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Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems - Detail

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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations	
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.	Supports	* Dialog boxes are accessible through tabbing  * Menus items can be selected using shortcuts, or by navigating using arrow keys  * Navigation in the 3d spaces can be accomplished by using the arrow keys, the "a", "s", "d", "q", "w", "e" keys, or by using the tab key to navigate through existing landmarks.  * Users can access group text chat by pressing the Enter key.  * Hot keys can be used to navigate through the session participant list and access a private text chat (alt-p).  * Applications like documents added or videos added are launchable using the keyboard (ctrl enter).	
(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.	Supports	The system does not interfere with other accessibility software and it works well with screen magnification systems.	
(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.	Supports	The system supports screen reading systems like Jaws and NVDA for 2d dialog boxes, and menu selection. It also supports location announcements and a way to quickly go from one landmark to another. It also has shortcut keys to location and communicate with other users on the system.	
(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.	Supports with Exceptions	Images are not required to navigate the system. It is possible for end users to add images to the 3d environment which could be explained using a landmark that includes a personal sound recorded description. There is no method in the system for a user to add text that describes the image they added.	
(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.	Supports	There are a few controls that show status.  * a microphone icon that shows color to indicate it is receiving sound.  * a speaker icon next to users name that shows sound is being received  * a push to talk indicator that shows a users microphone is muted until the control key is pressed.  * a webcam Icon that show a webcam is turned on  * a red recording dot that shows that the current session is being recorded  * a chair icon that is used to show a seat is available, or that is available to stand up your 3d avatar (a keyboard shortcut 't' can also be used).  * a network health status indicator that shows the status of the current connection  * an away indicator that shows someone's avatar is marked as away	

(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.	Supports	All text is readable when entered, or by moving the cursor. Field labels are readable by tabbing through 2d dialog boxes. Menu items are readable when navigating a menu or by pressing alt ${\bf f1}$
(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.	Does not Support	to read currently available menu options.  The system UI is created and run through a virtual machine that presents a consistent interface across different operating systems. This UI does not support system OS level changing of fonts or colors or text size. The system works well with screen
(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.	Does not Support	magnification systems.  User added content in the form of a PowerPoint presentation or video is not controlled by the system. Users can of course create a presentation or slide show that does not include animation.
(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Supports	The system does not use color as the only means of conveying information.
(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.	Not Applicable	The system does not allow for the configuration or modifications of 2d UI fonts or colors.
(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	The system does not rely on blinking objects to text to convey meaning
(I) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Supports	* All 2d Dialog boxes support label reading via Jaws and NVDA. * Text entry and navigation on entered values are available through Jaws and NVDA * Menus are read and a list of options are available using Jaws and NVDA * Documents available (user added content) in world are accessible to be downloaded via keystroke to be read on the users computer. * Instant messaging between users is supported through Jaws and NVDA

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Section 1194.22 Web-based intranet and Internet information and applications
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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via	Not Applicable	
"alt", "longdesc", or in element content).		
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be	Not Applicable	
synchronized with the presentation.		
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is	Not Applicable	
also available without color, for example from context or markup.		
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an	Not Applicable	
associated style sheet.		
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-	Not Applicable	
side image map.		
(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps	Not Applicable	
except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric		
shape.		
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	Not Applicable	
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables	Not Applicable	
that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.		
(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and	Not Applicable	
navigation		
(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a	Not Applicable	
frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.		
(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be	Not Applicable	
provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when		
compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-		
only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.		
(I) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create	Not Applicable	
interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified		
with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology.		
(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be	Not Applicable	
present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide		
a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with 1194.21(a) through (l).		
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(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form	Supports	* All 2d Dialog boxes support label reading via Jaws and NVDA. *
shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field		Text entry and navigation on entered values are available
elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the		through Jaws and NVDA
form, including all directions and cues.		* Menus are read and a list of options are available using Jaws
		and NVDA
		* Documents available (user added content) in world are
		accessible to be downloaded via keystroke to be read on the
		users computer.
		* Instant messaging between users is supported through Jaws
		and NVDA
(o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation	Not Applicable	
links.		
(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given	Not Applicable	
sufficient time to indicate more time is required.		

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Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products - Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Telecommunications products or systems which provide a function allowing voice communication and which do not themselves provide a TTY functionality shall provide a standard non-acoustic connection point for TTYs. Microphones shall be capable of being turned on and off to allow the user to intermix speech with TTY use.	Supports	The system supports both private (1 to 1) instant messaging and group (1 to all) instant messaging. The microphone can be turned on and off using the f1 key.
(b) Telecommunications products which include voice communication functionality shall support all commonly used cross-manufacturer non-proprietary standard TTY signal protocols.	Not Applicable	
(c) Voice mail, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems shall be usable by TTY users with their TTYs.	Not Applicable	
(d) Voice mail, messaging, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems that require a response from a user within a time interval, shall give an alert when the time interval is about to run out, and shall provide sufficient time for the user to indicate more time is required.	Not Applicable	
(e) Where provided, caller identification and similar telecommunications functions shall also be available for users of TTYs, and for users who cannot see displays.	Not Applicable	
(f) For transmitted voice signals, telecommunications products shall provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum of 20 dB. For incremental volume control, at least one intermediate step of 12 dB of gain shall be provided.	Supports	Standard VOIP sound adjustments gives incremental control over both microphone and speaker levels.
(g) If the telecommunications product allows a user to adjust the receive volume, a function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.	Supports through Equivalent Facilitation	The system allows each user of the system to set their own settings. These setting remain in effect until the users changes them. Multiple users on the same system have their own settings.
(h) Where a telecommunications product delivers output by an audio transducer which is normally held up to the ear, a means for effective magnetic wireless coupling to hearing technologies shall be provided.	Not Applicable	The system uses the computer sound card and/or headphones to provide sound
(i) Interference to hearing technologies (including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices) shall be reduced to the lowest possible level that allows a user of hearing technologies to utilize the telecommunications product.	Not Applicable	The system uses the computer sound card and/or headphones to provide sound
(j) Products that transmit or conduct information or communication, shall pass through cross-manufacturer, non-proprietary, industry-standard codes, translation protocols, formats or other information necessary to provide the information or communication in a usable format. Technologies which use encoding, signal compression, format transformation, or similar techniques shall not remove information needed for access or shall restore it upon delivery.	Not Applicable	The system provides end to end delivery of sound.
(k)(1) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be tactilely discernible without activating the controls or keys.	Not Applicable	The system does not have hardware specific controls
(k)(2) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls and keys shall be 5 lbs. (22.2N) maximum.	Not Applicable	The system does not have hardware specific controls
(k)(3) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: If key repeat is supported, the delay before repeat shall be adjustable to at least 2 seconds. Key repeat rate shall be adjustable to 2 seconds per character.	Not Applicable	The system does not have hardware specific controls
(k)(4) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: The status of all locking or toggle controls or keys shall be visually discernible, and discernible either through touch or sound.	Not Applicable	The system does not have hardware specific controls

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Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products – Detail Voluntary Product

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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
a) All analog television displays 13 inches and larger, and computer equipment	Not Applicable	
that includes analog television receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped	Not Applicable	
with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and		
displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals. As		
soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2002, widescreen digital		
television (DTV) displays measuring at least 7.8 inches vertically, DTV sets with		
conventional displays measuring at least 13 inches vertically, and stand-alone		
DTV tuners, whether or not they are marketed with display screens, and		
computer equipment that includes DTV receiver or display circuitry, shall be		
equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives,		
decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and		
DVD signals.		
(b) Television tuners, including tuner cards for use in computers, shall be	Not Applicable	
equipped with secondary audio program playback circuitry.		
(c) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which	Supports	User added content in the form of a PowerPoint presentation or
support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain speech or		video is not controlled by the system. Users can create a
other audio information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall		presentation or slide show, or video that includes closed
be open or closed captioned.		captions.
(d) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which	Supports	All users added content can be located in at a landmark. Users
support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain visual		can add personal sounds that play for users when they arrive at
information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be audio		that location.
described.		
(e) Display or presentation of alternate text presentation or audio descriptions	Not Applicable	The use of text or audio is controlled by end users adding
shall be user-selectable unless permanent.		content to the 3d collaboration environment

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Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products – Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Self contained products shall be usable by people with disabilities without requiring an end-user to attach Assistive Technology to the product. Personal headsets for private listening are not Assistive Technology.	Not Applicable	
<ul><li>(b) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.</li></ul>	Not Applicable	
(c) Where a product utilizes touchscreens or contact-sensitive controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not Applicable	
(d) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.	Not Applicable	
(e) When products provide auditory output, the audio signal shall be provided at a standard signal level through an industry standard connector that will allow for private listening. The product must provide the ability to interrupt, pause, and restart the audio at anytime.	Not Applicable	
(f) When products deliver voice output in a public area, incremental volume control shall be provided with output amplification up to a level of at least 65 dB. Where the ambient noise level of the environment is above 45 dB, a volume gain of at least 20 dB above the ambient level shall be user selectable. A function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.	Not Applicable	
(g) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Not Applicable	
(h) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a range of color selections capable of producing a variety of contrast levels shall be provided.	Not Applicable	
(i) Products shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	
(j) (1) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: The position of any operable control shall be determined with respect to a vertical plane, which is 48 inches in length, centered on the operable control, and at the maximum protrusion of the product within the 48 inch length on products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls.	Not Applicable	

(j)(2) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is 10 inches or less behind the reference plane, the height shall be 54 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.	Not Applicable	
(j)(3) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is more than 10 inches and not more than 24 inches behind the reference plane, the height shall be 46 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.	Not Applicable	
(j)(4) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Operable controls shall not be more than 24 inches behind the reference plane.	Not Applicable	

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Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable Computers – Detail Voluntary Product Accessibility Template

Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) All mechanically operated controls and keys shall comply with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not Applicable	
(b) If a product utilizes touchscreens or touch-operated controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not Applicable	
(c) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.	Not Applicable	
(d) Where provided, at least one of each type of expansion slots, ports and connectors shall comply with publicly available industry standards	Not Applicable	

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Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations	
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports	* All 2d Dialog boxes support label reading via Jaws and NVDA. * Text entry and navigation on entered values are available through Jaws and NVDA * Menus are read and a list of options are available using Jaws and NVDA * Documents available (user added content) in world are accessible to be downloaded via keystroke to be read on the users computer. * Instant messaging between users is supported through Jaws and NVDA	
(b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports when combined with Compatible AT	The system works well with screen magnifying systems	
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided	Supports	The system includes both private (1 to 1) instant messaging and public (1 to all) instant messaging. The system also supports many forms of collaboration including:  * text documents  * Whiteboards  * Sticky Notes  * Topic Cards	
(d) Where audio information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.	Supports when combined with Compatible AT	The system uses standard VOIP technology that is compatible with amplifying technology.	
(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people with disabilities shall be provided.	Supports	The system includes both private (1 to 1) instant messaging and public (1 to all) instant messaging. The system also supports many forms of collaboration including:  * text documents  * Whiteboards  * Sticky Notes  * Topic Cards	
(f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided.	Supports	Navigation through the 3d collaboration room can be accomplished by using arrow keys, the "a", "s", "d", "q", "w", "e" keys or by using the right mouse button to navigation. For people that have difficulty moving using those controls we also provide quick navigation indicators above content, and users can select from a list of landmarks to move, or use the tab key to move through all landmarks.	

# Product Accessibility Template

Criteria	Level of Support & Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made	Supports	All reasonable efforts to support disabled users will be provided.
available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge		
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and	Supports	All reasonable efforts to support disabled users will be provided.
compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods		
upon request, at no additional charge.		
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs	Supports	All reasonable efforts to support disabled users will be provided.
of end-users with disabilities.		

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APPENDIX A (of the DoS VPAT/GPAT Checklist)

Suggested Language for Filling out the VPAT/GPAT

In order to simplify the task of conducting market research assessments for procurement officials or customers, ITIC (Information Technology Industry Council) has developed suggested language for use when filling out a VPAT/GPAT. You may choose to employ all or some of the language below. Once you determine what language you intend to use, we recommend that use is consistent throughout all of your VPAT/GPATs.

# Supporting Features (Column 2 on VPAT/GPAT)

#### Supports

Use this language when you determine the product fully meets the letter and intent of the Criteria.

### **Supports with Exceptions**

Use this language when you determine the product does not fully meet the letter and intent of the Criteria, but provides some level of access relative to the Criteria.

# Supports through Equivalent Facilitation

Use this language when you have identified an alternate way to meet the intent of the Criteria or when the product does not fully meet the intent of the Criteria

### Supports when combined with Compatible AT

Use this language when you determine the product fully meets the letter and intent of the Criteria when used in combination with Compatible AT. For example, many software programs can provide speech output when combined with a compatible screen reader (commonly used assistive technology for people who are blind).

# Does not Support

Use this language when you determine the product does not meet the letter or intent of the Criteria.

## Not Applicable

Use this language when you determine that the Criteria do not apply to the specific product.

## Not Applicable - Fundamental Alteration Exception Applies

Use this language when you determine a Fundamental Alteration of the product would be required to meet the Criteria (see the access board standards for the definition of "fundamental alteration"). IMPACT Outreach Center

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