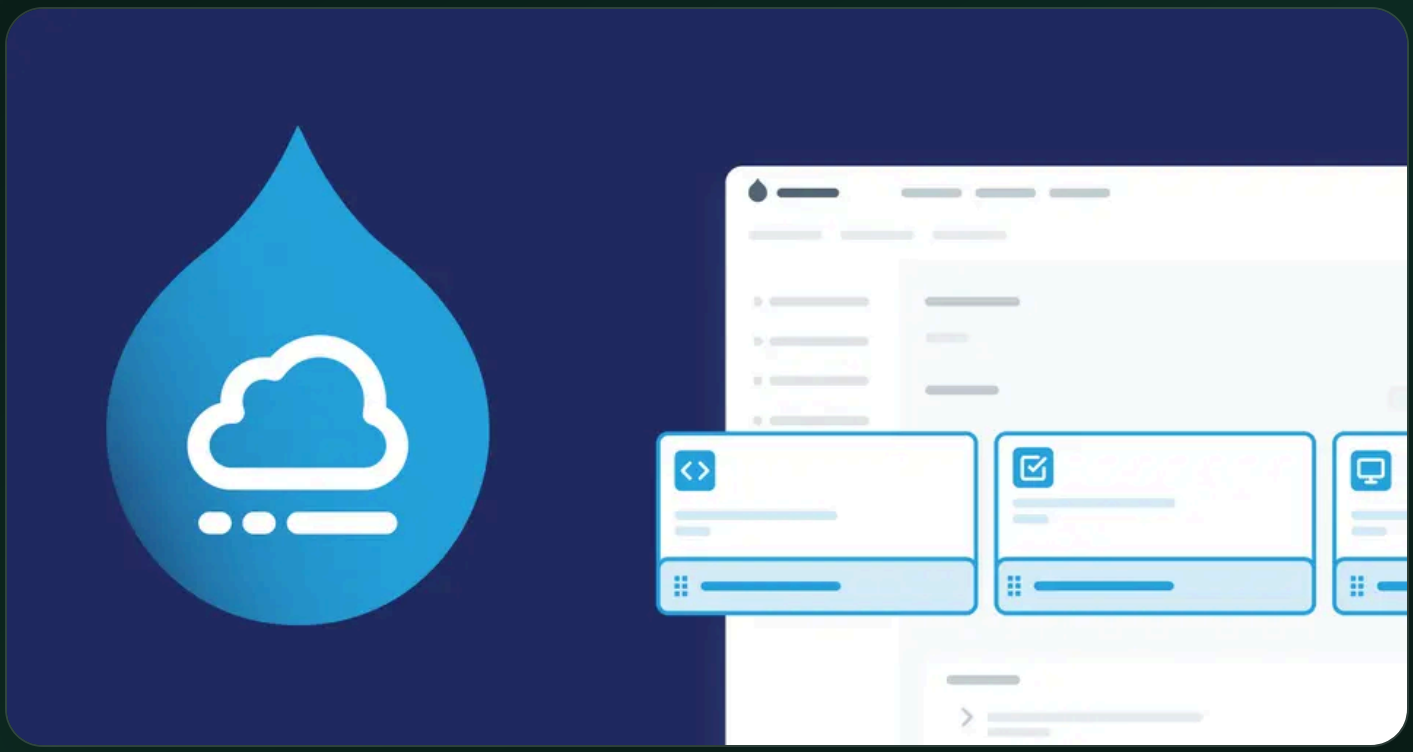
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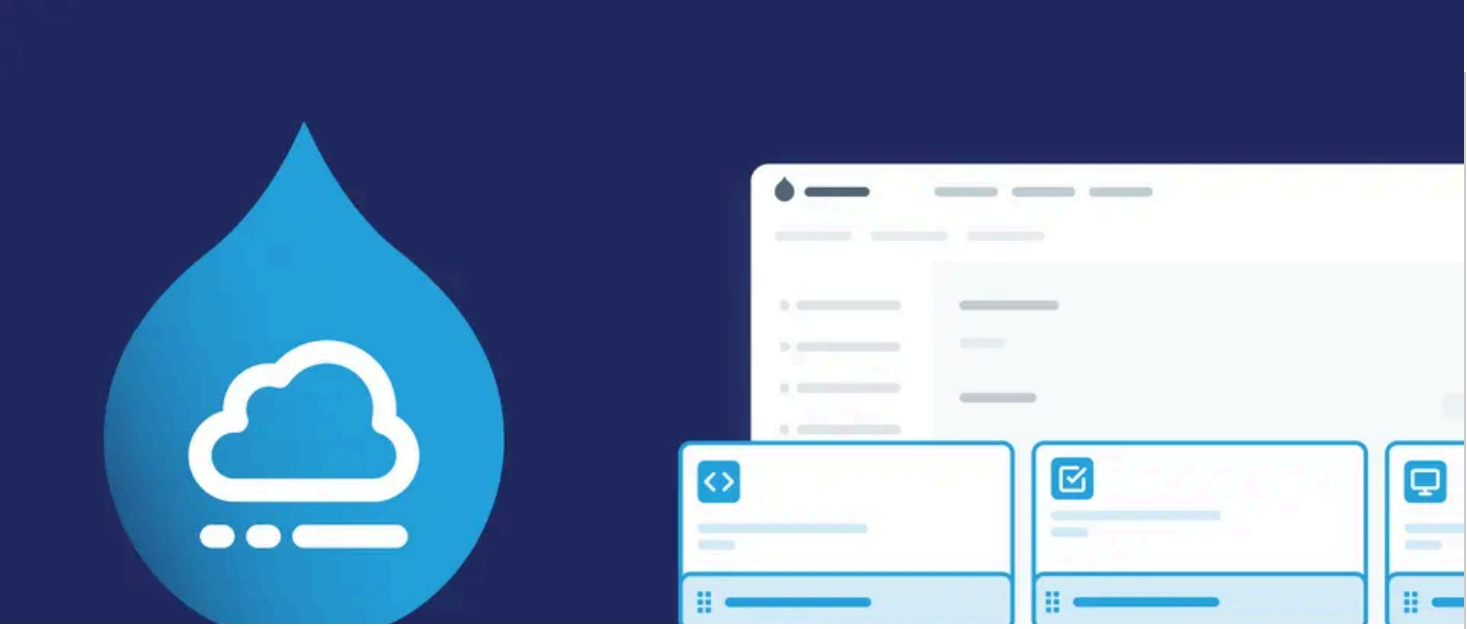
Managed cloud hosting built for enterprise Drupal sites



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Acquia Cloud Platform's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Acquia Cloud Platform's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Acquia Cloud Platform's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

Acquia Cloud Platform is a managed platform for running Drupal, sold in four annual tiers (Standard, Plus, Premium and Elite). Acquia handles operating system patching, updates and scaling, and the platform includes a CDN, a developer toolchain and a 99.95% uptime SLA. The company's site also names a Cloud Platform Essential option for mid-market teams.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Acquia Cloud Platform**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **Prices aren't published, some of the headline extras are add-ons, and it is not a general web host.**
>
> From our report card of Acquia Cloud Platform

1 **Best for managed hosting for enterprise Drupal sites**

Acquia Cloud is managed hosting built for Drupal, with auto-scaling, a CDN, a developer toolchain and compliance options.

2 **You can try it first**

14-day free trial of a Drupal 11 site, no credit card required

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Managed Drupal operations**

Acquia handles the operating system, patching, updates and scaling, with 24/7/365 application-level Drupal support.

5 **Auto-scaling infrastructure**

Acquia Cloud Next runs Kubernetes-based environments across 9 global regions, with multi-zone availability and a 99.95% uptime SLA.

6 **Platform CDN**

A built-in CDN with 65 points of presence across 9 regions is included without a separate contract.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 49 of 122**

That is against the other web hosts we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace Acquia Cloud Platform you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Acquia Cloud Platform at a glance

PRICING Free trial	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 14-day free trial of a Drupal 11 site, no credit card required	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Acquia, since 2007	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Acquia Cloud Platform

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published: annual subscriptions are quoted by sales, so it sits at C for want of a figure to compare.
Free plan and trial	C	A 14-day free trial of a Drupal 11 site with no card. No free plan.
Features	C	Managed Drupal operations, auto-scaling, a CDN, a toolchain and compliance support. Cloud CD environments, the 99.99% SLA and the security package are add-ons on some tiers, and it is Drupal only.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. There is a developer toolchain to learn and environments to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with a short list of integrations: Drupal, New Relic and SearchStax.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Acquia Cloud Platform is for

- ✓ Fits if you run an enterprise Drupal site and want the host to run the platform
- ✓ Makes sense if you need compliance support and tiered support contracts

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a listed price, because every annual subscription is quoted by sales
- ✗ Not for you if your site isn't Drupal, as the platform is purpose-built for it
- ✗ Watch out: Cloud CD environments are an add-on on Standard and included from Plus up
- ✗ Watch out: the 99.99% SLA, security package and technical account manager are add-ons on some tiers

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Organizations running large, business-critical Drupal sites
- ✓ Regulated sectors such as government, healthcare and education
- ✓ Teams that want vendor-managed patching for Drupal

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices are not published; the pricing page lists tier limits only and annual subscriptions are quoted by sales.
- ⓘ Cloud CD development environments are an add-on on Standard and included from Plus up (3 on Plus, 5 on Premium, 10 on Elite).
- ⓘ The 99.99% uptime SLA, enterprise security package and technical account manager are add-ons on some tiers.
- ⓘ It is a Drupal platform; the pages describe it as purpose-built for Drupal rather than for general web hosting.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Acquia Cloud Platform's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price is published: annual subscriptions are quoted by sales, so it sits at C for want of a figure to compare.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Acquia Cloud Platform's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. acquia.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Managed cloud hosting built for enterprise Drupal sites. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, workflow automation.

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Managed Drupal operations, auto-scaling, a CDN, a toolchain and compliance support.

From our grade for features

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Auto-scaling infrastructure

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Platform CDN

A built-in CDN with 65 points of presence across 9 regions is included without a separate contract.

Developer toolchain

Includes a Cloud API and console, Acquia Pipelines for CI/CD, a browser-based Cloud IDE, Drush, Composer and the Acquia CLI.

Compliance posture

The vendor lists FedRAMP, HIPAA, PCI, SOC 2 and ISO 27001 at the platform level, which applications on it inherit.

Tiered support

Critical-issue response SLAs run from 1 hour on Standard, Plus and Premium to 30 minutes on Elite, with advisory hours from 2 to 16.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Drupal

New Relic

SearchStax

Acquia Cloud Platform is made by Acquia, and has been around since 2007.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

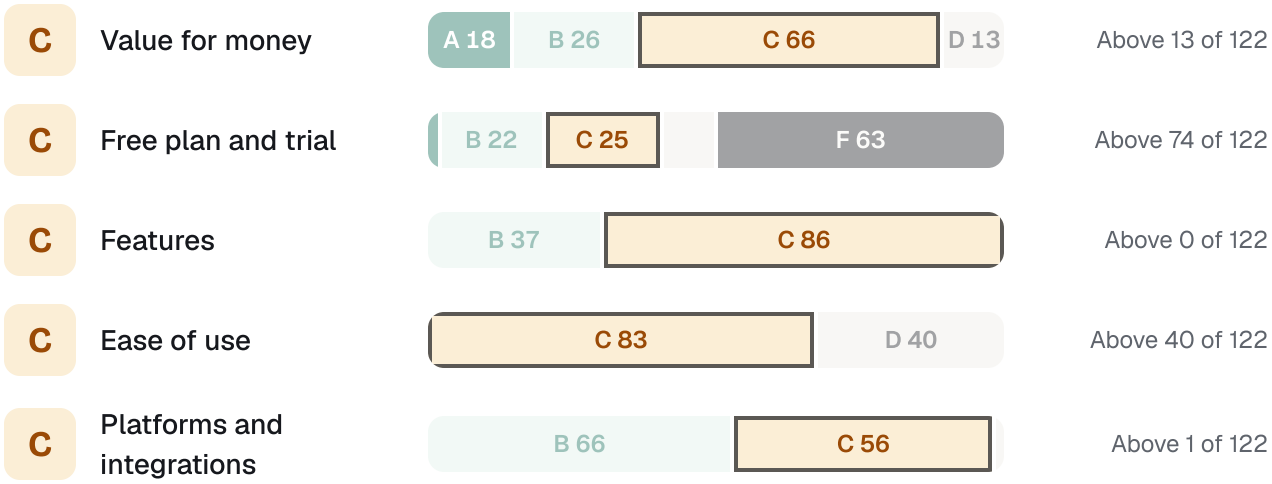
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Other web hosts it is graded above

Acquia Cloud Platform's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Acquia Cloud Platform's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace Acquia Cloud Platform you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could not

- ✕ Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: SOC 2 and HIPAA.

What this rests on. Acquia Cloud Platform's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Pantheon, WordPress VIP, Amazee.io, Upsun and WP Engine

The 5 tools Acquia Cloud Platform is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

2.0 GPA

Pantheon

Free plan · from $42/mo

Managed WordPress, Drupal and Next.js hosting for teams.

- Pantheon has a free plan. Acquia Cloud Platform does not, though it has a free trial.
- Acquia Cloud Platform also covers workflow automation.
- Pantheon also covers managed WordPress and page speed.

Acquia Cloud Platform and Pantheon compared in full

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WordPress VIP

Paid

Managed enterprise WordPress hosting from Automattic.

- Acquia Cloud Platform also covers workflow automation.
- WordPress VIP also covers managed WordPress and web analytics.

Acquia Cloud Platform and WordPress VIP compared in full

Amazee.io

1.4 GPA

From $199/mo

Managed open source Kubernetes hosting for Drupal and other apps.

- Amazee.io is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Acquia Cloud Platform also covers workflow automation.

Acquia Cloud Platform and Amazee.io compared in full

Upsun

2.2 GPA

Free trial · from €9/mo

Application cloud priced by provisioned resources.

- Upsun also covers databases.

Acquia Cloud Platform and Upsun compared in full

WP Engine

1.6 GPA

From $35/mo

Managed WordPress hosting sized by sites and monthly visits.

- Acquia Cloud Platform also covers workflow automation.
- WP Engine also covers managed WordPress.

Acquia Cloud Platform and WP Engine compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Acquia Cloud Platform free?

No, Acquia Cloud Platform is a paid product, but you can try it first.

What platforms does Acquia Cloud Platform work on?

Acquia Cloud Platform is available on Web.

Does Acqquia Cloud Platform have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Acquia Cloud Platform is listed for Web.

Does Acquia Cloud Platform have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Acquia Cloud Platform is listed for Web.

Is Acquia Cloud Platform open source?

Acquia Cloud Platform is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Acquia Cloud Platform have an API?

Yes. Acquia Cloud Platform offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Acquia Cloud Platform integrate with?

Acquia Cloud Platform's listing names Drupal, New Relic and SearchStax.

Who makes Acquia Cloud Platform?

Acquia Cloud Platform is made by Acquia. It dates from 2007.

What are the alternatives to Acquia Cloud Platform?

The closest alternatives to Acquia Cloud Platform in our directory are Pantheon, WordPress VIP, Amazee.io, Upsun and WP Engine.

How does Acquia Cloud Platform compare with other web hosts?

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Could I make my own version of Acquia Cloud Platform?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Acquia Cloud Platform's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Acquia's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Acquia. Prices change, so check acquia.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Acquia Cloud Platform, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/acquia-cloud

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

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GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

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