Making Timed Content Accessible

Pausing content

**What to do**

Users should have enough time to read and use content.

**Why it matters**

People with disabilities may need more time to read or interact with content.

**Examples**

- **Better pausing content**
  A scrolling image feature at the top of a web page can be paused or restarted by pressing the spacebar.
  
- **Poor pausing content**
  A scrolling image feature at the top of a web page has no way for users to pause it.

  - Extending time for an AsULearn Quiz
  - Provide controls for content that starts automatically

Moving content

**What to do**

Users should be able to pause, stop, or hide moving, blinking, or scrolling information that starts automatically, lasts more than five seconds, and is presented along with other content.

**Why it matters**

Blinking content that lasts more than five seconds can be distracting to users with learning disabilities and users with low vision.

**Examples**

- **Better moving content**
  New blog posts on a web site are highlighted with an animated image that blinks the word “New” when the page is loaded. The image stops blinking within five seconds.

- **Poor moving content**
  New blog posts on a web site are highlighted with an animated image that blinks the word “New” when the page is loaded. The image never stops blinking.

Flashing content

**What to do**

Content should not flash more than three times in any one second period or be below general and red thresholds.

**Why it matters**

Flashing can cause seizures if the flashes are bright and large enough.
Examples

**Better flashing content**
A video of a thunderstorm that shows several flashes of lightning very fast and large is slowed down so there is a sufficient pause after each flash to avoid violating the general flash threshold.

**Poor flashing content**
A video of a thunderstorm shows several flashes of lightning so fast and large that the general flash threshold is violated.

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