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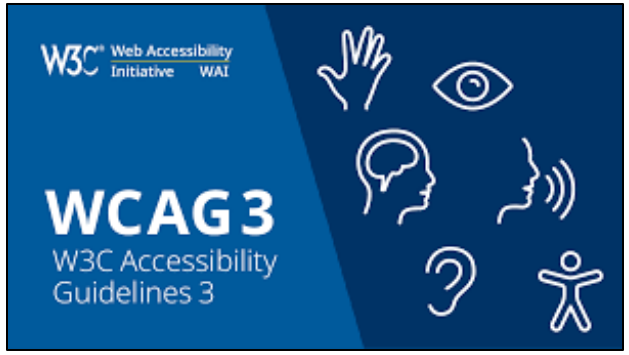
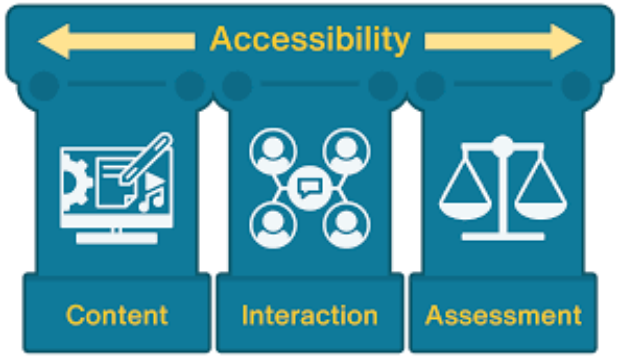
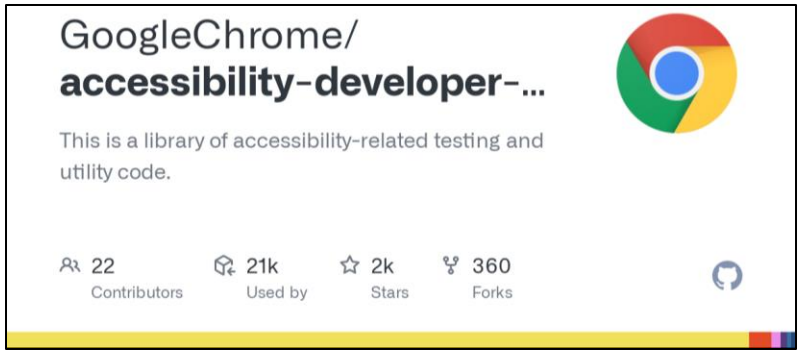
Efforts in Web Accessibility



Web Accessibility Content Guidelines

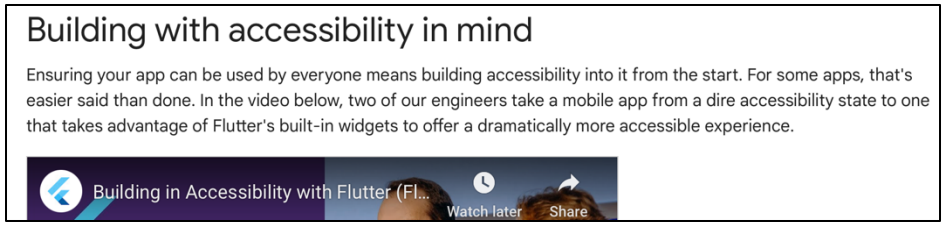


Accessibility Trainings



Accessibility Developer Tools

Accessibility Research

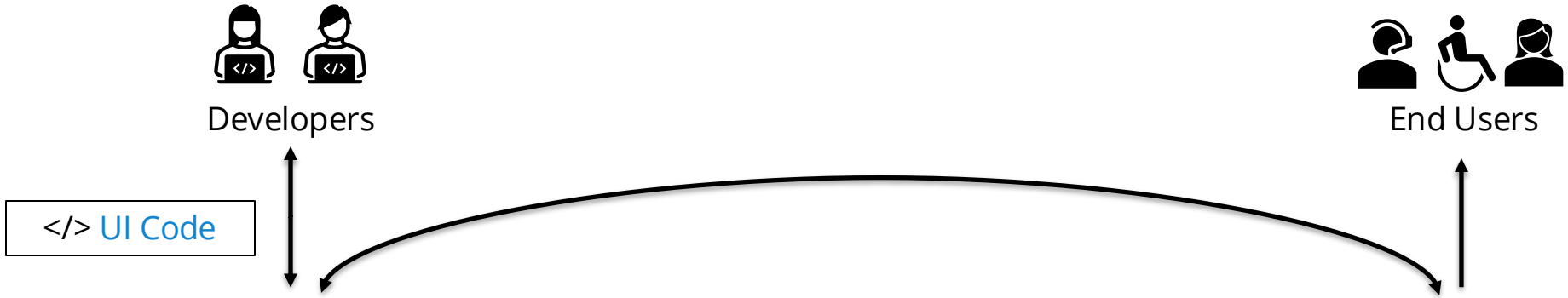


Developer Advocacy and Awareness

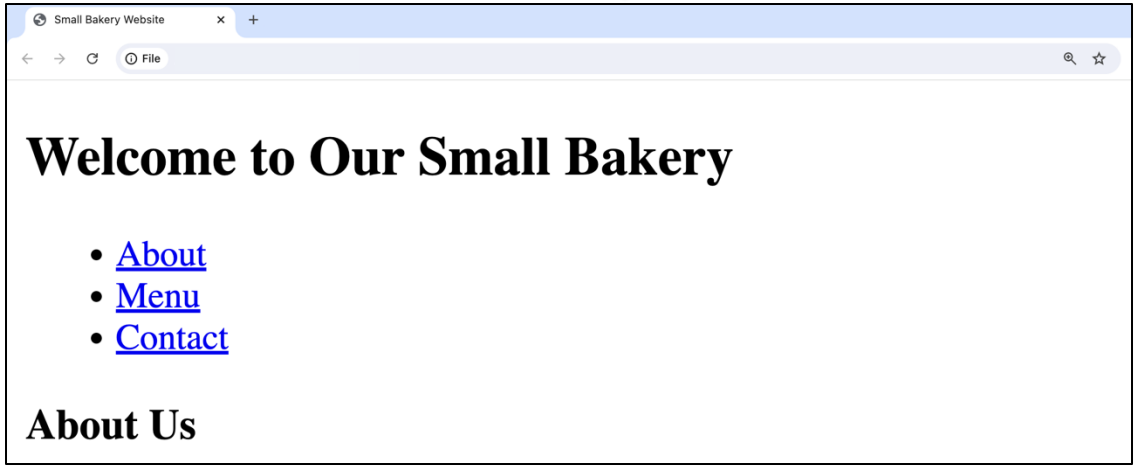
Legal Requirements

Challenge: Still requires developers to care about accessibility!

Developers Are Adopting AI Coding Assistants



Integrated Development Environment (IDE) with AI Coding Assistant Plugin



Rendered Web UI (User Interface)

Research Questions

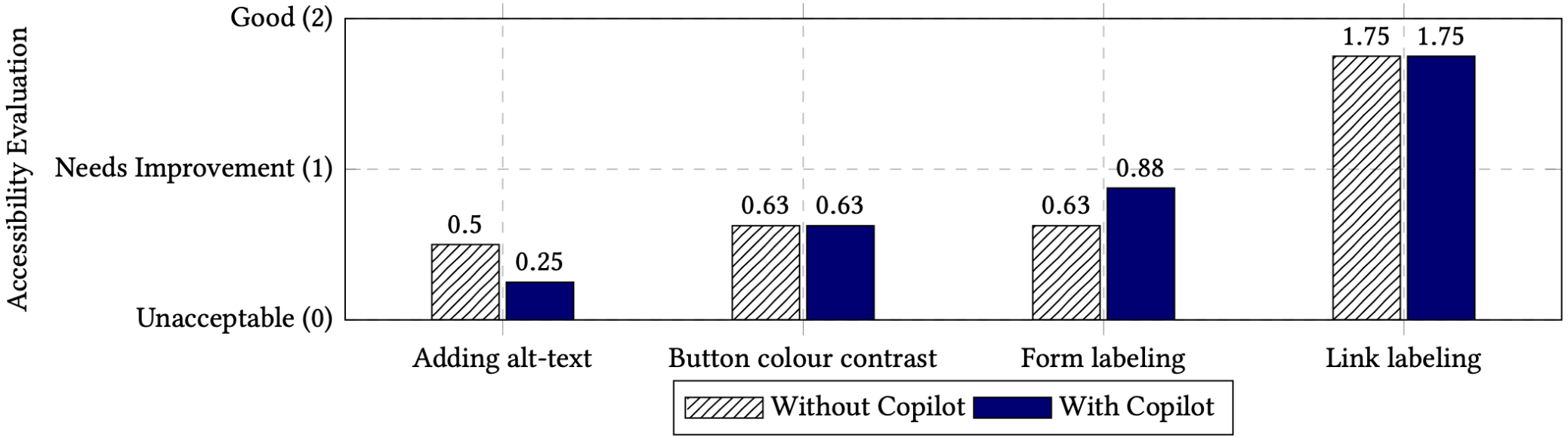
1. Can AI coding assistants produce accessible code?

2. How much accessibility expertise is required to benefit from AI coding assistants?

Methods

16 developers **untrained** in accessibility were tasked with web development tasks with GitHub Copilot, a popular AI coding assistant

Findings



Mean Accessibility Evaluation Scores by Tasks and Copilot Usage: Higher scores indicate that participants were successful.

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