Identity and Representation in the 2017 Disability March

Accessibility Highlight Video: Skip Navigation

Visual description: This video shows a page in the "Identity and Representation" webtext. The narrator demonstrates how, by tabbing down the page, she is able to reach and select a "Skip Navigation" link. Initially this link is invisible to anyone viewing the webpage but it is revealed at the top corner when the person begins tabbing.

Transcript: In this video I'll discuss skip navigation links. Skip navigation is a helpful choice for readers who use assistive devices to orient themselves on the page. A screen reader will ordinarily read off the links and elements that occur first in the HTML, including the full navigation menu in this case. A person may wish to eventually skip over the menu to quickly reach the main content of the page, and they can use the "skip" link to do so without wasting their time hearing redundant information. I've used a skip navigation link that is invisible to a person scrolling and mousing through the webtext. However, for someone who is tabbing though using a keyboard like so, they will reach the skip navigation link as the first thing on the page. When selected, the link will lead them past the menu to the main content on the page.