

TeXLive Accessibility Conformance Report  
(International Edition)  
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TeXLive 2021.

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## Product Description

TeXLive is the reference distribution of TeX and related software supported by TeX Users Group, a membership-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to support, promotion and advocacy of TeX typesetting system created by Donald Knuth and maintained by the international community of developers. As of 2021 TeXLive contains more than 460 programs and more than 7300 software packages.

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## Notes

T<sub>E</sub>XLive is a complex software suite, intended to produce typeset products in various formats (PDF, HTML, DVI, XML to name a few). In all cases it takes an *input code* written in a machine-readable form and translates it to an *output format*, suitable to publication in the traditional (hard copy) or electronic form.

This document covers only the software used to convert the input code to the output format. The creation of the input code is outside the scope of this document, since it is done by third party software. T<sub>E</sub>XLive software can accept as input text files created in any authoring tool. T<sub>E</sub>X Users group is aware about fully accessible authoring tools, and promotes them on its web pages and publications.

A separate issue is the accessibility of the *output documents* created with T<sub>E</sub>XLive software. The accessibility features of these documents depend on the settings in the input code and the packages used, and thus is not covered by this document. T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group strives to make the creation of full accessible documents using its tool as simple as possible, and to make the accessibility features the default settings of our software. This is an ongoing effort, involving many developers. T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group welcomes any help in this work.

The tools provided by T<sub>E</sub>XLive are accompanied by technical documentation, both included in T<sub>E</sub>XLive itself, and separate: there are many books, courses and other materials about T<sub>E</sub>X. Many of the latter are fully accessible. The main documentation of T<sub>E</sub>XLive, supported by T<sub>E</sub>XLive team, is accessible as well. Most of the documentation for several thousand software packages in T<sub>E</sub>XLive is provided in PDF or text format. By requiring machine readable textual sources of all documentation provided by T<sub>E</sub>XLive packages, we ensure a certain level of accessibility for all documentation. However, the full audit of the documentation for all 7300+ packages created by many thousands of volunteers is not feasible at this time. T<sub>E</sub>X Users group supports the efforts of making all T<sub>E</sub>X documentation fully accessible.

## Evaluation methods used

The testing was based on the knowledge of the general product knowledge.

## Applicable standards and guidelines

Standard/Guideline	Included in the report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (Yes)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (Yes)
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	Yes
EN 301 549 Accessibility requirements suitable for public procurement of ICT products and services in Europe, - V3.1.1 (2019-11)	Yes

## Terms

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

**Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.

**Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.

**Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.

**Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.

**Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

## WCAG 2.x Report

Tables 1 and 2 also document conformance with:

- EN 301 549: Chapter 9 - Web, Sections 10.1-10.4 of Chapter 10 - Non-Web documents, and Sections 11.1-11.4 and 11.8.2 of Chapter 11 - Non-Web Software (open and closed functionality), and Sections 12.1.2 and 12.2.4 of Chapter 12 – Documentation
- Revised Section 508: Chapter 5 – 501.1 Scope, 504.2 Content Creation or Editing, and Chapter 6 – 602.3 Electronic Support Documentation.

**Note:** When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements.

### Introduction

This section of the report describes the documentation for T<sub>E</sub>XLive.

There are several ways to define “the full documentation for T<sub>E</sub>X and friends software”. In one meaning of these words it comprises all books on T<sub>E</sub>X, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt and other systems included in T<sub>E</sub>XLive, all issues of the journals published by T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group and other users produced documentation. Of course it would be impossible to estimate the accessibility of all this documentation, comprising hundreds thousands of pages written over three decades.

Another way is to count only the documentation for the packages included in T<sub>E</sub>XLive. This includes documentation for 7300+ packages, which makes the full audit rather impractical.

In this document we discuss only the main manual for the system, available with the installation and at <https://tug.org/texlive/doc/texlive-en/texlive-en.html>. We note, however, that documentation for all T<sub>E</sub>XLive packages is available as source text files, and thus is highly accessible.

In the tables below the success criteria apply to *Web* and *Electronic Docs* paragraphs of VPAT.

**Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A**

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Partially supports	The figures describing GUI do not have alt text
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	
1.2.2 Captions Prerecorded (Level A)	Not Applicable	
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Not Applicable	
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable	Supports	
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks	Not Applicable	
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
3.1.1 Language of Page	Supports	
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)	Supports	
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	

**Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA**

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports	
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Not Applicable	
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	

**Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA**

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	
1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	
1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	
1.2.9 Audio-only (Live) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	



Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.6 Identify Purpose (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	
1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced) (Level AAA)	Supports	
1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio (Level AAA)	Supports	
1.4.8 Visual Presentation (Level AAA)	Supports	
1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Supports	Images of GUI screens are used only when essential to the information being conveyed.
2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.2.3 No Timing (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.2.4 Interruptions (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.2.5 Re-authenticating (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	
2.2.6 Timeouts (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Applicable	
2.3.2 Three Flashes (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.3.3 Animation from Interactions (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.4.8 Location (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only) (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.4.10 Section Headings (Level AAA)	Supports	
2.5.5 Target Size (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	
2.5.6 Concurrent Input Mechanisms (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	
3.1.3 Unusual Words (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
3.1.4 Abbreviations (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
3.1.5 Reading Level (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
3.1.6 Pronunciation (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	
3.2.5 Change on Request (Level AAA)	Supports	
3.3.5 Help (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
3.3.6 Error Prevention (All) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	

**Note:** Neither [Revised Section 508 Report](#) nor [EN 301 549 Report](#) require AAA level compliance.

## Revised Section 508 Report

### Chapter 3: Functional Performance Criteria (FPC)

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Supports	
302.2 With Limited Vision	Supports	
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	
302.4 Without Hearing	Supports	
302.5 With Limited Hearing	Supports	
302.6 Without Speech	Supports	
302.7 With Limited Manipulation	Supports	
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Supports	
302.9 With Limited Language, Cognitive, and Learning Abilities	Does Not Support	

### Chapter 4: Hardware

Does Not Apply.

### Chapter 5: Software

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
501.1 Scope—Incorporation of WCAG 2.0 AA	Supports	See <b>Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA</b>
<b>502 Interoperability with Assistive Technology</b>		
502.2.1 User Control of Accessibility Features	Supports	
502.2.2 No Disruption of Accessibility Features	Supports	
<b>502.3 Accessibility Services</b>		
502.3.1 Object Information	Supports	
502.3.2 Modification of Object Information	Supports	
502.3.3 Row, Column, and Headers	Not Applicable	
502.3.4 Values	Supports	
502.3.5 Modification of Values	Supports	
502.3.6 Label Relationships	Not Applicable	
502.3.7 Hierarchical Relationships	Not Applicable	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
502.3.8 Text	Supports	
502.3.9 Modification of Text	Supports	
502.3.10 List of Actions	Supports	
502.3.11 Actions on Objects	Supports	
502.3.12 Focus Cursor	Supports	
502.3.13 Modification of Focus Cursor	Supports	
502.3.14 Event Notification	Supports	
502.4 Platform Accessibility Features	Supports	
<b>503 Applications</b>		
503.2 User Preferences	Supports	
503.3 Alternative User Interfaces	Supports	
503.4 User Controls for Captions and Audio Description	Not Applicable	
503.4.1 Caption Controls	Not applicable	
503.4.2 Audio Description Controls	Not Applicable	
<b>504 Authoring Tools</b>		
504.2 Content Creation or Editing (if not authoring tool, enter “not applicable”)	Not Applicable	
504.2.1 Preservation of Information Provided for Accessibility in Format Conversion	Not Applicable	
504.2.2 PDF Export	Not Applicable	
504.3 Prompts	Not Applicable	
504.4 Templates	Not Applicable	

## Chapter 6: Support Documentation and Services

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>601.1 Scope</b>		
<i>602 Support Documentation</i>		
602.2 Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	
602.3 Electronic Support Documentation	Supports	See <a href="#">WCAG 2.x Report</a>
602.4 Alternate Formats for Non-Electronic Support Documentation	Not Applicable	
<i>603 Support Services</i>		
603.2 Information on Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Not Applicable	

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
603.3 Accommodation of Communication Needs	Not Applicable	

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## Chapter 4: Functional Performance Statements (FPS)

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.2.1 Usage without vision	Supports	
4.2.2 Usage with limited vision	Supports	
4.2.3 Usage without perception of colour	Supports	
4.2.4 Usage without hearing	Supports	
4.2.5 Usage with limited hearing	Supports	
4.2.6 Usage with no or limited vocal capability	Supports	
4.2.7 Usage with limited manipulation or strength	Supports	
4.2.8 Usage with limited reach	Supports	
4.2.9 Minimize photosensitive seizure triggers	Supports	
4.2.10 Usage with limited cognition, language or learning	Does not support	
4.2.11 Privacy	Supports	

## Chapter 5: Generic Requirements

**Note:** EN 301 549 defines “closed functionality” as “functionality that is limited by characteristics that prevent a user from attaching, installing or using assistive technology”. Since T<sub>E</sub>XLive utilities do not prevent users from attaching, installing or using assistive technology, most of requirements in this chapter are not applicable to them.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>5.1 Closed functionality</b>		
<i>5.1.2 General</i>		
5.1.2.1 Closed functionality	Not Applicable	
5.1.2.2 Assistive technology	Not Applicable	
<i>5.1.3 Non-visual access</i>		
5.1.3.1 Audio output of visual information	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.2 Auditory output delivery including speech	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.3 Auditory output correlation	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.4 Speech output user control	Not Applicable	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
5.1.3.5 Speech output automatic interruption	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.6 Speech output for non-text content	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.7 Speech output for video information	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.8 Masked entry	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.9 Private access to personal data	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.10 Non-interfering audio output	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.11 Private listening volume	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.12 Speaker volume	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.13 Volume reset	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.14 Spoken languages	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.15 Non-visual error identification	Not Applicable	
5.1.3.16 Receipts, tickets, and transactional outputs	Not Applicable	
5.1.4 Functionality closed to text enlargement	Not Applicable	
5.1.5 Visual output for auditory information	Not Applicable	
<i>5.1.6 Operation without keyboard interface</i>		
5.1.6.2 Input focus	Not Applicable	
5.1.7 Access without speech	Not Applicable	
5.2 Activation of accessibility features	Not Applicable	
5.3 Biometrics	Not Applicable	
5.4 Preservation of accessibility information during conversion	Not Applicable	
<b>5.5 Operable parts</b>		
5.5.1 Means of operation	Not Applicable	
5.5.2 Operable parts discernibility	Not Applicable	
<b>5.6 Locking or toggle controls</b>		
5.6.1 Tactile or auditory status	Not Applicable	
5.6.2 Visual status	Not Applicable	
5.7 Key repeat	Not Applicable	
5.8 Double-strike key acceptance	Not Applicable	
5.9 Simultaneous user actions	Not Applicable	

## Chapter 6: ICT with Two-Way Voice Communication

Not Applicable.

## Chapter 7: ICT with Video Capabilities

Not Applicable.

## Chapter 8: Hardware

Not Applicable.

## Chapter 9: Web

See [WCAG 2.x Report](#).

## Chapter 10: Non-Web Software

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>10.0 General (informative)</b>		
10.1.1.1 through 10.4.1.3	Supports	See <a href="#">WCAG 2.x Report</a>
10.5 Caption positioning	Not Applicable	
10.6 Audio description timing	Not Applicable	

## Chapter 11: Software

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>11.0 General (informative)</b>		
11.1.1.1 through 11.4.1.3	Supports	See <a href="#">WCAG 2.x Report</a>
<b>11.5 Interoperability with assistive technology</b>		
<i>11.5.1 Closed functionality</i>		
<i>11.5.2 Accessibility services</i>		
11.5.2.1 Platform accessibility service support for software that provides a user interface	Supports	See information in 11.5.2.5 through 11.5.2.17
11.5.2.2 Platform accessibility service support for assistive technologies	Supports	See information in 11.5.2.5 through 11.5.2.17

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
11.5.2.3 Use of accessibility services	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.4 Assistive technology	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.5 Object information	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.6 Row, column, and headers	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.7 Values	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.8 Label relationships	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.9 Parent-child relationships	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.10 Text	Supports	
11.5.2.11 List of available actions	Supports	
11.5.2.12 Execution of available actions	Supports	
11.5.2.13 Tracking of focus and selection attributes	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.14 Modification of focus and selection attributes	Not Applicable	
11.5.2.15 Change notification	Supports	
11.5.2.16 Modifications of states and properties	Supports	
11.5.2.17 Modifications of values and text	Supports	
<b>11.6 Documented accessibility usage</b>		
11.6.1 User control of accessibility features	Not Applicable	
11.6.2 No disruption of accessibility features	Supports	
11.7 User preferences	Not Applicable	
<b>11.8 Authoring tools</b>		
<i>11.8.1 Content technology</i>		
11.8.2 Accessible content creation	Not Applicable	
11.8.3 Preservation of accessibility information in transformations	Not Applicable	
11.8.4 Repair assistance	Not Applicable	
11.8.5 Templates	Not Applicable	

## Chapter 12: Documentation and Support Services

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>12.1 Product documentation</b>		
12.1.1 Accessibility and compatibility features	Not Applicable	
12.1.2 Accessible documentation	Supports	See <a href="#">WCAG 2.x Report</a>



Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>12.2 Support Services</b>		
12.2.2 Information on accessibility and compatibility features	Not Applicable	
12.2.3 Effective communication	Not Applicable	
12.2.4 Accessible documentation	Not Applicable	

### **Chapter 13: ICT Providing Relay or Emergency Service Access**

Not Applicable.

## Legal Disclaimer

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