



PDF REMEDIATION “SPICE” MENU

Expectations for PDF Remediation Levels of Difficulty

Mild

Quick Fixes

Simple documents that require minimal remediation effort.

Examples:

- Adding document title
- Setting document language
- Basic metadata updates
- Correcting reading order on a few pages
- Simple heading structure adjustments
- Minor alt text additions

Estimated Effort: 5–30 minutes

Medium

Standard Remediation

Documents with moderate accessibility issues requiring manual review and correction.

Examples:

- Multi-page reports
- Fixing heading hierarchy
- Adding alt text to multiple images
- Repairing lists and tables
- Cleaning up tag structure
- Correcting bookmarks and navigation

Estimated Effort: 30 minutes–2 hours

Hot

Advanced Remediation

Documents containing complex layouts and accessibility challenges.

Examples:

- Forms requiring accessibility updates
- Complex tables with merged cells
- Multi-column layouts
- Large reports with numerous graphics
- Significant reading order corrections
- Extensive tag restructuring

Estimated Effort: 2–6 hours

Extra Hot

Specialty Remediation

Documents requiring extensive reconstruction to achieve compliance.

Examples:

- Scanned PDFs requiring OCR and remediation
- Legacy documents with little or no tagging
- Engineering drawings or technical manuals
- Documents with hundreds of pages
- Complex interactive forms
- Heavy use of charts, diagrams, and data visualizations

Estimated Effort: 6+ hours

Chef's Challenge

The "Why Was This Made?" Special

Reserved for documents that push the limits of PDF accessibility.

Examples:

- Scanned copies of scanned copies
- Documents assembled from multiple sources and formats
- Hundreds of untagged pages
- Tables inside tables inside tables
- Forms with broken field structures
- Documents requiring recreation rather than remediation

Estimated Effort: "Market Price" (determined after review)

Accessibility House Recommendation

"The sooner accessibility is considered during document creation, the milder the remediation experience will be."

Difficulty	Typical Turnaround
 Mild	Same Day
 Medium	1–3 Business Days
 Hot	3–5 Business Days
 Extra Hot	1–2 Weeks
 Chef's Challenge	Evaluation Required