# WCAG 2.1 is on the way!

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# What's wrong with WCAG 2.0?

- The answer to each of the following is "It does, but not completely."

- Why doesn't WCAG 2.0 address mobile?

- Why doesn't WCAG 2.0 address cognitive?

- Why doesn't WCAG 2.0 address low-vision?

WCAG 2.0 ≠ 100% accessible

WCAG 2.1 ≠ 100% accessible

WCAG 3.0 ≠ 100% accessible

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WCAG 5.0 ≠ 100% accessible
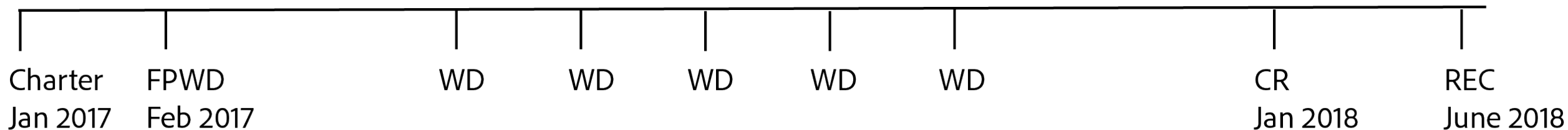
# Why update WCAG 2.0?

- Rise of new technologies, particularly touch-screens makes gaps more impactful

- Changes in technology to support more user needs

We can never make a "perfect" standard, but we can work to close the gaps.

(even as changes in technology create new gaps)

# What about extensions to WCAG 2.0?

- Extensions were expected to decrease uniformity of adoption

- WCAG Working Group re-chartered to enable the publication of WCAG 2.1
  - Renamed the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Working Group
  - New name: Accessibility Guidelines Working Group

# WCAG 2.1 is scheduled to be published mid-2018.

Charter
Jan 2017

FPWD
Feb 2017

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CR
Jan 2018

REC
June 2018

- WCAG 2.0 will remain unchanged

- The W3C doesn't control policies that reference WCAG
  - Policies will be able to reference WCAG 2.1
  - Exact timing to be determined by policy groups

- Task forces for Mobile, Cognitive, and Low-vision

- 60+ proposals for new Success Criteria submitted

- First Public Working Draft published February 28, 2017
  - http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/

- **Normative criteria**
  - 4 principles, 12 guidelines, 61 success criteria (25 A, 13 AA, 23 AAA)

- **Non-normative supporting documents**
  - Techniques and failures
  - Understanding document

# "Just tell us what will be in WCAG 2.1!"

- Nothing is final at this time.

- Resizing content – considering increasing the resizing percentage to 400%.
- Graphics Contrast – considering setting a contrast ratio for graphical objects
- Interruptions – considering adding a requirement to postpone interruptions

- https://github.com/w3c/wcag21/issues
  - (issues 1-82 include proposals for new SC)

# Goals for WCAG 2.1

- Provide additional Success Criteria to help more people

- Ensure that new Success Criteria are testable and implementable

- Maintain technology independent nature

- Backward compatible with WCAG 2.0

# How you can help

- Review Working Drafts as available
  - Expecting monthly working drafts
  - https://www.w3.org/WAI/about/announcements.php


- Submit comments via GitHub or email


- Join the AG WG to help more directly!