

Difficult Web sites demos

This is a list of Web sites that have accessibility problems. The following demos show you practical solutions using Utter Command.

About the demos:

I'm using Firefox and the Firefox mouseless browsing add-on, which puts a small number beside every link. To click a link, say the link number plus the word go, for example "34 Go". Link numbering avoids two issues with spoken links: having to say extra commands when there are multiple links that contain the same words, and accidentally tripping a link when you're typing text into a Web page (when this happens you sometimes lose the text).

You'll see me use the UC Site List commands to go directly to any site, for example "Amazon Site". (To add any site to your site list, go to that site and say "Add Site". You can do several things with the sites on your site list, including using a single command to select a word or phrase in any document, then open a browser and carry out a search narrowed to any site.)

You'll also see me use the UC Keyword List commands to select any Keyword on a Web page or to use a single speech command to go to a field and fill it out with a word you commonly use, like your city. This speeds filling out forms. You can also use the Find keyboard commands to jump to any number in any document -- you'll see me using this to jump to sections on this list.

The workaround of last resort is to use the UC rulers, which allow you to place and/or place and click the mouse using a single speech command.

1. Amazon Site

Problems:

- flyover menus don't have links
- menus don't respond to Down Enter keys

Solution:

- use mouse commands

Utter Command Demo:

Amazon Site

35 By 10 (places mouse and clicks)

37 By

40 By

2. Tiffany International Site

Tiffany Site

Problems:

- some unresponsive links
- lots of flyover information you might not know is there

Solutions:

- use mouse commands for unresponsive links
- use mouse No Touch for flyover information - good news is large targets
- bypass home page

Utter Command Demo:

Tiffany Site
39 Go (Watches)
79 Go (Women's watches)
60 By 15 No Touch
By 35 No Touch
etc.
Touch Twice

3. Switchboard Site

Use Tab, Keyword combined command to speed yourself up

Utter Command Demo:

Switchboard Site
String Instruments
1 Tab Boston
Enter

4. Wacom Site

Problem:

- flyover menus
- menus don't respond to Down Enter keys

Solutions:

- bypass home page with shortcut
- or use mouse No Touch to see flyovers, then Touch to click

5. Evite Site:

(Send free invit./who's in)

Problems:

- some unresponsive links
- missing link numbers
- drop-down No Enter
- some fields no Tabs
- flyover calendar that doesn't respond to Down Enter keys, and no option to type date

Solutions:

- Tab for next field
- use mouse when Tab doesn't work

Utter Command Demo:

Evite Site
32 Go
76 Go
Brunch to solve the world's Web problems
1 Tab
Brunch
1 Tab Kim Patch
1 Tab
617-418-3090

* 1 Tab *Problem: location no Tab from this link -- Workaround: use mouse commands*
Boston's best brunch place
1 Tab
32 Downtown
1 Tab Boston
1 Tab Massachusetts
1 Tab 02131
* 2 Tab *Problem: skips date field -- Workaround: use mouse commands.*
** Problem: can't put in date manually -- Workaround: use mouse No Touch commands*
Cap This is going to be good
This Line
4 Shift Tab · 4 Down · Enter (makes text bigger)

6. Google Site

Google Experimental keyboard shortcuts. These experimental keyboard shortcuts allow you to use a key command to go to the next result. These keystrokes go on to the next page of results automatically.

Utter Command Demo:
Google Experimental Site
Screen Down
3 Go
Google Site
Grasshoppers
Enter
Letter j
Juliet Times 10
Juliet Times 20
Go Bottom

7. British Airways Internat'l Site British Airways Site

Problem: arrow keys don't work with Depart/Return graphic
Solution: enter date into field or use mouse commands to choose date

Utter Command Demo:
35 Go
Boston 2 Tab
New York
Down Enter
4 Slash 14 Slash 08
Tab Space
10 Go