

NVDA (Windows, Free)



Pros:

- Free and open-source.
- Frequently updated and widely supported.
- Works well with most browsers and Windows applications.



Cons:

- Limited support on Mac/Linux.
- May require extra configuration for some advanced features.

VoiceOver (Mac OS, Free)



Pros:

- Built-in and free with all Apple devices.
- Strong integration with Safari, iOS, and Mac apps.
- Supports gestures on iPhone/iPad for easy navigation.



Cons:

- Limited customization compared to NVDA/JAWS.
- Works best in the Apple ecosystem — weaker cross-platform support.

Chrome Accessibility Tools (Lighthouse, DevTools)



Pros:

- Built-in to Chrome browser, no installation needed.
- Can run accessibility audits with Lighthouse.
- Provides performance + SEO checks in addition to accessibility.



Cons:

- More technical; results can overwhelm beginners.
- Automated checks only — still need manual testing for completeness.