

Visiting the Awareness Lab

Technology like computers, smartphones, and the Internet can provide a life-changing level of independence for people with disabilities...if it's accessible.

There are guidelines and laws that stipulate what qualifies digital content as accessible or inaccessible, but until you understand how people with disabilities actually use technology, it is hard to know how accessibility issues may occur. This is where the Accessibility Awareness Lab comes in.

Each station in the lab focuses on a specific type of disability or assistive technology. Each station includes one or more activities for you to perform, earning you a stamp in your Lab Book.

How to experience the lab:

- Visit each station in any order.
- Review the printed tabletop materials to understand the technology and challenges.
- Complete the exercises.
- Ask the volunteer any questions you may have.
- Stamp the back of this passport upon completion of each station.
- Now go visit the lab!

What is A11Y?



Now that you have had a glimpse into the world of digital accessibility

We hope you will remember that these experiences do not replace the need to engage with real people with disabilities. When you have the opportunity, get to know someone with a disability, ask them about their experiences. Listen closely to them when they explain their needs, challenges, and ideas. Ask questions. Never assume that you fully understand the perspective of what it is like to have a disability and never stop learning.

Not sure what to ask? Here are some examples to kick things off:

- What do you like to do for fun?
- Do you use assistive technology? If so, what type and how?
- Are there any accessibility challenges in your daily life? What are they and how do you overcome them?
- What would you like others to know about accessibility?
- What is your current job?

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