



Progress Announces Industry Leading Accessibility for UI Tools

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Progress Kendo UI, the leading tooling for building modern Web UI, becomes the first to offer full support for Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 compliance

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 2, 2018-- [Progress](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), the leading provider of application development and digital experience technologies, today announced the latest release of Progress® Kendo UI®, the industry-leading tooling for building modern Web UI. With today's release, Kendo UI becomes the only commercial JavaScript component toolset to fully support [WCAG 2.1](#) compliance. It also includes major feature updates, new components and new themes.

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 defines how to make web content more accessible to people with disabilities including visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive, language, learning and neurological disabilities. Building off of Kendo UI's previous support for WCAG 2.0 and WAI-ARIA, Progress remains at the forefront for developers who want to enable people with disabilities to access their web apps.

WCAG 2.1 adds 17 success criteria for compliance. Kendo UI tooling now meets all 17 criteria including mobile accessibility, help for individuals with low vision as well as cognitive and learning disabilities. By implementing these standards, Progress helps developers build UI that is accessible out of the box, without the need for writing additional code.

"We exist to help the developer community develop modern apps with the best customer experience easily and quickly," said Faris Sweis, SVP & General Manager Developer Tooling Business. "Accessible apps are a requirement for digital experiences that can engage everyone, including those with disabilities. We are proud to be the first to provide support for these standards to make the creation of accessible apps easy."

The applications built with components adhering to these guidelines are not only accessible to people with disabilities, but also to users of all kinds of devices and interfaces: desktop browser, voice browser, mobile phone, automobile-based personal computer and more.

"When we are using Kendo UI, we don't have to spend time designing around accessibility, because it is already there as a part of the tool. It is a force multiplier for our development and design processes," said Bekah Rice Interactive Designer and Front-End Developer, truematter. "Kendo UI enables us to spend our time building and optimizing the user journey, with the confidence that the end UX will be accessible to everyone."

In addition to support for WCAG 2.1, the latest Kendo UI R3 2018 release also features updates to the TreeList component, new components including MultiColumnComboBox and an ArcGauge, a new Material Theme for jQuery and Vue, Dialog, Stock and Sparkline Charts for React, and Scheduler and Notification components as well as Chart features for Angular.

For more information about the latest release of Kendo UI, go to <https://www.progress.com/kendo-ui> or [register](#) for the Kendo UI R3 2018 Release Webinar, taking place September 27 at 11am ET.

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