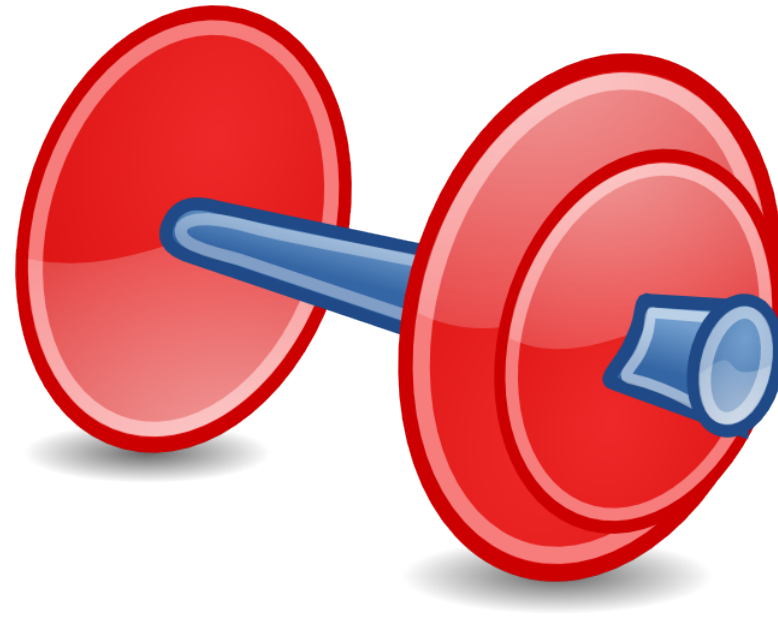


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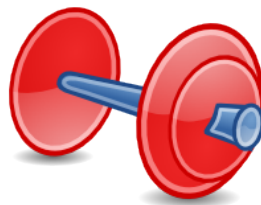


15 minutes a day for better accessibility

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Outline

- Introduction to accessibility
- Basic testing
- Introduction to GNOME's accessibility framework
- Introduction to Accerciser
- Simple debugging example
- The last mile to the screen reader
- Summary
- Q&A



Who could we be missing?

- People with:
 - Blindness
 - Low-vision
 - Color blindness
 - Motor disabilities
 - Deafness
 - Various cognitive disabilities
 - Photosensitive epilepsy
 - And more...



Why are we missing them?

- Visual user interfaces
- Fixed display and font sizes
- Dependence on colors
- Audio prompts
- Dependence on mouse or multi-key gestures
- Flashing or rapidly changing images
- Complex or cluttered interfaces



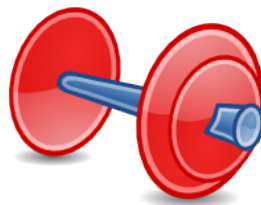
Is my application accessible?

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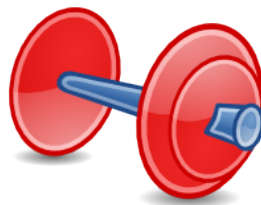
Lies

- Bling is inaccessible
- I need to be familiar with a screen reader to be certain that my application is accessible



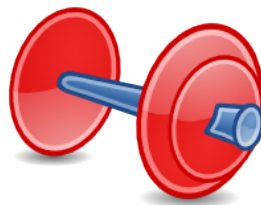
Theme compliance

- Fonts configurable and scale accordingly
- High contrast/inverse themes look good
- No color dependencies

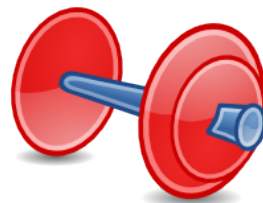
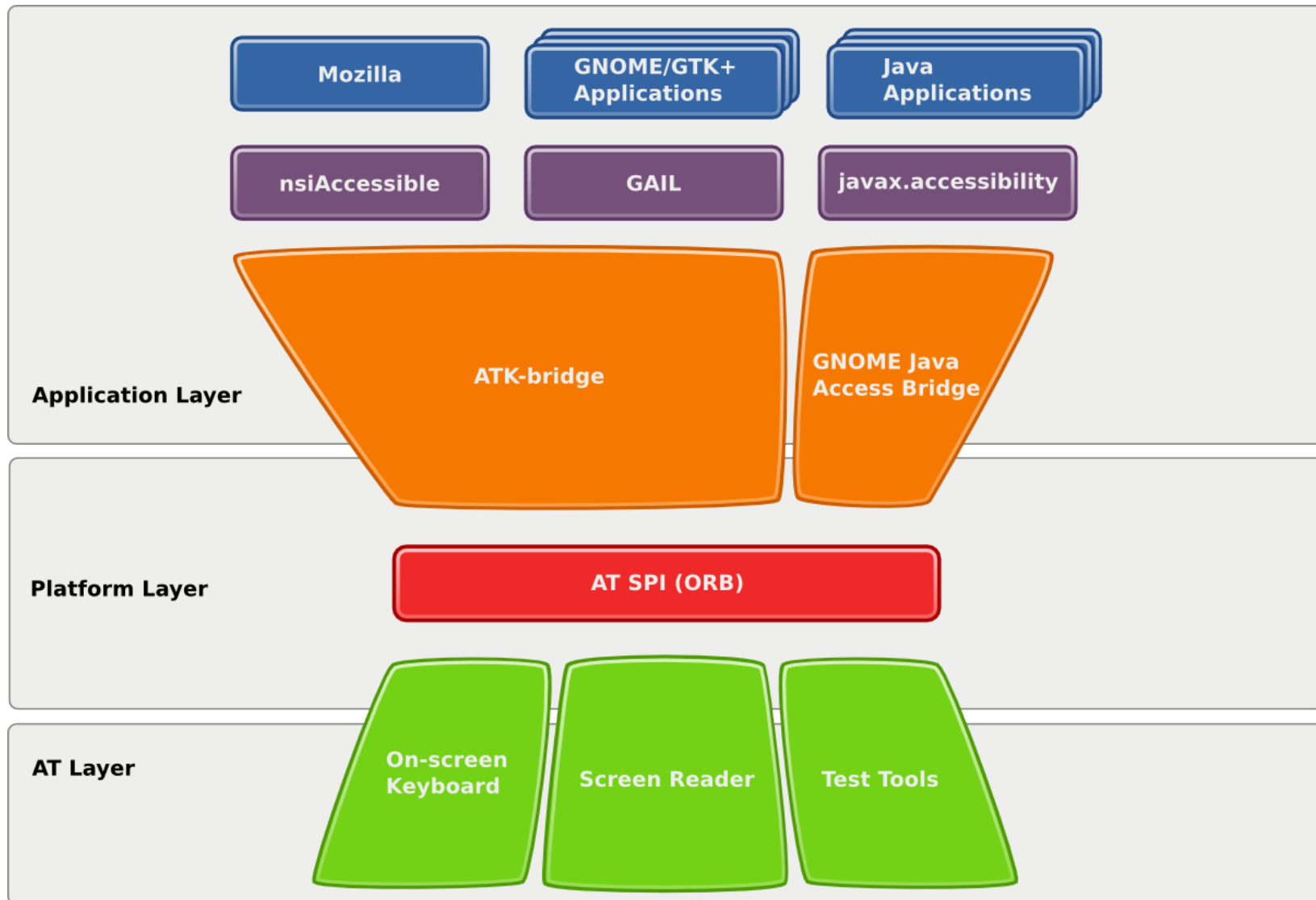


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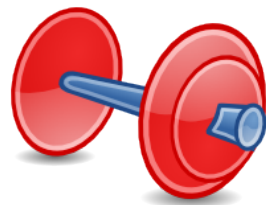
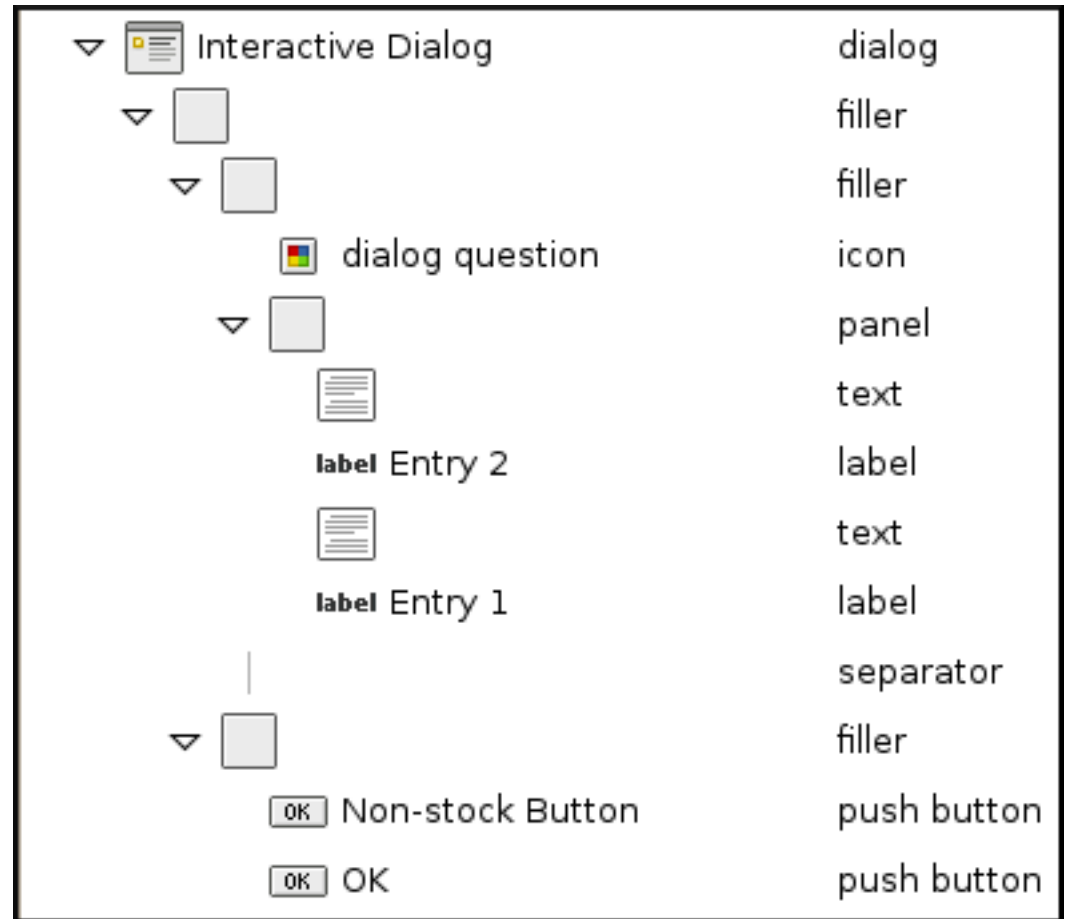
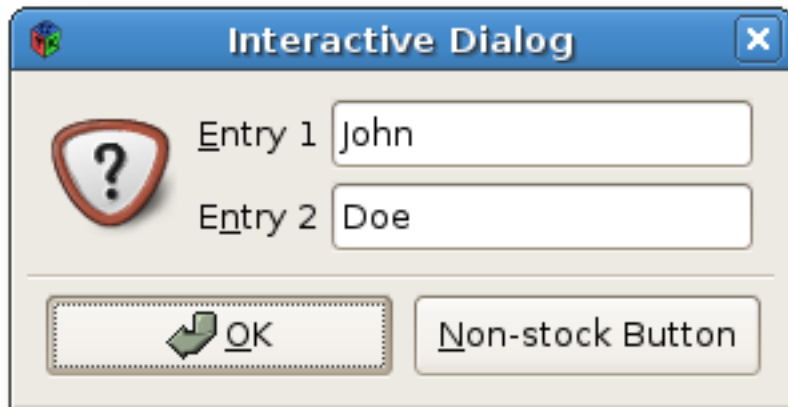
- Functional with exclusive keyboard use
- Consistent keyboard bindings
- Mnemonics work
- Keyboard shortcuts work, and make many shortcuts available
- Logical order when tabbing
- Keyboard navigation conventions are used



Assistive Technology Service Provider Interface



A Simple User Interface



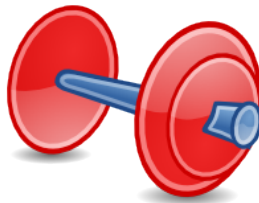
Introducing Accerciser

- Has the same perspective of the user interface as an assistive technology
- Written in Python
- Plugin architecture
- Interactive Python console
- Customizable layout
- Accessible!

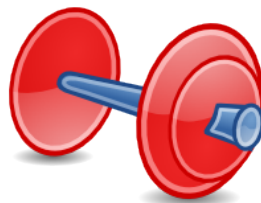


Accercising your application

- Visual overview, potential accessibility issues:
 - Components with no textual labels
 - Labels which label
 - Custom widgets
- Uncover the truth!

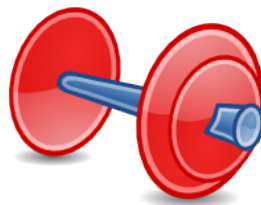


The last mile



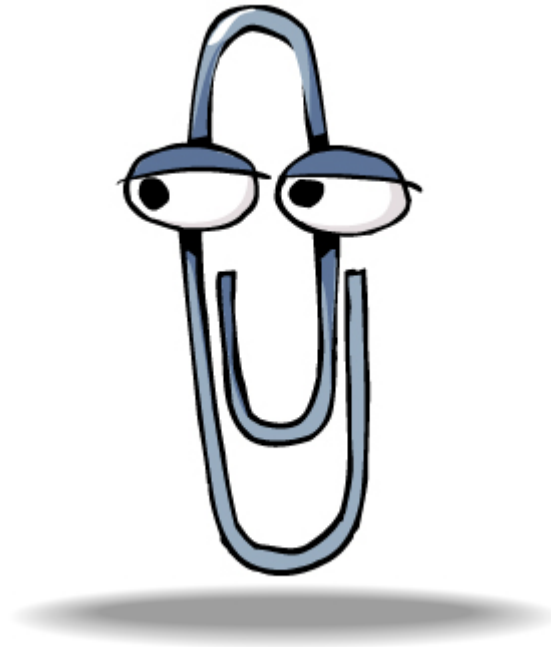
Message dialogs

- Catches user's attention
- Steals focus
- Interrupts work flow
- Good for urgent messages
- Bad for mildly informative notifications



Fancy toaster/bubble/pop-up things

- Catches user's attention
- Does not steal focus
- Unobtrusive



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End!

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