Digital Agency Design System (DADS) — Japan's Accessibility-First Component Library, Default in Central-Ministry Procurement

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Japan

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Japan's Digital Agency publishes DADS, an open design system following JIS X 8341-3:2016, WCAG 2.2 and WAI-ARIA 1.2, and the default in central-ministry procurement. It says DADS helps meet 43 of 86 WCAG 2.2 criteria, but this is a self-assessment; no adoption or outcome data.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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