



SUCCESS CRITERION 3.2.1 · LEVEL A

On Focus



“Whoa, what
just happened? I
only tabbed in!”

Who this helps: Visual Impairments, Cognitive Impairments

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When any component receives focus, it does not initiate a change of context.

Principle 3: Understandable

Guideline 3.2: Predictable

What each role can do

Product manager

Avoid actions that would disorient the user when they focus on elements.

Designer

Design interfaces that don't change context when a user simply focuses on a component.

Developer

Make sure no scripts change the context when elements receive focus.

Tester

Test navigation through keyboard focus to ensure it doesn't disrupt the user experience.

Once it is fixed



“Thanks for not throwing curveballs at me. Now, navigating your site is a breeze!”

WCAG Quotes

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

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