25 Apps in 50 Minutes

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25 Apps in 50 Minutes Plenary Session

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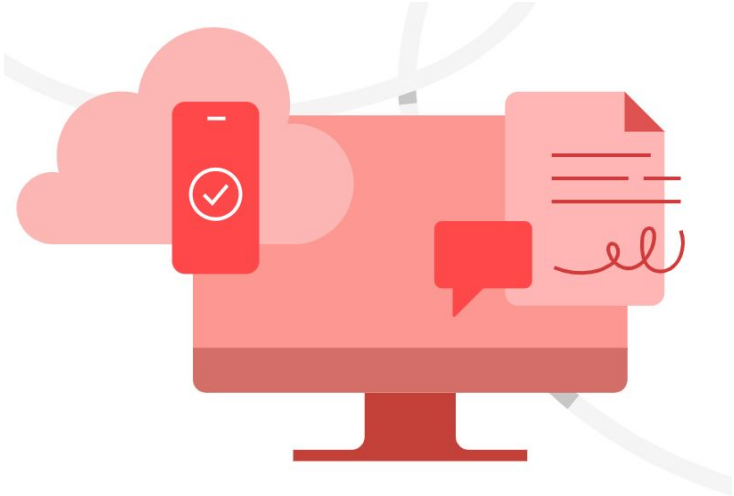
#1: Adding Alt-Text & Descriptions to Images

Source: Disability Rights New York

- Improve your legal help and social media content to reach more people
- Alt text vs. image description vs. image caption
- Why should you add image descriptions if alt-text already exists? Descriptions add more details and give context to the reader.
- E.g., How to write an image description by Alex Chen, How to Write Alt Text and Image Descriptions for Instagram by Perkins School for the Blind

#2: Screen Reader and Read Aloud



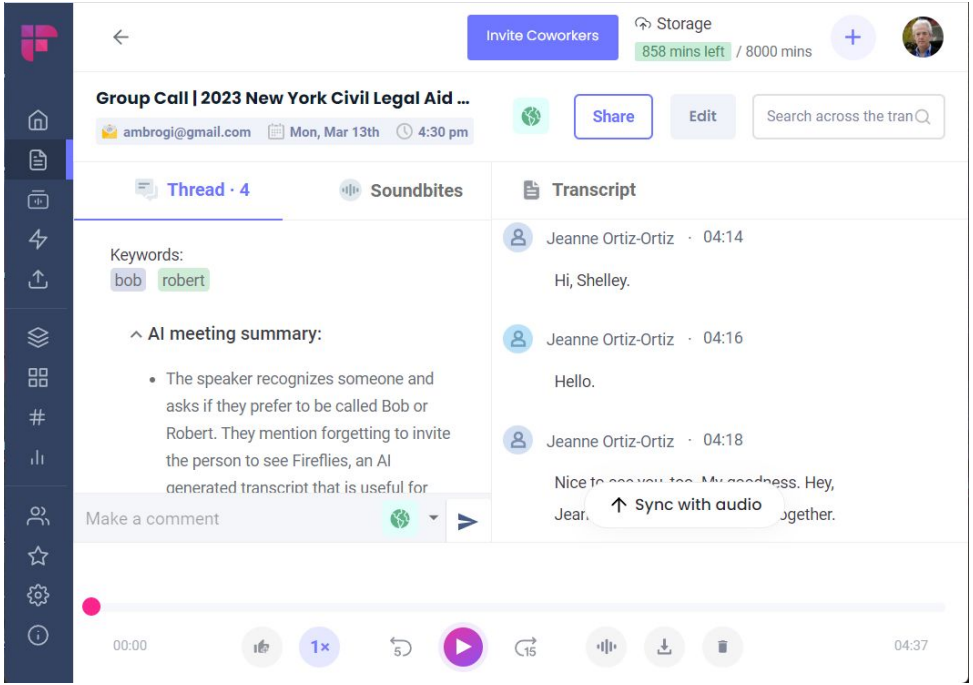
- Screen reading apps
- Deal with visual impairments and strain
- Can also text to speech
- Screen Reader in pdf and Read Aloud in Google and Word

Screen Reader

#3: TURNSIGNL the on demand lawyer

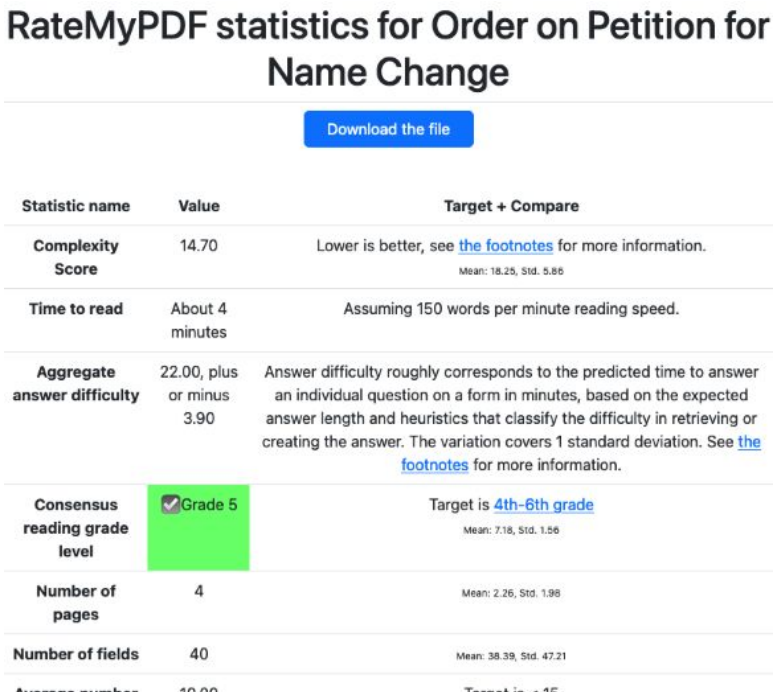
- Live, on-demand access to legal advice for traffic stops & accidents
- App records the interaction
- Attorneys are trained to de-escalate
- $60/year or free (income based)
- Attorneys needed
- https://www.turnsignl.com/

#4: Fireflies.AI



- Automatically joins, records and transcribes meetings.
- AI-powered meeting summary.
- AI-powered smart search.
- Filter meetings by topic, speaker, sentiment, etc.
- Create soundbites to share moments from meetings.
- Free with limited storage. Paid plans start at $10 per month.

#5: RateMyPDF



RateMyPDF statistics for Order on Petition for Name Change

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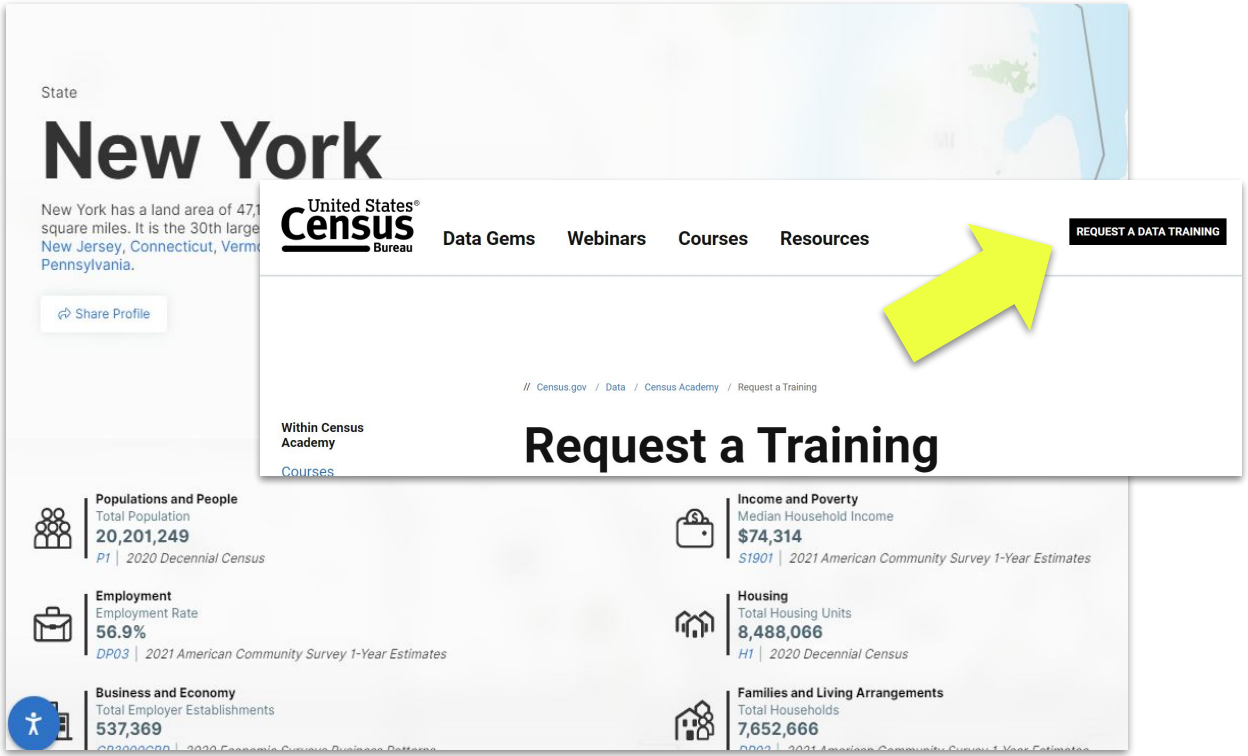
Statistic name	Value	Target + Compare
Complexity Score	14.70	Lower is better, see the footnotes for more information. Mean: 18.25, Std. 5.86
Time to read	About 4 minutes	Assuming 150 words per minute reading speed.
Aggregate answer difficulty	22.00, plus or minus 3.90	Answer difficulty roughly corresponds to the predicted time to answer an individual question on a form in minutes, based on the expected answer length and heuristics that classify the difficulty in retrieving or creating the answer. The variation covers 1 standard deviation. See the footnotes for more information.
Consensus reading grade level	☑ Grade 5	Target is 4th-6th grade Mean: 7.18, Std. 1.56
Number of pages	4	Mean: 2.26, Std. 1.98
Number of fields	40	Mean: 38.39, Std. 47.21

- Get insights into “good” and “bad” PDF forms
- Get suggestions to improve forms
- Compare your form to benchmark (25,000 forms)

#6: Free Census Data Trainings for Your Organization



- The U.S. Census Bureau offers free data trainings, workshops, and presentations to organizations.
- Connect data to your impact or to understand needs in your community.
- Go to https://www.census.gov/data/academy.html and select “request a data training.”

#7: Panopto

- Easily record videos
- Integrate questions and quizzes
- Embed in learning management systems and knowledge management systems

#8: Canva Text to Image

Dinosaur in a courtroom

A drawing of a daffodil

A deer and bear in the woods

A watercolor painting of koi fish in a pond

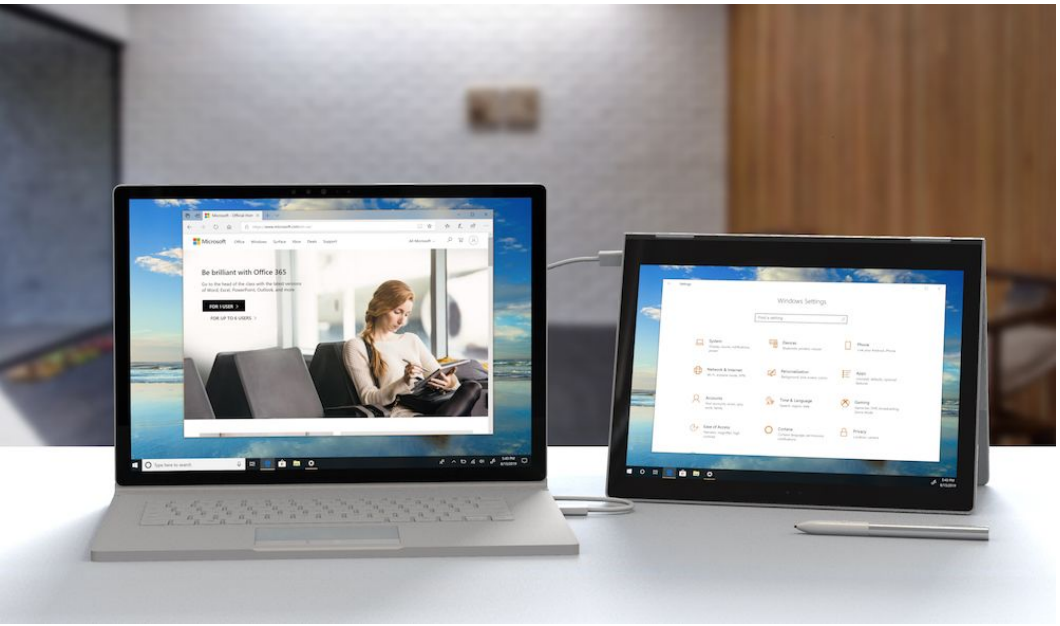
A watercolor painting of a field of tulips

A group of differently abled people in a meeting

- Play with AI in a safe environment
- Canva advises: “Type what you’d like to see, and watch it come to life.”
- https://www.canva.com/

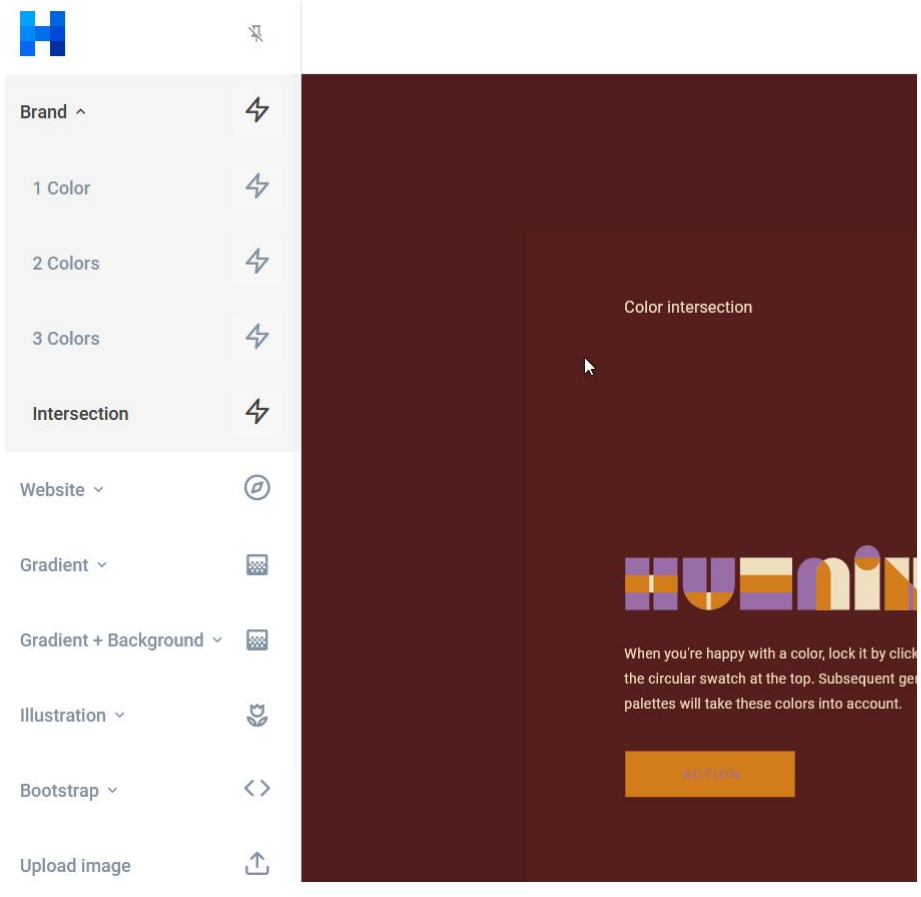
- Bonus: Canva also has a QR code generator

#9: Duet Display



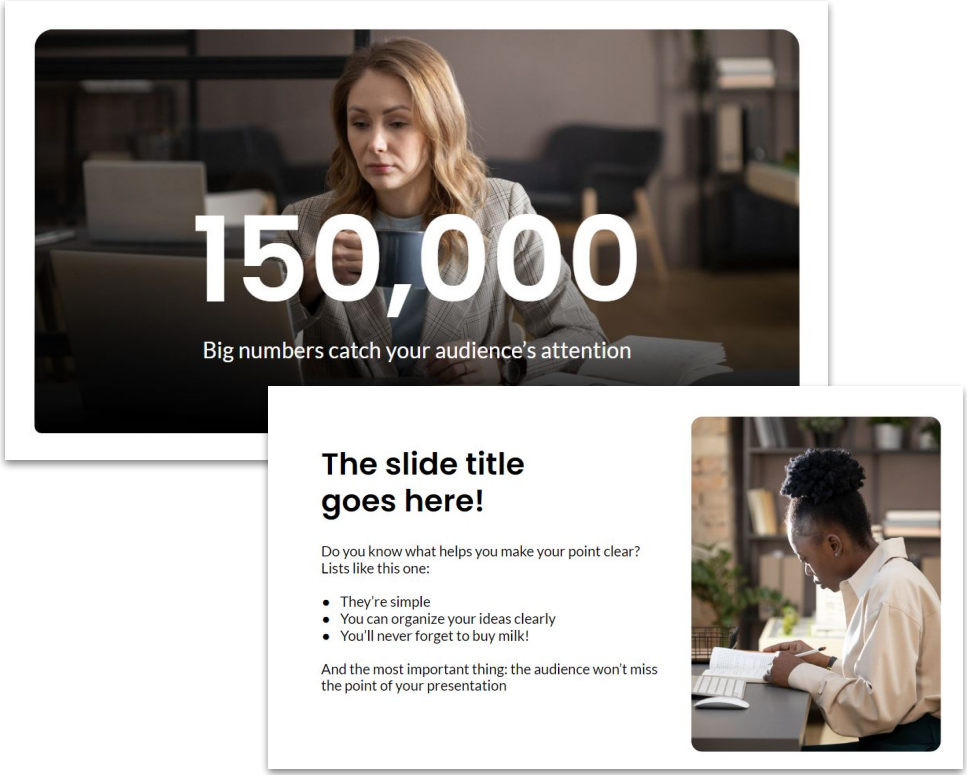
- Use your iPad, Mac, PC or Android as a second (or third or fourth) display.
- Fast wired or wireless connection.
- Free for limited use (10 minutes) than $48/year for Duet Air

#10: HueMint



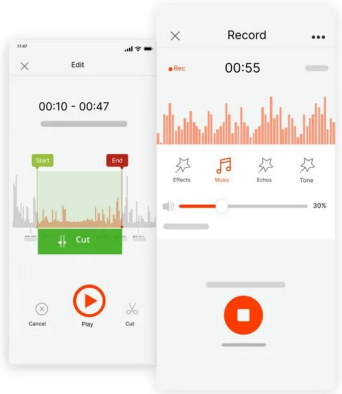
- Generate a full color palette from one or two colors
- Extend existing brand colors
- Speed up website development

#11: Make Your Presentations Visually Engaging



- Make your presentation memorable
- Show the impact of your project / program by using layouts already created for you
- Free tools:
  - PowerPoint's Designer shows you ideas for the layout of your presentation
  - Slidesgo.com
  - Slidesmania.com
  - Slidescarnival.com

#12: PodBean



Everything you need to record audio podcasts

Free audio recorder app

Simply put your phone in front of you and start to record. It's the most convenient and complete audio recorder, with no further equipment needed.

Rich background music

Choose from built-in tracks with different styles and moods. You can also import music from iCloud, Dropbox or your phone storage.

Editing made simple

Easily clean up your audio right in your app...replay recordings, skip forward and back, trim and remove unwanted sections.

Mobile publishing

Streamlined mobile synthesis tools to add intros and outros, merge recording tracks, and publish your episode in a few clicks.

- Podcast app
- Create podcasts and post on multiple platforms
- Order and organize your podcasts
- Great as part of a training library

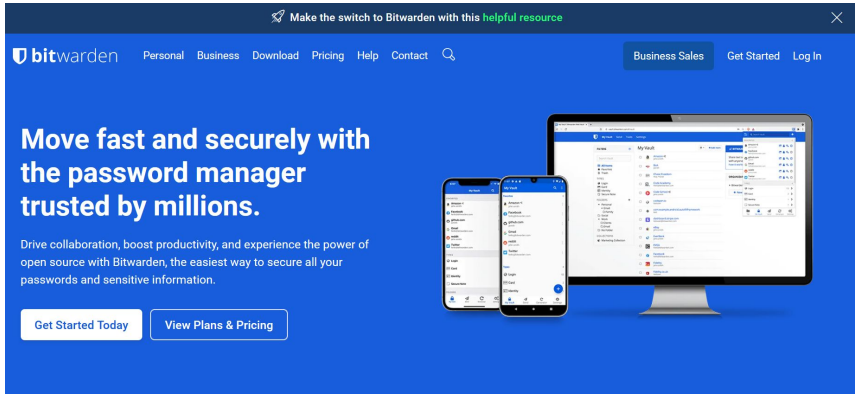
#13: PrintFriendly

- Optimize web pages for printing and pdf
- Removes adds, reduces pages
- Simply copy the URL and paste it into the PrintFriendly text box
- Edit the results further using their tools (if desired)
- https://www.printfriendly.com/

#14: Camo (and Camo Studio)

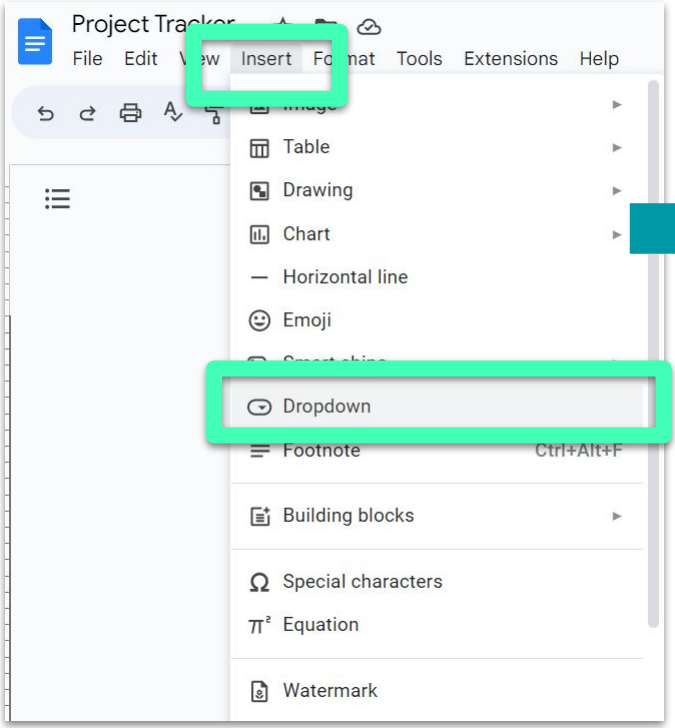
- Your iPhone has amazing video, why not use it as your webcam?
- Works with Zoom, Meet, Teams, etc.
- Mac and Windows
- Tune image using hardware and software controls (lighting, color, crop, focus, etc.) on your computer.
- Camo Studio software supports any camera.

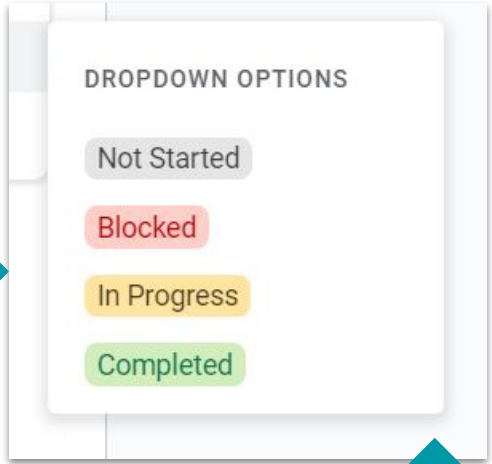
#15: BitWarden



- Secure and open source password manager
- Free for most uses
- Inexpensive paid option: $10/year!

#16: Google Doc's New Project Management Feature





Project Task	Deadline	Status
Phase I: Initial Scoping		
Review and update project scoping list	4/19/2023	Completed
Review and update project onboarding plan	4/26/2023	In Progress

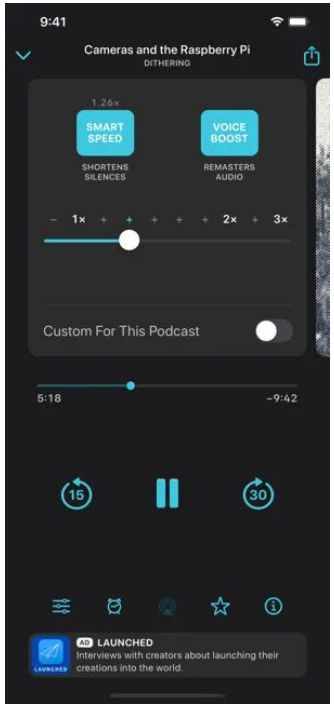
#17: Canva - Transfer article/research to PP

- Turn your research, article paper to slides
- Use example layout, backgrounds, images
- Helps you get started

#18: accessiBe Free Accessibility Audit

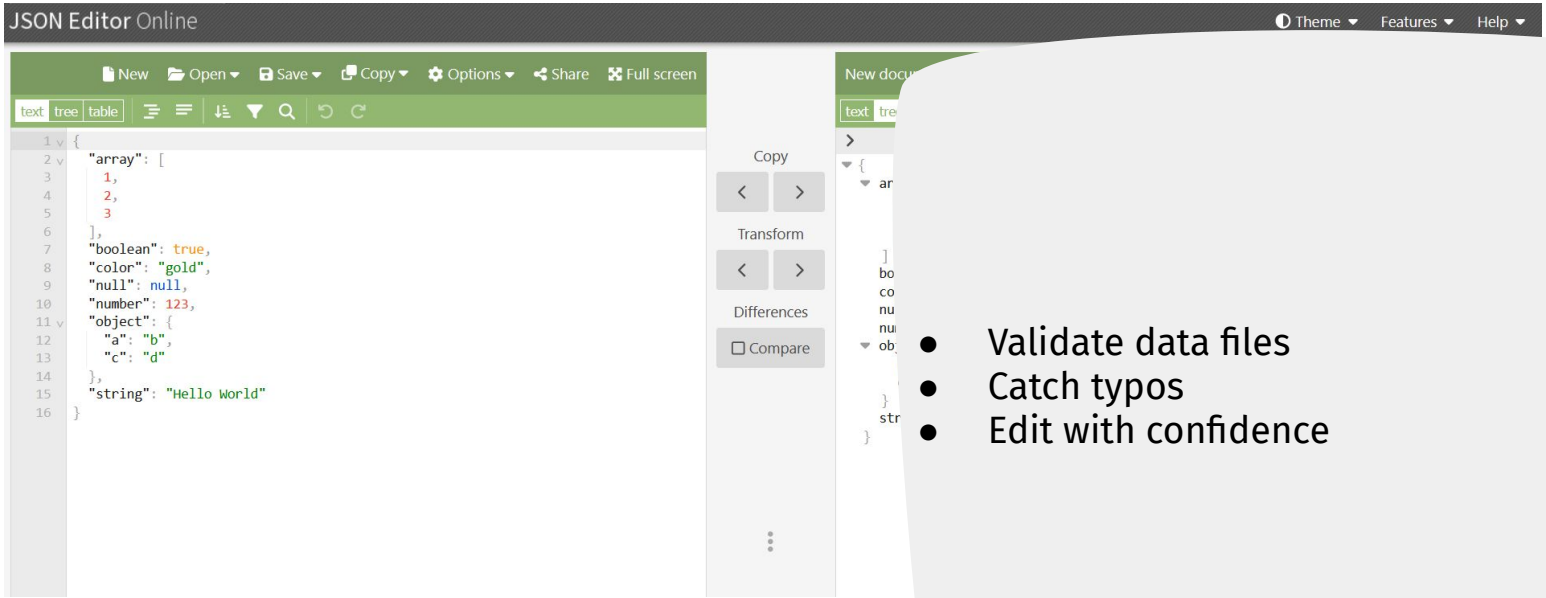
- Is your website ADA and ACAG compliant?
- Find out by pasting the url into Accessibe's free audit site.
- View and download the report
- https://accessibe.com/accessscan

#19: Overcast (a better podcast app)



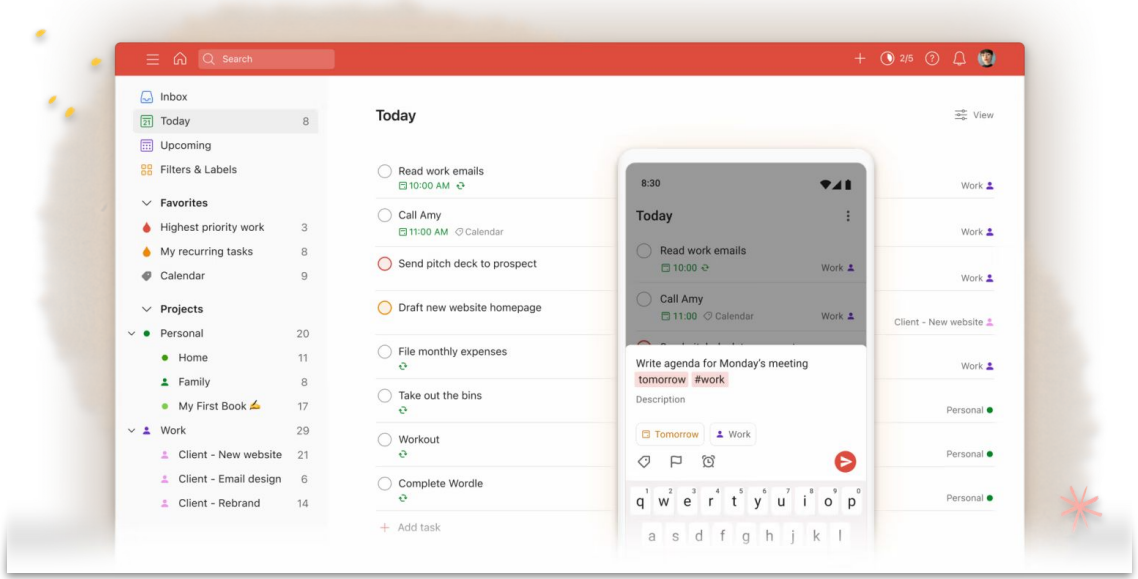
- Smart Speed saves time without distorting the audio or sounding unnatural.
- Voice Boost makes every podcast the same volume with a broadcast-quality remastering engine.
- Share clips as short videos on social media or by email or text message.
- Download podcasts for playing when offline.
- Search and browse for new podcasts, plus get personalized recommendations.
- Create custom playlists with smart filters and per-podcast priorities, and rearrange the list whenever you want.

#20: JSON Editor Online



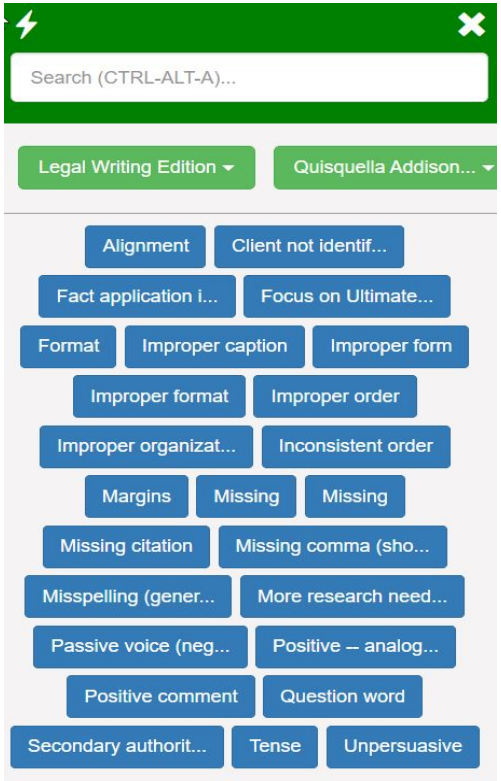
- Validate data files
- Catch typos
- Edit with confidence

#21: “Todoist” Task Planner & To-Do List App



- https://todoist.com/
- Create projects and subprojects
- Manage to-do lists and add collaborators
- Add dates and set up recurring tasks automatically
- Integrate with other applications
- Track your productivity
- Great mobile and desktop user experience
- Free, Pro, and Business plans

#22: Annotate Pro



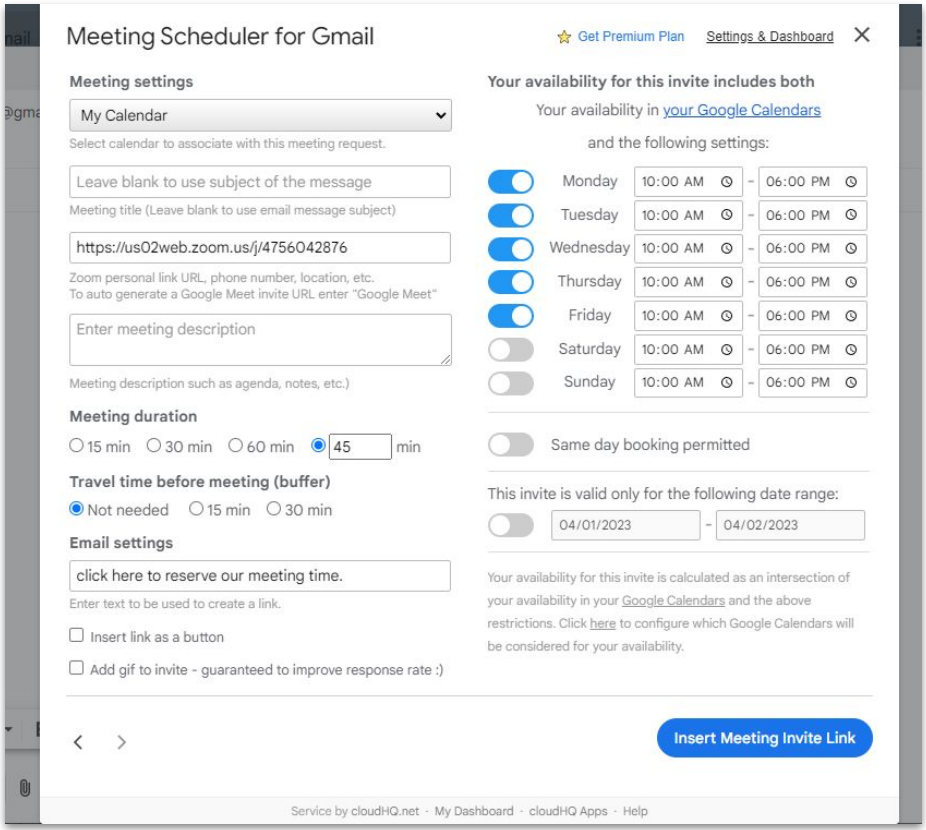
- Library of frequently used feedback
- Develop your own feedback and library
- For supervisors checking attorney work and professors

#23: Terms of Service Didn't Read

"I have read and agree to the Terms"

- Ever wondered later what exactly you agreed to when you mindlessly accepted an apps terms of service?
- Wondered what has changed since you signed up with a service?
- Find out at https://tosdr.org/

#24: Meeting Scheduler for Gmail



- Easily add to any Gmail email
- Create unique invites and time slots for each email.
- Integrated with Google Calendar
- Can automatically add Zoom or Google Meet invite.
- Can add ‘book me’ link to signature.
- 100% free.

#25: Otter.AI

- Record meeting transcripts
- Can help with qualitative research
- Share the notetaking responsibility

Thank You!