

Starter Kit – Accessibility Database Icons

Scope and Background

In order to improve discoverability of accessible content, image-based icons representing various accessibility functions will be applied to relevant video databases. Often, walls of text are not engaging for users, including those who experience various disabilities. Instead, image-based icons embedded into the A-Z database webpage can provide multiple ways for users to access and interact with this content.

For example, image-based icons may be helpful for people with cognitive, neurodevelopmental, and learning disabilities. Visual icons can support learning new skills, easing comprehension, following instructions, simplifying complex information, and aiding in recall.

The following icon categories are intended to be applied to video databases, but can be expanded to include additional resources or sections of the website as appropriate.

“One or more” philosophy:

We applied an icon to a database when at least one or more characteristics were present. For example, if a database had content in at least one language other than English then we applied the “content in other language(s)” icon label to it. Another example would be if a database had at least one or more display or navigation settings (such as playback speed) then we applied that icon to it.

Icon Categories

Captioned Video

Definition: Textual description of the words spoken, the speaker of the words, and relevant sounds is present.

When to apply this icon: Any type of captions (open or closed) or subtitles are present for some or all videos in the database.

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Multiple Languages Available

Definition: Languages other than English.

When to apply this icon: Some or all videos in the database have content available in languages other than English.

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Transcript Available

Definition: Textual representation of the audio featured within a video. Transcripts may be present as auto-scrolling or static text.

When to apply this icon: Some or all videos in the database have transcripts available.

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Described Video

Definition: Narration of important visual elements is present via audio description.

When to apply this icon: Some or all videos in the database have described video available.

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Video Settings Available

Definition: The video player has customizable settings and playback features (such as sizing, fonts, colours, playback speed, skip buttons).

When to apply this icon: Some or all videos in the database have at least one or more display or navigation settings available.

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SpringShare Documentation

[A-Z List Management: Add, edit, & delete custom database flags](#)

- Text-based icons

[Assets: Add and manage resource icons](#)

- Image-based icons

[A-Z List Management and Look & Feel: Customize the public A-Z Database page](#)

- Icon legend customization