



SUCCESS CRITERION 1.4.12 · LEVEL AA

Text Spacing



“I give my letters
room to breathe, and
your buttons chop
the words in half.”

Who this helps: Dyslexia, Low Vision

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No loss of content or functionality occurs when users increase line height, paragraph spacing, letter spacing and word spacing.

Principle 1: Perceivable

Guideline 1.4: Distinguishable

What each role can do

Product manager

Require layouts to survive user-adjusted text spacing.

Designer

Avoid fixed-height text containers; leave room for text to grow.

Developer

Let containers grow with content; avoid fixed heights and overflow: hidden on text.

Tester

Apply the WCAG text-spacing bookmarklet and check for clipped or overlapping text.

Once it is fixed



“My spacing, your layout,
zero clipped words. Reading
feels calm again!”

WCAG Quotes

Every WCAG 2.2 success criterion,
told by the person it helps.

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