



# adrscan – Rust CLI Design



## Binaries

Binary	Description
<code>adrscan</code>	Native binary via <code>cargo install adrscan</code>
<code>adrscan-wasm</code>	WebAssembly binary with Node.js bindings via <code>wasm-bindgen</code> for npm usage

```
# Native install
cargo install adrscan

# Node.js-compatible WASM
npx create-adr-module
```



## Commands

All commands output **JSON by default**, with optional `--format markdown` or `--format table`.

`adrscan init`

Initializes ADR workspace.

```
adrscan init
```

Creates:

- `./adr/`
- `adr-template.md`
- `adr/ADR-0000-Initial-State.md`

`adrscan inventory`

Scans repository and creates a content hash snapshot.

```
adrscan inventory --output .adrscan/inventory-latest.json
```

### adrscan diff

Compares current repo state to last inventory snapshot.

```
adrscan diff --baseline .adrscan/inventory-latest.json
```

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### adrscan propose

Drafts a new ADR summarizing detected changes.

```
adrscan propose --diff .adrscan/diff-latest.json
```

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### adrscan index

Regenerates `adr/index.md` from parsed ADRs.

```
adrscan index --format markdown
```

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### adrscan validate

Lints ADR files for metadata, formatting, and semantic consistency.

```
adrscan validate
```

Checks for:

- Missing metadata
- Duplicate IDs
- Invalid links
- Non-conforming structure

Returns JSON array of issues.

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## ADR Metadata Schema (YAML Frontmatter or JSON)

```
id: "ADR-0005"
title: "Use SQLite for Local Persistence"
status: "proposed" # ["proposed", "accepted", "rejected", "deprecated"]
date: "2025-07-17"
deciders:
  - "Trevor Bowman"
  - "AI Assistant"
supersedes: ["ADR-0002"]
tags: ["persistence", "database", "local"]
```

ADR documents can use:

- YAML frontmatter ( `---` fenced block)
- Or top-level JSON block in comments

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## GitHub Action Integration

`.github/workflows/adrscan.yml`

```
name: ADR Drift & Lint

on:
  push:
    paths:
      - '**/*.rs'
      - '**/*.md'
      - '!adr/index.md'
  schedule:
    - cron: '0 3 * * 1' # Weekly scan

jobs:
  adrscan:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4

      - name: Install adrscan
        run: cargo install adrscan

      - name: Run inventory and diff
        run: |
          adrscan inventory --output .adrscan/inventory.json
```

```
adrscan diff --baseline .adrscan/inventory.json > .adrscan/diff.json

- name: Propose ADR if changes found
  run: |
    adrscan propose --diff .adrscan/diff.json

- name: Lint ADRs
  run: |
    adrscan validate > .adrscan/lint-results.json

- name: Upload report
  uses: actions/upload-artifact@v4
  with:
    name: adrscan-results
    path: .adrscan/
```

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## Directory Structure (Post-init)

```
repo/
├── adr/
│   ├── ADR-0000-Initial-State.md
│   └── index.md
├── adr-template.md
└── .adrscan/
    ├── inventory-<timestamp>.json
    ├── diff-<timestamp>.json
    └── lint-results.json
```

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## Functional Requirements

- Initialize ADR environment with boilerplate and templates
- Generate and store an inventory hash of the repository content
- Compare current state to previous snapshot to detect drift
- Generate delta-based ADR proposals from detected drift
- Build and update an `index.md` referencing all known ADRs
- Lint and validate ADR files for metadata completeness and formatting
- Output all command results in JSON by default
- Provide Node.js-compatible WASM bindings for CI/CD use
- Integrate seamlessly into GitHub Actions workflows
- Support markdown and table output formatting via flags

## Non-Functional Requirements

- Built using safe, idiomatic Rust with `clap`, `serde`, `walkdir`, `ignore`
  - Produce deterministic, reproducible outputs from scans and diffs
  - Support CI/CD with unit, integration, and regression test coverage
  - Maintain a small binary size and minimal memory footprint for CLI and WASM
  - Support multi-platform operation (Linux, macOS, Windows)
  - Cross-compile cleanly to `wasm32-unknown-unknown` with minimal external dependencies
  - Follow SemVer for release versioning and changelogs
  - Emit clear, actionable errors for invalid input or repository state
  - Enable offline operation and caching for repeated scans
  - Use SPDX identifiers and include license metadata in distributed packages
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## Documentation

### Self-Training Guide

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# Self-Training: adrscan

## Objective
Learn how to use `adrscan` to manage and automate Architectural Decision
Records.

## Step-by-Step

1. Install the CLI
  ```bash
  cargo install adrscan
```

#### 1. Initialize ADR Workspace

```
adrscan init
```

This creates the `adr/` folder and a base template.

#### 1. Run a Repository Inventory

```
adrscan inventory --output .adrscan/inventory.json
```

#### 1. Detect Drift

```
adrscan diff --baseline .adrscan/inventory.json
```

### 1. Propose a New ADR

```
adrscan propose --diff .adrscan/diff.json
```

### 1. Rebuild ADR Index

```
adrscan index
```

### 1. Validate ADRs

```
adrscan validate
```

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## User Guide (Markdown)

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# User Guide: adrscan
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### ## Overview

`adrscan` helps track architectural decisions and detect drift in software projects.

### ## Available Commands

- `adrscan init` - Bootstrap ADR structure
- `adrscan inventory` - Hash and record file inventory
- `adrscan diff` - Compare current repo to last snapshot
- `adrscan propose` - Draft ADRs for identified changes
- `adrscan index` - Regenerate `adr/index.md`
- `adrscan validate` - Lint ADRs for consistency

### ## Metadata Standard

Use frontmatter YAML:

```
```yaml
id: ADR-XXXX
title: Reasoned Decision
status: proposed
date: YYYY-MM-DD
deciders:
  - "Name"
supersedes: []
tags: []
```

## Output Formats

- Default: `--format json`
- Optional: `--format markdown`, `--format table`

## CI Integration

See `.github/workflows/adrscan.yml` for example.

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## 🌍 Future Roadmap

| Feature                               |
| Description                           |
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| 🦜 External ADR Linking               | Reference upstream ADR repositories via Git
submodules or `adrscan link` |
| 🦋 SBOM Integration                   | Annotate ADRs with package/component provenance
using SPDX or CycloneDX |
| 🧠 AI Assistance                     | Integrate LLMs to assist in drafting or
evaluating ADR decisions |
| 🌱 Drift Autoclassification           | Classify diffs as doc/code/config/test to
prioritize proposals |
| 🌱 Test Impact Tracing                | Cross-reference ADR decisions with affected test
cases |
| ⌚ Time-based Drift Analysis            | Detect stale ADRs based on repo evolution over
time |
| 🦊 ADR Search Indexing                | Enable tag- and text-based querying of existing
ADRs |
| 🗑️ Markdown-to-JSON Bridge           | Extract and convert markdown ADRs into
normalized JSON docs for export |
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