INTRODUCING INCLUSION BACKLOG

INCLUSION PROGRAMS LAUNCH NEW SERVICE

The Inclusion Programs is launching a new service—an **Inclusion Backlog**—to help track inclusive work throughout C+AI and place it in one central location.

The C+AI team is scouring various CRM's (i.e. Azure, DevOps, etc.) across C+AI to gather all work items that have the following tags:

- InclusionBacklog,
- InclusionBacklog [Insert Product] [Insert Platform]

Using the Inclusion tags will give you Accessibility Health Score (AHS) points!

WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED?

Any type of work that considers how people with disabilities will experience UI can be considered for this backlog. Deliverables, tasks, usable bugs, or any other scenerios that fit this narrative should be considered and tagged. Think of anything that falls under disability categories like **visual**, **hearing**, **neurodiversity**, **and mental health**.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TAGGING AND LOGGING?

This will be the responsibility of the feature team. If you're designing and building inclusive UI, the work should be appropriately marked. Accessibility owners should be making sure their product teams are constantly tagging work. If you have a **project that is tented**, please reach out to <u>Marisol</u> to request a private Inclusion backlog.

Bugs are usually filed by vendor teams managed by the <u>C+AI Accessibility Team</u> during the <u>review of design files</u> as well as during <u>code review for compliance</u>.

WHAT'S THE GOAL?

This will be a centralized view of inclusion investments—a place where you will be able to visualize the roadmap for any product (except tented products) you have a dependency on or want to track. The C+AI Accessibility team will also be monitoring the backlog for important communications on inclusive work at summits and other events. They will also be on the lookout for products needing review from people with disabilities and SME help. Be aware, this will also be a way to help spotlight all you do for events like the Ability Summit, GAAD, and CSUN. It can create connection opportunities with marketing for more evangelism, like with #OneMoreThing. CELA events, quarterly

SLT Reviews, and QBR reviews with Jenny Lay Flurrie are all opportunities we have here at Microsoft that can help the work you do shine.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME. THANKS.

-MARISOL

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If designing a feature, you're not sure what needs to be done for accessibility? <u>Check out the decision tree for designers here</u>