

NVDA (NonVisual Desktop Access): Free Open-Source Screen Reader for Blind and Low-Vision Computer Users

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 92/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Free, open-source Windows screen reader from Australian non-profit NV Access. WebAIM's independent 2024 survey of 1,539 users found NVDA the most commonly used screen reader worldwide (65.6%), with a 97.6% satisfaction rate - ahead of paid alternatives.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[NV Access](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[WebAIM Screen Reader User Survey #10 Results](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[Wikipedia: NonVisual Desktop Access](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

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