HELP

Pattern Recognition

- Al can identify common accessibility barriers across all digital content
- This helps to accelerate the initial assessment of files, websites, and applications

Automated Processing

- Al can perform routine tasks such as tagging images, generating alt text
- This allows accessibility experts to focus on more complex tasks

Predictive Capabilities

- Al can suggest improvements based on historical data and best practices
- This enables proactive enhancement of digital accessibility

WHERE AI STRUGGLES

Knowledge Application

 Al still struggles to consistently map content to the correct aspect of standards such as PDF/UA or WCAG2ICT

Real-world Experience

• Al struggles to deal with the many layers of what makes content digitally accessible such as tagging, format, color contrast, readability, etc.



HUMAN + AI COLLABORATION

Workflow Integration

 Al tools can be integrated into existing accessibility workflows to support experts throughout the process

Partnership Benefits

 AI helps to handle repetitive tasks while humans provide contextual understanding and skillful judgment

Collaborative Model

- Al acts as an augmentative tool, empowering accessibility professionals rather than marginalizing their role
- Together, humans and AI can achieve a higher level of accessibility for all users

PRACTICAL STEPS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

Phased Implementation

 Start with pilot projects to assess AI tools and their impact on existing accessibility workflows

Getting Started

- Identify specific areas where AI can provide immediate support
- Train accessibility experts to work alongside Al technologies

Timeline Information

• Establish a clear timeline for deployment, monitoring, and evaluation to ensure continual improvement

Success Factors

• Regular feedback and adjustment crucial to maximizing the benefits



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