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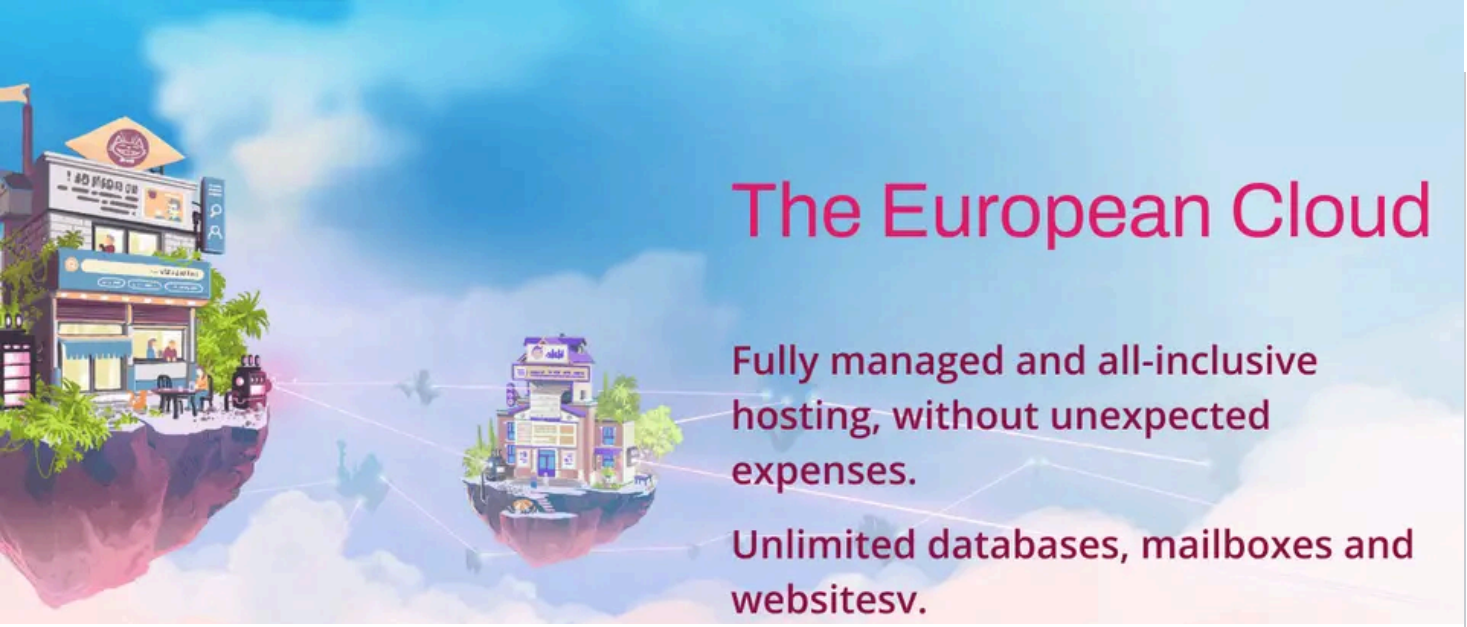
French managed hosting with unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from alwaysdata's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on alwaysdata'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 114 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

alwaysdata is a French managed hosting platform that runs sites in PHP, Python, Java, Node.js and Ruby on a shared cloud, with SSH access and an API. Paid Plus plans start at 5 euros a month excluding VAT and allow unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases, while a small free plan is kept for personal use.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about alwaysdata**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **A hosting panel with setup for each site and language, and no store rating.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a small personal site with email**

alwaysdata offers a free plan for personal use and paid Plus plans from €5 a month ex.

2 **Paid plans start at about $5.59 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: €5 per month, excl. VAT (Plus Small).

3 **There is a free plan**

Free plan for personal use: 1 GB SSD, 256 MB RAM, a quarter of a CPU and 3 days of backups, with email on your own domain and an alwaysdata.net address for sites.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Several languages per site**

PHP, Python, Java, Node.js and Ruby can be chosen for each site, along with the language version.

6 **Unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases**

Plus plans set no quota on the number of sites, email addresses or databases. MariaDB (MySQL) and PostgreSQL are offered.

7 **Email on your own domain**

Mailboxes and aliases include filtering rules, anti-spam, an autoresponder and webmail.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 114 of 122**

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

9 **Your call**

alwaysdata sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

alwaysdata at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from €5 per month, excl. VAT (Plus Small)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL 30 days free on the Plus plans	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY ALWAYSDATA	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for a small personal site with email

alwaysdata offers a free plan for personal use and paid Plus plans from €5 a month ex. VAT, with several languages per site. The free plan is small and the

next steps jump a long way, up to €369 for a Max server.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	alwaysdata	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Plus Small is €5 a month ex. VAT, about the cheaper quarter of web hosting, and there is a free plan for personal use.
Free plan and trial	B	The free plan gives 1 GB SSD, 256 MB RAM and email on your own domain, enough for a personal site. It is personal use only.
Features	B	Several languages per site, unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases, backups, SSL and scheduled tasks. Free backups last only 3 days.
Ease of use	C	A hosting panel with setup for each site and language, and no store rating.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web panel only, with no integrations listed.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 alwaysdata is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a personal site with email on your own domain
- ✓ Works for hobby projects in several languages

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if you stay free: 1 GB of disk, 256 MB of RAM and 3 days of backups, for personal use only
- ✗ Watch out: prices are in euros and exclude VAT
- ✗ Skip it if you need 24/7 support, as that is part of Max; other plans get office hours
- ✗ Pricey if you outgrow Plus Large at €50, because Max servers start at €369 a month

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Agencies and developers who want several languages and unlimited sites on one account
- ✓ Small projects that fit the free plan or the 5 euro Plus Small plan
- ✓ Buyers who want a European host with a French legal entity

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices are in euros and exclude VAT.
- ⓘ The free plan is limited to personal use and carries 1 GB of disk, 256 MB of RAM and 3 days of backups.
- ⓘ 24/7 support is part of the Max offer; other plans are answered during office hours.
- ⓘ Max servers start at 369 euros a month, so there is a large step up from the 50 euro Plus Large plan.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

~$5.59

A month to start. There is a free plan too

alwaysdata has a free plan. Paid plans start at €5 per month, excl. VAT (Plus Small).

> **VAT, about the cheaper quarter of web hosting, and there is a free plan for personal use.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

€0

Personal use only, no credit card to register: 1 GB SSD, 256 MB RAM, 1/4 CPU and 3 days of backups. The vendor says it may suspend a free account whose legitimacy is contested.

PLUS SMALL

€5

per month, excl. VAT

50 GB SSD, 1 GB RAM, 1 CPU and 7 days of backups, with unlimited sites, databases and email addresses and SSH access.

PLUS MEDIUM

€20

per month, excl. VAT

100 GB SSD, 2 GB RAM, 2 CPUs and 20 days of backups, with the same unlimited sites, databases and mailboxes.

PLUS LARGE

€50

per month, excl. VAT

200 GB SSD, 4 GB RAM, 4 CPUs and 20 days of backups. An X-Large size with 500 GB SSD, 8 GB RAM and 8 CPUs sits above it.

MAX

€369

per month and up, excl. VAT

A private server configured to order, from 1 TB of disk, 16 GB RAM and 8 CPUs, with 24/7 support and 30 days of backups.

The free plan

Free plan for personal use: 1 GB SSD, 256 MB RAM, a quarter of a CPU and 3 days of backups, with email on your own domain and an alwaysdata.net address for sites.

Trying it first

30 days free on the Plus plans

Read from alwaysdata.com on Nov 13, 2026.

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

French managed hosting with unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, databases.

> **Several languages per site, unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases, backups, SSL and scheduled tasks.**
>
> From our grade for features

Several languages per site

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Unlimited sites, mailboxes and databases

Plus plans set no quota on the number of sites, email addresses or databases. MariaDB (MySQL) and PostgreSQL are offered.

Email on your own domain

Mailboxes and aliases include filtering rules, anti-spam, an autoresponder and webmail.

Backups and SSL

Backups of files, emails and databases can be restored from the control panel, and SSL certificates from Let's Encrypt or your own are handled automatically.

Scheduled tasks and background services

Programs can be run on demand, on a schedule or as a background daemon.

Resizable plans

Plus plans can change capacity instantly, and a Max offer moves a site to a dedicated private server.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

alwaysdata is made by ALWAYSDATA.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

114/122

Other web hosts it is graded above

alwaysdata's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 114 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 5.

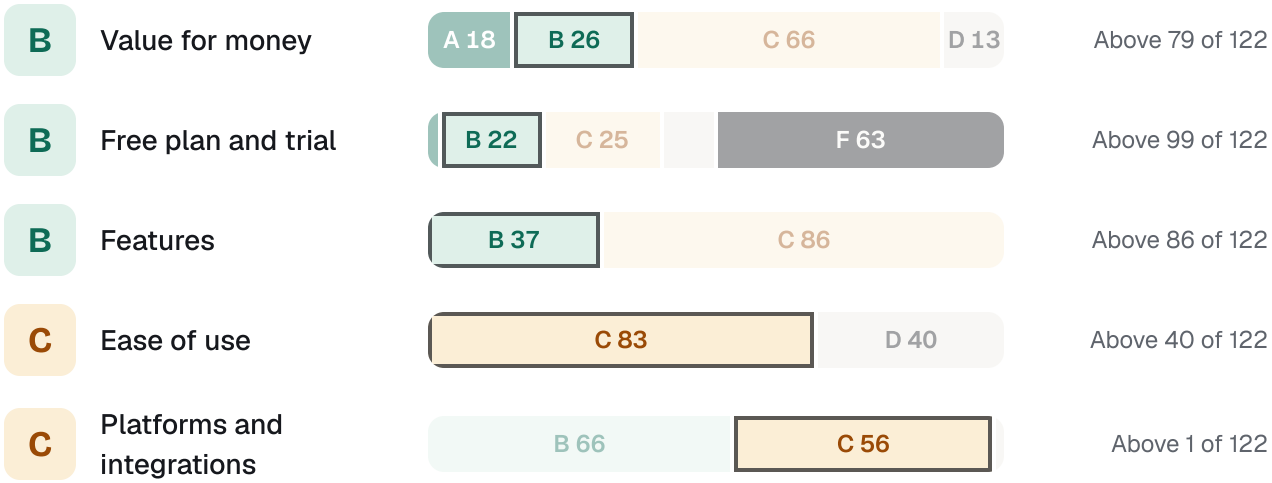
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 99 of 122) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 1).

Its paid plans start at about $5.59 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 43 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 2 tools score higher and cost less.

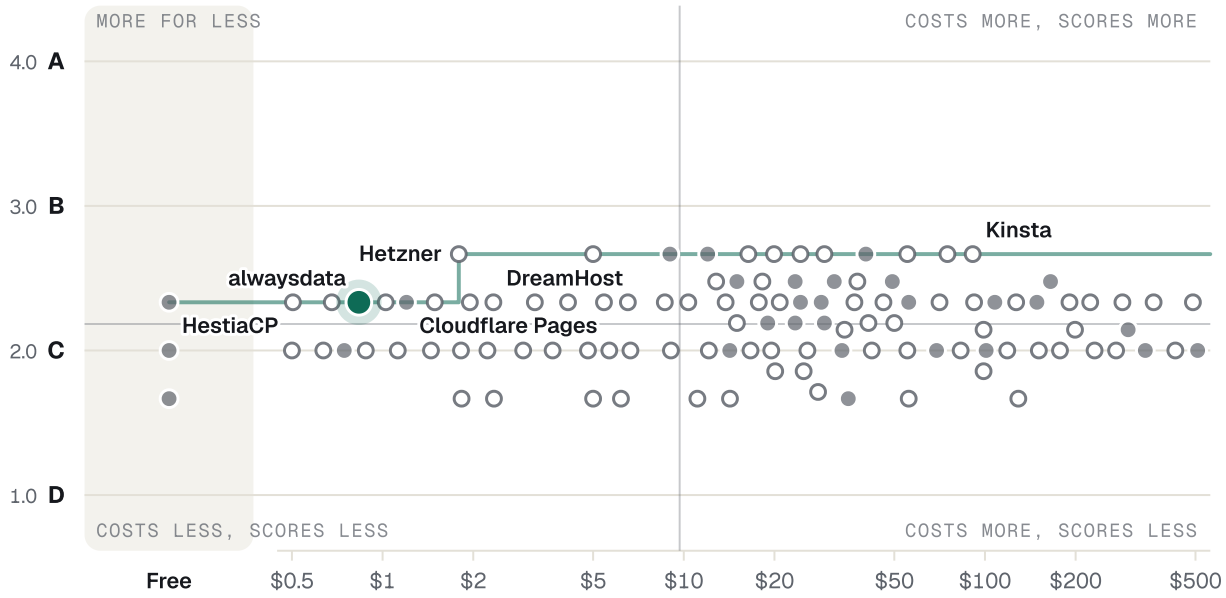
Each grade against the category

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



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 111 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. alwaysdata is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

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.

Your call

alwaysdata sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. It costs $67.03 a year.

What you could make

- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- Databases with views, filters and links between them.

- ✕ An API that other software can build on.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. alwaysdata'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



Hetzner, OVHcloud, Clever Cloud, Scalingo and Gandi

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

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Hetzner

From €1.60/mo

German hosting: web hosting, cloud servers and dedicated servers.

- alwaysdata has a free plan. Hetzner does not.
- alwaysdata also covers databases.
- Hetzner also covers file sharing.

alwaysdata and Hetzner compared in full

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OVHcloud

From $4.54/mo

VPS, public cloud, web hosting and dedicated servers.

- alwaysdata has a free plan. OVHcloud does not.

alwaysdata and OVHcloud compared in full



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Clever Cloud

Free trial

French managed PaaS that deploys apps with a git push.

- alwaysdata has a free plan. Clever Cloud does not, though it has a free trial.
- Clever Cloud also covers workflow automation.

alwaysdata and Clever Cloud compared in full



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Scalingo

Free trial · from €7.20/mo

European PaaS and managed databases billed by the minute.

- alwaysdata has a free plan. Scalingo does not, though it has a free trial.

alwaysdata and Scalingo compared in full



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Gandi

From €2.00/mo

European web hosting plans with a domain and mailboxes included.

- alwaysdata has a free plan. Gandi does not.
- alwaysdata also covers databases.
- Gandi also covers managed WordPress and page speed.

alwaysdata and Gandi compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

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 alwaysdata free?

alwaysdata has a free plan. Free plan for personal use: 1 GB SSD, 256 MB RAM, a quarter of a CPU and 3 days of backups, with email on your own domain and an alwaysdata.net address for sites.

How much does alwaysdata cost?

alwaysdata lists 5 plans. Free: €0.

What platforms does alwaysdata work on?

alwaysdata is available on Web.

Does alwaysdata have an Android app?

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

Does alwaysdata have an iPhone app?

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

Is alwaysdata open source?

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

Does alwaysdata have an API?

Yes. alwaysdata offers a public API, according to its own site.

Does alwaysdata have a free trial?

Yes. 30 days free on the Plus plans.

Who makes alwaysdata?

alwaysdata is made by ALWAYSDATA.

What are the alternatives to alwaysdata?

The closest alternatives to alwaysdata in our directory are Hetzner, OVHcloud, Clever Cloud, Scalingo and Gandi.

How does alwaysdata compare with other web hosts?

alwaysdata's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 114 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 5.

Is alwaysdata good value for money?

ToolGPA grades alwaysdata B for value for money. Its paid plans start at about $5.59 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 43 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of alwaysdata?

alwaysdata sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from alwaysdata'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 alwaysdata'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 ALWAYSDATA. Prices change, so check alwaysdata.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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**.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

alwaysdata, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/alwaysdata

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

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GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

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