FREE GUIDE · CLAUDE CODE ADD-ON

Give Claude a map of your project.

Graphify turns your project into a map of files and how they connect. When you ask Claude Code something, it can check the map first instead of opening file after file. Here's what it does, who it's for, and how to set it up.

Free & open source | Needs Claude Code + Python 3.10+ | ✅ Checked 25 Nov 2026

The reel this guide goes with

01 · AT A GLANCE

What changes with a map

Without the map vs with the map

Asking: "Where's the login code?"

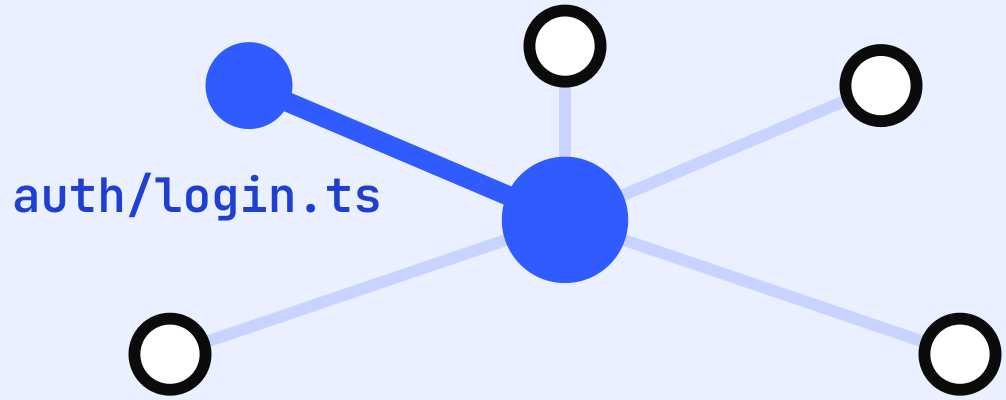
WITHOUT

app.ts routes.ts db/schema.ts ui/Button.tsx utils/date.ts api/users.ts …

Opens file after file

Each file it reads uses tokens.

WITH GRAPHIFY



Checks the map first

It goes straight to the file that matters.

Is it worth it for you?

The bigger the project, the more it helps.

Worth it

Big projects with lots of files, or a folder of mixed code, notes and papers that Claude keeps re-reading.

Probably not

Small projects. The makers say a project of about 6 files fits in Claude's memory anyway, so the map adds little.

What stays on your computer?

Good to know before you run it on private work.

Your files	Where they're read	Why
Code (.py .ts .js .go .java ...)	On your computer	Read with a local parser (tree-sitter)
Docs, papers, images	Sent to Claude	Claude pulls out their ideas, which uses your tokens
Files you didn't change	Skipped	A cache remembers them, so re-runs only process changed files

02 · SET IT UP

Five steps, about five minutes

On Windows, use **PowerShell**. On a Mac, use **Terminal**.

1 Check you have Python 3.10 or newer

```
python --version
```

No Python, or an older one? Install it from python.org. You also need Claude Code installed.

2 Install Graphify

Run these two lines, one after the other:

```
pip install graphifyy
graphify install
```

> **Yes, two y's:** `graphifyy`. That's the official package name for now, while the plain name is being reclaimed. The command afterwards is still `graphify`. Other packages called "graphify" are **not** this project.

3 Windows says "graphify is not recognized"?

Python's Scripts folder isn't on your PATH yet. Add `%APPDATA%\Python\Python3xx\Scripts` to your PATH (swap `3xx` for your version, e.g. `313`), or install with pipx instead:

```
pipx install graphifyy
```

On a Mac, use the same pipx line if pip shows an "externally-managed-environment" error.

4 Map your project

Open your project in Claude Code and type:

```
/graphify .
```

The `.` means "this folder". When it finishes, it prints a token report and saves the map in a `graphify-out` folder.

5 Keep the map fresh, and ask it things

```
# after you change files: re-map only what changed
/graphify . --update

# ask how two parts of your project connect
/graphify query "how does login reach the database?"
```

> **Optional:** `graphify hook install` adds a git hook that rebuilds the map after every commit.

03 · BEFORE YOU INSTALL

What it changes on your computer

- It adds the **Graphify skill** to Claude Code, so `/graphify` works.
- Setting it up in a project can add a **Graphify section to that project's CLAUDE.md** and a **hook in Claude Code's settings**. The hook is a small step that runs before Claude searches your files, so it checks the map first.
- The map and its cache are saved in a `graphify-out` folder inside your project.

04 · THE HONEST NUMBERS

What's behind the claims

Claim you'll see	What's actually behind it
"71x fewer tokens" Their test	The makers' own test, on one mixed set of 52 files (code, papers and images). It's not an independent test. They say savings grow with project size, and small projects gain little.
"Free" True	The software is free and open source (Apache-2.0). The first map still uses your Claude tokens for docs and images.
"Runs locally" Mostly	True for code, which is parsed on your computer. Documents, papers and images are sent to Claude.

05 · QUICK ANSWERS

FAQ

Will it make Claude cheaper to use? +

Does my code get uploaded? +

Is it safe to install? +

Do I need to re-map after every change? +

GET IT

One map. Fewer files opened.

Best on bigger projects. Try it on your largest one first.

GitHub repo | Python package

Checked against Graphify's official README on 25 Nov 2026. Tools change fast, so check the repo for the latest steps. Not made by or affiliated with the Graphify team.