

## Terms of Reference

Last Updated Friday, 23 September 2005

This section of the developer's manual discusses aspects of usability and accessibility as it pertains to Joomla!

Our brief definition of Accessibility and Usability:

Accessibility:

Determines if the site and its content can be accessed by people with various disabilities.

Usability:

A measure of how easy it is to use a particular website, whether or not a user has a disability.

We will also discuss other web standards and best practices.

In other words:

- Accessibility is focused on the access needs of people with disabilities.
- Usability is focused on everyone's access needs.

By focusing on both accessibility and usability, we are aiming to make sites that everyone can access, including those using older/different technologies (hardware, software, connections), or other "specific" needs.

We accomplish both by using standards such as (x)html, css, wcag/508, and following best practices.

In theory, an accessible site is a usable site, but that is not always the case. This is why it is important to consider both accessibility & usability.