

VPAT for IBM Forms Designer 4.0, 4.0.0.1, 4.0.0.2	
VPAT comments:	For a detailed description of the parent features and benefits, please refer to the following URL: http://www.ibm.com/software/lotus/products/forms/features.html

VPAT Summary

Criteria	Status	Remarks and Explanations
Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems	Supports	Refer to Section 1194.21 in VPAT Details section below.
Section 1194.22 Web-based Internet information & applications	Not applicable	Not applicable
Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products	Not applicable	Not applicable
Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products	Not applicable	Not applicable
Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products	Not applicable	Not applicable
Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable Computers	Not applicable	Not applicable
Section 1194.31 Functional Performance Criteria	Supports	Refer to Section 1194.31 in VPAT Details section below.
Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation, and Support	Supports	Refer to Section 1194.41 in VPAT Details section below.

VPAT Details

Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems - Detail

Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and Explanations
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.	Supports: A keyboard can be used to achieve all tasks in the application, allowing blind and mobility-impaired users to access information without the use of the mouse.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer 4.0: User Interface - Keyboard equivalents for actions exist. Manipulation and placement of graphical objects is achieved through keyboard shortcuts, insert menus, along with the Outline and Property views.
(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.	Supports: Operating systems provide accessibility features that allow disabled users to customize their preferences. This application preserves those accessibility user preference settings. For example, if Sticky Keys option is selected by a mobility-impaired user, this option will continue to be activated when used with this application.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer does not interfere with keyboard accessibility features built into the operating system.
(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.	Supports: When using the application with a keyboard, users can tell where they are on the screen and the information is available to assistive technologies to communicate screen location to visually impaired users.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer supports visual focus indicators including dotted rectangles and highlighted selections. Furthermore focus location is programmatically available to assistive technologies through the MSAA interface.
(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.	Supports: This software application allows a screen reader to describe the user interface environment and controls to a blind user. For example, if you tab through a form and find a radio button, the user would be able to determine it is a radio button and the current selection status of the button.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer provides industry standard messages for normal user interface elements to assistive technologies through the MSAA interface. Forms Designer supports label association to controls and images through standard user interface elements.
(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.	Supports: The meaning assigned to images used in the application is consistent and unique, minimizing confusion of the context of use for those images.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer supports label association to controls and images through standard user interface elements.

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(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.	Supports: Text information is accessible so assistive technologies can communicate content, attributes and caret location to blind users.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer provides text for all element using assistive technology through the MSA interface.
(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.	Supports: System settings are inherited by the application so that customized preferences will not need to be continually reset. For example, color contrast settings enhanced for a low vision user would be preserved by the application.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer supports system settings for high contrast mode. Fonts and colors are inherited from the system where appropriate. In places where system fonts and colors are not used, the Designer supports end user configuration to use system fonts and colors.
(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.	Not applicable	The following component does not apply to this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - The Forms Designer does not use animation.
(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Supports: Color is used only as an enhancement, and an alternate means to convey information or indicate an action is available to users with visual impairments.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Color is used as an enhancement, not as the only way to convey information or indicate an action.
(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.	Supports: When color customization is supported, a variety of color selections and a range of contrast improves accessibility for users with vision impairments.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Forms Designer supports setting of a full range of custom color selections in addition to the color settings inherited from the system.
(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Supports: The use of blinking text, objects or elements has been avoided, reducing risk of seizures for users with photosensitive epilepsy.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - The Forms Designer does not use blinking text or flashing objects.
(l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Supports: The application design allows assistive technology access to information, field elements, and functionality required to complete and submit forms.	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface - Any input items that exist in the Designer (i.e. wizards) support keyboard accessibility and also provide the type of object and label to the user.

Section 1194.31 Functional Performance - Detail

Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and Explanations
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports: See the following for supporting features: - 1194.21 a, b, c, d, e, f, h, i, l	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface
(b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people what are visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports: See the following for supporting features: - 1194.21 c, g, i, j, l	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided.	Not applicable	The following component does not apply to this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface
(d) Where audio information is important for the use of the product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.	Not applicable	The following component does not apply to this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface
(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used	Not applicable	

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by people with disabilities shall be provided.		
(f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided.	Supports: See the following for supporting features: - 1194.21 a, b	The following component meets this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: User Interface

Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation, and Support - Detail

Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and Explanations
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports: Product support documentation is provided in at least one accessible format.	The following components meet this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: F1 Help - Non-text content that is presented to the user has a text alternative. Define information, structure, and relationships. Any information that is conveyed by color is also evident without color. Document reading order follows a meaningful sequence. No flashing components. No form elements. No data tables. The language of the page is defined by the operating system locale. - IBM Lotus Forms Designer: Documentation Wiki - Images have alternative text. Table cells and relationships between cells can be programmatically determined. Web pages are readable without requiring style sheets. Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element. No flashing content. Content is accessible. No image maps, frames, scripts, applets, plugins, or non-HTML content used. No multimedia.
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports: Documentation includes a description of accessibility and compatibility features that make it easier for people with disabilities to use the product. Those descriptions are available in alternate formats upon request.	The following components meet this criterion: - IBM Forms Designer: F1 Help - Does not contain documentation on all accessibility features including keyboard access. Documentation on all accessibility features including keyboard access can be found in the IBM Forms documentation Wiki. - IBM Forms Designer: Documentation Wiki - Provides documentation on all accessibility features including keyboard access for the product.
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.	Supports: In addition to standard IBM help desk and support Web sites, IBM has established a TTY telephone service for use by deaf or hard of hearing customers to access sales and support services.	

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