Inclusive Publishing Initiative

Problem

According to the World Blind Union, less than 10% of publications are in formats that are usable by people with blindness, low vision or other reading disabilities.

Publishers are not clear and unified on the exact set of features and techniques needed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

Main activities of the DAISY Consortium

- **Support the DAISY community**: provide expertise and technologies to support accessible reading and publishing services

- **Extend the DAISY community**: expand accessible reading services in developing and industrialized nations

- **Enable accessible mainstream publishing**: support various mainstream publishers and content developers so that all publications are accessible from the start

DAISY Inclusive Publishing Initiative

DAISY Consortium's work on inclusive publishing is being accelerated by a grant from the **Google Impact Challenge: Disabilities** program

1000+ proposals

$20M in funding

25 grantees

Publishers: "How do we make our publications accessible to persons with disabilities?"

Agreement needs to be reached on the baseline features:

- It is not easy
- We must be practical
- We must push the bar higher

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Project Scope (1 of 2)

- Leading the development and adoption of the first global, industry-wide specification (the "**Accessibility Baseline**") for accessible publications

- This will provide minimum requirements, clear guidance for publishers, and assurance to consumers on what they can expect

Project Scope (2 of 2)

- Developing **new tools** that will assist with validating file accessibility and support clear and consistent accessibility metadata

- Ensure that **reading tools** can utilize the accessibility features

- Establishing an **online hub** to publish the Accessibility Baseline and resources for publishers

Impact

The **Accessibility Baseline** for e-books, tools for publishers and information for consumers will enable an enduring inclusive publishing ecosystem.

Accessible publications will reach millions of consumers worldwide.

Reading System Testing

epubtest.org - IDPF, BISG, DAISY Collaboration

Fundamental accessibility tests available now

Call to Action

- Review EPUB 3.1: http://idpf.org/epub/31/spec/epub-spec.html

- Check out EPUB for Education: http://idpf.org/edupub

- Comment on editor's draft of conformance & discoverability requirements: http://www.idpf.org/epub/a11y/

- Conduct reading system tests, results are at http://www.epubtest.org

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More information

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