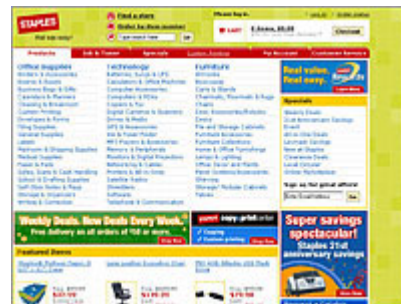
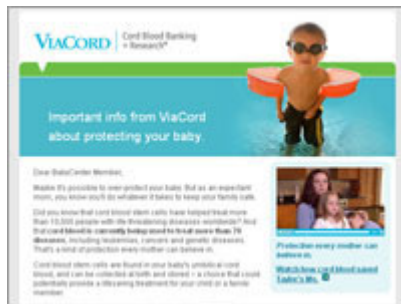
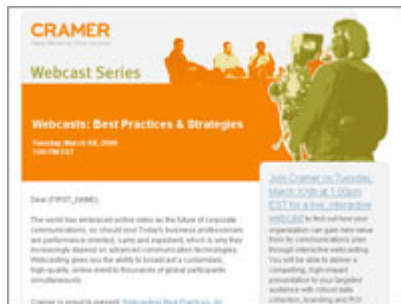


A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide consists of several overlapping squares in various shades of blue and purple, arranged in a stepped, staircase-like pattern.

# Working with Visual Designers for Universal Access

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# Great Visual Design can make a Web Site!



Working with a professional Visual Designer is a privilege.

# Visual Designers may not be thinking about Web Accessibility at all!

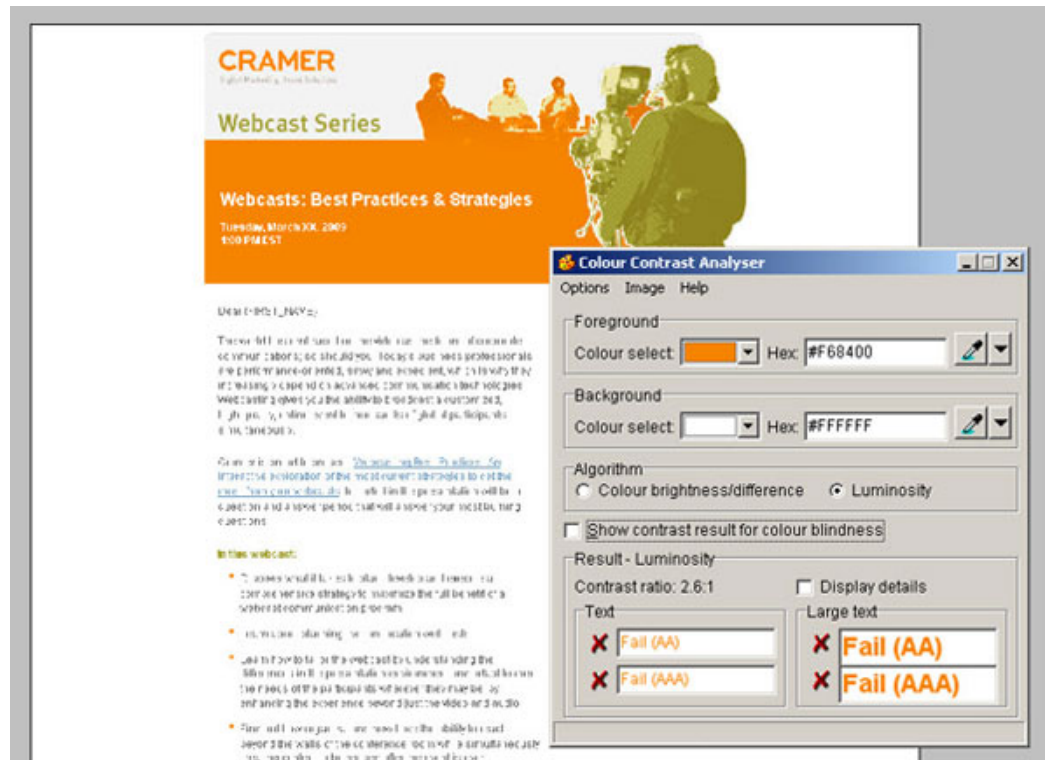
- Visual designers are rarely trained in accessibility techniques.
- Many visual designers were trained for print media first.
- Visual designers are usually visual people with excellent color vision and visual acuity.
- Visual designs are usually delivered to web developers as completed Photoshop files with pixel-perfect layouts.
- Visual designers are rewarded for “pushing the envelope”.

# What can we teach Visual Designers?

- Introduce visual designers to tools and resources about visual limitations.
- Teach them about the people they may not have thought about with various types of visual impairments.
- Remind them that 1 in 20 people is probably color blind, with 8-12% of men and 1/2-1% of women of European heritage having some color deficit.
- Turn them on to tools that help make designs more accessible.
- Arm them with facts over which they have control.

# Example 1: Run Color and Contrast Tests

- Run a color contrast or color analysis tool, and report the results to the visual designer.



## Example 2: Remind visual designers that all functional elements need to be made accessible.

- Make sure text is text, or can be given a text alternative!



# Example 3: Advocate for Modifying the Design

- When necessary, get support from project management to adjust the design for accessibility.

The screenshot shows the MassAccess website home page. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, About MassAccess, Apartment Search, Fact Sheets & Help, Apartment Managers, and Success Survey. A login form is on the left. The main content area features a 'Welcome to MassAccess' message and a 'Quick Search' form. The form includes checkboxes for 'Accessible' and 'Affordable', a 'City' dropdown, 'Bedrooms' and 'Price Range' dropdowns, and a 'Search' button. A red box highlights the 'Quick Search' form area, and a red circle highlights the 'Quick Search' heading. A vertical red line is on the right side of the form area.

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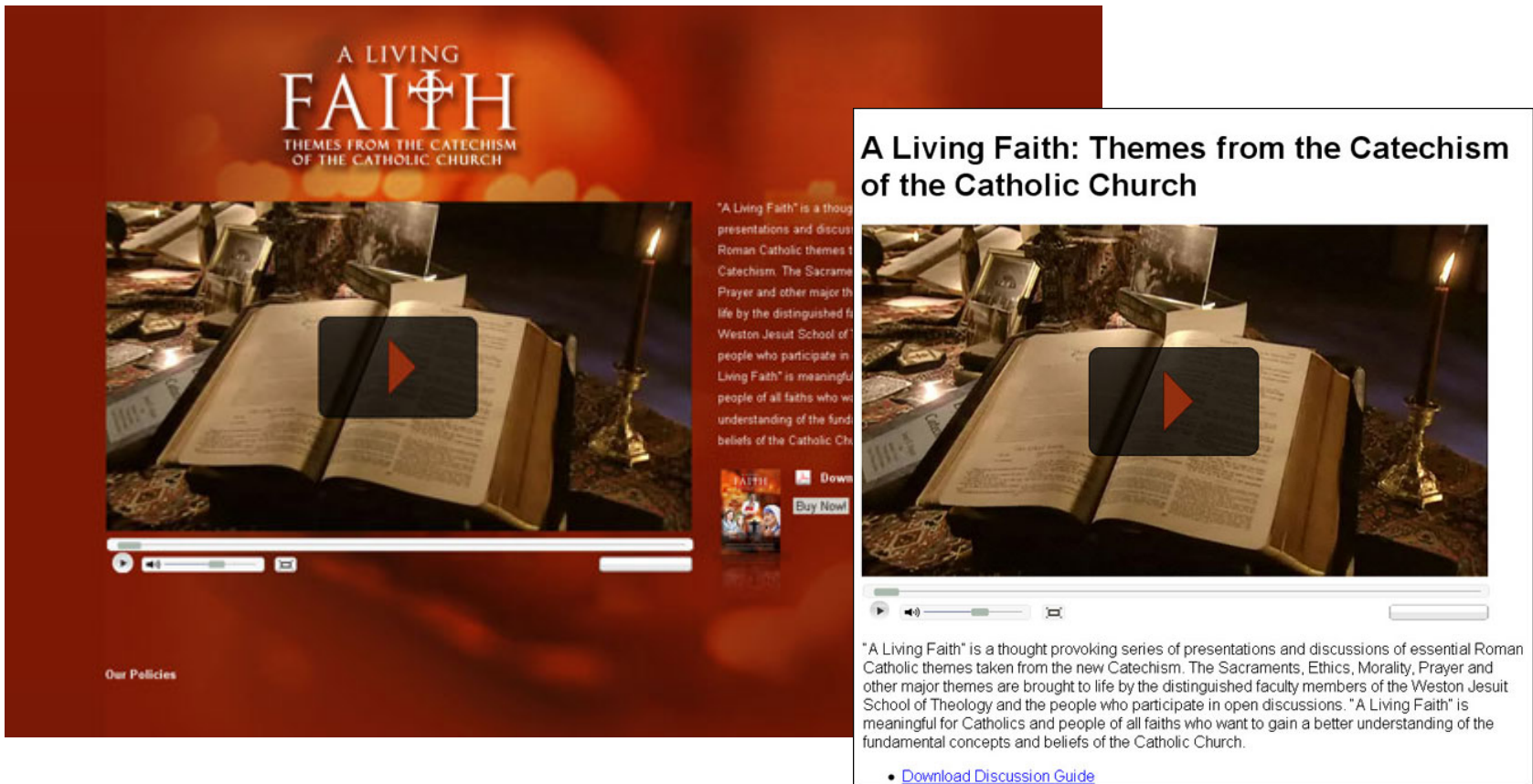
The screenshot shows the MassAccess website's 'Advanced Housing Search' page. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Advanced Housing Search, and Help and Resources. A login form is on the left. The main content area features a 'Welcome to MassAccess' message and a 'Quick Search' form. The form includes radio buttons for 'All', 'Ownership', and 'Rental', a 'Show listings that are:' section with checkboxes for 'Accessible/Adaptable', 'Income-Based/Subsidized', and 'Available now', a 'Region:' dropdown, and a 'Number of Bedrooms:' dropdown. A 'Search' button is at the bottom. A red box highlights the 'Quick Search' form area, and a red circle highlights the 'Quick Search' heading. A vertical red line is on the right side of the form area.

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# Example 4: Just Do It!

- There's a lot you can do to bring your own accessibility skills to a project without changing the design.



The image shows a screenshot of a video player interface. The video title is "A Living Faith: Themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church". The video content features an open book, a lit candle, and a crucifix. The video player includes a play button, a progress bar, and a volume control icon. Below the video player, there is a description of the video and a link to download a discussion guide.

**A Living Faith: Themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

"A Living Faith" is a thought provoking series of presentations and discussions of essential Roman Catholic themes taken from the new Catechism. The Sacraments, Ethics, Morality, Prayer and other major themes are brought to life by the distinguished faculty members of the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and the people who participate in open discussions. "A Living Faith" is meaningful for Catholics and people of all faiths who want to gain a better understanding of the fundamental concepts and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

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