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ILIAS LMS Accessibility Progress Statement

Introduction

ILIAS recognises the importance of accessibility in a digital learning environment. Online learning environments are utilised by a wide range of users, including those with disabilities, and those who come from differing social, cultural, and educational backgrounds.

In line with the European Commission's Web Accessibility Directive (2016), ILIAS is committed to providing its users with an equitable and inclusive learning environment. The requirements of the Directive can only be met if websites and mobile apps are designed according to specific technical accessibility standards.

Steps towards WCAG compliance

ILIAS has partnered with global accessibility specialists ADWebKey to undertake testing and auditing of the Learning Management System. Audits were undertaken in May 2021 and September 2021. Testing against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1), ADWebKey identified a number of accessibility issues present in the LMS. These issues in the first audit included:

- Keyboard access: Using a mouse is not possible or presents difficulty for users with low vision and certain physical impairments. Therefore, it is vital that all elements on a webpage are able to be correctly accessed and interacted with using a keyboard only.
- Target sizing: On mobile devices, small targets may be difficult to see and pinpoint for users with low vision, dexterity impairments, or cognitive limitations.
- Timing limits: Users progress through pages at different speeds. Timing limits can cause a user's progress through a form to be lost, or the user simply being unable to read the content on the page by the end of the allotted time.

At present, ILIAS LMS has not reached conformance with WCAG 2.1 at the Level AA. At the second audit, testing of a specified part of the LMS was undertaken. Minimal compliance issues were identified, indicating progress towards, and a commitment to the eventual compliance of the LMS with WCAG 2.1 (Level AA).

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