Building Accessible Lessons in Keynote / PowerPoint for Classes over Zoom

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Formatting for Universal Design (access)

Black & white together create glare.

Pick a BG color for your master slide, that softens the contrast.

Avoid Reds

Same Rules in Reverse

Contrast without glare means stay away from black and white together

- ◆ Font choices affect access, readability. Arial or Helvetica font is easy on the eyes.
- ♦ Suggested Minimum Font Size 44 pt, why? Small font is hard to read.
- ◆ Throughout this PowerPoint we are using 50 pt Helvetica Font

Images & Flow

- Create an outline / agenda of topics covered, to prep students / customers for what is to come
- Use minimal text / visuals on each slide
- Use a consistent pattern / flow to make it predictable
- Example:
 - Title, followed by bullets

AGENDA



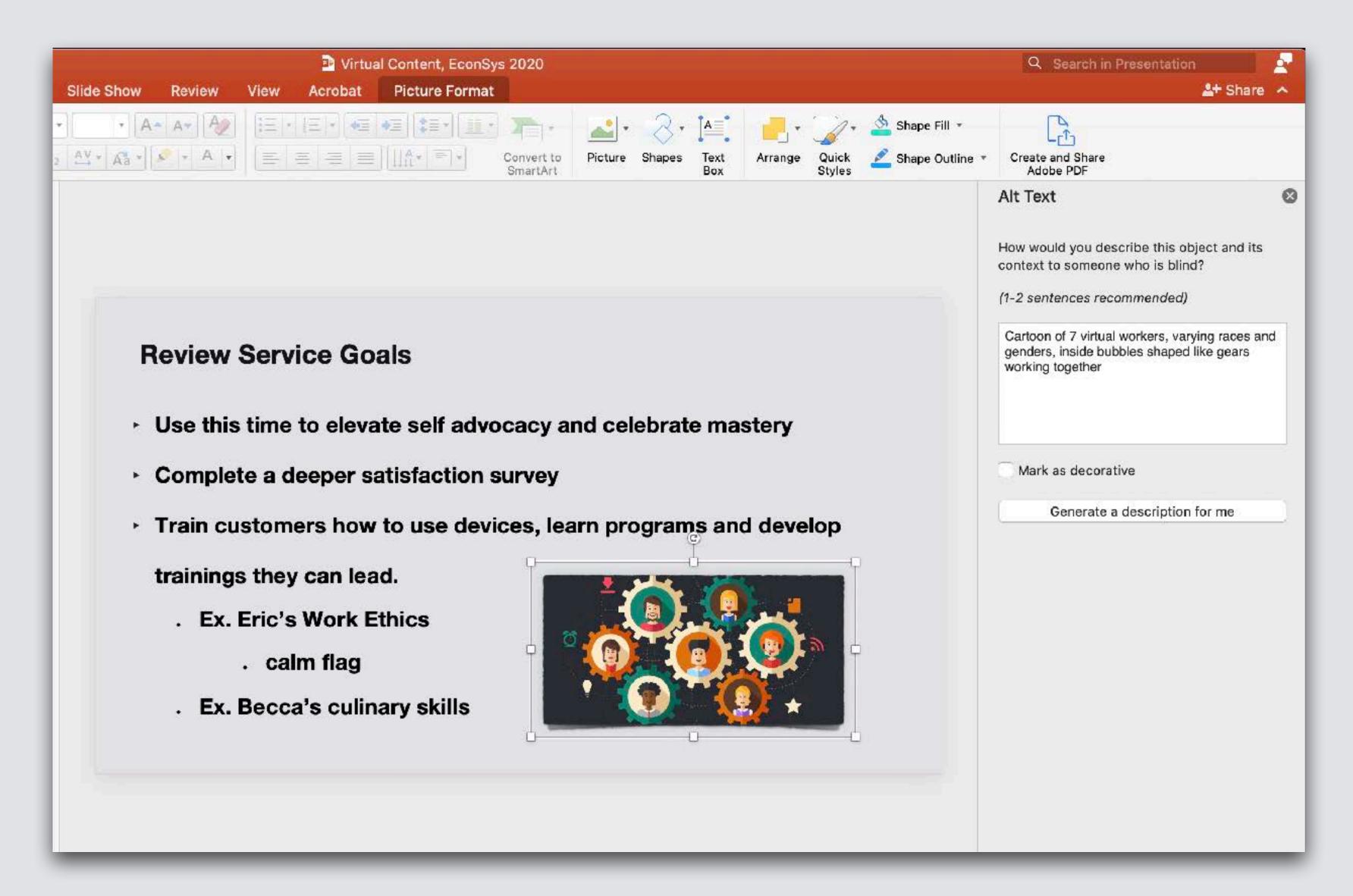
- Opening
- Brain Break
- Healthy Choices
- Launch

Making Images Accessible

- Add text to describe each visual. Why?
- People using screen readers
- Anyone struggling with how to identify salient points from visual information
 - People with vision loss
 - People on the autism spectrum
 - People worn out from watching
 Zoom screens
 - People with ADHD
 - People feeling overwhelmed



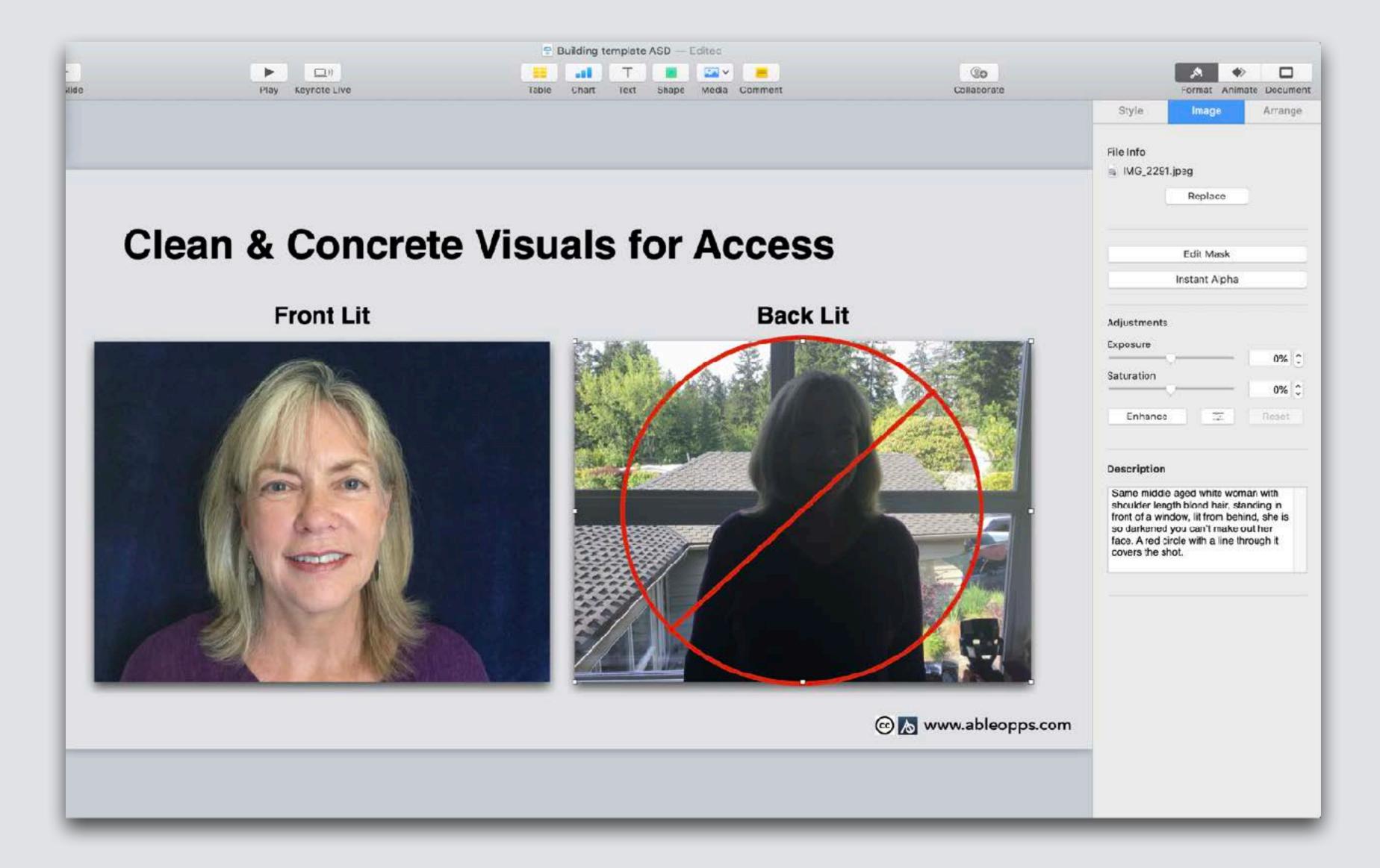
Make Images Accessible in PowerPoint Using "Alt Text"



In a PowerPoint, right click on the image and put a description in the "Alt Text" box

In this example, the cartoon image is selected, and the Alt Text describes it.

Making Images Accessible in Keynote Using "Image Description"



In Keynote, click on the image, open editing (paintbrush icon on the top right), open "image" tab and write in the description box

Use Clean & Concrete Visuals for Access

Good Contrast



Poor Contrast



Clean & Concrete Visuals for Access

Front Lit Back Lit





Set a predictable structure / create a template:

CHECK IN

- How are you feeling?
- Self Care Ideas
- Covid 19 Info / Updates

TOPIC

- Preparation / Orientation
- Model
- Participation



Check In Example

How are you today?

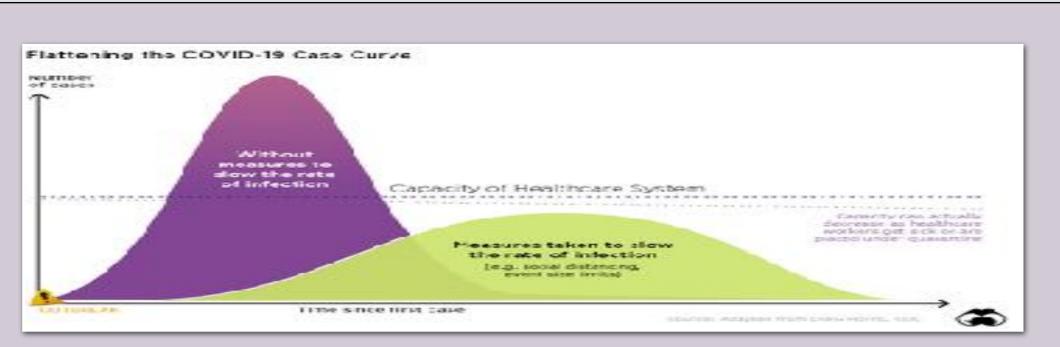


GOOD





- Self-Care Share
 - No media after 4 PM TV, FB, Twitter, TikTok, Instagram, etc!
 - Walk every day
- COVID-19 Update
 WA State is working to flatten the curve so we have enough nurses and doctors to treat sick people



Topic Example - Sharing Stories

What did you do last night?

Does everyone have their picture ready?

"I saw a bear in my yard!"



Raise your hand, I'll call on you to share your picture / story.

- Turn taking is engaging, 1:1 or with a group. To promote engagement and access, determine times to turn off screen sharing
 - For example in prep to share stories, 1st share your screen showing the intro slide to prepare and orient students to topic

Topic Example - Sharing Stories

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Raise your hand, I'll call on you to share your picture / story.

- Then switch from screen share to speaker view
- Mute all participants, except for the person sharing
- Model protocol- hold the photo next to your face so both are in the screen



- Describe photo, "My new puppy"
- When done, keep the picture up and count to 3, giving people time to look at it & comment / ask questions
- Be mindful of glare caused by lights & windows, teach people to tilt their screen down slightly to avoid glare