

2. PDFs & Documents (Adam Thiel)

Q: What if I need to remediate an entire textbook in PDF?

- Break it into smaller sections (chapters). Fixing issues in small files avoids errors cascading across the whole document.
- Reach out to the publisher for an accessible version before remediating yourself—after April 2026 (ADA Title II), they'll be required to provide accessible content.

Q: How accurate are AI tools for transcribing PDFs or videos?

- Accuracy varies: AI struggles with technical/scientific vocabulary.
- Best practice: request “diplomatic transcription” and flag uncertain words for review. A human should always verify accuracy.

Q: Can Word/PowerPoint alt text transfer into PDF?

- Yes, if you Save As PDF and select “Options → Include non-printing information.”
- Do not use “Print to PDF”—it strips tags and alt text.

Q: Are accessibility checkers in Acrobat useful?

- They flag issues but don't fix them. Some specialized tools (PAC, Equinox, Affinity Publisher, Adobe Acrobat Pro) can assist.
- Remediating PDFs is often complex—consult with accessibility experts when possible.