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Audio-only (Live)



“I can see the excitement, but I can't understand why everyone is laughing.”

Who this helps: Deafness, Hard of Hearing

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An alternative for time-based media is provided for all live audio content in synchronized media.

Principle 1: Perceivable

Guideline 1.2: Time-based Media

What each role can do

Product manager

Provide a real-time text alternative, such as live captioning, for every live audio-only broadcast.

Designer

Place the live transcript next to the audio player, with controls to pause scrolling and resize the text.

Developer

Stream the live text into an updating region that works with braille displays and screen magnifiers.

Tester

Test the live transcript during a real broadcast for accuracy, delay and readability.

Once it is fixed



“Your live captions are like having a front-row seat at every event. I'm not missing a beat, thanks to you!”

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told by the person it helps.

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