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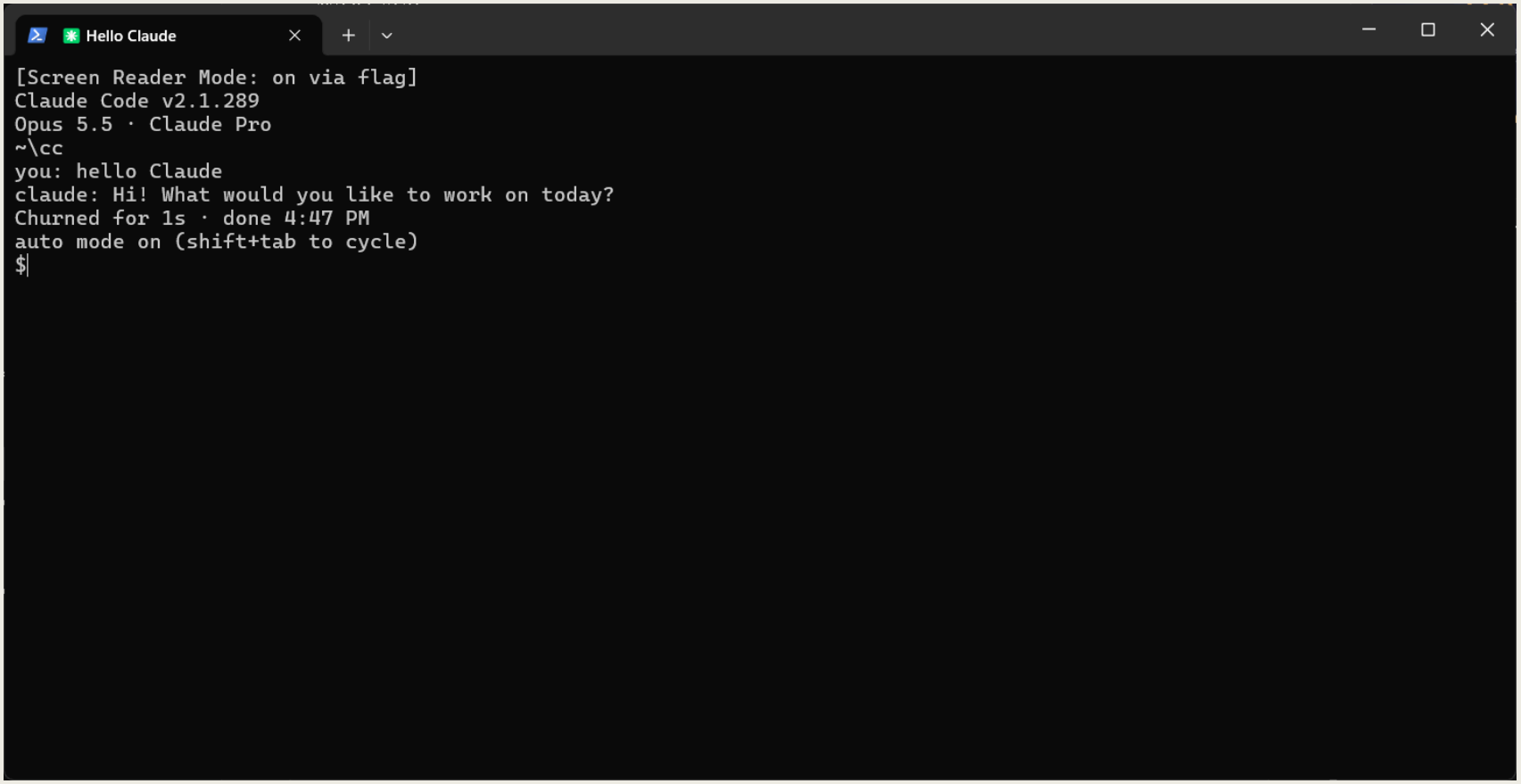
Product Description

Claude Code Command Line Interface (CLI) is Anthropic's coding assistant for the command line. It runs in the user's own terminal application, where the user types requests and Claude carries them out. Claude Code CLI has a screen reader mode that simplifies its interface into plain, linear text for screen reader users.



(Screenshot of Claude Code CLI starting in screen reader mode in Windows' PowerShell)

Conformance Summary

The Claude Code CLI was assessed against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2, Level A & AA (WCAG 2.2, Level AA). The Evaluation Methods indicate how each part was evaluated. Overall, Claude Code CLI is conformant with 85% of the WCAG 2.2, Level A & AA success criteria:

- Does Not Support (DNS) — 0 criteria
- Partially Supports (PS) — 8 criteria
- Supports (S) — 47 criteria, including 16 Supports (N/A)

This report represents the conformance level at the publication date. This report covers Claude Code CLI version 2.1.288/289 in its default interface and in screen reader mode. Claude Code CLI was evaluated in the Terminal app on macOS and in PowerShell on Windows. Screen reader mode was run in both of those terminals. All automated and manual testing with a screen reader were done with screen reader mode turned on. The default interface has two renderers, the classic renderer and fullscreen rendering, which is on by default for new users.

Out of scope

- 3rd party plugins, extensions and skills that the user installs.
- Generated artifacts such as documents, graphics, websites, apps, etc.
- Terminal User Interface (TUI) applications other than the default terminals on macOS and Windows.
- Other ways to use Claude Code, such as the IDE extensions and the desktop and web apps.
- Products in Beta or in early preview that are otherwise not available to Enterprise customers.

Version History

Date	Description
October 2026	Re-evaluation of fixes released since Claude Code CLI 2.1.267, and updated Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) for Claude Code CLI 2.1.288.
September 2026	Initial evaluation and Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) for Claude Code CLI 2.1.267.

Notes

- Claude Code CLI is not reported as an authoring tool.
- An issue found on multiple instances of the same component is counted once.
- Accessibility best practices are not reported in this document.
- Features shipped after September 2026 are not evaluated for this report.
- This report did not evaluate non-Enterprise features.

Table 1: Summary - Non-conformant criteria (DNS & PS)

WCAG Criteria	Issue Description	Conformance Level
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (A)	In screen reader mode, some lists do not say which item is selected.	Partially Supports
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (AA)	The faintest gray text and added / removed lines are below the minimum contrast ratio. Light themes: some colored words also have low contrast.	Partially Supports
1.4.4 Resize Text (AA)	At larger text sizes some lines are cut off, and in fullscreen rendering some menus taller than the window do not show all of their parts.	Partially Supports
1.4.10 Reflow (AA)	In the default interface some lines are cut off at narrow widths and some setting labels are shortened. A long menu can run past the bottom of the window.	Partially Supports
2.1.1 Keyboard (A)	In fullscreen rendering, starting a text selection and opening a link need the mouse. In screen reader mode, some actions cannot be done, such as attaching a note when approving a command or a file change.	Partially Supports
2.4.7 Focus Visible (AA)	In the default interface, when a dialog or list is taller than the window, the focused option can be off screen with nothing marked as focused. In screen reader mode, the list of command and file suggestions does not say which one is selected.	Partially Supports
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (A)	In fullscreen rendering, pressing the mouse button on an arrow or an empty part of a list's scroll bar scrolls the list before the button is released.	Partially Supports
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (A)	In screen reader mode, some lists do not say which item is selected. The start of some lines are cut off from the VoiceOver readout.	Partially Supports

Table 2: Summary - Non-conformant “interfaces”

Interface	Issue Description	WCAG Criteria
Common interfaces	The faintest gray text and many colored words, most of them in the light themes, are below the minimum contrast ratio. Some lines are cut off at narrow widths or at larger text sizes. The start of some lines are cut off from the VoiceOver readout.	1.4.3 (AA); 1.4.4 (AA); 1.4.10 (AA); 4.1.2 (A)
Approval prompts	In screen reader mode, a note cannot be attached when approving a command or a file change, and in any terminal, the "Security guide" link on the folder trust prompt is written as the label alone, so its address is not there to open or copy. At narrow widths, some approval prompts do not offer their "don't ask again" option.	1.4.10 (AA); 2.1.1 (A)
Menus and lists	In screen reader mode, some lists do not say which item is selected. In the default interface, in fullscreen rendering some menus taller than the window do not show all of their parts, and when a dialog or list is taller than the window the focused option can be off screen.	1.3.1 (A); 1.4.4 (AA); 2.4.7 (AA); 4.1.2 (A)
Prompt and suggestions	In screen reader mode, the list of command and file suggestions does not say which one is selected.	1.3.1 (A); 2.4.7 (AA); 4.1.2 (A)
Settings, permissions and model	In screen reader mode, choosing a model for just the current session does not switch to it.	2.1.1 (A)
Replies and working status	In screen reader mode, where the CLI writes clickable links, a labelled link is written as the label alone, so its address is not there to open or copy.	2.1.1 (A)
Mouse and agent view	In fullscreen rendering, starting a text selection and opening a link need the mouse. In fullscreen rendering, pressing the mouse button on an arrow or an empty part of a list's scroll bar scrolls the list before the button is released.	2.1.1 (A); 2.5.2 (A)

Evaluation Methods Used

This application was evaluated for WCAG 2.2, Level A & AA conformance using a combination of automated scanning tools and manual testing techniques. The application was evaluated in screen reader mode and in both renderers.

Automated tools

- Static code analysis
- Test scripts & recordings driving Claude Code CLI

Manual testing

- Keyboard testing
- VoiceOver / macOS Tahoe 26.7.1
- NVDA 2026.2 / Windows 11

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports (S)**: The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports (PS)**: Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support (DNS)**: The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Supports - Not Evaluated (N / E)**: The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. Level AAA only.
- **Supports - Not Applicable (N / A)**: The criterion does not apply to the product.

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Table 3: Conformance Timeline

The following table shows changes to conformance over time, only updated criteria are included.

WCAG	September 2026	October 2026
1.1.1	Partially Supports	Supports
1.3.2	Partially Supports	Supports
2.2.1	Partially Supports	Supports
2.4.3	Partially Supports	Supports
2.5.7	Partially Supports	Supports
3.1.1	Partially Supports	Supports
3.2.2	Partially Supports	Supports
3.3.2	Partially Supports	Supports
3.3.4	Partially Supports	Supports
4.1.3	Partially Supports	Supports

Table 4: All WCAG 2.2 A & AA Success Criteria

WCAG Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI does not present prerecorded or live audio or video.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI does not present prerecorded or live audio or video.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI does not present prerecorded or live audio or video.
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI does not present prerecorded or live audio or video.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI does not present prerecorded or live audio or video.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Partially Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, most structure is written as text: each message starts with a label, and most menus and prompts are written as numbered lists with each option's name and state, such as selected or disabled. Exceptions: some lists do not say which item is selected, such as command and file suggestions and some settings tabs.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, content is written in reading order. On macOS, the working status line and some lines of a reply are written again while the reply is being written.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	

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1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports (N/A)	
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Supports	
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Software: Main text is drawn in the terminal's own text color, and hints and descriptions meet the minimum contrast ratio in the light and dark themes. Exceptions: the faintest gray text, used for some less important details, is below the minimum ratio, and so are some subagent names and most counts of added and removed lines. In the light themes, many other colored words are below it too, such as the highlighted item in menus, most dialog titles, code quoted inside replies, words in the Claude orange and words in most status colors (for example success, warnings and plan mode). Code blocks in replies, and the themes that use the terminal's own color palette (labelled "ANSI colors only" in the theme list), follow the terminal's colors. Screen reader mode uses no color.
1.4.4 Resize Text (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Software: Text size is set in the terminal application. At larger text sizes the window holds fewer characters. Most text then wraps, but some lines are cut off at the window's width, such as the folder an "always allow" rule applies to in some approval prompts and the detail of a retry message. In the default interface with fullscreen rendering, some menus taller than the window do not show all of their parts, so their key hints or the highlighted option can be out of view. In screen reader mode a long menu scrolls instead: its first lines move up into the terminal's own scroll history.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: Claude Code CLI displays no images of text; everything is drawn as characters in the terminal.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	Software: Most text wraps to the width of the terminal window, and in screen reader mode menus, prompts and settings wrap in full. Exceptions,

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		in screen reader mode too: some lines are cut off at the window's width, such as the folder an "always allow" rule applies to in some approval prompts and the detail of a retry message, and at narrow widths some approval prompts do not offer their "don't ask again" option. In the default interface at narrow widths, some setting names and menu labels are shortened, one approval prompt's options can overlap, and a long menu can run past the bottom of the window.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Software: In fullscreen rendering, the one-line copy of the user's message that stays at the top of the screen while the user scrolls back draws the marker in front of the message below the 3 to 1 ratio in the light and dark themes.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The terminal draws text in a fixed character grid; the CLI uses no markup that supports text spacing changes.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports (N/A)	Software: No content appears on pointer hover or keyboard focus; command and file suggestions appear as the user types.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Partially Supports	Software: Claude Code CLI is operated from the keyboard, with some exceptions. In fullscreen rendering, which is on by default for new users, starting a text selection and opening a link need the mouse; from the keyboard, /copy copies a reply and /export copies or saves the whole conversation. Screen reader mode has four more exceptions. A note cannot be attached when approving a command or a file change. Choosing a model for just the current session does not switch to it. Where the CLI writes clickable links, a labelled link, for example in one of Claude's replies, is written as the label alone, so its address is not there to open or copy. In any terminal, the "Security guide" link on the folder trust prompt is written as the label alone, so its address is not there to open or copy.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	

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2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, a short announcement stays on screen until the next key press. It is taken off sooner when the text above it changes, for example while Claude is working, and a few notices disappear after a few seconds.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, a running command's progress line is rewritten while it runs, on macOS the working status line is rewritten while a reply is being written, and a few screens rewrite an elapsed-time line up to once a second with no way to stop it.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The W3C's guidance on applying WCAG to software (WCAG2ICT) applies this criterion only to a set of software programs, and Claude Code CLI is a single program.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Software: In both interfaces, the cursor generally stays at the text being typed or on the item in focus. Exception: in screen reader mode, while some text fields are still empty, such as the sign-in code field, the cursor sits on the line below the field until something is typed.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The W3C's guidance on applying WCAG to software (WCAG2ICT) applies this criterion only to a set of software programs, and Claude Code CLI is a single program.

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2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Software: The typing position is generally marked by a highlighted block or the terminal cursor, and the focused row in menus and lists by a pointer, a change of color, or both. Exceptions in the default interface: when a dialog or list is taller than the window (a question with several long options, or the model list in a narrow window), the focused option can be off screen with nothing marked as focused, and the classic renderer can leave the pointer on a different option. Exception in screen reader mode: the list of command and file suggestions does not say which one is selected. When the user sets the documented environment variable CLAUDE_CODE_ACCESSIBILITY to 1, the terminal cursor stays visible, generally at the typing position or the highlighted row.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	Software: The CLI handles mouse input only in fullscreen rendering and in agent view, the screen that lists the user's background sessions. In screen reader mode the CLI handles the mouse only inside a background session the user has opened, for example from agent view; such a session is drawn with fullscreen rendering. Where the mouse is handled, left-click actions complete when the button is released and can be cancelled by moving the pointer off the target first. The exception is the scroll bar of long lists in fullscreen rendering: pressing the mouse button on one of its arrows or on an empty part of the bar scrolls the list at once, before the button is released. The user can turn mouse capture off by setting CLAUDE_CODE_DISABLE_MOUSE=1.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	

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2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports (N/A)	Software: No function is operated by device motion.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Software: Where the CLI captures the mouse (fullscreen rendering and agent view, the screen that lists the user's background sessions; in screen reader mode, only inside a background session the user has opened), selecting text with the mouse, other than a single word or line, needs a drag. Holding the terminal's own selection key (Shift in most terminals, Fn in the macOS Terminal app, Option in iTerm2), or setting CLAUDE_CODE_DISABLE_MOUSE=1, returns selection to the terminal.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Software: The terminal, not the CLI, sets the size of each character cell and so of clickable targets, and this rating relies on the criterion's exception for target sizes determined by the user agent.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	Software: The interface is in English only. Terminals give applications no way to mark the language of their text, so a screen reader set to another language may read it with that language's voice.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The CLI's own interface contains no passages in other languages. Claude's replies are AI-generated content, which is outside the scope of this report.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	Software: Left Arrow on an empty prompt is a command key that opens agent view, the screen that lists the user's background sessions, at once; in screen reader mode no on-screen hint names the key, and coming back can take the user out of screen reader mode when it was turned on with the command-line option or the environment variable.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The W3C's guidance on applying WCAG to software (WCAG2ICT) applies this criterion only to a set of software programs, and Claude Code CLI is a single program.

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3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The W3C's guidance on applying WCAG to software (WCAG2ICT) applies this criterion only to a set of software programs, and Claude Code CLI is a single program.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports (N/A)	Software: The W3C's guidance on applying WCAG to software (WCAG2ICT) applies this criterion only to a set of software programs, and Claude Code CLI is a single program.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, Shift+Tab in the plan approval prompt also approves the plan and changes the permission mode. The prompt mentions Shift+Tab only at the end of its last option. The new mode is announced after approval.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, a note typed in the plan approval prompt and then cancelled with Escape is still sent when the plan is approved, and it is shown only after approval.
3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	
3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
4.1.1 Parsing (obsolete and removed in WCAG 2.2) (Level A)	Supports	
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Partially Supports	Software: In screen reader mode, most menus and prompts are written as numbered lists with each option's name and state, such as selected or disabled. Exceptions: some lists do not say which item is selected,

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		including command and file suggestions and some settings tabs. The start of some lines are cut off from the VoiceOver readout.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Software: Screen reader mode writes short announcements, such as permission mode changes and deleted text, and rings the terminal bell when Claude finishes or needs an answer. Some permission mode changes are not announced, and on macOS the working status line is written again many times while a reply is being written (on Windows, this version writes a reply only when it is complete). With VoiceOver, the error message for a number that is not listed in a menu is usually not spoken, or only its end is, and part of another line may be read instead.