



SUCCESS CRITERION 2.5.2 · LEVEL A

Pointer Cancellation



“My hand shook, I brushed 'Delete', and it was gone before I could lift my finger.”

Who this helps: Motor Impairments, Tremor

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Actions fire on the up-event, and can be aborted or undone, so accidental touches can be cancelled.

Principle 2: Operable

Guideline 2.5: Input Modalities

What each role can do

Product manager

Require that destructive actions can be cancelled or undone.

Designer

Design so that sliding off a control cancels it; offer undo for important actions.

Developer

Trigger actions on click or pointer-up, never on pointer-down, unless essential.

Tester

Press a control, slide away, release; confirm nothing fires.

Once it is fixed



“I slid my finger away and nothing happened. That's the best nothing ever!”

WCAG Quotes

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