# Mac Accessibility mac image

The Vision section of the Accessibility Panel on the mac has similar features to iOS though not as many.

## Voiceover

Apple’s screen reader utilises keyboard shortcuts to navigate the screen and read aloud the content

## Zoom

Screen magnification which can be either window or full screen

## Invert colours

Switch between dark on light background and vice versa – some eye conditions benefit greatly from using inverted colours.

## Colour filters

Reduce glare and personalize your display with the options of various colour filters.

## Increase contrast

Sharper images are easier to see for low vision users, especially when using magnification.

## Reduce transparency

Any opaque or see-through buttons appear as solid on the screen. This can prevent a visual confusion.

Keyboard shortcuts are a very useful tool to help activate and control the accessibility features on your mac a full list of keyboard shortcuts for Voiceover can be found here. It should be noted that you can also activate accessibility option by using siri, “Hey Siri, turn on voiceover.”

Here are some of the basic shortcuts you can use to control accessibility options.

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| **Action** | **Keyboard Shortcut** |
| Show accessibility options | Option-Command-F5 |
| Activate/Deactivate Voiceover | Command-F5 or Fn-Command-F5 |
| Open Voiceover Utility (When activated) | Control-Option-F8 or Fn-Control-Option-F8 |
| Activate/Deactivate Zoom | Option-Command-8 |
| Zoom in | Option-Command-Plus sign (+) |
| Zoom out | Option-Command-Minus sign (-) |
| Invert colours | Control-Option-Command-8 |
| Reduce contrast | Control-Option-Command-Comma (,) |
| Increase contrast | Control-Option-Command-Period (.) |

## Index

Most keyboard shortcuts use a combination of keys to achieve the task. In each table we have included the keyboard shortcuts for the most relevant keyboard layout.

Below is an index of the alternative keys between Apple and windows keyboards.

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| **Apple/Mac Key** | **Windows Key** |
| Control | Ctrl |
| Option option key | Alt |
| Command (cloverleaf) ⌘ | Windows windows |
| Delete | Backspace |
| Return | Enter |

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