Six 508 products raise the ramp to accessibility

GCN LAB	508 Accessibility Suite for Dreamweaver and UltraDev	Acrobat 5.0	Browser Photo	PopChart [D]	InSight/InFocus 508	PageScreamer 2.3
Vendor	UsableNet Inc. New York tel. 415-336-9437 www.usablenet.com	Adobe Systems Inc. San Jose, Calif. tel. 800-833-6687 www.adobe.com	NetMechanic Inc. Huntsville, Ala. tel. 256-533-0076 www.netmechanic.com	Corda Technologies Inc. Lindon, Utah tel. 801-805-9500 www.corda.com	SSB Technologies Inc. San Francisco tel. 415-975-8000 www.ssbtechnologies.com	Crunchy Technologies Inc. Arlington, Va. tel. 703-469-2008 www.crunchy.com
Pros	+ Easy editing + Best code examples	+ Bookreader has built-in speech synthesizer	+ Shows snapshot of page in 14 browser OS combinations	+ Automatic fallback to right format for browser	+ Best review + Good documentation	+ Fastest page parsing
Cons	– No preview simulations – Can't toggle failed items to pass after manual inspection	– Tagging files requires manual intervention	– Slow connection can make snapshots inaccurate	– Requires back-end programming – Expensive	– Doesn't find nested tables – Poor performance under Win 2000	– Doesn't find data tables nested in layout tables – Poor 508 help
System requirements	Dreamweaver or UltraDev, Win9x or NT, 64M of RAM, 100M of free storage, Adobe Type Manager, similar requirements for Mac OS 8.1	Win 9x, ME, NT or 2000; 64M of RAM and 115M of free storage; similar requirements for Mac OS 9.0.4	Fast Internet connection	Win9x, NT or 2000; 128M of RAM and 30M of free storage; or Solaris 2.6	Any Java-enabled machine with 500-MHz processor, 128M of RAM, 15M of free storage	Any Java-enabled machine with 400-MHz processor, 128M of RAM, 75M of free storage
GSA price	Free extension; Dreamweaver starts at $360	$249; upgrade from earlier version $149	$120 per year	$10,070 for one server	$899 per seat for one to four seats	$2,120 per seat for PageScreamer; $7,645 for spider
Overall grade	A — REVIEWER'S CHOICE — BANG FOR THE BUCK	A	A	B+	B	C+