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Pointer Gestures



“Pinch to zoom? I use a head pointer. I've got one point of contact, and it's doing its best.”

Who this helps: Motor Impairments

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Anything that uses multipoint or path-based gestures can also be operated with a single pointer without a path-based gesture.

Principle 2: Operable

Guideline 2.5: Input Modalities

What each role can do

Product manager

Require a single-tap alternative for every gesture.

Designer

Add visible controls, such as plus and minus buttons, next to swipe and pinch interactions.

Developer

Provide click or tap equivalents for pinch, multi-finger and swipe-path gestures.

Tester

Operate every gesture-driven feature with a single pointer and no dragging.

Once it is fixed



“Plus and minus buttons!
One tap and I'm zooming
like everyone else.”

WCAG Quotes

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

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