

The GroveSite web collaboration product and service has included Section 508 accessibility since 2002. With the publishing of this Voluntary Product Assessment several small improvements to our product have been implemented. The following describes GroveSite's compliance with Section 508 accessibility standards as of July 30, 2005.

## Section 1194.22

### Web-based Internet information and applications

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<i>Criteria</i>	<b>Supporting Features</b>	<b>Remarks and explanations</b>
(a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).	Supports	All GroveSite system images have alt tags to identify the intent of the image. User uploaded images are automatically identified with an alt tag identifying the type of image and the filename.
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.	Not Applicable	GroveSite does not provide any multimedia functionality. Users who upload multimedia content are responsible for this section as appropriate.
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.	Supports	GroveSite offers a <b>Section 508</b> mode of operation that is accessible as an URL parameter or from the login page. Once activated, <b>Section 508</b> mode disables all Cascading Style Sheets and JavaScript. This creates rendering that takes advantage of whatever accessibility settings the browser uses.
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.	Supports	See response (c) above.
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.	Not Applicable	The GroveSite product does not utilize server-side image maps.

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(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.	Not Applicable	The GroveSite product does not utilize client-side image maps.
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	Supports	GroveSite data tables include a <u>scope</u> attribute for rows and columns.
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.	Supports	See (g) above.
(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation	Supports with Exceptions	GroveSite does not utilize frames for site users (Participants) except for Search where the frames are titled. Organization Administrators use frames and JavaScript which are not available when running the product in <b>Section 508</b> mode.
(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Supports	GroveSite has only one provided animated icon. It is a new flag that blinks very slowly. Users who upload images with animation are responsible for their own compliance.

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(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be 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.	Supports with Exceptions	GroveSite operating in <b>Section 508</b> mode is fully operational for Participants. <b>Section 508</b> disables JavaScript eliminating popup windows and other advanced functionality. Without JavaScript, notification broadcasting is not available. This functionality is under review for future implementation.  For Administrators, there are several features that are more difficult to perform without JavaScript (i.e. no color picker on Site Color settings). Also, enrollment and some advanced security configuration can not be performed without JavaScript.
(l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology.	Not Applicable	GroveSite in <b>Section 508</b> mode does not utilize any scripting.
(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be 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).	Not Applicable	GroveSite goes to great lengths to provide powerful functionality without the use of any client plug-ins. We are 100% browser based.

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(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, 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.	Supported	GroveSite standard form drawing routines in <i>Section 508</i> mode include explicit matching of prompts to input fields using label tags.
(o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.	Supported	GroveSite in <i>Section 508</i> mode provides <u>Skip Links</u> as the first link that is drawn on the page.
(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.	Not Applicable	GroveSite does not perform any timed user actions.

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<http://www.itic.org/policy/508/Sec508.html>.

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